

TOURIST VISA EXEMPTION

According to the Interior Ministerial Announcements dated 1 October B.E. 2545 (2002), 20 December B.E. 2545 (2002), 18 October B.E. 2547 (2004) and 6 May B.E. 2548 (2005), passport holders from **41 countries and 1 special administrative region - Hong Kong SAR - are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days on each visit.**

If such foreigners enter the Kingdom at the immigration checkpoints which border neighboring countries, they will be allowed to stay for 15 days each time, except Malaysian nationals who cross the borderline from Malaysia whose granted period of stay will not exceed 30 days each time.

Note: Tourist Visa Exemption does not apply to foreigners holding Travel Document for Aliens issued by these countries.

List of 41 countries and 1 special administrative region are as follow:

Australia	Commonwealth of Australia	22. Luxembourg	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
2. Austria	Republic of Austria	23. Malaysia	
3. Belgium	Kingdom of Belgium	24. Monaco	Principality of Monaco
4. Brazil	Federal Republic of Brazil	25. Netherlands	Kingdom of the Netherlands
5. Bahrain	State of Bahrain	26. New Zealand	
6. Brunei Darussalam	Negara Brunei Darussalam	27. Norway	Kingdom of Norway
7. Canada		28. Oman	Sultanate of Oman
8. Denmark	Kingdom of Denmark	29. Peru	Republic of Peru
9. Finland	Republic of Finland	30. Philippines	Republic of the Philippines
10. France	French Republic	31. Portugal	Republic of Portugal
11. Germany	Federal Republic of Germany	32. Qatar	State of Qatar
12. Greece	Hellenic Republic	33. Singapore	Republic of Singapore
13. Hong Kong	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	34. Spain	Kingdom of Spain
14. Iceland	Republic of Iceland	35. South Africa	Republic of South Africa
15. Indonesia	Republic of Indonesia	36. Sweden	Kingdom of Sweden
16. Ireland	Republic of Ireland	37. Switzerland	Swiss Confederation
17. Israel	State of Israel	38. Turkey	Republic of Turkey
18. Italy	Republic of Italy	39. United Arab Emirates	
19. Japan		40. United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great British and Northern Ireland
20. Korea (South)		41. United States of America	
21. Kuwait	State of Kuwait	42. Vietnam	Socialist Republic of Vietnam

*** Russia and Thai has visa exemption agreement

***New countries are added for tourist visa exemption. This will be effective on 11 August 2011;

43. Czech Republic

44. Republic of Hungary

45. Principality of Liechtenstein

46. Republic of Poland

47. Slovak Republic

48. Republic of Slovenia

*** Thailand holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with **Brazil, the Republic of Korea and Peru**. Therefore, nationals of these 3 countries are exempted from visa requirements and are permitted to enter and stay in Thailand for a period of not exceeding 90 days.

To enter the Kingdom without visa you must provide that:

1. Your purpose of visit is only for tourism
2. You have the nationality of the above mentioned countries. Your passport must valid at least 6 months from the date that you enter to Thailand.
3. You must possess adequate finances for the duration of stay in Thailand (i.e., cash 10,000 Baht per person and 20,000 Baht per family)
4. You arrive in and depart Thailand by any means of transport (air, land, or sea) through immigration checkpoints, any confirmed tickets to leave Thailand from the arrival date at the port of entry in Thailand must be obtained.
5. You are required to obtain a visa if going to Thailand for business, conference, research, study etc., or if you are planning to stay for more than 30 days for tourism.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.mfa.go.th/>)