



# THAILAND ELITE VISA LONG-TERM STAY IN THAILAND WITH VIP TREATMENT

Thailand Elite Visa e-book

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# About Siam Legal International

Siam Legal International is one of Thailand's premier full-service law firms with its headquarters in Bangkok.

Our offices are strategically located throughout the major cities in Thailand including Chiang Mai, Pattaya, and Phuket along with international representative offices in London and Las Vegas.

The attorneys at Siam Legal specialize in a wide range of legal disciplines: Real Estate transactions (Thailand property purchase including leasehold, condominium, villas, project development, construction law & licensing), Immigration (Thai Visas & Immigration, Thai Citizenship, Permanent Residence, and Thai Business, Marriage and Retirement Visa applications), Litigation Services (Civil, Commercial and Criminal), Process Service of Court Papers and Investigation Services (Individual and Corporate) and all aspects of Family Law. Our UK and US Immigration specialists supervise and handle our Visa services.

Our licensed Thai lawyers and qualified foreign attorneys and solicitors work together to offer sound legal advice and assistance with regards to Corporate & Investment Laws (including Foreign Business Licenses, Board of Investment – B.O.I, and Treaty of Amity).

We have a proven track record of providing highly effective legal solutions to both local and international clients delivering a high degree of expertise at a reasonable cost.

Siam Legal is an active member of both the American Chamber of Commerce and the British Chamber of Commerce in Thailand.

## Thailand Elite Program

Thailand, also known as the “Land of Smiles” but best known for exotic destinations, vibrant beaches, rich history and culture, peaceful temples, beautiful and wonderful people, undeniable tasty foods, great business opportunities, and affordable cost of living. No wonder why it is the top country in SouthEast Asia to have the most tourists, with over 39.8 million tourists in 2019 before the pandemic hits, from all over the world.

Aside from the millions of tourists arriving in Thailand, some of the foreigners who enter are actually staying long-term and living uninterrupted in the Kingdom. There are over a million foreigners, 3+ million as of 2021, living in Thailand. Most are retirees who chose Thailand as their place of retirement making Thailand ranked 20th as the most comfortable country for retirement. Some are businessmen who took advantage of the opportunities that lie in Thailand when it comes to business, which is actually ranked 10th as the best country to start a business. Some foreigners are workers and some are married to a Thai.

Thailand definitely has great opportunities, but what else? They also have great food. When visiting a different country, there is no escaping in tasting the local foods that the country has pride in. Thai Food or cuisines are considered one of the best, ranking it 6th for a country to have the best foods. Food is part of what makes the place better, but what makes it the best? People. What makes Thai people great is the fact that they are open-minded people while open to diversity yet managed to be traditional kinds of people.

For some, when it comes to finding an ideal place, some consider the opportunities that the place can offer and some consider the quality of life, the adventure, the different atmosphere. Well, good news, Thailand has both. For foreigners who do not want to miss the experience and do not want to miss the opportunities of what Thailand could offer in a long-term and in an uninterrupted manner, while still having the freedom to enter in and out of the beloved Kingdom. There are ways to make it happen that will make it easier for you. The [Thai Elite Visa](#).



## What is a Thai Elite Visa?

It is a long-term multiple entry visa under the category of Tourist Visa. It is a Privilege Entry Visa, given to Privilege Card Member holders, that was introduced and approved in the year 2003 by the Thai government after it was proposed by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports.

It allows residency for foreigners to stay in Thailand for 5 years, 10 years, or even 20 years with benefits. The benefits and number of years can depend on the package that one purchases. It is for foreigners who come in and out of the country with no time to spare in processing papers every time one enters the country.

## Why the program is created?

The [Thai Elite Visa](#) program is created to promote the Kingdom of Thailand to visitors, or foreigners who are likely businessmen, investors, expats, high net worth individuals, and retirees by providing them a privileged entry visa that allows them to receive a long-term multiple entry visa. The program would help them enter the country with ease every time they enter the country. And also, the program would give them the privilege to reside in the country for up to 20 years without interruption.

