

Thailand opens for tourism, 14-day institutional quarantine mandatory

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Dhaka: Thailand has opened its borders for tourists from all countries. The southeast Asian country is allowing visitors to apply for the Tourist Visa (TR) or Special Tourist Visa (STV) with a mandatory 14-day quarantine at government-approved quarantine facilities, said the Tourism Authority of Thailand in a statement.

While TR visa caters to tourists having a short-term stay, STV is for those planning for a long-term stay.

As per the latest guidelines, travelers who wish to enter the country must have a valid [visa and a Certificate of Entry \(COE\)](#).

A COE certificate, health insurance covering Covid-19 expenses, and a 14-day quarantine are mandatory for both. One must apply for the COE certification post receiving the visa.

Travelers with a TR visa will be allowed to stay in the country for a period of up to 60 days, from the date of entry. The extension is possible for another 30 days, with a

maximum period of stay of 90 days, counting from the date of entry.

Those with STV are permitted to stay for a period of up to 90 days, from the date of entry. STV may be extended twice while the visitor is in Thailand for a period of up to 90 days per extension.

Travelers must have health insurance that covers medical treatment expenditures of Covid-19, with a minimum coverage of USD 100,000 during the entire stay in Thailand. Those with existing health insurance are advised to ask their insurers for a “cover letter” confirming that the insurance covers Covid-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 100,000.

STV holders need to submit a medical certificate, issued from the country where the application is submitted, showing no prohibitive diseases. The certificate shall be valid for not more than three months and must be duly notarized.

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