

Guide on How to Travel to Thailand in 2022

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Thailand Travel Restrictions

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For the most part of 2020 and 2021, foreign visitors have been restricted from entering Thailand. In 2022, Thailand will fully allow foreigners to enter Thailand, but they must comply with the health measures and entry requirements enforced by the Thai government. Before making any plans, please check which of the following entry requirements for Thailand.

Thailand Pass

Starting July 1, 2022 Thailand Pass will no longer be required for all travelers both Thais and foreigners.

Vaccinated (Proof of Vaccination)

Travelers who are fully vaccinated may enter Thailand with a proof of vaccination. This can be in a print or digital format.

Unvaccinated (COVID test result)

Travelers who are not vaccinated or partially vaccinated may enter Thailand with a proof of negative RT-PCR or professional Antigen test result within 72 hours of travel. These can be in a print or digital format.

Unvaccinated Children

Children who are traveling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians do not need to undergo a COVID test before traveling to Thailand.

Children who are traveling with unvaccinated or partially vaccinated parents may enter Thailand with a proof of negative RT-PCR or professional Antigen test result within 72 hours of travel. These can be in a print or digital format.

Recommended Travel Insurance

The Thai government highly recommends for travelers to have reliable [Travel Insurance](#) during their visit in Thailand.

1. Do you need a Visa?

You must determine the appropriate visa to enter Thailand.

Here are the most common types of visas you may obtain:

- Visa Exemption (for visiting Thailand for tourism purposes not longer than 30 days)
- Tourist Visa (for visiting Thailand not longer than 60 days)
- Special Tourist Visa
- Non-Immigrant Visa (for visiting Thailand based on the different purpose of stay and the visa is valid for 90 days and it can be extended in Thailand up to 1 year)
- Thai Elite Visa
- Visa on Arrival (valid for 15 days)

The application for the Thai Visa (tourist visa and non-immigrant visas) may be accomplished online, by mail, or in person.

2. Book your Flight, COVID 19 Insurance and ASQ Hotel

Book your flight to Thailand

At present, most major airlines such as Qatar, Etihad, Emirates, and other major airlines are operating commercial flights to Thailand whether it is on a daily or weekly basis. Before booking flights to Thailand, you should ensure that you have studied the different categories of visas granted to foreign nationals at this time to determine the possibility of travel.

Book your Hotel

Travelers are no longer required to book a quarantine hotel. Travelers may book any hotel of their choice. For a list of hotels in Thailand, it is highly recommended to book through [Agoda.com](https://www.agoda.com)

Purchase your COVID 19 Insurance

Travelers are highly recommended to secure [COVID-19 Insurance](#) that includes the following:

- Coverage for medical expenses due to injury or sickness including COVID-19
- The insurance policy must cover the length of your stay in Thailand. It can be from 7 days, 15 days, 30 days, 60 days, 90 days or 6 months.

3. No Need to Apply for the Thailand Pass

- Starting July 1, 2022 Thailand Pass registration will no longer be required for all travelers.

4. Obtain COVID-19 RT-PCR Test (Unvaccinated)

For travelers who are not fully vaccinated, you are required to obtain a COVID test result.

Medical Certificate with a laboratory result indicating that COVID -19 is not detected. The COVID test must be by the RT-PCR method or professional ATK test, conducted within 72 hours before departure.

Some airlines do not accept home kit tests so please check specific requirements with the airlines you are traveling with.

5. Prepare your documents before departure

It is advisable to prepare these documents before departure and present during the entry screening in Thailand:

- Valid Passport
- Valid visa in your passport (if required)
- Proof of Vaccination (if any)
- Medical Certificate with a laboratory result indicating that COVID -19 is not detected. The COVID test must be by the RT-PCR method or professional antigen test, within 72 hours before departure.
- COVID 19 travel insurance certificate
- Copy of confirmed hotel booking
- Copy of flight reservation

Siam Legal Visa Application Assistance

Siam Legal International offers foreigners who wish to enter Thailand and are in need of legal assistance and guidance on Thailand visa and Thailand Pass application.

Package 1: 395 USD (2-3 weeks process) (for US, UK, and Canada only)

- Unlimited Online Visa Consultation through WhatsApp or Line App
- An extensive checklist of required documents
- Assistance in non-immigrant O visa application (Thai wife)

Visa and Thailand Pass Application Assistance Package 1
(395 USD)
Buy Now
PayPal VISA MasterCard DISCOVER American Express

Package 2: 200 USD (2-3 weeks process) (for US, UK, and Canada only)

- Unlimited Online Visa Consultation through WhatsApp or Line App
- An extensive checklist of required documents
- Assistance in tourist visa (TR) application

Visa and Thailand Pass Application Assistance Package 2
(200 USD)
Buy Now
PayPal VISA MasterCard DISCOVER American Express

Book your Bangkok Hotel

To assist travelers in planning their trip to Thailand, we have compiled the list of highly recommended Bangkok Hotels:

