

Thailand

CAPITAL: Bangkok

LANGUAGE: Thai

POPULATION: 69.04 Million

CURRENCY: Baht- 30 = 1 USD

US EMBASSY CONTACT: Bangkok: 02-205-4000

ELECTRICITY: Sockets A,B,C,F & O Standard voltage 220 V

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

U.S. citizen tourists entering Thailand for fewer than 30 days do not require a visa. We recommend that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond the day of your entry into Thailand to ease entry. Thai immigration officials or airline staff may ask for your onward/return ticket

IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH

You should be up to date on all routine vaccinations, including Measles. The **CDC recommends** most travelers get travel vaccines & medicines for Hepatitis A & Typhoid. CDC also recommends talking to your healthcare professional about Cholera, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, and Yellow Fever <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/thailand>

CULTURE & ETIQUETTE

Thai people are generally polite and friendly, so smiling is important. As in many Asian countries, avoid passing things with your left hand, as this is considered unclean, also avoid showing the soles of your feet which are unclean. No pointing at someone because it's considered rude

RELIGION

Excluding the law that the King must be Buddhist in Thailand, There is no official religion-Thai people enjoy religious freedom. However Buddhism is the most common religion

TIPPING

Tipping isn't customary but it's appreciated. I'm all about leaving the server 10-20 baht when they provide good service.

WATER

Avoid tap water

ACCOMODATIONS

Budget dorm rooms (\$4-\$8) Budget Double Room With Air Con (\$10-\$20) Mid Range (\$25-\$37) Splurge (\$65+++)

FOOD COSTS

Street food single plate (\$1.00-\$2.00) Meals of Street food (\$2.00-\$6.00) Restaurant (\$3.00-\$7.00) Very nice restaurant (\$10++) Big beer in store (\$1.50-\$2.00) Big beer in a bar (\$3.00)

GENERAL POINTERS

Bring hand sanitizer and your own toilet paper- Never know when you'll need extra.