

# TAT NEWSLETTER

Dear Esteemed Partners,

In April 2022, Thailand is bringing back our traditional Songkran Festival celebration after the long pause for two years. Songkran is considered as one of the most important holidays in Thailand, which will be celebrated during 13-15 April. The Thai Ministry of Public Health advises people to remain vigilant and practice preventive measures for health and safety during the celebration of Songkran this year. The reintroduction of this festival is part of the road map to label COVID-19 an endemic disease in Thailand by mid-2022.

Soon to come in April is the lifting of the RT-PCR testing requirement within 72 hours before boarding in Thailand's entry measure. An update of this measure will be officially announced once it has been announced in the Royal Thai Government Gazette. The progress for Thailand to fully reopen is moving forward consciously to sustain the safety of both the locals and visitors.

Yours sincerely,  
TAT Prague Office



## Updated Entry Rules for International Arrivals from 1 April 2022



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- For non-vaccinated travellers entering Thailand with the AQ programme, the quarantine period will be reduced to 5 days, and an RT-PCR test will be required on Day 4-5.

Once the official directives have been announced in the Royal Thai Government Gazette, updated details can be viewed at [www.tatnews.org](http://www.tatnews.org).

Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has approved the lifting of the pretravel testing requirement for international arrivals beginning 1 April, 2022, as the kingdom prepares a 4-phase plan to downgrade the COVID-19 pandemic to an endemic disease.

**Key updated entry rules effective from 1 April, 2022, are as follows:**

- International arrivals under any of the current three entry schemes – TEST & GO, Sandbox, and Alternative Quarantine (AQ) – will be allowed to enter Thailand without the need to show proof of a negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours of travel.
- Two tests remain in place for the TEST & GO and Sandbox travellers: RT-PCR test upon arrival (Day 0) and an antigen self-test on Day 5.
- For Sandbox travellers, the staying period within the Sandbox area will be reduced to 5 days from the current 7 days. After completing 5 days within the Sandbox destinations, travellers will be allowed to travel



## Bangkok Retains ‘Best City’ Title in DestinAsian Magazine’s 2022 Readers’ Choice Awards



Bangkok continues to be one of the best loved cities for tourists the world over, with the latest Readers’ Choice Awards – this time from DestinAsian magazine – again presenting the Thai capital with the title of ‘Best City’.

In the 2022 Readers’ Choice Awards, Bangkok held onto the ‘Best City’ crown it also won in the 2020 edition of the awards. Singapore came in 2nd place, Tokyo in 3rd, Hong Kong in 4th, and Seoul in 5th. Other Thai destinations also earned distinction, with Phuket and Ko Samui being named the 3rd and 4th ‘Best Islands’, respectively, after winner Bali and 2nd-placed Mauritius.

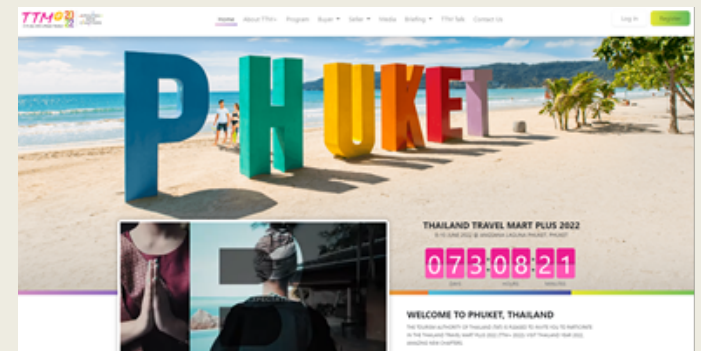
Bringing further honour to Thailand was Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi Airport, which was named the 3rd ‘Best Airport’, and Thai Airways International (THAI)’s Royal Orchid Plus programme, which was named the 4th ‘Best Frequent Flier Programme’.

Thailand-based luxury hotel chain Anantara was named 3rd among the ‘Best Hotel Brands For Leisure’, while on the list of the ‘Best Boutique Hotels’, Banyan Tree Samui came in 2nd, The Siam Hotel Bangkok in 4th, and Sri Panwa Phuket in 5th.

The country-specific ‘Best Hotels in Thailand’ list comprised the following properties, in order from first to 10th place: Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok, Anantara Chiang Mai Resort, The St. Regis Bangkok, Park Hyatt Bangkok, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, Banyan Tree Samui, Conrad Bangkok, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, The Sukhothai Bangkok, and Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel.

The DestinAsian Readers’ Choice Awards celebrate excellence in the Asia-Pacific luxury travel sector with readers voting in various categories, including destinations, hotels and resorts, airlines, airports and cruise lines. The poll for the 2022 Readers’ Choice Awards was conducted between September and December 2021.

## Thailand Travel Mart Plus (TTM+) 2022



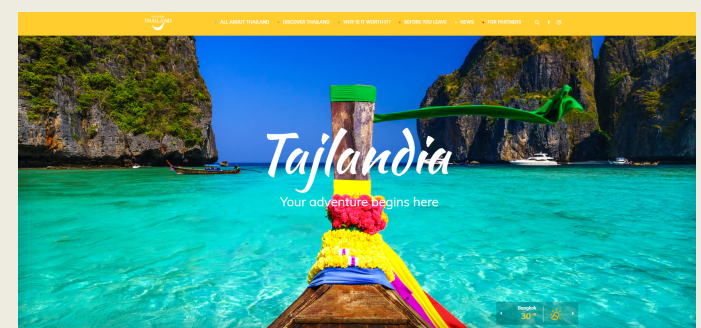
This year’s edition of Thailand’s leading B2B travel industry show, the Thailand Travel Mart Plus (TTM+) 2022, will take place on the beautiful island of Phuket from 8-10 June with online registration open during 1-31 March, 2022, via the official website [www.thailandtravelmartplus.com](http://www.thailandtravelmartplus.com).

As the premier showcase of Thai tourism, the TTM+ 2022 will showcase travel products, services, and experiences from around Thailand under the theme of the ‘Visit Thailand Year 2022, Amazing New Chapters’ that promotes Thai cultural values in the ‘from A to Z Amazing Thailand has it all’ concept. This is to inspire travellers from the world over to once again visit Thailand, where they can re-enjoy and enjoy for the first time experiences that are as remarkable and memorable as they are varied.

The programme for the TTM+ 2022 features 2 full days of buyer/seller appointments on Thursday, 9 June and Friday, 10 June, which follow the registration, opening ceremony, TTM Talk, Thailand Product Update, and welcome reception all scheduled for the first day on Wednesday, 8 June. There will also be a networking dinner for buyers and media, hosted by the Phuket Tourist Association, on the evening of 9 June. Saturday, 11 June, will see post tours for buyers and media, giving them a chance to experience the scenic beauty, welcoming charm, and famous tropical island atmosphere of Phuket.

**For more information on the TTM+ 2022, including buyer and seller registration requirements, please visit [www.thailandtravelmartplus.com](http://www.thailandtravelmartplus.com), e-mail to [info@thailandtravelmartplus.com](mailto:info@thailandtravelmartplus.com)**

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