



Thailand Travel Information January 10 - 18, 2010

This trip is **LAND ONLY** to allow you the option of airlines and best fares as well as the opportunity for pre/post trips on an independent basis. Domestic and International air transportation are not included. Participants will need to make their own flight arrangements to Thailand; being sure to arrive in **Chiang Mai (Chiang Mai International Airport - CNX)** on **Sunday, January 10, 2010 by 4:00pm**. All travel arrangements outside of the Study Tour dates will need to be made and paid for directly by the participant.

For this trip we recommend booking your air travel with Lacy James of Poe Travel or Karen Harris of Carlson Wagonlit Travel:

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Supplemental Travel Insurance:

While we make every attempt to follow the announced travel schedule, itineraries may change or be cancelled due to travel advisories or any other situation that may compromise the safety of participants. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Various companies offer supplemental travel insurance that is available for medical, trip cancellation, luggage, etc. This could be obtained from your insurance agent or travel agency. We have listed several companies you can contact directly. This list is provided as information and not as a recommendation for any one specific agency.

www.travelguard.com www.csatravelprotection.com www.travelinsure.com
www.travelsafe.com www.accessamerica.com

This site will compare various insurance options: www.insuremytrip.com

Health Information:

Health information and medical/inoculation recommendations for travelers can be found at the CDC website. Thailand - <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/thailand.aspx>

Visa and Passport Information:

Travel information for Thailand can be found at the US State Department website http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1040.html and the Thailand Embassy website at <http://www.thaiembdc.org/>.

U.S. citizen tourists staying for fewer than 30 days do not need a visa, but must possess a passport and may be asked to show an onward/return ticket. Persons entering Thailand by air or via the Thailand-Malaysia border without a visa are allowed to stay in Thailand for 30 days per visit. Persons entering Thailand by land (except for the Thailand-Malaysia border) without a visa are allowed to stay in Thailand for 15 days per visit. Travelers must pay a Passenger Service Charge in Thai baht when departing from any of Thailand's international airports. This charge is now included in airline ticket prices at Bangkok's main airport, Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

When a traveler enters the country, Thai Immigration stamps in his or her passport the date on which the traveler's authorized stay in Thailand will expire. Any traveler remaining in Thailand beyond this date without having received an official extension will be assessed an immediate cash fine when departing Thailand.

Please note that Thailand requires you to have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after entering the country. And be sure that you have enough pages left in your passport.

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