

Travel Information

Language Thai (official), English (business)

Religion Buddhism

Currency The basic unit of Thai currency is the *baht*

Major currency bills and travellers cheques (passport required) can be cashed at hotels, banks, tourist shops, shopping centres and money changers, with banks or authorized money changers usually offering the best conversion rates.

Tipping is not required, but seen as a complimentary gesture in Thailand. Some hotels and restaurants add 10% service charges to bills

Local Time +7 hours GMT

Electricity Supply 220 volt, 50 Hz and utilises different plugs and sockets, therefore travellers should carry a plug adapter kit.

Thailand Climate: The climate in Thailand is tropical, with a mean annual temperature of 28°C and humidity. It is very hot in the Central Plains and South, cooler in the North, particularly hilly areas. The overall best time to visit Thailand is November to March when the days are mostly dry and the humidity lower.

General Business/Trading hours

Standard commercial business hours are Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.
Banks are open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3.30pm (except public holidays).
General Government Departments hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm (12–1pm lunch break). Many of Bangkok stores are 7 days a week 10am to 10pm.

Telephone services All local calls within Thailand begin with a 0, include the regions prefix, and have nine digits in total.
Local directory assistance: 1133
To dial Thailand the international dialling code is +66.
To dial internationally from Thailand, dial 001 + country code + number.
International directory assistance: 100.

Requiring Assistance Visitors needing assistance relating to safety, unethical practices, or other matters, should contact their local embassy where appropriate or:

Tourist Assistance Centre - Tel: 02-356-0650, 02-283-1500 # 1676
Tourist Police – Tel: 02-678-6800-9 or 1699 or 1155 (English, French & German spoken)
Central Emergency - Tel: 191 (Police, Ambulance, Fire)