

Information for International Students

This Guideline provides an overview of general information to assist international students in planning their life and study in Thailand



Thailand has the fortunate distinction of being strategically located in the heart of Southeast Asia. As such, it is considered a main travel hub for the entire region. Thailand is well-known as the hub of cuisine and the land of smile. Bangkok, Thailand's capital, is the world's best city in the "World's Best Awards" 2011. The Master Card Worldwide Index of Global Destination



Cities 2011 named Bangkok the third most visited city in the world by international tourist arrivals, ahead of all other metropolises in Asia. Moreover, it is a common occurrence that several of Thailand's world-class hotels and resorts are named to top 100 lists of leading travel publication.

Delightful Culture



Thailand's culture is truly one of the world's most unique. While largely based on Buddhism, concepts originating from the Chinese, Indian, Khmer and Europeans

have also had a significant influence, due in large part to the country's tradition of openness and its geographical location. Thai culture stresses compassion, tolerance and openness, and it is these traits that allow Thai people to become receptive to new ideas, thereby enriching Thai society and adding to its charm.

Accommodation



Accommodation will be arranged by university or students themselves. Anyhow, the rate must not exceed 7,000 THB per month.

Banking and Currency



(1) Most internationally recognized currencies and travelers cheques can be exchanged at

commercial banks and hotels. Credit cards are accepted in many hotels, restaurants and major shops.

- (2) The exchange rate is approximately 32THB to 1USD
- (3) There are no restrictions on the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into Thailand by visitors

Transportation



Local transport

Taxi



Thousands of brightly colored taxis are easily found in Bangkok and other provinces. The meter charge starts from 35THB for the first 2km, then increases with distance. A toll fee, is about 15THB to 80THB, must be paid by passenger.

Buses



Public buses are cheap .Air-conditioned bus fare typically starts at 10THB or 12THB and increasing on distances, for ordinary bus the fare starts at 6.50THB or 8THB for mini bus.

MRT/BTS



In Bangkok, BTS Sky train and MRT subway are the two modern rail transportation systems and popular use, especially for the rush hour.

Tuk Tuk



Tuk Tuks are usually used by residents for short distances or tourists for sightseeing.

Climate



Thailand has a tropical wet and dry climate under South Asian Monsoon system. It experiences hot, rainy and cool seasons, although temperatures are fairly hot year-round, ranging from an average low of 24 °C in December to an average high of 33°C in April.

Electricity Supply



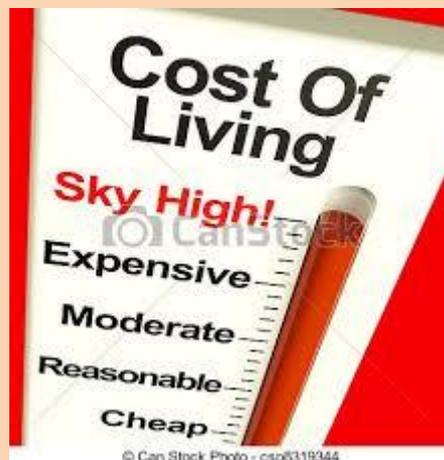
The power supply in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 hertz. Two hole sockets are used.

Time



Local Time is GMT+7 hours

Living cost



Living cost in Thailand is too broad to estimate because it depends on individual's lifestyle.

Thus, students should spend money wisely in the budget of 7,000THB for their monthly

allowance, excluding accommodation fee in the amount of not exceeding 7,000THB per month

Shopping places



(1) MBK

MBK is the best place for shopping. It is full of stores offering all sorts of goods, for example cameras and camera equipment, cheap clothes, videos, restaurant, cinemas, 10 pin bowling and a department store named Tokyo, and etc.

(2) Pantip Plaza

Pantip Plaza is a huge computer mall located at Pratunam, Petchburi Road. Pantip Plaza is a big mall for all things related to computer, for example, laptop, peripherals, and camera shops.

(3) Platinum Fashion Mall

It is close to Pantip Plaza. It is a big mall for all fashion items and accessories, such as t-shirts, shirts, jeans, shoes and also an excellent place to buy in bulk for export if you are a store owner.

(4) Siam Paragon

Siam Paragon is well-known as a Paradise of the land of the rising sun. It is one of the biggest shopping centers in Asia. It includes a wide range of specialty stores, restaurants, multiplex movie theatres the Siam Ocean World (Underwater world) aquarium (the largest aquarium in South East Asia), an exhibition hall and the Thai Art Gallery, opera concert hall, a large bowling alley and karaoke Centre.

(5) Future Park Rangsit

It is one of Asia's largest malls, located on Phahonyothin Road in Pathum Thani, a suburb of Bangkok. It consists of 70 restaurants and food outlets, eight major banks and financial institutions, a post office and outlets for all phone networks and mobile phones.

Suggested Places to visit

Famous Temples

- Wat Phra Kaew
- Wat Pho
- Wat Bowonniwetwihan

(<http://www.bangkok.com/attraction-temple>)



Ayutthaya

- Bang-Pa-In Palace
- Wat Yai Chaimongkhon
- Wat Phra Si Sanphet

(<http://www.ayutthaya.go.th>)



Floating markets

- Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Don Wai Floating Market
- Amphawa Floating Market

(www.bangkok.com)



Learning Thai language



Below are useful websites for the students who are interested in learning some Thai words and phrases.

<http://www.thai2english.com/#Overview>

[English language newspapers in Thailand](#)

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/>

<http://www.mythailanguage.com/links.htm>

The students will be provided for health insurance named “Muang Thai Life Insurance”. The hospital’s names will be listed in the document which will be given to students after the registration has completed. If the hospital’s names are not listed in the document, the student has to advance their bills for medical expenses. Emergency call in Thailand 1176

Hospital



TICA's Contact Center

TICA's contact center is available during office hours 7.30-16.30pm

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Contact your coordinator



😊 Enjoy living in Thailand 😊