

STUDENT VISA GUIDELINES

We are a licensed **Ministry of Education Private School** and our students are eligible for a **Thai Student Visa**. With very few exceptions foreigners are not allowed to enter Thailand at the moment, and there are no tourists. Students enrolled at bona fide MOE schools are permitted.

We used to be able to send Student Visa letters directly to students. Now we have to make an in person Formal Application at the Ministry of Education office for each applicant before they can apply at Thai Consulates in their own countries.

This is time-consuming, and we ask you to read the instructions carefully and fill in the forms in print and in **BLUE INK**, otherwise we will have to recontact you. Also please be sure your photo copies are clear, and that each document is carefully signed as instructed.

The First Step is to E-MAIL US THE FOLLOWING:

1.) A good photo copy (not a snap shot) of the first page of your **PASSPORT**. The copy should be centered and oriented so that it can be read with the paper upright. You must then sign 2" below the copy in **BLUE INK** -- the MOE will place the stamp over the signature, so please put it low enough so that the stamp does not touch the Passport.

2.) We will also need your **home address** and a list of the courses you hope to take (this is not a contract and there is no obligation at this point -- indeed, it would be better to ask for too many courses than too few.)

With that information we will apply at the Ministry of Education for an official Certificate allowing you to apply for a **Student Visa**, which we will forward to you by e-mail.

You will also need a basic **Medical Certificate** from any hospital -- which you should submit at your nearest Thai Consulate with 1.) the Application Form, 2.) the MOE Certificate, and 3.) the Fee

Now for the biggest hurdle: the **14 Day Quarantine**. In fact it's not as bad as it might seem, and we have a number of students who are going to do it because they want to get away so badly and do something significant in their lives so urgently. Also Thailand is one of the safest countries in the world at the moment, indeed, we have not heard of a single Covid case in the North of Thailand.

TWO BIG ADDITIONAL STEPS:

1.) Before you complete your Visa you must have arranged for the **14 day Quarantine in Thailand**. There are State Approved Hotels starting from a total of ฿ 32.000 (\$1000.00) for full Room & Board and all hotel Services for the 15 day period. That includes twice daily temperature, checks and 2 full Covid 19 Tests. You should contact the hotel of your choice to make and pay for your booking. To do this you should search online for "**14 Day Quarantine Hotels in Thailand**" and make your own choice.

2.) Finally, you must book your **Flights to Bangkok** where you will be met by your Quarantine Hotel, and then 15 days later another flight on to Chiang Mai (1 hour). We will meet you at the airport and bring you straight out to Baan Hom Samunphrai free of charge.

You should aim to get here at least two days before the course begins, 5 days even better -- we will charge you ฿ 1100 (\$35.00) per day for extra days -- that includes everything, full room & board plus free herbal steam baths, bicycles, wifi, etc. And of course you can book Thai massages for yourself too. (The discount applies to extra days but not to Treatments.)

Everybody will have their own private room, and there will be temperature tests twice a day. We will also discourage anybody from going into town so nobody is likely to get re-infected after the course has begun. Baan Hom Samunphrai is a beautiful place in a big garden, and as we are in a rural area you can jog, go for walks or ride a bicycle every day if you wish. There will be herbal steam baths every day as well and you can dip into our cooling pool as often as you like. There is wifi everywhere, practice spaces, yoga mats, a meditation sala, and of course there will be Rasidaton (Thai Yoga) every morning at 7am. And Homprang promises you you will be fully stretched every day, sleep early and well, and never get bored!!!

Please read these instructions very carefully. And needless to say, if you get stuck we are always there to help you and to answer any of your questions.

Baan Hom Samunphrai