

# Mandalay Bay

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BURMA being the historical or alternative name for MYANMAR clues the solver into thinking whether the rest of the items in the list have a similar pattern. The answer is a resounding yes! Some of these are nations that used to exist before becoming part of a larger country or are simply the archaic name of a country. Others are other ways by which one can refer to a country.

MM... Myanmar is a subtle hint that one should eventually look into the countries' top-level domain codes.

Solvers should end up with:

Alternative Name	Modern Name	Country Code
BHĀRAT	INDIA	IN
QUISQUEYA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
HAUSALAND (NORTHERN)	NIGER	NE
PROVINCE OF LJUBLJANA	SLOVENIA	SI
PASHTUNISTAN (WESTERN)	AFGHANISTAN	AF
PERSIA	IRAN	IR
ILHA DO PRÍNCIPE	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
KINGSMILL ISLANDS	KIRIBATI	KI
BIAFRA	NIGERIA	NG
QUISQUEYA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
AL-MAGHRIB	MOROCCO	MA
HELVETIA	SWITZERLAND	CH
ÉIRE	IRELAND	IE
KLEIN-VENEDIG	VENEZUELA	VE
WAI'TU KUBULI	DOMINICA	DM
UNITED PROVINCES OF THE RÍO DE LA PLATA	ARGENTINA	AR
ITALIA	ITALY	IT
MONAPIA	ISLE OF MAN	IM
EESTI	ESTONIA	EE
GRANADINE CONFEDERATION	COLOMBIA	CO
NORGE	NORWAY	NO
BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	MALAYSIA	MY

The country codes ask for INDONESIA FIRST KINGDOM ACHIEVED MARITIME ECONOMY (in broken English because country codes), which is the **SRIVIJAYA** Kingdom from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

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