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All About Thailand

Visa Information

Thailand currently allows passport holders from 41 countries and one region (the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) to receive a 30-day tourist visa exemption upon arrival at an immigration checkpoint, or 15 days when entering at visa checkpoints that border neighbouring countries. For some nationalities, currently 21 countries and territories, 15-day tourist visas can be obtained on arrival at a cost of 1,000 baht (approximately US\$35).

Useful Links:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.go.th>

Thai Embassy in your country:

<http://www.thaiembassy.org/>



Utilities

Electricity in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 Hertz. If any of the devices you are carrying are non-compliant, you will need a voltage converter. Electrical sockets accept either flat-blade or round-pin plugs.



Health & Vaccination

No vaccinations are required for entering Thailand unless you are travelling from contaminated countries which are specified below;

Upon arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the participants who have traveled from or through the countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a **Yellow Fever Vaccination**.

As for those nationals of the countries listed below who have not traveled from/through those countries, such a certificate is not required. However, they should possess concrete evidence showing that their domicile is not in an infected area so as to prevent unnecessary inconvenience.

Following are the countries which are declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas:

Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Benin, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central Africa, Chad, Columbia, Congo Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, and Venezuela.





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Using Mobile Phones



Thailand has a very well developed mobile telecommunications infrastructure and visitors will be able to use their own cellphones if they have a roaming service agreement with their own network provider. Anyone planning on staying for any length of time will probably find that buying a SIM card once they are in Thailand is a cheaper option. A SIM card can be bought on a pay as you go basis for about 1,000 Thai baht (US\$30). Calls are cheap to make and free to receive. The only thing to consider is whether your own mobile phone is locked. Many phone providers deliberately lock their phones to make it impossible to use on rival networks. This can be overcome for a small price at any phone shop in Thailand. Mobile phone retailers are very easy to find in Khon Kaen.

If you want to keep your own phone open for incoming calls, mobiles can be rented easily enough. A possibly better option is to buy one, as they can be found anywhere at prices starting from less than US\$50. You then have that cell phone to use not only in Thailand but in any country in the world you might travel to.



UPDATED:

Bangkok – Khon Kaen Flight Schedules



OUTBOUND			RETURN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FLIGHT #
BKK: 07:05	KKC: 08:10	TG 040	KKC: 08:45	BKK: 09:40	TG 041
BKK: 11:35	KKC: 12:30	TG 044	KKC: 13:15	BKK: 14:10	TG 045
BKK: 14:45	KKC: 15:40	TG 042	KKC: 16:20	BKK: 17:15	TG 043
BKK: 18:25	KKC: 19:25	TG 046	KKC: 20:10	BKK: 21:10	TG 047

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Ole Nielsen
General Manager

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International Conferences & Banqueting

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Dining & Entertainment

Beautifully designed, each of our unique restaurants offer guests outstanding cuisine and service:

The all day **Pavilion Café** offers an a la carte menu and extensive Asian and Western lunch and dinner buffet.

Loong Yuen, an elegant Chinese restaurant offers authentic Cantonese and Chiu Chow cuisine including a unique selection of specialties.

The serene and lushly decorated **Saigon restaurant** serves authentic Vietnamese cuisine with a colonial French flavour.

Orchid Lobby Lounge, a venue for a refreshing drink, is the ideal location to relax and look forward to an evening of entertainment.

The first hotel micro brewery in Thailand, **Kronen Brauhaus** serves the authentic taste of German beer by our experienced in-house Brew Master.

Tepanyaki & Sushi Bar, where you can experience the culinary magic of Japanese fare freshly prepared before your very eyes in the open kitchen.

Studio 1 Karaoke, the latest in computer hi-fi quality sound and big screen playback. In an instant you will feel like a star.



Relaxation & Health

Experience the world of pure relaxation here in Khon Kaen through a range of leisure facilities.

LeSpa, a luxurious urban spa originally from France, all of private rooms contain a shower room, a closet, and an ipod with a wide selection of musical therapy. Treatments available are range from the traditional to the modern.

Treat your body in the **Lifestyle Health Centre** offers extensive health and fitness facilities including swimming in the outdoor pool.



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