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Climate

The weather in Bangkok is dominated by a tropical monsoon climate. This means the city has three main seasons: hot season from March to June, rainy season from July to October and cool season between November and February. Expect daytime temperatures to be in excess of 30 degrees centigrade throughout the year.

Time Zone

UTC +7

Currency

The Thai Baht is the currency in Thailand (TH, THA). The Thai Baht is also known as Bahts, and Onshore Baht. Check out current exchange rate here.

Electricity

In Thailand the power sockets are of type A, B, C, F and O. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

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Hotel

Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World
999/99 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand

Public Transport

The Skytrain (BTS) and underground (MRT) rail systems connect the main shopping, entertainment and business areas of the city, while river taxis and express boats can be used to explore many historic sites and attractions at the riverside. Taxis are cheap and appear on virtually every corner at almost any time. Tuk-tuks, once a big Bangkok attraction, are slowly disappearing in favour of more comfortable transport, but are still worth a ride at least once.

Airport Access

Bangkok Airport Link: The Airport Rail Link is a smart alternative to the airport's express buses or taxis. The two SA Express routes can get you to the airport (or downtown) in 15-18 minutes.

Suvarnabhumi Airport Transfer: Services Convenient, reliable and safe, Bangkok Transfer Services provide a comfortable ride to the airports as well as other major destinations in and out of Bangkok.

Fast Track Services: Get from the arrival gate, through immigration and customs to your limousine without standing in line – and in less than 20 minutes! You will be ready to leave the airport in no time.

Find more information here:
http://www.bangkok.com/information/airport.htm

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10 Useful Tips For Bangkok Taxis

Taxi Colour Codes?
Bangkok taxis are famous to be very colourful: This means nothing to us, those are just different companies and fares and features are the same.

How to Spot Available Taxis
Available taxis are the ones with the glowing red vacant sign.

Fair Fares
No need to negotiate the fare as all taxis in Bangkok are now metered. A driver refusing to use a meter is an indication of a suspicious agenda. If he insists on giving you a fixed fare, instead of using the meter, it's best to find another cab.

Taxi Scams
Like tuk-tuks, watch out for an over-eager taxi driver who offers to take you to 'good' places, skip it or decline! Trust your intuition. If you don't get a good feeling about a taxi driver, rather wait for the next one.

Clueless Taxis
Don't expect Bangkok taxi drivers to know the city's every nook and cranny, as a driver qualification exam isn't required. It's always a good idea to carry a map, or the name and the location of where you're heading to written in Thai.

Tips? Change?
Tipping of taxi drivers is not required, though rounding the fare off to the nearest 5 or 10 baht is common practice (it's a nice thing to do, as they earn very little, work long hours in often stressful conditions).

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