

The Little  
LIP Guide To...



**Bangkok** Thailand



# VISA Requirements



## Best Online Source for Visa Info & Requirements:

<http://www.thaivisa.com>

<http://www.thailand-visa.net>

<http://www.sunbeltasia.com>

## Additional Visa/Entry Information:

For stays of 30 days or less, citizens of 41 different countries who are traveling as tourists are not required to obtain a visa. If you arrive via the Suvarnabhumi Airport you will be issued a 30 Day "Visa on Arrival" stamp. If you are arriving from a land border crossing you will be issued a 15 day stamp.

For most tourists the "Visa on Arrival" stamp is enough for their holiday, however for the LIP who plans to stay longer than 30 days the Thai visa system can be highly confusing.

The 3 most common visas used by long term expats are:

- 1) Multiple Entry Tourist Visa
- 2) Non Immigrant "B" Visa
- 3) Non Immigrant "O-A" Visa

## Multiple Entry Tourist Visa

The Multiple Entry Tourist Visa is the most commonly used Visa by long term expats and must be obtained from outside Thailand. If you are in Thailand you can take a quick trip to a neighboring country to obtain a multiple-entry visa but be aware that some of these countries are not too happy with the overwhelming amount of paperwork they have to deal with and many of them may not be as generous as the embassies in Australia, Europe or North America.

Your tourist visa is good for 60 days at which time it can be extended for another 30 days at the Immigration Office in Bangkok. In an attempt to stop expats from perpetually living on tourist visas the Thai government has changed the rules so that once you've used up your first 90 days you cannot apply for another tourist visa for another 90 days.

## Non Immigrant "B" Visa

The Non Immigrant "B" Visa is also known as the work visa and is intended for those who are planning to work for a Thai company or are planning to start a business in Thailand. This visa alone does not give you the right to work, as additionally you must apply for a work permit to be legally allowed to work in Thailand. This visa can be issued for 1 year but is usually issued in 3-month terms with the recipient having to leave the country after each term to activate the new term. The Non Immigrant B visa has become difficult to obtain in recent times and with the constant rule changes it is advisable to seek legal council if you are applying for this visa.

## The Non Immigrant "O-A" Visa

The Non Immigrant "O-A" Visa, also known as the retirement visa is available for anyone over the age of 50 who can meet the financial requirements for this visa. Currently the requirements are that you have at least \_800,000 (\$23,500 | €16,500 | £14,500) in a Thai bank account or you have a monthly overseas income of \_65,000 (\$1900 | €1300 | £1175). You are not allowed to work while on the retirement visa and must report your address to the immigration office every 90 days. Once again if you are looking for this type of visa I would recommend seeking legal counsel with help in setting up a Thai bank account.

A couple other visas worth mentioning are the Education visa and the Marriage visa.

## VISA Requirements cont.



The Education visa is for those wishing to study in Thailand. Many people mistakenly believe that they can get the Education Visa by attending any type of school in Thailand, be it muay thai, cooking, massage, etc. Also, many language schools promote their schools by offering you a 1-year Education visa included with the tuition fee. However both of these examples are incorrect as only schools that are accredited by the Thailand Department of Education are allowed to offer their students a 1-year education visa. I have heard of some schools offering the 1-year visa but on arrival the students are given a regular tourist visa and are told to keep renewing it. This is very dangerous because if your tourist visa is declined and you are denied entry back into Thailand you will not get a refund from the school for the remainder of your tuition. If you are coming to Thailand to study I highly recommend arriving on a tourist visa first while you thoroughly investigate the school you want to attend. To switch from a tourist visa to an education visa is very easy and requires some simple paperwork at the immigration office.

If you've found the love of your life in Thailand and wish to get married to a Thai national you will need to apply for a Non Immigrant "O" visa. The requirements for a marriage visa vary by citizenship so it is advisable to seek legal counsel or visit the Thai embassy in your home country.

## Internet Availability



Readily Available	Yes
Steady & Reliable	No
Fast	No

### General Comments About Internet Access

The internet infrastructure in Thailand lags far behind many western countries, but this hasn't stopped many of the ISPs from promising lightning fast upload and download speeds. Many hotels, guesthouses and apartments have installed either LAN or WLAN systems and this oversold capacity leads to slowdowns and downtime.