- [Anantara Riverside Bangkok](#)
- [Avani+ Riverside Bangkok](#)
- [Bangkok Marriott Marquis](#)
- [Carlton Hotel Bangkok](#)
- [Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok](#)
- [DoubleTree by Hilton](#)
- [Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok](#)
- [Hilton Sukhumvit Bangkok](#)
- [Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit](#)
- [Hyatt Place Sukhumvit](#)
- [Le Meridien Bangkok](#)
- [Lebua at State Tower](#)
- [Millennium Hilton Bangkok](#)
- [Park Hyatt Bangkok](#)
- [Shangri-La Bangkok](#)
- [Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit](#)
- [The Continent Hotel Asok](#)
- [The Landmark Bangkok](#)
- [The Okura Prestige Bangkok](#)
- [Vie Hotel Bangkok](#)

Book your Pattaya Hotel

To assist travelers in planning their trip to Thailand, we have compiled the list of highly recommended Pattaya Hotels:

- [Avani Pattaya Resort](#)
- [Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort](#)
- [D Varee Jomtien Beach Pattaya Hotel](#)
- [Dusit Thani Pattaya](#)
- [Grande Centre Point Pattaya](#)
- [Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya](#)
- [Hilton Pattaya](#)
- [Hotel Amber Pattaya](#)
- [InterContinental Pattaya Resort](#)
- [Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel and Resort](#)
- [Pinnacle Grand Jomtien Beach Resort](#)
- [Pullman Pattaya Hotel G](#)
- [Renaissance Pattaya Resort](#)
- [U Jomtien Pattaya Hotel](#)
- [U Pattaya Hotel](#)

Book your Phuket Hotel

To assist travelers in planning their trip to Thailand, we have compiled the list of highly recommended hotels in Phuket:

- [Andakira Hotel](#)
- [Andamantra Resort and Villa Phuket](#)
- [Baan Laimai Beach Resort](#)
- [Crest Resort and Pool Villas](#)
- [Deevana Patong Resort and Spa](#)
- [Four Points by Sheraton Phuket Patong Beach Resort](#)
- [Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa](#)
- [Kalima Resort & Spa](#)
- [Naina Resort and Spa](#)
- [Navatara Phuket Resort](#)
- [Patong Resort Hotel](#)
- [Phuket Graceland Resort and Spa](#)
- [Phuket Marriott Resort & Spa, Merlin Beach](#)
- [Phuket Marriott Resort and Spa, Nai Yang Beach](#)
- [The Blue Hotel](#)
- [The Marina Phuket Hotel](#)
- [The Nai Harn Phuket](#)
- [The Nature Phuket](#)
- [Trisara](#)
- [V Villas Phuket](#)

Book your Chiang Mai Hotel

To assist travelers in planning their trip to Thailand, we have compiled the list of highly recommended hotels in Chiang Mai:

- [137 Pillars House](#)
- [Akyra Manor Chiang Mai](#)
- [Anantara Chiang Mai Resort](#)
- [Chala Number 2 Art and Gallery Chiang Mai](#)
- [Chala Number 6 Chiang Mai](#)
- [Eastin Tan Hotel Chiang Mai](#)
- [Eurasia Chiang Mai Hotel](#)
- [Golden Bell Hotel](#)
- [Le Meridien Chiang Mai](#)
- [Melia Chiang Mai](#)
- [Mercure Chiang Mai Hotel](#)
- [Novotel Chiang Mai Nimman](#)
- [Shangri-La Chiang Mai](#)
- [U Hotel Chiang Mai](#)
- [U Nimman Chiang Mai](#)

Purchase your Thailand Travel Insurance

The COVID travel insurance is no longer mandatory for incoming travelers starting July 1, 2022. However, foreigners are highly recommended to possess a Travel Insurance when traveling to Thailand or Asia in general.

You may use your own health insurance purchased from your own country or it is recommended to purchase from an insurance company in Thailand such as [AXA Insurance Thailand](#).

To purchase AXA Thailand Insurance; the most reliable insurance, please click the link below:

<https://www.siam-legal.com/axa-insurance>



**Sawasdee Thailand:
Inbound Travel Insurance**

- ✓ Buy online with credit card
- ✓ Get insurance policy and COVID-19 certificate in email instantly
- ✓ Available for 30, 60, 90, 180, 270, and 365-day period
- ✓ 24 hours hotline service

Buy Now

The advertisement features a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) standing behind a red suitcase in an airport setting. The AXA logo is visible in the top right corner of the ad.

Open a Bank Account in Thailand

As a tourist or short-term visa holder, Siam Legal International can assist you in a smooth and hassle-free way in opening up a Thai bank account.

- You will receive assistance in opening up a savings bank account
- You will receive a Bankbook and a debit/ATM card
- You will be able to have Online Banking (subject to approval of the bank)

Requirements

- Passport
- Guarantee letter (to be provided by Siam Legal)

Process

- The applicant may book for our service online.
- Our staff will prepare the application and necessary documents for the bank and arrange an appointment with the applicant.
- The applicant will collect the application form and documents from the Siam Legal Bangkok office and will proceed to the specific bank branch. The process of opening the account at the bank takes 1 to 2 hours.

