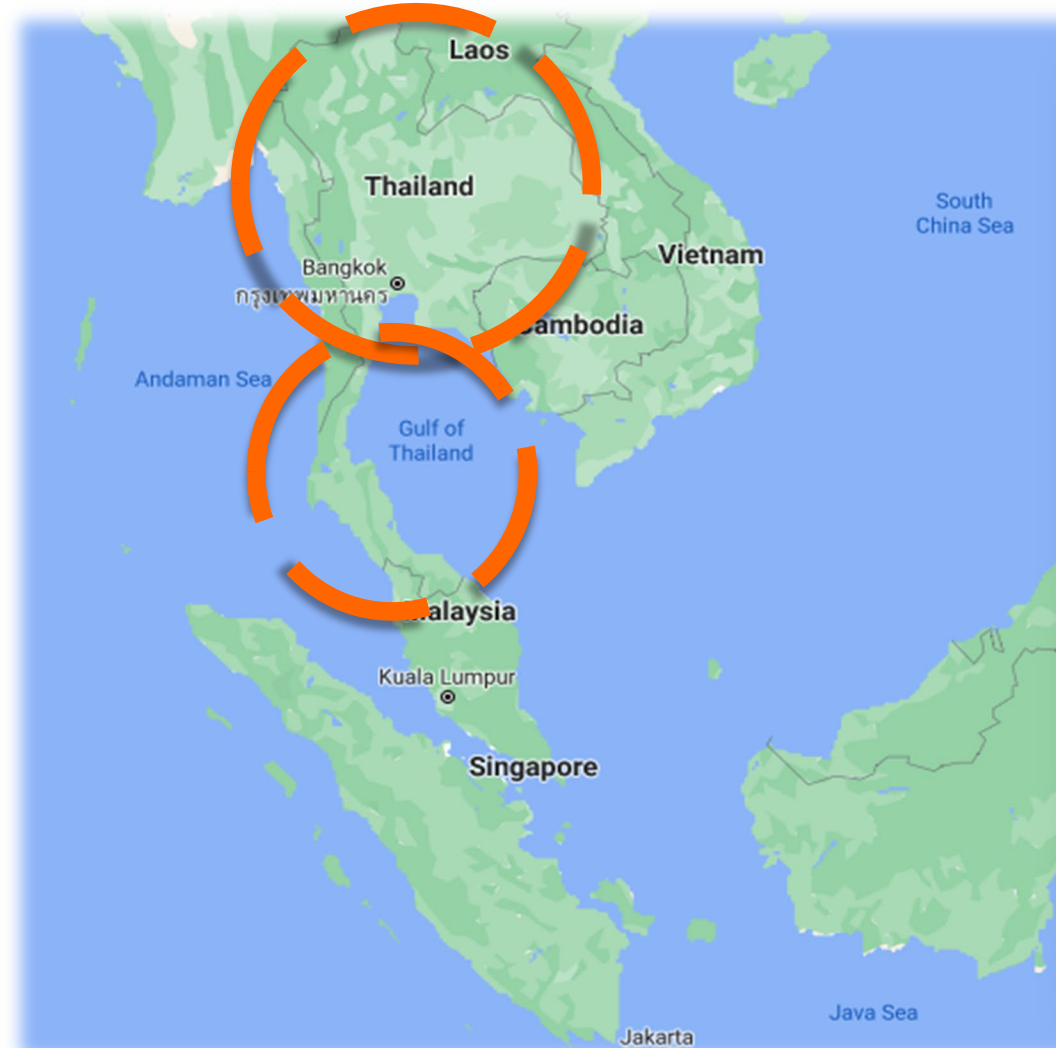


THAILAND







Why Thailand?

- Safe and friendly country
- Excellent health care and wellness centers
- Established expat communities
- Energetic, culturally-rich cities
- Natural beauty—White-sand beaches/national parks/jungles/
mountains/rivers and waterfalls
- Excellent golfing, fishing, sports and recreation
- Fine cuisine/world-class shopping/luxury accommodations
- Easy retirement visas for those who are 50+
- Multitude of lifestyle options
- Low cost of living

At A Glance

Residency: To qualify for a retirement visa, applicants must satisfy one of the following financial requirements:

- Have at least 800,000 **Thai** baht in a **Thai** Bank account which is in your name.
- Have a monthly income or **pension** of at least 65,000 **Thai** baht.
- Have have an annual income, **pension**, and money in a **Thai** bank, which come to a combined total of at least 800,000 **Thai** Baht.