For the casual tourist who wishes to check their email and do some light web browsing, the access speeds will be fine but for the LIP the lack of consistent service can be annoying. It was not uncommon for the internet access in my building to go offline for days while my ISP claimed that everything was working fine. When the service did go down it usually took 2 - 3 phone calls to the ISP for them to send out a technician. Eventually I got the technician's personal number and just started calling him directly whenever I had a problem. Giving him a couple hundred Baht solved my internet access problems much faster than waiting for the ISP to sort everything out.

Thailand is one of the few countries that actively sensors the internet. Last year a YouTube video was posted that officials felt was disrespectful of the Thai King, a major no-no in Thai culture and, as a result, all access to YouTube was blocked for months. If you run an online business it is worth considering what your options are if suddenly you or your clients are blocked from accessing your site.



## Internet Availability cont.



Internet cafes are all over Bangkok and usage is very cheap. 1 hour of online time usually costs between 20 - 50b per hour. This website maintains a good list of internet cafes. <http://www.stickmanweekly.com/WiFi/BangkokFreeWirelessInternetWiFi.htm>

Two of my favorite internet cafes are:

[Internet Center - 246 Sukhumvit Rd. exit at BTS Asoke.](#)

Internet Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Times Square building 2 min walk from BTS Asoke Station. They offer a number of work stations as well as full printing/copying/faxing facilities as well as very tasty fruit smoothies.

[The Third Place - 137-137/1 Sukhumvit 63 exit at BTS Thong Lo](#)

<http://www.thirdplacebangkok.com/>

The Third Place is located on the top floor of an office tower and offers the LIP all the facilities of an A-class office building. From high speed wifi to meeting rooms to great coffee and sandwiches this is one of the best places for working on the road.

## Transport



### Tips For Getting From Airport To Accommodation:

Most international visitors will fly into Bangkok's new Suvarnabhumi Airport. When arriving at the airport ignore anyone who approaches you offering you a ride to your hotel. The licensed taxi drivers are not allowed inside the terminal and anyone offering a ride should be treated with suspicion.

After clearing customs take the escalator down one floor (Level 4) and as you walk out the main entrance you will see the taxi counter and the queue of waiting drivers. Step up to the counter and tell them your destination, most are English speaking and they will hand you a voucher which has all the taxi driver's information. Heading into town the driver may ask you if you wish to take the faster toll road for which you will be expected to pay. The toll is usually between THB 25 - THB 45 (\$0.74 - \$1.32 | €0.52 - €0.93 | £0.45 - £0.82) and it is a good idea to pay it to the driver as you enter the toll booth as I've heard of drivers paying the toll themselves and then charging the passenger double the amount he actually paid. A ride to Siam Square, Sukhumvit Road or Silom Road should cost approximately THB 300 (\$8.80 | €6.20 | £5.40) and should take about 45 minutes, slightly more if you are going to Khao San Road.

There is a bus service that leaves from the Public Transportation Center (PTC) to various points in Bangkok. The airport operates a free shuttle service from the airport to the PTC that leaves from the same area as the taxis. At the PTC you will need to determine which bus to take that comes closest to your hotel. If you cannot read or speak Thai this will be a challenge. The ride usually takes longer than the taxi because the buses do not take the expressway and the fare is THB 35 (\$1.00 | €0.72 | £0.63).

There is a rapid transit line that connects the airport to Bangkok but it has been under construction since 2006. It is supposed to be finished in 2009 and a public test has been scheduled to run on December 5 2009 with an official launch a few months later.





## Types of Public Transport Available:

From elephants to motorcycles Bangkok has all types of public transportation.

### Sky Train (BTS)

For many visitors to Bangkok, by far the easiest way to navigate the city is by using the sky train, or BTS as the locals call it. The BTS has two lines, the Sukhumvit Line and the Silom Line, which covers many of the main shopping areas and hotels. Fares range from 15 - 40 (\$0.44 - \$1.18 | €0.30 - €0.82 | £0.27 - £0.72) depending on the distance you are traveling and are paid at the ticket machine using 5 - 10 coins only. If you are planning on using the Sky train everyday (and you will) and wish to save time, a monthly smart card can be purchased at many stations. The fare on the smart card is no different than the actual fare of the ticket but it saves you the time and hassle of having to find the correct coins when buying a single ticket. The BTS lines are all air-conditioned and the announcements are in English and Thai, making it a very convenient way of getting around the city while avoiding the Bangkok traffic. Watch for the funny Thai commercials playing on

A quick travel tip for those looking for a cheap map is to keep a BTS ticket on you at all times. On the back there is a map of the entire BTS line and it is very handy in the early days of learning the city and at only 15 Baht it's probably the cheapest map you will find.



