

TRAVEL INFORMATION THAILAND



The Kingdom of Thailand (the land of smiles), known for centuries as Siam, lies in the heart of Southeast Asia. Thailand shares its borders with Myanmar to the west and north, Laos to the north and northeast, Cambodia to the southeast, and Malaysia to the south. The country is divided into four major geographical regions: the North with mountains and forest, the Central plains with vast rice fields, the Northeast plateau with the semi-arid farms, and the peninsula South and tropical islands along the coastline on the gulf of Thailand and the Andaman sea.



Thailand is a constitutional monarchy. His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej or King Rama IX of the Chakri Dynasty is the present king or the head of the state. It covers the area of 513,115 square kilometers. It comprises of 76 provinces, which are subdivided into district, sub-district, and village. Bangkok is capital city of Thailand, located in the Central region. Over 62 million citizens or about 80% are ethnic Thais. Others are mostly from China and India ethnic origins. About 7 million people reside in Bangkok. “Thai” is the official language of Thailand; however English is widely understood, particularly in Bangkok. Thai national flag consists of red, white, and blue stripes, symbolizing nation, Buddhism, and monarchy, respectively.

The country draws many visitors from around the world each year through a combination of its natural and cultural heritage, renowned cuisine, and warm and friendly hospitality. Thailand offers visitors the opportunities to gain diverse experiences from an exotic mix of culture and scenery.

For more information about Tour and Activities in Thailand, please visit www.tourismthailand.org

Useful Information

Currency (as of February 2013)

The Thai unit currency is baht (THB). Approximate THB/1 unit of foreign currency
USD = 30; GBP = 46; EUR = 39; JPY (100 Yen) = 33

Electricity

The electric current is 220 Volt AC.

Visa

For more information about visa, please visit:

<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/contents/files/consular-services-20120410-195946-424479.pdf>

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Central Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire): 191

Highway Patrol 1193

Crime Suppression 195 or 0 2513 3844

Tourist Police (English, French and German spoken) 1155

Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Call Centre 1672

Immigration Bureau 0 2287 3101-10

ACTIVITIES IN BANGKOK

Where to See/Shop/Dine in Bangkok

Bangkok is a city where ancient and modern mingles in harmony. The city offers a diverse range of experiences with plenty of fascinating places to visit. For cultural explorers, there are elegant temples, palaces, and museum. For shoppers, Bangkok has a tremendous variety of goods to offers including Thai silk, jewelry, woodcarving, silverware, and painting. Wonderful culinary from all over the world are available in Bangkok, besides its world's renowned exotic Thai cuisine.

To See:

- Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of Emerald Buddha)
- The Grand Palace
- Wat Arunratchawararam (Temple of Dawn)
- Vimanmek Mansion Museum
- Jim Thompson's House
- National Museum
- The Chao Phraya River
- Siam Niramit (a 180-min cultural performance)



To Shop:

- Chatuchak Weekend Market
- Shopping Complex (Siam Paragon, Central World, Central Chidlom, Emporium, MBK)
- Kao San Road



GETTING AROUND BANGKOK

By Taxi

Metered taxi is available and easily to find in Bangkok. Fare starts at 35 Baht.



By SkyTrain

BTS SkyTrain is perhaps the fastest and easiest way to get around Bangkok. The closest BTS station to KU is Mo Chit station. Currently there are two routes, the Sukhumvit Line and the Silom Line, covering much of the central city and many commercial, residential and tourist areas, with extensions planned to outlying areas. Fares range from 15 – 40 Baht. There are several ticket types available, for example ONE DAY PASS, which costs 120 Baht for 1-day unlimited rides. It is connected to MRT Subway at Mo Chit and Asok BTS stations. For more information please visit <http://www.bts.co.th/en/index.asp>



By Subway

MRT Subway is the newest Bangkok's public transportation system. This is another convenient way to travel from Chatuchak weekend market to central Bangkok and to/from Thailand Cultural Centre and Suan Lum Night Bazaar. MRT Chatuchak is easily traveled to/from KU. It is connected to BTS SkyTrain at Chatuchak and Sukhumvit MRT stations. Fares range from 15-39 Baht.



