Guide on How to Travel to Thailand in 2022

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For the most part of 2020 and 2021, foreign visitors have been banned 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 programs you will qualify to enter Thailand.

No Quarantine: Test & Go

Travelers who are fully vaccinated may enter Thailand without quarantine under the Test and Go: No Quarantine Program. This program is available to any country of departure. You must be fully vaccinated at least 14 days before traveling to Thailand. You are not required to undergo a mandatory quarantine or sandbox stay, however, you need to stay for 1 night in an accredited SHA+ hotel or ASQ hotel on Day 0-1 while you wait for the result of your RT-PCR COVID test taken upon arrival and another 1-night stay in an accredited SHA+ hotel or ASQ hotel on Day 5 while you wait for the result of your second RT-PCR COVID test.

No Quarantine: Sandbox Program

Travelers from any country who are fully vaccinated and arriving in Phuket and Samui airports are eligible for the extended Phuket Sandbox and Samui Sandbox program. The Phuket and Sandbox Sandbox Program does not require mandatory quarantine. The traveler is only required to stay in an accredited SHA+ Hotel for a minimum of 7 nights in Phuket, Phang Nga, Krabi, or Samui after which they are allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand. It is important to note that domestic transfer in Bangkok is allowed only if you will be taking sealed flights to Phuket or Samui.

Quarantine Program

Travelers who are not fully vaccinated or unvaccinated may still enter Thailand via Bangkok under the Quarantine Program. You will be required to stay for 10 nights for partially vaccinated and unvaccinated adult travelers. You may book Quarantine Hotels in Bangkok, nearby provinces such as Samut Prakan and Nonthaburi, and Pattaya.

Thailand Pass

Thai and foreign nationals traveling to Thailand are required to obtain a Thailand Pass before traveling to Thailand. Currently, you may apply for the Thailand Pass under the Test and Go, Phuket or Samui Sandbox, and the Quarantine Programs.
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

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

Pro-tip: Right now, the easiest way to enter Thailand is to obtain a 30-day visa exemption or a 60-day tourist visa. You only need to purchase a COVID 19 insurance which is cheaper and after arriving in Thailand and completing the quarantine, you may change your visa into non-immigrant visas such as marriage visa, retirement visa, Thai Elite visa, or other non-immigrant visas. You may contact our Bangkok Office to assist you with the change of your Thai visa.

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 permitted to operate 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.

For Phuket and Samui Sandbox, your flight must arrive in Thailand without a domestic stop in Bangkok. Domestic transfer in Bangkok is allowed only if you will be taking the sealed flights to Phuket (PG5275, PG5279) or Samui (PG5125, PG5151, PG5171).

Pro-tip: It is faster to obtain a tourist visa or visa exemption from the Thai embassy, therefore, if you are planning to extend your stay in Thailand or you have plans on changing your visa category, you may book a return flight that you can easily cancel once you are already in Thailand.

Book your Test and Go Hotel
For travelers who wish to enter Thailand under the Test and Go program, you are required to book two separate Quarantine Hotels or SHA+ Hotels. The first booking is for the date of arrival or Day 0-1 which includes airport transfer and the second booking will be for Day 5. Each hotel booking must include RT-PCR COVID tests. You can have your first Test and Go Hotel in Bangkok and your second hotel in other cities or provinces as long as they have a partner hospital that will facilitate the second COVID test.
Book your SHA+Hotel (Phuket Sandbox)

For travelers who wish to participate or enter Thailand through the Phuket Sandbox program, you must book your accommodation in a SHA+ Hotel for the required duration of your sandbox stay. You must stay in a Sandbox Hotel for at least 7 nights.

- For Phuket Sandbox Hotels, you may check this page.
- You must also book your COVID 19 RT PCR test at www.thailandpsas.com

Book your AQ Quarantine Hotel

For those unvaccinated arriving in Bangkok or Phuket from abroad, you must book an accredited AQ hotel for the mandatory state quarantine. Normally, the AQ hotel package includes 3 meals per day, complimentary wifi, a private car transfer from the airport to the AQ hotel, a 24/7 on-call nurse, and a health checkup twice a day. The package also includes two COVID-19 testing kits. All AQ bookings are subject to specific terms and conditions of the hotel so make sure to read them carefully before making a booking.

Purchase your COVID 19 Insurance

You need to secure COVID-19 Insurance that meets the requirements of the Thai authorities such as:

- Coverage of up to THB 1.75 million (equivalent to at least USD $50,000) 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 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, 6 months, or even 12 months.

