

TAT NEWSLETTER

We wish you all have beautiful days!

We are all looking forward to seeing Thailand reopen to international tourists and visitors again. The latest news stated that the Thai Cabinet has approved in principle a proposal by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports to grant a special tourist visa (STV) for long-staying visitors. Once this policy is officially announced, we will report the details and welcome any discussion on possible cooperation.

*Sincerely,
TAT Prague Office*



Pattaya

Thai Cabinet approves 'special tourist visa' for long-staying visitors



The Thai Cabinet has approved in principle a proposal by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports to grant a special tourist visa (STV) for long-staying visitors. Under the STV scheme, long-staying visitors can stay in the country for 90 days, which can be extended twice, each for a further 90 days. The visa will cost 2,000 Baht per 90-day extension. The special visa scheme is expected to become effective after the official announcement and will be available until 30 September, 2021.

The STV will be granted to long-staying visitors who comply with Thailand's COVID-19 control and preventive measures. They will be required to undergo a 14-day alternative local state quarantine (ALSQ) upon their arrival. They must also have proof of their long-term residence in Thailand; such as, hotel reservation, rental contract, or evidence of ownership of a condominium. This policy is expected to become effective after the official announcement.

New motorway opens more tourism destinations, attractions in Thailand's Eastern Corridor

A 32-kilometre motorway opening in Thailand's rapidly developing Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) will significantly enhance access to a broad range of new destinations, sites, and attractions in the coastal provinces of Chon Buri, Chachoengsao, and Rayong.

The motorway will also facilitate connections between Bangkok's main aviation hub of Suvarnabhumi Airport and the airport/seaport of U-tapao in Rayong province, and enable visitors to make cross-border trips to neighbouring Cambodia. The route starts at the Map Prachan Intersection between Chon Buri - Pattaya, passing Bang Lamung District and Sattahip District, Chon Buri province, ending at the intersection with Highway 3, Ban Chang District, Rayong province.

Located on the northern rim of the Gulf of Thailand, the provinces of Chon Buri, Rayong and Chachoengsao have different characteristics, such as: "Chachoengsao: Thai Way of Life" due to its strengths in lifestyle, culture and agriculture.

"Chon Buri: Modern of the East" because it's modern combined with localness. Pattaya is 1 of 5 MICE cities in Thailand.

"Rayong: BIZ City" This is an industrial estate area and has a lot of business activities.

Mr. Yuthasak Supasorn, Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said among other things: "The well-established tourist resort of Pattaya is renowned, and visitors come to visit the beach, enjoy fine-dining, nightlife and off-shore attractions. But now there is a drive to extend and improve attractions offering more diverse and family-friendly experiences in the beach resort city, as well as in the nearby provinces of Rayong and Chachoengsao."

Because of the transportation and easy access, this will boost tourism in the EEC that will benefit the local people and businesses with investment, jobs and income. This route is Thailand's first historic intercity highway and will advance the connectivity between the Central and Eastern regions and cement the role of the EEC as a bridgehead between Thailand and the ASEAN region.

Chachoengsao



40 OF BEST MOVIES FILMED IN THAILAND

Did you know? Over the years, the dazzling scenery of Thailand has featured in countless movies.

A host of international A-listers have travelled to Thailand to film including Denzel Washington, Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio, Sylvester Stallone, Roger Moore, and Renée Zellweger. From James Bond to Bridget Jones to Rambo, Thailand features in some stellar films. The film industry has been an important source of revenue for Thailand and also showcased the outstanding beauty of the country and the culture of the people who live here. We pick for you some of the best movies filmed in Thailand. They do all feature fabulous footage of Amazing Thailand.

Can you guess for yourself where these films were made in Thailand?

1) **The Man with the Golden Gun (James Bond)**

A number of locations in Bangkok and around, Damnoen Saduak, but the movie is probably best remembered for the incredible scenery of Phang Nga Bay, at Ko Khao Ping Kan (now it's known as James Bond Island). James Bond was played by Roger Moore.

2) **Rambo (1985, 1988, & 2008)**

Chiang Mai countryside, Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, Wat Phra Tak Pha in Lamphun. Star: Sylvester Stallone.

3) **The Beach (2000)**

A number of locations around Thailand (i.e. Khao San road in Bangkok, Khao Yai National Park, & Phuket Town), but probably the most known is Maya Bay on Ko Phi Phi Leh. Star: Leonardo DiCaprio.

4) **The Hangover Part II (2011)**

In this movie are some interesting film delicacies (speedboat from Bangkok to Krabi), but also nice shots in the Sky Bar at the Lebua Hotel Bangkok or Phulay Bay Ritz Carlton Krabi.

5) **The Cave (2019)**

A true life story in Chiang Rai that tells the true story about the rescuing of small boys from a flooded cave.



Screenshot from movie: **The Man with the Golden Gun**



Screenshot from movie: **The Beach**



Screenshot from movie: **Hangover Part II**



Screenshot from movie: **Rambo**



Screenshot from movie: **Mortal Combat**

6. **Mortal Combat (1985 & 1988)**

Ancient temples of Ayuthaya and Sukhothai Historical Parks.

7. **Heaven and Earth (1993)**

Bangkok, Phuket (beautiful Sino-Portuguese buildings in Phuket Town).

8. **Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)**

Bangkok stands in for Ho Chi Minh, Phang Nga Bay. James Bond was played by Pierce Brosnan.

9. **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004)**

Bangkok, Phuket (Nai Yang Beach), Phang Nga Bay, Ko Panyi. Stars: Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth, and Hugh Grant.

10. **Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005)**

Krabi and Phuket (limestones karsts of Phang Nga Bay featured in post-production filming for the Battle of Kashyyyk).

11. **The Impossible (2012)**

Khao Lak (Khao Lak Orchid Beach Resort), Phang Nga province. Stars: Ewan McGregor and Naomi Watts.

12. **The Railway Man (2013)**

Scenery in Kanchanaburi. Based on a true story about World War II in South East Asia. Stars: Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman.

13. **F9 (Fast and Furious 9)**

Filmed in Krabi and originally scheduled for release in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic it has been rescheduled for 2021.

More films in world production were made in Thailand, and we counted a total of 40. If you are curious about the others, check out the website:

<https://fanclubthailand.co.uk/40-of-the-best-movies-filmed-in-thailand/>