Bangkok also has an underground rail system called the MRT. The MRT is Bangkok's newest rapid transit line with modern and clean looking trains and stations. The MRT line covers much of central Bangkok and intersects with the BTS line at 2 stations, Asoke and Sala Daeng. However the two lines do not share the same ticketing system so a new ticket must be purchased when transferring from one line to the next. Travelers with mobility issues should note that few of the BTS stations have elevators installed however most do have escalators. The MRT stations being newer do have elevators.

### Taxi

The second easiest way to travel around Bangkok is by taxi. Bangkok has thousands of taxis and finding one is never a problem. Look for the red light on the dashboard that indicates the driver is available for a fare. Fares start at 35 (\$1.00 | €0.72 | £0.63) and most taxis today are metered and are required by law to use the meter. If your driver tries to negotiate a rate in advance or doesn't turn on the meter simply get out and find another taxi. Avoid taxis that are waiting for you outside hotels or shopping malls as usually they will try to steer you to a jewelry store or some other establishment that will pay them a commission.

Getting ripped off by a taxi driver is a popular travel story but in my experience it is quite rare in Bangkok. However there are a few things visitors should keep in mind before getting into a taxi. First, there is no qualification for being a taxi driver and many of the drivers are not from Bangkok but rather from the northern part of Thailand known as Issan. This means that many of the drivers only drive part-time between rice planting season and may not be very familiar with the city. Also, their English skills may be severely lacking and even their Thai literary skills may be lacking. If you hand a taxi driver a map written in Thai but he can't read it he will not admit that he can't understand what is on the map but instead will pretend he knows where he's going hoping that he will accidentally find your destination. The practice of taking an extended "tour" to your destination to bump up the fare is not something I ever saw and if your driver is taking a longer route this typically means the driver doesn't know the quickest way to your destination.

I found that the best way to ensure I arrived at my desired destination was to call my destination on my mobile and then hand the phone to the taxi driver. This allowed the driver to know exactly where I needed to go and saved both of us any embarrassment or confusion, something that is a major social faux pas to the Thais. Also if you see taxis that have a sticker on them that say they speak English don't interpret this as the driver speaks English, rather there is a number on the sticker you can phone to speak to an English speaking operator.



### Tuk-Tuk

What the heck is a tuk-tuk you may ask? A tuk-tuk is a three wheeled covered motorcycle taxi that you can find almost everywhere in Bangkok but considerable care should be taken if you decide to take a ride in a tuk-tuk. Tuk-tuk drivers can be a greedy, aggressive bunch and stories of them ripping off tourist are very common. Fares are usually negotiated in advance and unless you know the correct amount you could end up paying double the rate of an air-conditioned taxi. Tuk-tuks also offer no protection in the event of a crash and with the speeds some of them drive an accident with a car could be fatal. Also the low seating position and open air design of the tuk-tuks will have you breathing in the exhaust fumes from the surrounding cars. I generally avoided taking a tuk-tuk anywhere close to the main tourist areas but did use them in the suburbs for a quick trip to the market. Tuk-tuks can usually travel faster than taxis as they weave their way through traffic so for quick trips where the traffic is minimal a tuk-tuk can come in handy.

### Motorcycle Taxi

If you have a desire to recreate the speeder bike chase scene from Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, then hop on a Bangkok motorcycle taxi. For the absolute quickest and scariest way to get around Bangkok nothing can beat the thrill of sitting on the back of a 125cc motorcycle as the driver threads the needle between two large buses with your knees inches from the sides of the bus. Motorcycle taxi drivers are easily recognized by the orange vests they wear and are usually found on street corners waiting for a fare. The law requires that the passenger be supplied with a helmet but I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen this happen. Motorcycle taxis are convenient for when you need to get somewhere very quickly, (I've even seen them hop up on the sidewalk when the roads were too full), but they are a very dangerous form of transport and you are risking serious bodily injury should you be unfortunate enough to have an accident.

A funny sight that always brings a smile to my face is seeing new foreigners to Bangkok hanging on to the back of the bike with a death grip and then seeing a young Thai woman sitting side saddle on the bike while casually using her phone. How they manage to maintain their balance is beyond me.