3. Apply for the Thailand Pass

You must apply for the Thailand Pass from the official website of Thailand Pass and all applications are reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- All travelers must apply for the Thailand Pass at least 5 to 7 working days prior to the intended date of arrival.
- To apply for the Thailand Pass, please visit https://tp.consular.go.th/ and register by filling in your personal details on the Thailand Pass registration page and uploading the supporting documents such as a copy of passport, copy of the valid visa, and COVID-19 travel insurance.
4. Obtain COVID-19 RT-PCR Test

After receiving your COE or certificate of entry, you must also obtain the following:

- Medical Certificate with a laboratory result indicating that COVID-19 is not detected. The COVID test must be by the RT-PCR method, 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

You should print out and present these documents to your airline before departure:

- Thailand Pass
- Valid visa in your passport (if any)
- 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, within 72 hours before departure.
- COVID 19 travel insurance certificate
- Copy of confirmed hotel booking
- Copy of flight reservation
- Receipt of payment for COVID tests (for Test and Go and Sandbox program)
Siam Legal Visa and Thailand Pass 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 (3-4 weeks process)  
(for US, UK, and Canada only)
- Unlimited Online Visa Consultation through WhatsApp or Line App
- Assistance in visa application (non-immigrant O visa and tourist visa)
- Assistance in Thailand Pass application
- Assistance in booking an ASQ/SHA+ hotel with our partners
- Assistance in booking insurance with our partners
- Assistance in booking the flight

Package 2: 200 USD (3-4 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 visa application (non-immigrant O visa and tourist visa)
- Assistance in Thailand Pass application

Package 3: 100 USD (5-7 days process)
- Consultation with our immigration consultant
- An extensive checklist of required documents
- Assistance in Thailand Pass application (including visa exemption and valid visa holders)
Book your Quarantine Hotel

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Thai Ministry of Public Health has required that any Thai or foreign nationals traveling to Thailand who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated must undergo mandatory quarantine at any accredited Alternative Quarantine (AQ) facilities. You may find some of the highly recommended AQ Hotels here:

**Deluxe Hotels (Bangkok)**

[DoubleTree by Hilton](#)  
[Aloft Bangkok Sukhumvit 11](#)

**Luxury Hotels (Bangkok)**

[Conrad Hotel Bangkok](#)  
[The Landmark Bangkok](#)

[Mövenpick Hotel Sukhumvit 15](#)
Book your Sandbox Hotel (Phuket)

Phuket Sandbox travelers are required to stay in an accredited SHA+ Hotel in Phuket for the duration of their Sandbox stay.

You may find some of the highly recommended SHA+ Hotels here:

For more options of SHA+ Hotels in Phuket, please visit:

https://www.thaiembassy.com/travel-to-thailand/phuket-sandbox-hotels
Purchase your COVID-19 Travel Insurance

This COVID-19 travel insurance is required to be allowed into Thailand so you will be purchasing this before you travel. The easiest way to buy your policy is online from one of the above providers who will then provide you with the all-important certificate of coverage to present to the authorities when you arrive (and you will also need to present it to the airline before they will allow you onboard). It’s quick and easy to do online, and you can choose your length of policy from 5 days to one year. Be sure that the policy covers the entire period that you are planning to stay in Thailand or you may be refused entry.

You may purchase COVID-19 travel insurance within a few minutes.

You can buy budget travel insurance here: https://www.siam-legal.com/axa-insurance

For travelers who are 75 years old and above, get your Health Insurance here: https://www.siam-legal.com/axa-health-insurance
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/current bank account
- You will receive a Bankbook and a debit/ATM card
- You will be able to have Online Banking (Thai mobile number is required)

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 150 USD for opening a Thai savings account.
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.

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1. Includes Family, Legitimate Partners, Dependent Children, Spouse, Spouse’s Children and Children Tot唇
2. Includes 24 hours in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Phang Nga
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 500,000 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.
How to Enter Thailand in 2022 Checklist

Entry Program:  □ Test and Go  □ Phuket Sandbox  □ Quarantine

1. Visa Eligibility (you must determine the appropriate visa for you)

□ Visa Exemption  □ Tourist Visa  □ Thai Elite Visa
□ Non-immigrant Visa  □ Category: _____

2. Visa and Thailand Pass Requirements

□ Flight Reservation
□ Book ASQ Hotel / SHA+ Hotel
□ Book COVID-19 Insurance
□ Proof of Vaccination (if applicable)
□ Bank Statement (proof of funds for your travel)
□ Supporting Documents for Non-Immigrant Visa (marriage certificate, employment letter, WP3, Elite Membership and other supporting documents based on the type of visa)

3. Apply for the visa (except for visa exemption)

□ Apply online  □ Apply by mail  □ Apply in person

4. Apply for the COE/Thailand Pass online

□ Part 2: Approval and Receive QR Code

5. Obtain COVID-19 PCR test

□ COVID-19 RT-PCR test conducted within 72 hours before flight

Final Checklist for your flight:

□ Printed Thailand Pass  □ AQ or SHA Plus Hotel Confirmation Letter
□ Printed Copy of Thai Visa (except for Visa Exemption)  □ Flight Reservation
□ COVID-19 RT-PCR negative test result  □ Proof of Vaccination (if applicable)
□ COVID-19 Travel Insurance Certificate  □ RT-PCR test appointments (Sandbox only)
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