Health Care: Excellent quality and low cost – Medical tourism destination

Ease of Access:

- Direct connections from all major Asian transport hubs
- Low cost domestic and regional airlines
- Quality public transportation services and connections

Country Pros

- Low cost of living
- Safe and friendly
- Easy retirement visa options
- Top quality health care
- International travel hub
- Established expat communities
- Great food

Country Cons

- Language barrier in more remote regions
- Seasonal Air pollution in the North
- Restrictions on foreign land ownership
- Strong local currency
- Distance from The Americas
- Sex tourism in some areas

Bangkok





Bangkok Pros

- World Class restaurants, shopping, hotels and entertainment
- Well established groups of expats and retirees
- Fantastic public transportation
- Blend of Old and new culture
- Wide range of lifestyles available
- Two international airports
- Progressive city management
- Foodie heaven

Bangkok Cons

- Legendary traffic jams
- Occasional political events disrupt everyday living
- Noisy
- A lot of people

Chiang Mai







Chiang Mai Pros

- Established expat community
- Low key compared to Bangkok
- International airport for regional travel
- Low cost of living even for Thailand
- Nearby national parks and mountain retreats
- Cultural hub of Thailand
- Vibrant foodie and music scene
- More temperate climate

Chiang Mai Cons

- Intense air pollution during March thru May
- Lagging infrastructure
- Lots of tourists in the high-season

Eastern Seaboard

Includes the seaside cities of **Pattaya**, Jomtien, Ban Ampur, Bang Saray, Sattahip and **Rayong**.

Two-hour drive by modern Motorway from Bangkok.

Includes U-Tapao International Airport

Future route for high-speed rail Project from Bangkok







Eastern Seaboard Pros

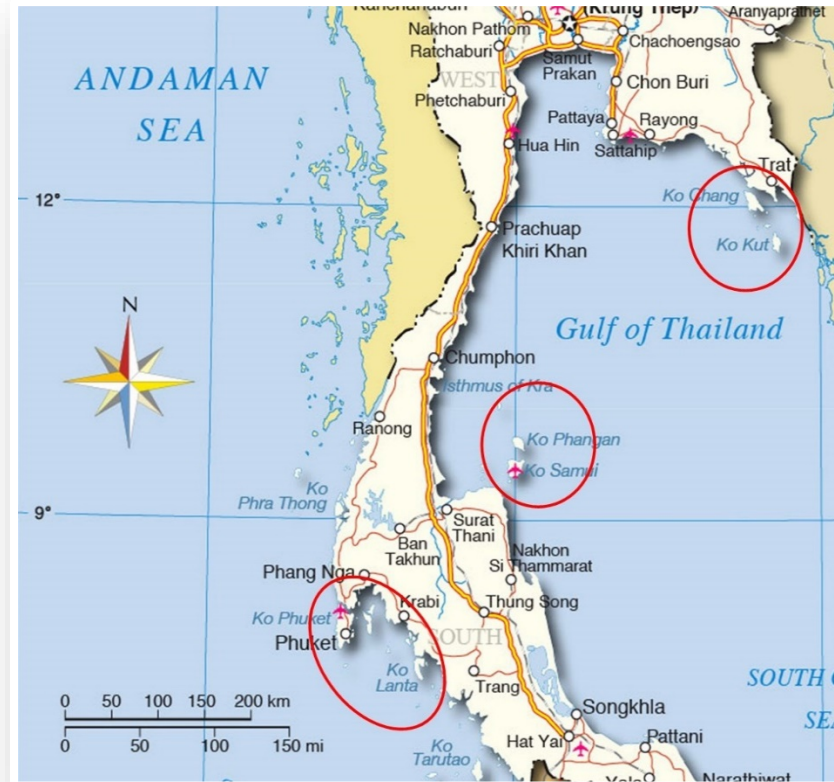
- Only two-hour drive from Bangkok
- Established expat communities
- Long stretches of golden sand beaches
- Wide array of water sport activities; sailing, kite surfing, diving, fishing...
- Dozens of world class golf courses
- From high-rise to country villas, housing to fit all lifestyles
- Five-star hotels and restaurants
- The heart of Thailand's EEC (Eastern Economic Corridor)
- World class hospitals
- Constantly upgrading infrastructure
- International schools
- High-speed train access to Bangkok in the future

