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# TAT NEWSLETTER

## Dear Esteemed Partners,

Starting from 1 November 2021, Thailand is all set to welcome fully vaccinated visitors initially from 46 countries to enter the Kingdom with no quarantine stay requirements. More countries are expected to be included in the next phase. In addition, the entering measures have been eased off to facilitate vacationing in the country. With the beautiful beaches, attractions and sunshine topped with amazingly good deals from many hotels and resorts around the land of smiles, Thailand could claim the top position in the holiday destination choices of many this Winter. Even more amazing experiences are waiting for you in Thailand.

Yours sincerely, TAT Prague Office



## Reopening Thailand for Fully Vaccinated Tourists from 46 Countries TEST & GO Travelling



Effective from 1 November 2021, Thailand is ready to reopen for fully vaccinated travellers from the 46 initially approved countries, including Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

#### Key Points of TEST & GO Travelling

- Fully vaccinated travellers who completed the COVID-19 vaccines approved by WHO or the Thai Ministry of Public Health at least 14 days before their travel date. Those who had positive of COVID-19 must present a medical certificate of recovery with 1 dose of vaccine no later than 3 months.

- Travel by air from the 46 approved countries. Currently, Thailand has approved quarantine-free entry for arrivals from Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Netherlands, New

Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK, USA, and Hong Kong. Visitors must have been in the approved countries for 21 days or more. Transit/transfer from the approved countries is not allowed.

- Register for "Thailand Pass" QR Code online at <u>http://tp.consular.go.th</u> by uploading a valid certificate of vaccination and other required document for approval before travelling.

- Obtain a COVID-19 health insurance policy with minimum coverage of US\$50,000, a pre-payment confirmation for a minimum of 1-night stays upon arrival at the approved SHA Plus-certified hotel together with the prepaid mandatory RT-PCR COVID-19 test and an Antigen Test Kit (ATK). The provided ATK is for COVID-19 self-testing on Day 6-7 and showing the result to the responsible hotel staff as well as for recording in the alert application.

- Produce proof of negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test issued within 72 hours before departure to Thailand.

- Travellers under 12 years of age, travelling with their parents or guardians, are exempt from this vaccination requirement, but must have a negative RT-PCR test result issued no more than 72 hours before travelling.

- Upon arrival at Thailand's international airport, travellers must proceed directly by the approved airport transfer to the pre-arranged COVID-19 test centre, or the reserved accommodation and undergo the required RT-PCR COVID-19 test on Day 0-1.- Travellers must download and install the specified alert application (MorChana), and standby within the accommodation only for the test result, which should be available within the day. With negative test result, travellers can go anywhere in Thailand.



## Reopening Blue Zone Sandbox Areas for Fully Vaccinated Tourists from Other Countries BLUE ZONE SANDBOX Travelling

Thailand continues to welcome fully vaccinated visitors from countries not on the list under more relaxed requirements. Starting from 1 November 2021, travellers are welcome to choose, from the *'Blue Zone'* destinations, mostly include major attractions - Bangkok, Pattaya, Ko Samet, Ko Chang, Hua Hin, Cha-am, Phuket, Krabi, Phang-Nga, Ko Samui, Ko Phangan, Ko Tao, and designated areas in Chiang Mai and other provinces in the Northeastern part of Thailand. Visitors are required to complete their first 7-night mandatory stay within the destination before being able to move on to other parts of Thailand.

## Key Points of BLUE ZONE SANDBOX Travelling

- Fully vaccinated travellers from any country who completed the COVID-19 vaccines approved by WHO or the Thai Ministry of Public Health at least 14 days before their travel date. Those who had positive of COVID-19 must present a medical certificate of recovery with 1 dose of vaccine no later than 3 months.

- Register for "Thailand Pass" QR Code online at http://tp.consular.go.th by uploading a valid certificate of vaccination and other required document for approval before travelling.

- Obtain a health insurance policy covering COVID-19 treatment with minimum coverage of US\$50,000, a pre-payment confirmation for a minimum of 7-night stays upon arrival at the approved SHA Plus-certified hotel in the 'Blue Zone' areas, together with the prepaid mandatory RT-PCR COVID-19 test on Day 0-1 and the Antigen test method at the designated test centres on Day 6-7.

- Produce proof of negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test issued within 72 hours before departure to Thailand.

- Travellers under 12 years of age, travelling with their parents or guardians, are exempt from this vaccination requirement, but must have a negative RT-PCR test result issued no more than 72 hours before travelling.

## **Entry into Thailand under the Alternative Quarantine (AQ) System**

Travellers who do not match the first two categories are eligible to enter Thailand through an Alternative Quarantine (AQ) system. The quarantine period will be 7 days for travellers who have been fully vaccinated with an approved vaccine, 10 days for air arrivals who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, and 14 days for land arrivals who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated. However, they will be able to enjoy more activities within the hotel.

### Key Points of Entering Thailand under the AQ System

- Register for the "Thailand Pass" QR code online at <u>http://tp.consular.go.th</u> by uploading a valid certificate of vaccination and other required documents for approval before travelling.

- Produce proof of a negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test issued within 72 hours before departure to Thailand.

- Book AQ accommodation. The 2 required COVID-19 tests have been revised to using the RT-PCR method for the first test upon arrival in Thailand, and the ATK method at the designated test centres for the second test, which takes place around Day 8-9.

-The minimum required health insurance coverage that includes treatment for COVID-19 will be US\$50,000.





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