### Canal Boats

For those times that speed is not an issue and if you are looking for a change of scenery the canal boats offer a pleasant alternative to the grit and grime of the streets of Bangkok. The canal boats are convenient if you need to travel from one part of the city to another but can be confusing if you do not know which boat to take. While it's a fun and inexpensive journey it's not something I would recommend unless you speak Thai or your plans for the day include getting lost.

### Is Hiring A Car Necessary To Get Around?:

With the amount of cheap taxis available I don't see any reason why one would need to hire a car. Even if you are traveling outside of Bangkok there are many inexpensive train and discount airline options. Thai traffic can be crazy with taxis, tuk-tuks, motorcycles and the odd elephant all competing for space. Unless you have experience driving in such conditions I would not advise renting a car or a motorcycle.



## Accommodation



From executive style luxury penthouse suites to mosquito infested studios, Bangkok has a full range of accommodation to suit any budget. Prices will vary anywhere from THB5000 (\$145.00 | €105.00 | £90.00) for a Thai style room to over THB50,000 (\$1450.00 | €1050.00 | £900.00) per month for an executive style luxury suite. Typically, the closer you are to Sukhumvit Road or a BTS/MRT station the higher the prices will be.

One of the challenges with finding an apartment is the vast differences in quality and size, depending on the location. A THB15,000 apartment close to the main tourist areas on Sukhumvit Road will be completely different from a similarly priced apartment further away from the tourist areas.

The first step in finding an apartment is deciding on the location you want. Many expats initially plan on staying along Sukhumvit Road due to the proximity to the many Western-oriented businesses there but there can be drawbacks, such as heavy traffic and a noisy nightlife.

Traffic is a major concern in Bangkok and during peak rush hour or when it rains a 30 min commute to work can easily become a 2-hour trip. If you plan on commuting to work by car then the traffic has to be taken into account when searching for a place to stay.

If you are not planning on using a car then some proximity to either the BTS Skytrain or the MRT Subway is a must. However, keep in mind that the closer you are to a metro station the higher the prices will be.

Once you have found your ideal location, the next step is to determine a price range and to decide whether you want a house or a condo. Before you decide on a place I would suggest visiting it a number of times at different times during the day. It may be nice and quiet in the morning when all your neighbors have gone to work, but how loud is it when they all return home?

Finding an apartment in Bangkok is a matter of trial and error. You will visit many places before you find your ideal home and it can be a frustrating experience but one that every expat has gone through. It is a good lesson in how things are done in Thailand.

The easiest and quickest way to find an apartment is to hire a property agent. Tell them the size, services and price you are looking for and they will provide you with a car and driver to show you each property. Typically their fee is paid by the landlord so you can expect your rent to be higher if you choose this option but the time you will save far outweighs any cost of their service. These businesses can be found in the Bangkok Post or via an online search.

I've used the service of Tom Sirote of BKK Housing (<http://www.bkkhousing.com>). Tom specializes in finding modern buildings at reasonable costs. Living in Bangkok can be challenging and coming home to a nice modern building with all the westernized facilities that I am used to cannot be over emphasized.

Craigslist and the [thaivisa.com](http://thaivisa.com) forum are a good place to look for accommodation. Many expats earn a side income from rental properties and as a first timer to Bangkok it will be much easier for you if you are dealing with someone from your native country.

Another option for those who don't mind walking is to ride the BTS line from end to end and look for "For Rent" signs on the outside of buildings. Many landlords will hang banners on the exterior of their buildings advertising rooms for rent that are visible from the BTS Sky train. If you do see such a sign and visit the building, take a walk around the neighborhood, as you will usually find more apartments clustered together in the same area.



For those adventurous enough to navigate the maze of streets in Bangkok, the following are two excellent Thai-only accommodation websites. Typically the places advertised on Thai sites will be cheaper than those advertised on English sites but if you can read Thai (or get someone to translate) there are some great deals to be found on these sites.

<http://www.9apartment.com/> or <http://www.thaidormitory.com/>

For the budget conscious, Khao San Road offers plenty of cheap hostels and guesthouses suitable for typical backpackers. Prices on Khao San Road range from THB100 (\$3.00 | €2.00 | £1.80) per night to over THB2000 (\$145.00 | €105.00 | £90.00) per night for a Western style hotel. Khao San Road is quite a distance from any of the main tourist areas and is not on any rapid transit lines, which means that you will be paying for a taxi anytime you wish to leave the area. However, with the abundance of cheap restaurants, bars and gift stores in the area, many backpackers never feel the need to leave Khao San Road.

