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GENERAL VISA RULES & REGULATIONS

WHO NEEDS A VISA?

As a general rule, foreigners wishing to travel to Thailand need to obtain a visa. The visa is a document which gives the traveller permission to formally request entry into Thailand within a given period of time and for certain purposes. There are several different types of visas available based on purpose of visit and length of time required. In the case of tourism there are certain circumstances where the traveller is either exempt from the need to apply for a visa or they can apply for a visa on arrival in Thailand – see **Tourist Visa Exemption** and **Tourist Visa on Arrival** below. You may also refer to Download “**V2 Visa Requirements by Nationality**”.

All foreigners travelling to Thailand must be able to provide proof of adequate finances for the duration of stay in Thailand at the point of entry (i.e. traveller’s cheques or cash equivalent to 10,000 Baht per person and 20,000 Baht per family).

All foreigners travelling to Thailand must possess a passport with at least 6 months validity on date of entry.

All foreigners travelling to Thailand under the Tourist Visa Exemption or the Tourist Visa on Arrival must have proof of onward travel showing that they will be exiting Thailand to another country within the period of stay granted.

Tourist Visa Exemption

Passport holders of the countries listed below who are:-

- a) entering Thailand on an international flight for tourism purposes and will be exiting Thailand by air will be granted a stay of 30 days provided they are in possession of a confirmed international flight ticket showing that they will be exiting Thailand within the 30 days.
- or**
- b) entering Thailand on an international flight for tourism purposes but will be exiting Thailand by train, bus or boat may be granted a stay of 30 days provided they are in possession of a pre-booked ticket showing that they will be exiting within the 30 days.
- or**
- c) entering Thailand by means other than an international flight they will be granted a stay of only 15 days.

Also please be aware that some flight companies may not allow passengers who are travelling to Thailand under the Tourist Visa Exemption rule to board their flight to Thailand if they do not possess a valid air ticket showing that they will be exiting Thailand within 30 or 15 days of entry as applicable. If in doubt travellers should check with their flight company.

Please note that the Tourist Visa Exemption for up to 30 days applies only to foreigners holding passports (not Travel Documents) issued by the countries listed below:-

Australia	Austria	Bahrain	Belgium	Brazil	Brunei Darussalem
Canada	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France
Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Indonesia	Ireland
Israel	Italy	Japan	Korean Republic	Kuwait	Liechtenstein
Luxembourg	Malaysia	Monaco	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Oman	Peru	Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Qatar
Singapore	Slovakia	Slovenia	South Africa	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	Turkey	U A E	U K	U S A	

Nationals of countries not listed above are required to obtain a visa for all visits to Thailand.

Tourist Visa on Arrival

Passport holders from the countries and territories listed below may apply for a Tourist Visa on Arrival at the Immigration Checkpoints for the purpose of tourism and will be granted a stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 15 days:-

Andorra	Bhutan	Bulgaria	China	Cyprus	Ethiopia	Hungary
India	Kazakhstan	Latvia	Lithuania	Maldives	Malta	Mauritius
Romania	Russia	San Marino	Saudi Arabia	Taiwan (green)	Ukraine	Uzbekistan

The "Tourist Visa on Arrival" can be applied for at designated International checkpoints and applicants will need to submit a completed application form with recent photograph. The application fee is 1,000 Baht (subject to change without notice).

Nationals of countries not listed above are required to obtain a visa for all visits to Thailand.

Passports holders of all nationalities who will be staying in Thailand as tourist for longer than the limited periods as applicable must obtain a Tourist Visa before entering Thailand.

Travellers entering Thailand for purposes other than tourism need to apply for a visa of specific type, such as a **Non-Immigrant Visa**, before entering Thailand.

To apply for a visa please visit the Visas & Downloads Page on our website and print the document entitled "**V4 – VISA APPLICATION PACK**".

If you require a **Non Immigrant Visa** it will be necessary to provide special additional evidence. For more information please check Visa Download entitled "**V3 – EXTRA EVIDENCE FOR NON IMM VISAS**".

Entry with Visa

Persons of all ages not eligible to enter Thailand under the "**Visa Exemption Rule**" or the "**Visa-On-Arrival Rule**" must be in possession of a valid Tourist Visa or Non-Immigrant Visa. Applicants must obtain this visa before arriving in Thailand otherwise they may be refused entry. Nationals of the countries listed in **Download "V2 – Visa Requirements by Nationality"** are entitled to a stay of **60 days** with a valid **Tourist Visa** or **90 days** with a valid **Non-Immigrant Visa**.

It may be possible to extend a 60-day visa stay in Thailand by up to a further 30 days, however this is entirely at the discretion of the Thai Immigration Officer. The fee for a 30-day extension of stay is 1,900 Baht (subject to change without notice).

Nationals of the following countries must apply for all visas only at the Royal Thai Embassy in London:-

Afghanistan	Algeria	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Central African Republic	China (15+ days)	Congo	Egypt
Equatorial Guinea	Ghana	Guinea	India (15+ days)
Iran	Iraq	Kosovo	Lebanon
Liberia	Libya	Nepal	Nigeria
North Korea	Pakistan	Palestine	Sao Tome & Principe
Sierra Leone	Somalia	Sri Lanka	Sudan
Syria	Yemen		

PLEASE NOTE THAT, HAVING BEEN GRANTED ENTRY FOR 15, 30, 60 OR 90 DAYS, IF THE PASSPORT HOLDER EXITS THAILAND BEFORE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS HAVE BEEN TAKEN THEY AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ALL REMAINING DAYS OF THAT ENTRY.