

# THAILAND

### **ABOUT THAILAND VACCINATIONS**

With a tropical, monsoonal climate typical of the region, Thailand's climate varies from top to bottom. The northern half is hottest from March to June, with high humidity (aver. temp 29°C). The heat and humidity continues during the rainy season from June to October, followed by cooler conditions from November to March. The southern half two seasons consist of a hot season from February to September and rains from October to February. Thailand can be a great place to visit on vacation or an economical place to run your back office for business. Known for tropical beaches and ultramodern cityscapes, it is the perfect destination to relax and unwind or make the most of a highly educated workforce. The information below is intended to make sure you get the correct injections, vaccinations and advice for Thailand.

### OVERALL RISK

Medium Risk - Preventable disease occur sporadically or at moderate levels. Consult a Travelvax clinic for your specific risk if travelling outside resorts, 5 star accommodation or for periods longer than a few days.

## **MALARIA RISK**

Malaria is present, whether or not anti-malarial medications are recommended will need to be discussed with a medical practitioner. Consult a Travelvax clinic for long stays or significant level of outdoor activities.

## **VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

#### **YELLOW FEVER**

**Country requirement at entry:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers aged 9 months or over arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

No vaccination certificate is required for direct travel from Australia or New Zealand.

#### COVID-19

For the most up to date requirements for entry into Australia, go to Smartraveller.

Please click this COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map (IATA) to view the latest Thailand COVID travel requirements.

#### **HFPATITIS A**

Moderate risk to travellers, vaccination recommended.

#### **HEPATITIS B**

Moderate presence of Hepatitis B in local population. Vaccination would be recommended.

#### **TYPHOID**

Moderate risk for most travellers. Vaccination recommended for travel to smaller cities, villages and rural areas outside usual tourist routes. Some medical conditions pre-dispose to infection; whether vaccinations would be recommended should be discussed with a medical practitioner. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### **INFLUENZA**

Year round risk present. Most common vaccine preventable illness in travellers. Vaccine recommended, effective for 1 year.

## **RABIES**

Disease present. Recommendation for vaccination will depend on specific itinerary and activities planned. Generally rabies vaccination is advised for high risk individuals such as veterinarians or animal handlers, cavers. Additionally for higher risk travellers who plan: extended periods outdoors, rural travel, adventurous activities including bicycling; also expats or long-term travellers to endemic regions and children (risk of more severe or risk-prone bites and may not report contact at all).

### **JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS**

Disease present. Seasonal risk will vary by country. Whether vaccinations will be recommended will depend on itinerary, length of stay, type of travel etc and needs to be discussed with a medical practitioner. Risk is highest around pig farms and in agricultural areas. Mosquito avoidance measures are highly recommended all year round. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk, particularly if travelling during the wet season.

### **POLIO**

No risk to travellers.

#### **TICKBORNE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

### **MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS**

Low risk to travellers.

#### **CHOLERA**

Disease is present, however the risk is low for the majority of travellers. Peace corp, volunteers, refugee workers etc need to consider vaccination. All travellers should take food and water precautions. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

## **OTHER DISEASES**

#### TRAVELLERS DIARRHOEA

Moderate risk. Travellers' Diarrhoea affects 20-60% of overseas travellers, food and water precautions are essential. Self-treatment medications may be recommended.

### **INSECT-BORNE DISEASES**

Diseases such as <u>Dengue</u>, <u>Chikungunya</u>, <u>Zika</u> may be present. Seasonal risk will vary by country. Whether preventive measures will be recommended will depend on itinerary, length of stay, type of travel etc. and needs to be discussed with a medical practitioner. For those countries with disease present, risk is highest in urban and semi-urban areas, but may also occur in rural areas; <u>insect avoidance measures</u> are highly recommended all year round. Travelvax believes that the best defence is to understand their habits, dress properly and use an <u>effective insect repellent</u> in the correct manner. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### **SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### STIS

Sexually transmitted and blood-borne diseases occur. The risk to travellers can be greatly reduced by practising safe sex with any new partner. All travellers should carry condoms. Blood borne diseases (HIV, Hepatitis B & C) can be spread by blood transfusion, tattooing, body piercing or non-sterile needles. Travellers in high risk groups should carry sterile needles (see also Medical Care).

#### **ALTITUDE**

Altitude illness is a risk to travellers ascending higher than 2000 meters. Preventative medication is available. Consult a medical practitioner if ascending to 2000 metres or above.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **PERSONAL SAFETY**

In order to check before and during travel for any high-risk areas visit the Smartraveller website. Avoid unnecessary displays of wealth or valuables and minimise the amounts of cash carried. Keep secure records of passport/credit card/licence numbers. For more safety tips visit: www.smartraveller.gov.au.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Limited medical facilities available. Unless travelling with a well-equipped organisation, a high level of self-sufficiency in terms of first aid kits and sterile equipment is recommended. An evacuation contingency should be a part of your travel insurance. Check for any contacts supplied by your emergency assistance organisation (nominated by your travel insurer) or with IAMAT (International Association of Medical Assistance for Travellers).

#### FIRST AID KITS & ACCESSORIES

Carry a basic <u>first aid kit</u>, customised to your activities. For longer stays consider a needle and syringe pack and medication for travellers diarrhoea.

More information on Thailand is available during your pre-travel consultation with Travelvax. Call 1300 360 164 for the location of the clinic nearest to you.