



Thailand cuts Singapore visa-free stay to 30 days from 15 September 2026

Description

Thailand will cut the visa-free stay for Singapore passport holders from 60 days to 30 days from 15 September 2026.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said on Monday (Sep 1) that Ministry of Interior announcements published in the Royal Gazette on 31 August 2026 end the special 60-day visa exemption on the same date the new rules begin.

WHAT CHANGES FOR SINGAPORE PASSPORTS

Under the new framework, holders of passports from 60 countries and territories may enter Thailand for tourism without a visa and stay up to 30 days. Singapore is listed as number 48 on TAT's published country list.

The change replaces the special 60-day Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme arrangement that Singapore MFA's Thailand page, last updated 9 December 2025 and still showing 60 days when re-checked on 2 September 2026, continues to describe. Travellers should treat the Thai Gazette and TAT notice as the live commencement rule from 15 September, and re-check MFA before flying.

LAND BORDERS AND TDAC

For most nationalities on the 30-day list, visa-exempt entry through land-border immigration checkpoints is capped at twice per calendar year. TAT states that the land-border limit does not apply to nationals of Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Singapore.

The Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) remains separate from the visa rule. MFA Singapore still requires all non-Thai nationals to submit TDAC online at tdac.immigration.go.th within three days before arrival, and to show the acknowledgement email at immigration.

FROM CHANGI

A Singaporean leaving Changi for a Bangkok, Phuket or Chiang Mai trip of under a month is unchanged in visa paperwork, but any plan that relied on a 45- to 60-day stamp without a longer visa now needs a different stay length or a visa from the Royal Thai Embassy in Singapore.

Trips that arrive before 15 September 2026 still follow the rule in force on the day of entry. From 15 September, the 30-day stamp is the baseline for tourism under the new exemption list, subject to immigration's decision at the border.

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