

# Thailand

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Thailand. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

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

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay more than 30 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

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

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

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

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

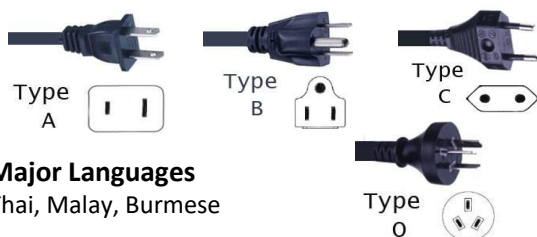
Tropical; rainy, warm, cloudy southwest monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool northeast monsoon (November to mid-March); southern isthmus always hot and humid

### Currency (Code)

Baht (THB)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



### Major Languages

Thai, Malay, Burmese

### Major Religions

Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.3%, Christian 1%

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

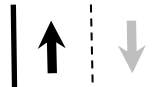
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### 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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