

TAT NEWSLETTER

Dear Esteemed Partners,

Thailand is open and ready to welcome tourists from around the world.

The Thailand Pass registration scheme and the US\$10,000 health insurance requirement for foreign visitors will be lifted from 1 July, 2022, following the Thailand's Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA)'s approval on 17 June, 2022. Thailand is stepping into the post-pandemic now.

The campaign "Visit Thailand Year 2022-2023" has been launched to invite travellers the world over to experience the "Amazing New Chapters" of Thailand. The abundance of tourism products and services on offer in Thailand, as well as its cultural diversity and richness - all of which are able to fulfil the desires of travellers from A to Z, as Thailand has it all.

Wait no more for enjoyable and rewarding holidays in Thailand.

*Yours sincerely,
TAT Prague Office*



'Thailand Pass' Registration Scheme to Be Lifted from 1 July 2022



Thailand's Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has approved the removal of the Thailand Pass registration scheme and the US\$10,000 health insurance requirement for foreign visitors, effective 1 July, 2022. Both requirements were initially removed for Thai nationals from 1 June, 2022.

From 1 July, 2022, foreign nationals are only required to show proof of either a certificate of vaccination or a negative RT-PCR or professional Antigen test result within 72 hours of travel. These can be in a print or digital format. Random checks will be made on arrival at Thailand's international airports or land border checkpoints. Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated travellers who are random checked and who are unable to show proof of a pre-arrival negative test will be required to undergo a professional Antigen test at the point of entry.

Please note that the official directives will be announced in the Royal Thai Government Gazette soon. Please keep updated on news and information on TAT Newsroom (www.tatnews.org) or contact us at tatprague@tat.or.th.

Thailand Travel Mart Plus (TTM+2022) Ended Successfully



Thailand's leading B2B travel industry show, the Thailand Travel Mart Plus (TTM+) 2022, took place on the beautiful island of Phuket at the spectacular venue of the Angsana Laguna Phuket during 8-10 June, 2022. The TTM ended successfully with high levels of satisfaction among participants on the quality and diversity of the entire programme and the potential business expected to be generated.

Buyers and sellers expressed their views that a physical trade show has still maintained its importance as a great way to build personal trust, create new networks, as well as maintain relationships with business partners.

Mr. Yuthasak Supasorn, Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), said, *"The two full days of buyer/seller appointments on Thursday, 9 June and Friday, 10 June, are expected to result in 8,000 business appointments and generate some 1.29 billion Baht revenue for the Thai economy."*

The TTM+2022 attracted a total of 277 buyers from 42 countries and 264 sellers from across the four regions of Thailand. In addition, around 90 domestic and international media also attended the event. After a two-year pause due to the pandemic, the attendees of the TTM+2022 had an enjoyable time to come together and build on existing business relationships and forge new ones.

First held in 2001, the Thailand Travel Mart Plus or TTM+ has gained a well-earned reputation in visitor source markets the world over, and within Thailand's tourism industry itself, as a 'must-attend' event. The TTM+ 2022 once again continued the tradition of providing a valuable platform for sellers and buyers to meet with current and potential business partners and to reinforce relationships with global travel specialists and decision-makers.

Next year's edition of the TTM+ is tentatively scheduled to take place in Bangkok from 31 May to 2 June, 2023. For more information on the TTM+ 2023, including buyer and seller registration requirements, please visit www.thailandtravelmartplus.com or e-mail to info@thailandtravelmartplus.com.

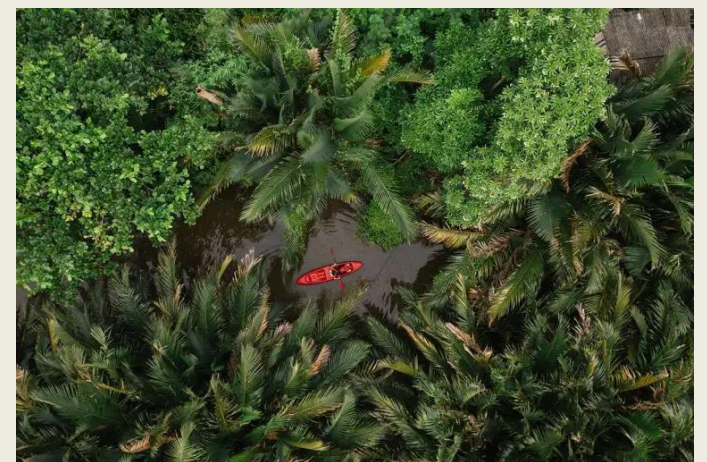
Explore Thai Local Communities through the BCG Lenses: *Bang Krachao*

Travelling nowadays can also contribute to the enrichment of the environment and its ecosystems. With the concept of the Bioeconomy, Circular, and Green Economy Model or BCG Model, tourism can build on the strengths and uniqueness of the locality in terms of biological diversity and cultural richness to achieve sustainable growth.

We would like to recommend the tourism communities that promote responsible tourism and align with the BCG Model. In this edition, let's start with *Bang Krachao* in Samut Prakan province.

Bang Krachao, known as the "Lung of Bangkok", is where all the pleasures of a break can be delightful without the hassle of travel. Visitors can enjoy riverside cycling, canal excursions floating through jungle-like tree tunnels of wild limes and mangos, having a meal from local ingredients, and relaxing with Thai massage therapy using an herbal compress ball.

The two main ways to explore Bang Krachao is taking a boat from either Chong Nongsi, Bang Na, or Klong Toei Piers in Bangkok or driving across Bangkok via Phetchahung Road.



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