



Thailand visa-free stay cut to 30 days from 15 Sep 2026: what Singapore travellers need to know

Description

From today, 15 September 2026, Singapore passport holders get a maximum of 30 days visa-free for tourism in Thailand, down from 60. The change is live under Thailand’s revised visa exemption rules published in the Royal Gazette on 31 August 2026.



Thailand Visa Update effective 15 September 2026. Photo: Tourism Authority of Thailand / TAT Newsroom

Singaporeans are still visa-free. You do not need a tourist visa for a short leisure trip. The shorter stamp is the main shift for most travellers flying into Bangkok, Phuket or Chiang Mai.

What still applies for Singaporeans

Singapore sits on the new list of 60 countries and territories eligible for a 30-day tourism visa exemption, alongside Malaysia, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Japan and others.

There is also a land-border rule for many nationalities on that list: visa-exempt entry through a land checkpoint is generally capped at twice per calendar year. That cap does **not** apply to Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam or Indonesia. Air arrivals are not covered by the land-border twice-a-year limit.



Thai MFA visa revision context. Photo: Thai Government Public Relations Department

The wider rewrite

Thailand's Cabinet approved a review of visa measures on 19 May 2026. The old 60-day visa exemption scheme, in place since about mid-July 2024, is revoked. In its place sit a 30-day tourism exemption for 60 countries and territories, a 15-day tourism exemption for Mauritius and Seychelles, and a Visa on Arrival list cut to three nationalities (Azerbaijan, Belarus and Serbia).

Each country or territory now gets one visa exemption scheme, so overlapping privileges are meant to fall away. Thai MFA Consular Affairs cited national security, tourism and economic interests, reciprocity, cutting confusion from overlapping privileges, and e-Visa convenience.

Already in Thailand, or entered before today

If you are already in Thailand under the previous exemption, or you entered before 15 September 2026, you may stay until the last date stamped in your passport. The new rules do not cut short a stamp already granted.

If you need longer than 30 days

This review covers tourism visa exemptions and Visa on Arrival only. Other visa categories are unchanged for now. For stays beyond 30 days, check the entry route that fits your trip on the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Tourism Authority of Thailand channels before you fly.

CNA's Saksith Saiyasombut walks through the revised framework in this briefing: [Thailand's visa exemption scheme revised framework takes effect 15 Sep](#) (also on [Channel NewsAsia](#)).

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