My personal recommendation for a LIP is to avoid Khan San Road as there is a very good reason why it is called the "backpacker ghetto". There are much nicer guesthouses at similar prices to be found in other areas of Bangkok.

## Where To Meet The Locals



Thai's are generally shy of foreigners and will not go out of their way to talk to you. If you are in a tourist area and a local does approach you, be on guard as they probably have some ulterior motive for doing so. In the Thai neighborhood I live in I was a constant source of curiosity to the locals. While they were too shy to start a conversation, they were more than happy to talk to me if I made the first move.

Once I was in a super market when a small child ran up to me screaming, "farang farang farang" much to the shock and embarrassment of his mother. He had never seen a foreigner before and wanted to see if I was real!

### Recommendation #1

Benjasiri Park

### Comments

Benjasiri Park, often referred to as Queens Park, is located near Phrom Phong BTS Station and is popular with locals and expats. The park has many sculptures done by local artists and there is a nice pond in the middle. In the cooler morning and evening hours you will see many joggers, people practicing tai chi and locals playing Sepak Takraw, also known as Thai volleyball.

### Recommendation #2

Pratunam Market

### Comments

Pratunam Market is one of Bangkok's largest clothing markets and is open 24 hours. Visitors to this market should wear comfortable shoes and light clothing as walking through the maze of stalls in the Thai heat can be exhausting. A surprising selection of clothes can be found in the Pratunam Market, from ski gear to fake designer goods. Don't be afraid to dive in and make your way through the stalls; the area is quite safe but do keep an eye on your wallet or purse. If the Thai heat starts to bother you, hop across the street to the air-conditioned Platinum Fashion Mall for even more great bargains. The closest sky train station is Ratchathewi Station; from there the market is a 10-minute walk away.

### Recommendation #3

Chatuchak Weekend Market

### Comments

The Chatuchak Weekend Market is the mother of all markets and will test the endurance of any hard-core shopper. With over 10,000 stalls spread out over 35 acres, the market receives over 250,000 visitors per day who spend close to \$1million a day. The market sells an incredible variety of items such as animals, household goods, food, clothing and handicrafts. The market is particularly popular with tourists wishing to buy Thai antiques, but beware that many that are on sale are fakes. The market is open from 9:00am - 9:00pm on Saturday and Sunday and is a five-minute walk from Mo Chit BTS Station.



## General Info & Comments



### Cost of Living

The cost of living in Bangkok is one of endless debate among the expats. Some claim they can get by on less than THB10,000 (\$293.00 | €206.00 | £181.00) per month while others claim it is impossible to live on anything less than THB100,000 (\$2930.00 | €2060.00 | £1810.00). Your monthly costs will depend mostly on the type of lifestyle you lead. Generally the more Western a lifestyle, the more expensive it will be. For many long-term expats the key is finding a balance between the Western conveniences they are used to and the Thai budget they want.

Personally I found that my monthly costs were on average about 1/3 of the costs back home in Canada for items of similar quality. In Canada I was renting a 1 bedroom apartment in a modern building with all sorts of amenities such as a swimming pool, gym, etc. for \$1800.00 (THB56,000.00 | €1150.00 | £1000.00) per month and in Thailand I found a similar place for THB15,000 (\$440.00 | €309.00 | £271.00) per month.

I do not cook and rarely eat at home, preferring to find new and inexpensive eateries near my home. In Canada, a typical meal out would vary from \$10.00 - \$20.00 (THB340.00 - 680.00 | €7.00 - €14.00 | £6.00 - £12.00) while in Bangkok a similar meal would be \$3.00 - \$7.00 (THB95.00 - 225.00 | €2.00 - €4.00 | £1.70 - £4.00).

Grocery shopping in Canada would cost roughly \$200 (THB6200.00 | €127.00 | £112.00) while in Bangkok a similar purchase would cost slightly less than THB2000 (\$58.00 | €41.00 | £36.00).

Electricity is a topic that gets a lot of attention from newly arrived expats who are worried about receiving a huge electric bill after running the air conditioning. In my experience I typically ran the air conditioning a few times a day for maybe 20 - 30 minutes each time to cool my apartment. Many units come with a remote timer so I would also set it before I went to bed to turn off in 30 minutes. Doing this, my electric bill was never more than THB1000 (\$30.00 | €20.00 | £18.00) per month. During one particularly hot month I ran the air conditioner almost non-stop when I was at home and I was surprised to see my bill was still only THB1900 ( \$55.00 | €39.00 | £34.00).

