TRAVEL: A BURMESE BEAUTY

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The magnificent Mrauk-U temple around the Inle Hill has become Myanmar's hottest tourist attraction.

Change is slow in Myanmar. In a society that is often described as being almost entirely rural, the pace of life is leisurely and un hurried. Following a month's visit last November, I was enchanted by the relaxed, laid back charm of this country, especially the Inle Lake area, which is one of the country's most popular destinations.

For years, many travelers bypassed Myanmar in favor of other Southeast Asian countries that are more open to tourism. Following tours of several countries in the region, especially Vietnam, which is the country's first general tourist attraction in 1989, it was clear to travelers that Myanmar needed a push to attract more of the tourist trade. The country's tourism industry was in a state of dire need of investment and development.

This same scenario is much more prevalent in the area of the Inle Lake. A handful of international hotel chains are opening in the area, with the hope of attracting more tourists. The Inle Lake area is a beautiful destination, surrounded by picturesque landscapes, and is home to several ethnic groups, including the Intha, a unique tribe known for their leg rowing technique. The lake is also home to a large number of fish, which attract tourists who enjoy fishing and other water activities.

The Intha people are known for their unique leg rowing technique, which is a popular tourist attraction. The Intha have a tradition of using their legs to row their boats, which is unique to the area. The technique is believed to be a way of life and is a symbol of the Intha people's cultural heritage.

In addition to the Intha, the area is also home to several other ethnic groups, including the Taungthaman, who are known for their unique cultural and religious practices. The area is also home to several Buddhist temples, which are an important part of the area's cultural heritage.

However, the tourism industry in the area is still in its infancy, with several challenges to overcome. The area is still in need of infrastructure development, and the tourism industry is still in need of investment. The area is also in need of more marketing and promotion to attract more tourists.

Despite these challenges, the area is a popular destination for tourists who are looking for a unique and authentic travel experience. The area is known for its beautiful natural scenery, its rich cultural heritage, and its unique tourist attractions.

If you are looking for a unique and authentic travel experience, the Inle Lake area is definitely worth a visit. The area is a beautiful destination, and it is a place where you can experience the unique culture and heritage of Myanmar.