Service Fee

Our service fee is 4,500 THB for opening a Thai savings account in Bangkok.



Thailand Elite Visa

The Thailand Elite Visa is a long-term [Thai visa](#) under a privilege entry visa program managed by the Thailand Privilege Card Company Limited. The purpose of the program is to promote Thailand to affluent and high-earning foreigners through the issuance of a privileged entry visa and offers an opportunity to obtain a long-term multiple entry visa and the right to live in the country for up to 20 years. This includes individuals such as digital nomads that don't want to do visa runs, retirees who don't want to be stressed with the new complicated regulations that have been regularly changed, or investors and business people who need to travel in and out of Thailand several times a year.

Thailand Elite Membership Packages

Privileges	Elite Ultimate Privilege	Elite Family Premium	Elite Superiority Extension	Elite Family Alternative	Elite Privilege Access	Elite Maxima Health	Elite Family Excursion	Elite Easy Access
Applicant Requirement	Foreigner	Foreigner with core member (EUP Package)	Foreigner	Foreigner	Foreigner	Foreigner	Foreigner (At least 2 persons or more)	Foreigner
Membership Validity	20 Years	Subject to validity of core member	20 Years	10 Years	10 Years	5 Years	5 Years	5 Years
Membership Fee	THB 2,000,000 (Vat Excluded)	THB 1,000,000 (VAT Included)	THB 1,000,000 (VAT included)	THB 800,000 (VAT Included)	THB 1,000,000 (VAT included)	THB 1,500,000 (VAT included)	THB 800,000 (VAT Included)	THB 600,000 (VAT Included)
Additional Family Member Fee (*Immediate Family)	-	-	-	THB 700,000 (VAT Included) Each	THB 800,000 (VAT Included) Each	-	THB 300,000 (VAT Included) Each	-
Membership Transfer Condition	1 Time	1 Time Only to immediate family	-	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Transfer Fee	20% of Prevailing Rate	20% of Prevailing Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fee	THB 20,000 (VAT Excluded)	THB 10,000 (VAT Included)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upgrade Fee to other Membership Package	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	THB 1,498,000 to Elite Ultimate Privilege (VAT Included) THB 400,000 to Elite Superiority Extension (VAT Included)
Age Requirement	20 years or over	-	-	-	-	5 - 55 Years	-	-
Visa Validity	5 Years Renewable	5 Years Renewable	5 Years Renewable	5 Years Renewable	5 Years Renewable	5 Years	5 Years	5 Years
Limousine Service (Time / Year)	Short Haul (50-80 Km) (International Flight Only) Unlimited	Unlimited	-	-	18	12	4	24
	Long Haul (275Km) (International Flight Only)	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Adventure Activities (Time / Year) • Golf/Golf Course • Boxing Class • Outdoor Activities	24	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relaxation (Time / Year) • Aroma Massage • Thai Massage • Foot Massage • Spa Package (12-Year / Time)	24	10	-	-	-	6	-	-
Healthcare (Choose only one program) • Health Check-up (1 Time / Year) • Dental Check-up (2-Time / Year)	Yes	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	-
VIP Services • Airport Service • EPA (Elite Personal Assistant) • VIP lounge • Electro Carts • EPL (Elite Personal Liaison) • Member Contact Center • 90 Days Report**	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Limited times)	Yes	Yes
Extraordinary Privileges • Government Concierges • Banking Service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Benefits • Special Discount	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Insurance Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-

Thailand Elite

*Immediate Family = Legitimate Parent, Step-Parents, Married Spouse, Step - Children and Civil Union
**Available at Bangkok, Chiangmai, Pattaya, Phuket

How to Get a Thai Elite Visa?

1. Start your Application and Background Check Process

You can start the application for the Thai Elite Visa wherever you may be, whether you are in Thailand or abroad. All you need to do is to send a scanned copy of your passport and application form to an accredited Thai Elite Visa agent. The due diligence process may take 1 month for most nationalities and up to 2 months for special nationalities.

2. Approval and Payment of Membership Fee

Once the due diligence process is complete, an approval letter is issued along with instructions on how to remit payment for the Thai Elite Visa cost. The membership fee ranges from 600,000 Thai baht to 2 million Thai baht depending on the membership package the applicant has applied for. The payment for the membership fee can be made through local or international bank transfer or online payment.

3. Membership Acceptance and Visa Issuance

After completing the payment or bank transfer, the applicant will receive the Membership ID and instructions on how to receive the visa.

During this time of the pandemic, the applicant will be provided a Letter from Thailand Privilege Card Co., Ltd to apply for the Thai Elite Visa and Certificate of Entry from the local Thai Embassy or consulate to be permitted to travel to Thailand.

In case the Thailand Elite member is already staying in Thailand or entered Thailand as a tourist, the Thailand Elite agent may arrange the cancellation of the previous visa and Thai Elite Visa issuance at the Immigration Bureau in Bangkok.



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