Eating out is a good example of the difference in price between Thai and Western-style restaurants. In Bangkok, restaurant prices can be placed into three main categories:

- 1) Thai style
- 2) Thai style with English menu
- 3) Tourist

Fried rice with chicken (khao pad gai) is a very common dish found in many Thai restaurants and is a good indicator of price levels. Any restaurant that caters to tourists will be the most expensive and I have seen this dish sell for anywhere between THB200 - 300 (\$6.00 - \$8.00 | €4.00 - €6.00 | £3.00 - £5.00). Restaurants that are located in a predominantly Thai neighborhood and receive a mix of Thai and expat customers will usually have an English menu. A plate of chicken fried rice should sell there for between THB100 - 150 (\$3.00 - \$4.00 | €2.00 -€3.00 | £1.80 - £2.70).

For those brave souls who wish to try their hand at eating locally, be prepared for nothing to be written in English. You will most likely be ignored by the staff and everyone in the restaurant will watch your every move. However a plate of fried rice here can cost as little as THB20 - 40 (\$0.60 - \$1.20 | €0.40 - €0.80 | £0.36 - £0.72). The general rule is, if they have an English menu expect prices to be higher.

I thought I was doing well when I found a nice Thai restaurant near my apartment that sold khao pad gai for THB30 until a friend took me to a real Thai restaurant where it was THB15!

### My Thoughts

Bangkok is a fun and exciting city for the LIP but one should be prepared for the differences between staying here on a two week holiday and living here. I had never been to Thailand before but many of my friends and family had and I found the first few months frustrating, as my experiences were vastly different from their holiday experiences.

## General Info & Comments cont.



I would like to say that the expat community in Bangkok is one big welcoming family, but I would be lying. There is an economic class structure in the Thai community and this has worked its way into the expat community as well. Part of the problem is the vast difference in lifestyles between the expats with those on the lower end of the income stream resenting the ones on the higher end for the ever-increasing prices.

Sadly, making friends with the Thai's is also a challenge. The Thai people are extremely patriotic and consider themselves one big family. No matter how long you live in Thailand you will always be a farang (foreigner). You will generally find the Thai's friendly and helpful, but it will be rare to make a genuine Thai friend.

My suggestion to anyone looking to move to Bangkok is to talk to as many expats currently living in Thailand as you can. Things change very quickly here and information from a friend who visited a couple years ago or an outdated guide book will not provide you with the correct information you need to set up your new life.

I would also suggest easing your way into your new Thai life by starting off in the main tourist areas. Around any major hotel most of the people and businesses will speak English and can help you familiarize yourself more easily to your new surroundings.

Moving directly into a Thai neighborhood with few foreigners will certainly immerse you in the local culture much faster than staying in a hotel but your frustration level will be high as you try to adjust to everything being new and strange. Even simple tasks that require no thought back home can be major hurdles in a new country. It is better to ease yourself into the new culture gently, and move away from the tourist area as your knowledge of the culture grows.

Living in Bangkok can be a frustrating and challenging experience but it can be a rewarding and exhilarating one as well. The first time you see an elephant walking down the street; trying Som-Tum salad and feeling like you've swallowed a volcano because it's so hot; going for a foot massage after a long day of shopping or just visiting a beach that is only known to the locals, these are the unique moments that few others get to experience in their entire lives.

## Further Recommended Resources



### Recommended Online Resource #1

Stickman's Living and Working in Bangkok  
<http://www.stickmanbangkok.com/living.html>

### Recommended Online Resource #2

What the 2-week tourist doesn't see  
<http://www.stickmanbangkok.com/Reader2007/reader3937.htm>  
<http://www.stickmanbangkok.com/Reader2007/reader3972.htm>  
<http://www.stickmanbangkok.com/Reader2007/reader4011.htm>



### Recommended Online Resource #3

The biggest expat forum in Thailand.  
<http://www.thaivisa.com/>

### Recommended Online Resource #4

Excellent Online Thai-English dictionary  
<http://www.thai-language.com/>



### Recommended Online Resource #5

For any kind of legal work I highly recommend Sunbelt  
<http://www.sunbeltasia.com/>

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