## Benefits of Thai Elite Membership

Thai Elite Visa definitely has some things to offer. From VIP escorts to an uninterrupted stay in the country, to special discounts at specific shops and other establishments. Here are the benefits of acquiring a Thai Elite Visa:

- Multiple entrance visa that is valid for 5 years to 20 years with a one-year extension period.
- Personal Assistants meet and escort the Thai Elite Card Member or VIPs on arrival and departure.
- Upon arrival and departure, Thai Elite members will have access to a special fast-track immigration and passport control line.
- Concierge services provided by the government include:
  - Business networking and immigration services,
  - Assistance in obtaining a driver's license and opening a bank account in a foreign currency.
- Complimentary round-trip limousine (for selected packages only)
- Complimentary use of arrival lounges and departure lounges
- Special discounts at selected partners such as duty-free shops, hotels, restaurants, and shopping malls

# Types of Thai Elite Membership

## Elite Easy Access

- Membership Validity: 5 years
- Membership Fee: THB 600,000 (VAT included)
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: THB 1,498,000 (VAT included) to Elite Ultimate Privilege (additional 15 years)
- THB 400,000 (VAT included) to Elite Superiority Extension (additional 15 years)
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Five-year multiple

## Elite Superiority Extension

- Membership Validity: 20 years
- Membership Fee: THB 1 million (VAT included)
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Renewable five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry. You will be able to have 4 sets of five-year multiple entry visas.

## Elite Privilege Access

- Membership Validity: 10 years
- Membership Fee: THB 1 million (VAT included)
- Additional Membership for Family Member: THB 800,000 (VAT included)
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Renewal five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry. You will be able to have 2 sets of five-year multiple entry visas.

## **Elite Ultimate Privilege**

- Membership Validity: 20 years
- Membership Fee: THB 2 million (VAT excluded)
- Annual Fee: THB 20,000 (VAT excluded)
- Membership Transfer: Allowed for 1 Time
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Not less Than 20 years
- Privilege Entry Visa: Renewal five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry. You will be able to have 4 sets of five-year multiple entry visas.

## **Elite Family of Ultimate Privilege**

- Membership Validity: subject to the validity of Ultimate Privilege core member
- Membership Fee: THB 1 million (VAT excluded)
- Annual Fee: THB 10,000 (VAT excluded)
- Membership Transfer: Allowed for 1 Time
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Not less Than 20 years
- Privilege Entry Visa: Renewal five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry. You will be able to have 4 sets of five-year multiple entry visas.

## **Thai Elite for Family**

### **a. Family Excursion**

- Membership Validity: 5 years
- Membership Fee: THB 800,000 (VAT included) for Two persons
- Additional Family Member: THB 300,000 (VAT included)
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry.

## **b. Family Alternative**

- Membership Validity: 10 years
- Membership Fee: THB 800,000 (VAT included) for Main Applicant
- Additional Family Member: THB 700,000 (VAT included)
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Renewable five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry. You will be able to have 2 sets of five-year multiple entry visas.

## **Elite Flexible One (Property)**

- Membership Validity: 5 years
- Membership Fee: Condominium Purchase worth THB 10 Million or above
- Annual Fee: None
- Membership Transfer: Not Allowed
- Upgrade: None
- Age: Any Age
- Privilege Entry Visa: Five-year multiple entry visa with an extendable one-year length of stay per entry.
- Remarks: Must invest in purchasing new private properties in Thailand. Construction has been completed and is ready to be accommodated with a total value of not less than 10 million baht which will be a member of the Thailand Elite Privilege Card.

# **How to Apply?**

## **Membership Application Process**

How do you get a Thai Elite Visa? It is easy but it is suggested to ask for experienced professional's assistance for a smoother process. As an authorized sales and service agent, our team makes the application process quick and easy, whether you are in Thailand or abroad. All you need to do is to provide a copy of your passport and filled-out [application form](#) to us and we will complete the rest of the application process for you.