For more information please visit <http://www.bangkokmetro.co.th/>

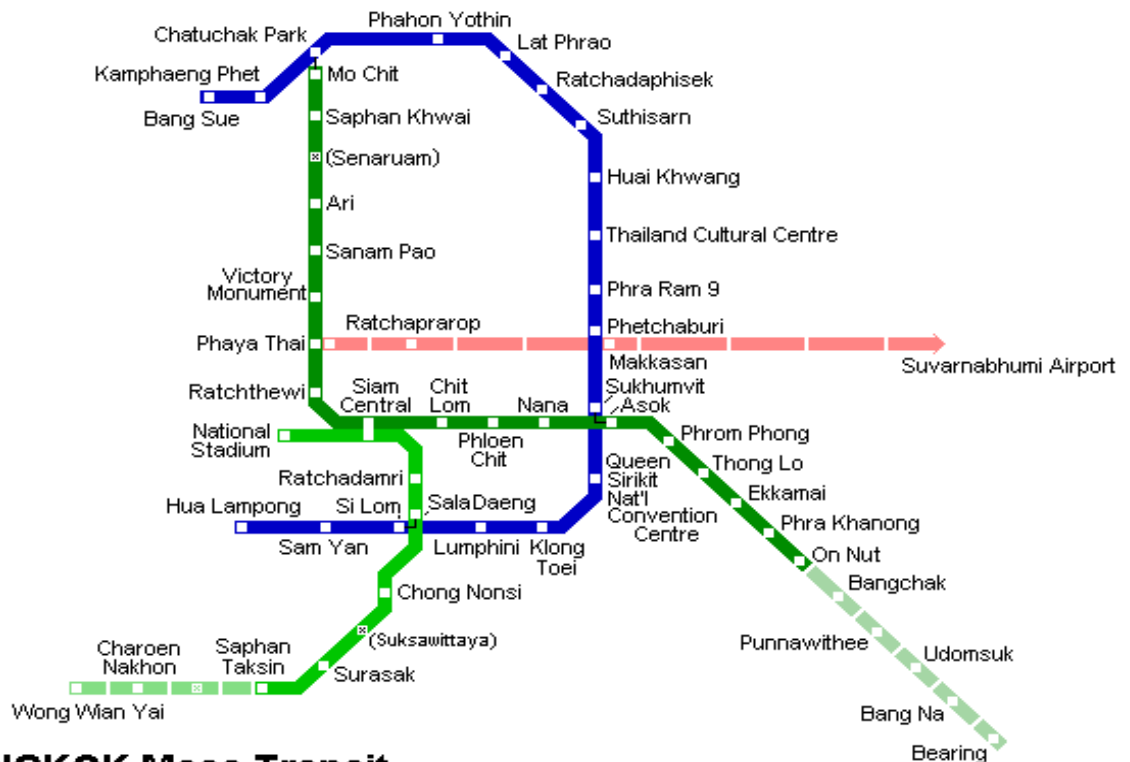
By Tuk Tuk

Tuk Tuk is a three-wheeled open air taxi, named from the engine sound. This vehicle has become one of the recognizable symbols of Thailand. Tuk Tuk is often found in the tourist areas. Fare is based on bargaining before getting a ride.

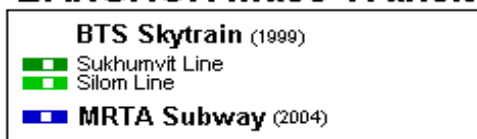


For more information please visit

- Tourism Authority of Thailand (www.tourismthailand.org)
- Bangkok Tourist Division (www.bangkoktourist.com)



BANGKOK Mass Transit



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TRANSPORTATION

From Suvarnabhumi International Airport

- **By Suvarnabhumi Airport Link**

SA Express line

The SA Express line links between Suvarnabhumi International Airport Station to the Bangkok City Air Terminal (BCAT) at the “Makkasan Station.” It takes only 15 min without any stops. Service hours are from 06.00-01.00 hr.

SA City Line

This line provides 24-hour service between the “Phyathai Station” and the Suvarnabhumi Airport. It takes 30 min with 6 stops along the way. This train links to the Phyathai BTS Station, which can easily connected to the heart of Bangkok city.

At the stations, there are automatic token machines. The token can easily be purchased at the stations. The express line’s fare is a flat rate of 150 THB, while the city line’s fare ranges from 15-45 THB.

On your return, Makkasan Station also provides such facilities as check-in counter service for easy baggage transfer for many airlines.

For more information, please go to: <http://airportlink.railway.co.th/en/index.html#>

- **By Taxi & Limo**

For your convenience and comfort, the 24-hour limo service is available at the Suvarnabhumi Airport. Fare to the downtown area is around 1,100-1,500 THB. The 24-hour public taxi service is located on the platform of passenger terminal on the 1st Floor, Gates 4&7. Fare charges depend on the distances plus 50 THB fee and toll fees.

- **By Airport Express**

Airport Express counter is located at the Passenger Terminal 1, Gate 8. The Airport express serves 4 main routes: AE 1 (Airport-Silom Rd.), AE 2 (Airport-Khawsarn Rd.), AE 3 (Airport-Sukhumwit-Ekkamai), AE 4 (Airport-Hua Lampong Railway Station). Service hours are from 05.00-24.00 hr. Fare is 150 THB/person.

For more information please go to: <http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com/>

KASETSART UNIVERSITY (KU)

50 Ngam Wong Wan Rd., Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand

Kasetsart University is about 45 min drive from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The University is only 10 min drive to the Don Muang Airport, serving some domestic flights throughout the country. The university is only about 10 min drive from/to the city mass transit systems, at the intersection of the BTS Skytrain (on Mo Chit station) and the MRT metro (on Chatuchak Park). Please allow extended traveling time during rush hour (07.00 – 09.00 and 16.00 – 18.00 hr). The university is accessible via several entrances on 3 main roads: Vibhavadi Rangsit Rd., Ngam Wong Wan Rd. (Gate 1, 2, 3), and Phahonyothin Rd. (Gate 1 & 2).