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GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR THAILAND

Travel Advice

British travellers are advised to check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at www.fco.gov.uk/travel for information about staying safe abroad and what help can be provided if something goes wrong.

Get yourself a good guidebook and find out about your destination. Make sure you know about local laws and customs and follow them from the moment you enter Thailand.

Tell family and friends where you are going and leave them your contact details. Leave them copies of your passport, your insurance policy (including a 24-hour emergency number), your ticket details and your itinerary.

Register with the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office LOCATE service via the website at:-

<https://www.locate.fco.gov.uk/locateportal/>

Travel Insurance

Get adequate and comprehensive travel insurance and check that it covers all the activities you plan to undertake. Be sure your policy provides for:

- An air ambulance in case you need to be flown home.
- All medical bills which can be expensive – there is no reciprocal health cover between Thailand and the UK.
- Any pre-existing medical conditions.
- Any potentially hazardous sporting activities such as scuba diving, Thai boxing, etc.
- Bringing the body home in the event of death.
- Bringing your family home in the event of your illness or injury.

Health Matters

Check with your GP at least 4 –6 weeks before you go traveling and find out what vaccinations you may need. Generally no special vaccinations are required for Thailand however if you intend to spend time in remote areas you may wish to take protection against malaria. Please note if you are going to the Yellow Fever Area you must have a valid international health certificate for yellow fever to be produced at point of entry into Thailand. You can also get detailed information from the Liverpool School of Medicine: <http://www.welltravelledclinics.co.uk/Travel-Information/International-Travel-Health-Services>



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If you need to take special medication with you to Thailand you are advised to obtain a letter from your GP detailing the medication you will be taking with you and why you need it. We advise you to carry such medication in your hand luggage but you do need to check that this will not contravene any air travel regulations.

Passports and Visas

You must be in possession of a passport has a minimum of six (6) months validity at your time of travel. We advise you to take a photocopy of the last page of your passport containing your details and picture and keep it separate from your passport. Also leave a copy with family/friends in the UK. Write the full details of your next of kin in your passport. Please note that if a visa is required and you do not possess a valid one you may not be allowed to board your flight. Ensure you keep your passport in a safe place at all times.

Drugs

Avoid any involvement with drugs. The penalties are severe and could include the death sentence. Do not carry parcels or luggage through customs for other people. Do not cross land borders with people you do not know.

Money

Make sure you have access to money to cover emergencies. Avoid carrying too much cash, take traveller's cheques and keep a separate record of their numbers and amounts. Be sure you know the procedure for replacing any traveller's cheques and credit/debit cards if lost. Keep a separate record of the details on your credit/debit cards.

In the event of losing your passport, money or anything else important you must report it to the Thai Police promptly and obtain an official report from them which you may be able to use for insurance purposes. In the case of a lost passport you should then report it to the British Embassy in Bangkok and arrange with them for a replacement – visit website www.ukinthailand.fco.gov.uk/en/passports/.

If you require urgent assistance from the British Embassy in Bangkok you need to contact the:

**Consular Section on telephone +66 (0) 2 305 8229 or
telephone +66 (0) 2 305 8333 (extension 2334 or 2318)**