

TAT NEWSLETTER

Dear Esteemed Partners,

Since the “Phuket Sandbox” model to reopen Thailand started on 1 July, 2021, till mid-August, the island of Phuket has welcomed over 22,000 arrivals from overseas. The reopening of Phuket to international travellers has signified a flare of hope to the Thai tourism stakeholders largely affected by the crisis. Now the “Phuket Sandbox” programme has been upgraded to the “Phuket Sandbox 7+7 Extension” programme, which allow fully vaccinated international travellers from specific countries to reduce the mandatory stay in Phuket from 14 to 7 days. The launch of the Phuket Sandbox from 1 July, Samui Plus from 15 July, and Phuket Sandbox 7+7 Extension from 16 August will lead the way to the reopening of more pilot destinations, which are currently preparing the appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of both the tourists and local people. This programme would create more options for visitors to enjoy their holidays in these amazingly beautiful beaches and islands in their prime after the nature has recovered as well.

Yours sincerely,

TAT Prague Office



“Phuket Sandbox 7+7 Extension” Now in Effect



The “Sandbox 7+7 Extension” is providing fully vaccinated international travellers with more options to visit multiple Thai destinations without the need for quarantine.

Starting from 16 August, 2021, the “Phuket Sandbox 7+7 Extension” programme allows eligible international travellers to reduce the mandatory stay in Phuket from 14 to 7 days, after which another 7 nights can be spent in Krabi (Ko Phi Phi, Ko Ngai, or Railay Beach), Phang-Nga (Khao Lak or Ko Yao), or Surat Thani (Samui Plus – Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, or Ko Tao).

The existing entry measures in place for the Phuket Sandbox programme remain unchanged for the 7+7 extension. However, travellers planning to spend another 7 nights outside of Phuket must obtain a ‘Transfer Form’ issued by their hotel in Phuket indicating that they have stayed in Phuket for 7 nights, which they will need to show together with the negative results of their two COVID-19 tests (conducted on Day 0 and Day 6-7 in Phuket).

General Information – Phuket Sandbox 7+7 Extension

- Travelling from Phuket to the selected areas in Krabi, Phang-Nga, or Surat Thani is available only via approved routes and approved modes of transport.
 - Surat Thani (Samui Plus - Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, or Ko Tao) can be reached via Bangkok Airways' direct domestic flight on the Phuket-Ko Samui route.
 - Krabi (Ko Phi Phi, Ko Ngai, or Railay Beach) can be reached by the SHA Plus-certified boat and ferry services from two approved piers - Ao Po Pier and Rassada Pier.
 - Phang-Nga (Khao Lak) can be reached by the SHA Plus-certified car transfer services from Phuket direct to the SHA Plus-certified hotels.
 - Phang-Nga (Ko Yao Noi or Ko Yao Yai) can be reached via the SHA Plus-certified boat and ferry services from three approved piers - Ao Po Pier, Ao Po Grand Marina, and Bang Rong Pier - to Ko Yao Yai's Chonglat Pier and Ban Laem Yai Pier and to Ko Yao Noi's Manoh Pier.
- Once travellers have completed the 7-night extension in Krabi, Phang-Nga, or Surat Thani, and have tested negative in their third COVID-19 test (conducted on Day 12-13), they will receive a 'Release Form' from their hotel and will be able to continue their journey to other destinations in Thailand.
- If the stay in Krabi, Phang-Nga, or Surat Thani is less than 7 nights, travellers must proceed directly to Phuket International Airport on the day of departure. At the port of entry back into Phuket, they will need to show a plane ticket or other proof of their international travel from Phuket.
- For travelling from Phuket to other countries, travellers are advised to follow the guidelines and measures announced by the respective country of their destination.
- For travelling from Phuket to other Thai destinations, travellers are required to show proof that they have completed a 14-night stay in Phuket together with the negative results of their three COVID-19 tests along with the other required documentation per the guidelines and measures announced by the respective destinations.
- For travelling from Krabi, Phang-Nga, or Surat Thani to other Thai destinations, travellers are required to show proof that they have completed a 7-night stay in Phuket and another 7-night stay in Krabi, Phang-Nga, or Surat Thani together with the negative results of their three COVID-19 tests along with the other required documentation per the guidelines and measures announced by the respective destinations.



Entering the “Phuket Sandbox”

The 'Phuket Sandbox' allows entry without quarantine for fully vaccinated visitors from 69 countries to enjoy roaming around Phuket with confidence in safety and hygiene. To enter the 'Phuket sandbox', travellers are required to obtain the following documents in advance:

- Certificate of Entry (COE) issued by the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General (www.coethailand.mfa.go.th);
- Proof of a valid COVID-19 vaccination with a vaccine approved by the Thai Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) or the World Health Organisation (WHO);
- COVID-19 health insurance policy with a minimum coverage of US\$100,000;
- Booking confirmation of certified Amazing Thailand Safety and Health Administration (SHA Plus) accommodation together with the confirmed booking of the COVID-19 RT-PCR tests during that period (www.thailandpsas.com); and
- Negative COVID-19 RT-PCR-Test result issued no more than 72 hours before departure.



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Our “Amazing Thailand” website in Romania is now ready to serve you with information and updates about tourism in Thailand.



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