

FAQ for VISA to Taiwan

Q. Do students need a visa for Taiwan?

A. **No.** US citizens will be granted entry to Taiwan for 90 days, provided they have 6-months of validity in the passport from the date of departure from Taiwan. Students should also have their onward itinerary printed to present upon arrival, as well as their completed Thailand visa.

Website:

Taiwan – (not needed)

FAQ for VISAs to Thailand, India and Turkey

***Visas should be procured in advance for Thailand and India, but not Turkey**

Q. What are the details of each visa?

A. A tourist visa to Thailand allows visitors to stay in Thailand for up to 60 days from the date of *entry*. Students must enter Thailand within 90 days of the visa being issued. A tourist visa to India expires either 6 months, five or ten years from the date of issuance, not the date of *entry* to India. Therefore, a five or ten year visa is the safest option because a six month visa issued in August will expire before the CRC term ends. **CRC students should not apply for 'student' visas.**

Websites:

Thailand - <http://www.thaiconsulnewyork.com/english/apply.php>

India – <http://www.visa.blsindia-usa.com/>

Turkey – (will be attained at airport upon arrival in Turkey)

Q. How can students apply for the visas?

A. Option One: Apply for both visas at once via Visa HQ (<http://www.visahq.com/>).

Option Two: Apply for the visas at each individual consulate or embassy, and plan on applying for the Thai visa last. Once the Thai visa is issued, students will have 90 days to enter Thailand; it is therefore safe to apply during the first week in August.

Inform the Thai consulate/embassy or Visa HQ about the date of arrival in Thailand.

Q. Should students apply for both visas through Visa HQ? There is concern because Thailand requires you to enter Thailand within 3 months of issuance. Do students need to send their passport to visa HQ? If so, how long will it be before they get their passport back? Is it easier to go to an embassy/consulate instead?

A. It is easy to apply for both visas through VisaHQ, but it is up to each student in the end. They should ask the representative at VisaHQ to work on the Thailand visa last and arrange the timing for the return of their passport accordingly. Students will send their passport to

VisaHQ once and get it back in mid to late August once the Thailand visa has been added. They do not need to apply twice.

Q. When should students send in their visa applications?

A. Students should send their materials in before the end of the first week in August (for the fall semester) to ensure they get their passport back in time. You may wish to contact Visa HQ if you are unsure whether you'll get it back in time.

Q. What should students write for purpose of visit to Thailand?

A. Travel and tourism

Q. What should students put down for date arriving to Bangkok or Chiang Mai?

A. For example: October 30, 2013 Bangkok (check itinerary or email CRC staff for accurate date.) Students need only choose Bangkok or Chiang Mai, not both.

Q. What is the address for the place to stay in Thailand?

A. UNILOFT, 147 Moo 14, Suthep Road Soi 7, Tambon Suthep, Muang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai 50200, THAILAND

Q. What should students put down for the reference person in the U.S. & Thailand?

A. US: Parent or family member; Thailand: See References and Accommodations below.

Q. Some students may need an extension for the Thai visa if they holiday in Thailand both before and after the Thailand portion of CRC. What is the process to get an extension for the Thailand visa?

A. Students can go to the consulate in Chiang Mai to get a 30 day extension at a cost of roughly \$60 US. However, if you leave the country for any reason and come back, you will be issued a 30-day visa which cannot be extended. In these instances, students had to leave the country again before 30 days, which is not recommended during the school term.

Q. Will the India visa expire before entering India in January, or before students leave India?

A. Students should apply for the five or ten year “tourist” visa for India and mark “tourist” on all areas where indicated. DO NOT APPLY for a 6 month visa. This WILL expire before you leave India and will cause many problems.

Q. Should students wait until they arrive in Turkey to get the visa due to the stipulation about the 90-day stay?

A. Yes, students should wait until they arrive in Turkey to get the visa; it can be taken care of in ten minutes upon arrival. There is no need to apply in advance. You will need \$20 USD cash to pay for the visa-on-arrival in Turkey.

**Please note that the School is not affiliated in any way with Visa HQ.

REFERENCES/ACCOMODATIONS:

Thailand Reference:

Oraphan Lutgenhorst (Host) 169 Moo, Ban Nongha Nambualong,
Sanpatong Chiangmai 12050, Thailand Tel / Fax: +66-03-836094
Mobile: +66-089-045-8585

Thailand Accommodation:

UNILOFT, 147 Moo 14, Suthep Road Soi 7, Tambon Suthep, Muang Chiang Mai,
Chiang Mai 50200, THAILAND

India Reference:

Prof. Dr. Ranah P. B. Singh (Host) Banaras Hindu University;
Varanasi, UP 221005. I N D I A Tel. (Res.): [+091]-542-2575 843.
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Sahi River View Guest House
B 1 / 158 A 2, Assi Ghat, Varanasi, UP 221005, India