## The general process of applying for a Thai Elite Visa

**Application.** You can apply for a Thai Elite Visa without the problem of location. You can apply through an online application form with the help of authorized Thai Elite Visa sales and service agents, such as **Siam Legal**. An agent will be assigned to process your application form and work with the Thai Elite Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Immigration Bureau to perform immigration checks as well as background checks about you. This process might take 1 to 3 months after filling the form depending on what country you are from. You can inquire [here](#) for professional assistance.

**Membership Fee.** After the immigration and background checks, there will be a Letter of Approval sent to you where the banking details and instructions on how to pay for the cost of the Thai Elite Visa package can be found. The payment can be made through local or international bank transfers or online payments.

**Acceptance.** After paying the amount needed to pay for the chosen package, you will be issued Elite Membership Number along with a Welcome Letter. By this part of the process, it would mean that your visa is ready to be affixed in your passport and it means that your visa is approved.

**Issuance of Visa.** The Thai Elite Visa can be obtained depending on your location, either within Thailand or on your current location abroad, which is outside Thailand.

### Visa Issuance

#### a. In Thailand

The Immigration Bureau in Bangkok will issue your visa with the guidance of Thai Elite Member Services through the whole process. They will also help you set a schedule for an appointment. Depending on the day, expect that you will spend an hour or more at the immigration office.

#### b. Outside Thailand

The visa affixation can be requested at the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in your country. Due to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs policy, members in particular areas/countries are required to check with the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in their area concerning visa affix service.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some of the frequently asked questions that we get about membership in the Thailand Elite Program.

### **What are the required documents for application for the Thai Elite Visa?**

Here is the list of the required documents for your application for Thai Elite Visa:

- Completed Thai Elite Visa application form
- Profile Page of passport copy
- ID with white background photo (high-resolution)
- Copy of proof of relationship as immediate family of core member

### **Is it necessary for an applicant to apply for a Thai Elite Visa in person?**

It is not necessary, the Thai Elite Visa agent will do the necessary work for you. However, upon the issuance of a visa, you are required to be present.

### **How long will it take to process the application?**

The background check may take up to 1 to 3 months depending on the country where the applicant is from.

### **Who is Eligible to apply for the Thailand Elite Visa?**

Here are the following qualifications that the Thai Elite Visa applicant must have:

- You must be a holder of a foreign passport.
- You must not have been adjudicated to bankruptcy;
- You must not have been declared as a person of unsound mind, incompetence, or quasi-incompetence;
- You is allowed to stay in Thailand in accordance with the immigration law. Also means that one must have no overstay record in Thailand;
- You must not have a criminal record or have been sentenced by a judgment to imprisonment in any country except for an offense committed to negligence.

### **Is there any age limit?**

Except for Elite Ultimate Privilege (Grand Package) which requires to be at least 20 years old. There is no age limit required.

### **Is there any income requirement to apply for the Thai Elite visa?**

There is none, as long as the applicant pays the membership fee ranging from THB 600,000 to THB 2 Million. It does not need you to have a certain level of income. But it is important to be reminded that an eligible applicant must not have been adjudicated to bankruptcy, even at least once.

### **What is the passport validity that is required for this Thai Elite Visa process?**

At least there are 5 years remaining in the validity of your passport.

### **What happens if I only have 3 years or less left on my passport instead of 5?**

If the length of your current passport does not have enough period or is less than 5 years, the privilege entry visa will be affixed in line with the expiration date stated on the passport.

### **Are there any restrictions on the nationality applying for Thailand Elite Visa?**

Yes, there are restrictions. Listed below are the countries that are ineligible to apply for Thai Elite Visa:

<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>ASIA</b>	<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>
<b>CENTRAL AFRICA CAMEROON DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO EQUATORIAL GUINEA GUINEA GHANA LIBERIA NIGERIA SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE SIERRA LEONE SOMALIA SUDAN</b>	<b>NORTH KOREA AFGHANISTAN NEPAL PAKISTAN SRI-LANKA</b>	<b>ALGERIA IRAQ EGYPT IRAN LEBANON LIBYA PALESTINE SYRIA YEMEN</b>

### **Can I apply for Thai Elite Visa membership if I am holding a work permit?**

A reminder that Thai Elite Visa is categorized under Tourist Visa, it does not allow the holder of the membership to legally apply for a work permit to work in Thailand. And, also note that for the Elite Visa to be validated, your Non-Immigrant visa must be canceled.