Easter Seaboard Cons

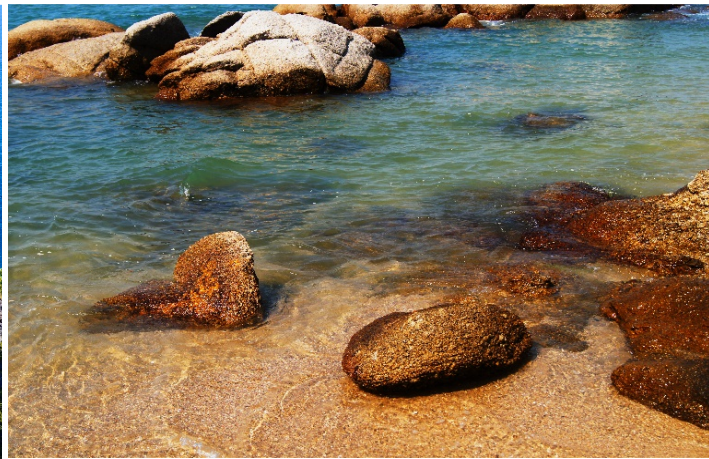
- Traffic during tourism high-season
- Relentless development
- Lingering bad reputation in Pattaya as sex tourist destination

Islands of Thailand

- Islands in the **Gulf of Thailand** include Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao and Koh Chang
- Islands in the **Andaman Sea** include Phuket, Koh Lanta, Koh Phi Phi, Koh Lipe, and the coastal city of Krabi







Thai Island Pros

- Legendary natural beauty – beaches, jungles, waterfalls, etc.
- Excellent water sports like scuba, snorkeling, kite surfing, paddle boarding, wind surfing, kayaking, etc.
- Laid back and easy pace of life
- Wide variety of accommodations to fit any lifestyle and budget
- Incredible seafood at just-of-the-boat prices
- International airports on Koh Samui, Phuket and in Krabi
- Established and eclectic expat communities
- Dozens of retreats for detox, yoga, vegan lifestyles
- Live like a Rockstar or a pensioner, “up to you”
- Overall outstanding infrastructure
- High connectivity with fiber optic cable and 5G

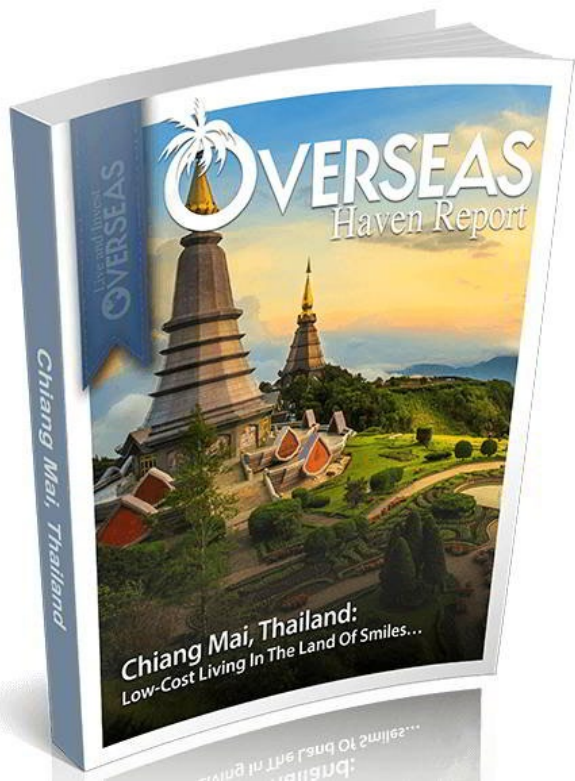
Thai Island Cons

- Typical island problems like water issues, weather related travel delays, etc.
- Higher prices on everyday goods like food, drink, etc.
- Busy roads and beaches during tourist season
- Only basic health care on remote islands
- Monkeys and cobras
- Island fever

Grading Thailand

- English Spoken – B
- Health Care – A+
- Climate – B
- Infrastructure – B
- Accessibility – A
- Safety – A-
- Culture – B-
- Recreation – A
- Taxes – A-
- Schools – B-

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