

# TAT NEWSLETTER

*Dear Esteemed Partners,*

*We hope you all have a wonderful start of the year 2022.*

*We are bringing to you more updates on entry to Thailand. Recently, Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) approved the resumption of the TEST & GO entry scheme, which allows entering Thailand with an exemption to quarantine for fully vaccinated travellers from any country around the world, effective from 1 February, 2022. In addition, the reopening of the Pattaya and Ko Chang Sandbox destinations, and the reintroduction of the Sandbox Extension programme have also been approved. At present, there are ongoing improvements and more relaxed restrictions in many destinations around Thailand.*

*The time is right to plan to spend a Winter vacation in amazing Thailand!*

*Yours sincerely,  
TAT Prague Office*



## UPDATED ENTRY TO THAILAND FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2022



### **TEST & GO Programme**

From 1 February, 2022, fully vaccinated travellers from any country around the world can apply to enter Thailand with the TEST & GO programme. Travellers are required to obtain the TEST & GO Thailand Pass QR Code via <https://tp.consular.go.th/>. The system will reopen for new TEST & GO applications from 1 February, 2022 (09.00 Hrs. Thailand Time).

All new TEST & GO applications must submit proof of prepayment for 2 separate nights of accommodation at the approved certified SHA Extra Plus hotels on Day 1 and Day 5, and the pre-paid booking for 2 RT-PCR tests on Day 1 and Day 5. The prepayment for Day 1 must include the accommodation, a test, and a prearranged transfer from the airport to the hotel.

Travellers can book two different hotels for the accommodation on Day 1 and Day 5. However, on both Day 1 and Day 5, they must stand-by within the room for the RT-PCR test result, which usually takes

about 6-24 hours. All travellers must also download and install the MorChana application and set it on at all times for the COVID-19 precautionary measures and to record the result on Day 5-6 in the application.

### SANDBOX Programme

The Sandbox programme expanded from 1 February 2022, Pattaya and Ko Chang among the reopened destinations joining the existing Krabi, Phang-Nga, Phuket, and Samui Sandbox programme. The Sandbox Extension programme will also be introduced between Phuket, Phang-Nga, Krabi, and Ko Samui/Ko Pha-ngan/Ko Tao, where Sandbox travellers can travel within these destinations during the first 7 days in Thailand.

#### Eligible Sandbox destinations within Thailand

- Existing: Krabi, Phang-Nga, Phuket, and Surat Thani (Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, and Ko Tao).
- From 1 February 2022: Chon Buri (Bang Lamung, Pattaya, Si Racha, Si Chang, and Sattahip – only Na Jomtien and Bang Saray) and Trat (Ko Chang).
- From 1 February 2022: Sandbox Extension - Phuket, Phang-Nga, Krabi, and Ko Samui/Ko Pha-ngan/Ko Tao.

To enter the ‘Sandbox’ destinations, travellers are required to obtain the following documents in advance

- A Thailand Pass QR Code, which can be applied via <https://tp.consular.go.th/>.
- A Medical Certificate with an RT-PCR lab result indicating that COVID-19 is not detected issued no more than 72 hours before travelling.

- Travellers under 6 years of age, travelling with their parents/guardian with a negative RT-PCR test result within 72 hours before travelling, are not required to have a pre-arrival negative RT-PCR test result and can have a saliva test when entering the Kingdom.

- An insurance policy with coverage no less than US \$50,000.
- A confirmed payment for at least a 7-day stay at a SHA++ hotel, together with a pre-booked airport to hotel transfer. In addition, the booking of the 2 RT-PCR Test can be booked at <http://thailandpsas.com> for travellers to Phuket, Phang-Nga, and Krabi. For other Sandbox destinations, the booking of the RT-PCR Test can be pre-arranged with the hotel.

- Travellers to Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, and Ko Tao can change accommodation 3 times within the first 7 days (can book 3 different hotels). However, they must stay the first night on Ko Samui and must receive a negative result for their first RT-PCR test, before being able to change accommodation to other hotels on either Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, or Ko Tao. Or they can choose to book 3 different hotels on Ko Samui alone.

- A Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination/Recovery.
  - Everyone 18 years of age and older must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 with an approved vaccine at least 14 days before travelling to Thailand.
  - Travellers 12-17 years of age travelling to Thailand unaccompanied must get vaccinated with at least 1 dose of an approved vaccine. Those travelling with parents/guardian are exempt from this requirement.
  - Travellers 6-11 years of age, travelling with parents/guardian, are exempt from this requirement.
  - Travellers with a history of COVID-19 infection who have recovered by medical treatment and travellers who have received at least 1 dose of an approved vaccine after post infection must have a certificate of COVID-19 recovery.

Please note that travellers with a negative test result can enjoy travel activities within the Sandbox areas throughout the 7 days but must return to their prearranged accommodation on a nightly basis. Travellers are required to undergo the second test on Day 5-6, or when they experience respiratory symptoms. After completion of 7 nights with negative RT-PCR Test result, they are free to travel to other destinations around Thailand.

If testing positive for COVID-19, travellers will be referred to a healthcare facility for appropriate medical treatment, for which the expenses must be covered by the required insurance.

All travellers will be asked to download and install the MorChana application and always set it on for the COVID-19 precautionary measures and to record the result on Day 5-6 in the application.

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