### **Can I find employment in Thailand as a Thai Elite member?**

Yes, but it will require you to apply for a non-immigrant working visa before finding work within the country. And you must not worry for this will not have any effect on the validity of your Thai Elite Visa.

### **Is a notary stamp or certification required on any Thai Elite application documents?**

No, it is not required. Sending a scanned clear copy of the documents needed will be enough for you to submit.

### **If I am already a Thailand Elite member, do I have to report for the 90-day report to immigration during my stay in Thailand?**

You, as a Thai Elite Visa Member, are still required to do a 90-day report if you did not leave the country within 90 days. However, there is a special service. You could ask for assistance so that you would not be required to go to the immigration physically. Elite members can get help from the Thailand Elite help center.

### **What will happen if I forgot to do my 90-day reporting?**

Without reporting, you will be considered overstaying. Therefore, you will be subject to being banned for a specific period of time depending on the record of your overstaying in the country for not reporting on the 90-day report.

### **Is it possible for a Thai Elite Visa holder to purchase real estate in Thailand?**

The answer is no. However, you can own a condominium under your name. Also, you can lease land, but not buy land, long-term and build a house with the permission needed.

# Methods of Payment

## Transfer from Local Bank Account

### Bank Deposit

Deposit the amount into the Thailand Privilege Card bank account as stated in the Approval Letter and then please take a picture of the pay-in slip (as attached) and then send it as the proof of payment.

### Mobile Banking

Transfer by Mobile Banking: After payment is completed, the applicant must submit a screenshot of the receipt (as attached) for reference. In case you transfer the membership fee from another account. The transferee must refer to the applicant's name for reference.

## Online Payment

For Credit Card payment, please visit the link at [www.thailandelite.com/payment/transfer](http://www.thailandelite.com/payment/transfer). After online payment is completed, the applicant must send a screenshot of successful payment for reference.

### Transfer from Overseas

#### Money Transfer from Overseas

Applicants must submit MT 103 which includes all payment details such as date, amount, currency, sender, and recipient for tracing payments that are missing or delayed because they show the route of the payment between the banks.

### Transfer through WISE

Applicants must send the official confirmation letter from WISE (formerly TransferWise) as proof of payment.



# Comparison Chart

## Thailand Elite Membership Packages



Privilege	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 of 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 2,000,000 (VAT Excluded)	THB 1,000,000 (VAT Included)	THB 8,000,000 (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 Excluded)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upgrade Fee to other Membership Package	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	THB 1,490,000 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 - Short Haul (50-80 Km) (International Flight Only)	Unlimited	Unlimited	-	-	-	12	4	24
Service - Long Haul (279Km) (International Flight Only) (Time / Year)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Adventure Activities (Time / Year)	24	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golf/Golf Course Boxing Class Outdoor Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relaxation (Time / Year)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Aroma Massage Thai Massage, Foot Massage	24	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Spa Package (12-Year/Time)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Healthcare (Choose only one program)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Health Check-up (1-Time / Year)	Yes	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-
• Dental Check-up (2-Time / Year)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIP Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Airport Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• EPA (Elite Personal Assistant)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• VIP lounge	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Limited times)	Yes	Yes
• Electro Carts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• EPL (Elite Personal Liaison)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Member Contact Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• 90 Days Report **	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary Privileges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Government Concierges	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Banking Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Special Discount	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Insurance Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-

\*Immediate Family - Legitimate Parent, Step-Parents, Married Spouse, Step - Children and Civil Union

\*\*Available at Bangkok, Chiangmai, Pattaya, Phuket



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