

NEW PLAN TO REOPEN THAILAND TO TOURISM IS IN MOTION



The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) is preparing a new plan to reopen Thailand, which it proposed to the Center for Economic Situation Administration (CESA). Moreover, the authority plans to attract a million people including the rich.

Siripakorn Cheawsamoot, TAT's deputy governor for marketing in Europe, Africa, Middle East and the Americas, detailed the proposal as follows:

Phang Nga

Foreign tourists will be able to travel to the Khao Lak area without being subject to mandatory quarantine from August.

Krabi

Foreigners can visit some areas of Krabi province in Koh Phi Phi, Railay and Koh Ngai from July onwards, but must isolate themselves on the day of arrival.

On the second and third day, they will be allowed to engage in activities near the hotel and will be allowed to travel on specific routes after undergoing RT-PCR testing for Covid-19 on the fourth and fifth day.

Similar measures will apply to Koh Lanta, Ao Nang and Thab Khaek, which will be open to visitors from August. Krabi will be fully open to tourists from October.

Surat Thani

Foreigners can travel to Koh Samui, Koh Phangan and Koh Tao from July onwards by taking the RT-PCR test and isolating themselves on the first day.

On the second and third day, they will be allowed to do activities near the hotel and will be allowed to go to specific areas from the fourth day.

After passing a second RT-PCR test, tourists will be able to move freely in Koh Samui, Koh Phangan and Koh Tao from the eighth day.

Chiang Mai

Foreigners will be able to visit Chiang Mai City, Mae Rim, Mae Taeng and Doi Tao districts from August onwards, provided they stay away for seven days.

After that, they will be allowed to go to specific areas. Tourists will be allowed to move freely in the province from October.

Phuket

Phuket will be the first destination in Thailand to reopen its doors to vaccinated foreign tourists, with no obligation to quarantine, from July 1, 2021.

Throughout the month of June 2021, the TAT press room will do everything possible to compile accurate information to inform everyone of Phuket's preparations for its safe opening to foreign tourists.

Other Destinations

TAT will also submit a proposal for tourists to be able to travel freely to Chonburi (Pattaya, Bang Lamung and Sattahip districts), Bangkok, Phetchaburi (Cha-Am), Prachuap Khiri Khan (Hua Hin) and Buri Ram from October.

A Million People

Moreover, TAT proposed to Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha that the country would allow four target groups to work in Thailand without any permit. These proposals would allow some wealthy retirees to be able to work legally in Thailand and buy land. The target groups include rich people; those who want to work from Thailand for foreign companies, for example, digital nomads; foreign retirees with pensions; and people with specific skills and abilities.

The goal is to attract one million people from these four groups since they will increase spending, expertise and bring other economic benefits. They are expected to spend a million baht per year on average and they will bring 800 billion baht in investments from 10,000 investors and 80,000 retirees.

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