

Thailand

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Thailand. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[66] (2) 205-4000; US Embassy Bangkok, 95 Wireless Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand; acsbkk@state.gov;

<https://th.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

66

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 191; Fire: 199; Police: 191

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Thailand: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; rainy, warm, cloudy southwest monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool northeast monsoon (November to mid-March); southern isthmus always hot and humid

Currency (Code)

Baht (THB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, C, O



Type A



Type B



Type C



Type O

Major Languages

Thai, Malay, Burmese

Major Religions

Buddhist, Muslim, Christian

Time Difference

UTC+7 (12 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

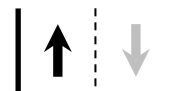
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

Bangkok (includes Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaew & Wat Pho, Prasart Museum); Railay Beach; Koh Phi Phi; Sunday Walking Street; Khao Yai National Park; Ban Chiang; Chang Mai

Major Sports

Muay thai (Thai boxing), soccer, badminton, golf, tennis

Cultural Practices

In Thailand, the head is considered the scared part of the body and not to be touched without permission.

Tipping Guidelines

A 10% tip is adequate in restaurants, but check to see if a service charge has been added; if so, leave behind some loose change. It is common to round up the fare to the nearest bill in taxi cabs. Most hotels include a 10% service charge in the bill, but you can tip bellhops \$1-2 (USD) for carrying bags to a room. Leave housekeeping 20 baht under your pillow.

Souvenirs

Buddha statues, silk harem pants and other fabric items, Hill Tribe bags, spices and sauces

Traditional Cuisine

Pad Thai — stir-fried rice noodles with scrambled eggs, fish sauce, dried shrimp, tamarind pulp, bean sprouts, roasted crushed peanuts, and tofu; if meat is added it is typically chicken or pork

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