

Travel Tips

TANTALIZING THAILAND

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

****Please check your own country's international travel advice as well as the airline requirements before travel.****

UK guests, please see the UK Government Foreign Office Travel website for the latest entry and exit advice:
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/thailand/entry-requirements>

VISAS

British, U.S., and Canadian citizens do not need a visa for stays up to 30 days if arriving by air; for other entry points, a 15-day visa-free stay is typically granted. Longer stays or other entry points may require a visa.

Starting May 1, 2025, all foreign travelers entering Thailand will be required to complete the new Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) before their arrival.

How to Complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)

1. Go to <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/arrival-card/#/home>
2. Select "Foreign Traveller"
3. Fill in your personal, travel, and contact details
4. Upload your passport and a photo (if required)
5. Submit the form and save the QR code or confirmation email for arrival

*Complete it before you travel to avoid delays.

PASSPORT

Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond the period of stay. It is advised to have 1 blank page in your passport. Please be sure to fill out the "Emergency Next of Kin" section in your passport.

****Note:** Visa and entry requirements, regulations, and restrictions can change. Ensure you check the current requirements well in advance of travel.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

All passengers must have valid travel insurance before traveling, including health and cancellation insurance. Please ensure you have a copy of your insurer's 24-hour emergency telephone number and your policy number.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS & PERSONAL MEDICATION

Please advise us before travel if you have any medical conditions requiring special attention during your trip. If you have a specific medical condition, it is wise to carry the relevant doctor's prescription with you.

TRAVELLING WITH CPAP OR OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES

If you require CPAP or similar medical equipment, please notify The Big Journey Company at the time of booking. If distilled or ionised water is required, please let us know in advance so that our ground agents can prepare. Additional charges may apply.

LUGGAGE

What to Pack and Wear:

We would recommend comfortable clothes and shoes for this tour. Feel free to include a smart-casual outfit for dinner if you wish; however, there is no pressure to follow a dress code.

The weather in Thailand can vary greatly, from hot and humid in the central regions to tropical and monsoonal in others. Pack lightweight and breathable clothing suitable for warm weather, along with a light jacket or raincoat for occasional showers. Insect repellent, sunglasses, a sun hat, and sun cream are essential items. Don't forget your camera, with charger/spare batteries and memory cards, and pack your swimming costume too if your itinerary includes beach or pool activities.

LANGUAGE

The main language of Thailand is Thai.

WEATHER

Thailand has a tropical climate with three main seasons: hot (March to May), rainy (June to October), and cool (November to February). Temperatures and rainfall can vary significantly between regions.

ELECTRICITY

Thailand operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz. You will need a power plug travel adapter for sockets type A, B, C, or F.

MOBILES & INTERNET COMMUNICATION

Mobile coverage is widely available across Thailand, be sure to check with your mobile provider for coverage and rates, as data roaming can be extremely expensive.

MONEY

Currency:

The currency of Thailand is the Thai Baht (THB). Credit cards are widely accepted, but it is advisable to carry money in cash with you as well. ATMs are widely available in cities and tourist areas.

Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted credit cards, however, many places do not accept cards such as Diners Club or American Express. If you intend to use any of your debit or credit cards while away, please make sure that you contact your bank before you leave to inform them that you will be traveling in order not to cause any problems using your cards or while on the trip.

Important Note - Thailand uses chip-and-pin credit cards, so cards with magnetic strips on the back (commonly used in North America) may not work with certain automated machines. You might want to carry some extra cash in your wallet to use in these situations just in case. You may be asked to provide ID if you cannot pay by chip and PIN.

Gratuities:

After feedback from previous guests, we offer a group tipping package for this tour, more information on this will be shared in the 'Pre-Tour Emails'.

WATER

Tap water in Thailand is generally not considered safe to drink. It is advisable for visitors to drink bottled or filtered water to avoid potential health issues, especially outside urban areas and popular tourist destinations.

RELIGION

The predominant religion in Thailand is Theravada Buddhism. Religious tolerance is observed, and other religions are practiced by minority communities within the country.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Thailand offers endless opportunities for photography, from ancient temples and bustling markets to stunning beaches and natural landscapes. Remember to pack your camera, along with the charger, spare batteries, and a spare memory card!

ARRIVAL IN THAILAND

Please note, standard hotel check-in is around 3 pm, so should you arrive earlier than this, your room may not be available upon arrival. For those arriving early morning, we will do everything we can to work with the hotel to get you an earlier check-in subject to availability.

If you have any other questions that we have not covered here; then please send us an e-mail to:
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