

# Information on entering Thailand through PHUKET SANDBOX

From 1 October 2021 onwards, fully vaccinated travellers from all countries/territories are allowed to enter Phuket, Thailand, without quarantine.

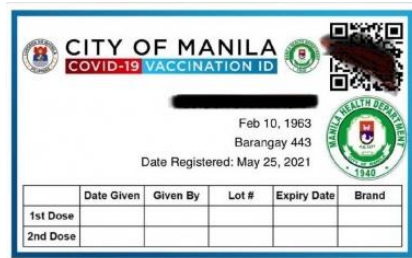
\*\*Travellers must enter Thailand via Phuket International Airport. [Transfer via Bangkok is not yet possible](#). Travellers wishing to enter Phuket Sandbox programme must book their international flight that lands directly in Phuket. From Phuket International Airport, travellers must travel to their SHA+ hotels in pre-booked cars provided by the SHA+ hotels.

Travellers wishing to enter Thailand through Phuket Sandbox must proceed, subject to conditions below:

1. **Travellers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19** with a vaccine registered with the Food and Drug Administration of Thailand (FDA), or approved by World Health Organization (WHO) or Ministry of Public Health of Thailand **no less than 14 days before departure**. Travellers must show Certificate of Vaccination issued by a government authority.

- The following vaccines are accepted
  - CoronaVac **by Sinovac** (2 doses needed)
  - AstraZeneca **by AstraZeneca** (2 doses needed)
  - AstraZeneca **by SK BIOSCIENCE (Korea)** (2 doses needed)
  - AstraZeneca **by Siam Bioscience** (2 doses needed)
  - AstraZeneca **by Serum Institute of India** (2 doses needed)
  - Janssen **by Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc.** (1 dose needed)
  - Pfizer-BioNTECH COVID-19 vaccine **by Pfizer Inc.** (2 doses needed)
  - Moderna **by Moderna Inc.** (2 doses needed)
  - COVILO **by Sinopharm Co., Ltd.** (2 doses needed)
  - Sputnik V **by Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology** (2 doses needed)
- The vaccine certificate/card
  - Travellers who have been vaccinated in the Philippines, please submit either COVID-19

Vaccination Certificate (VaXCertPH) or Vaccination Card issued by Local Government Unit (LGU) or Yellow Card issued by Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) when requesting for Certificate of Entry (COE). Examples of the aforesaid documents are shown below.



- Children under the age of 18, travelling with parents, are eligible without proof of vaccination.
- Combination of different vaccines is accepted provided that the period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose was in accordance with the period set by the manufacture of the first dose.

2. **Travellers must have health insurance** which covers treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of 100,000 USD. The said detail must be included in the insurance certificate submitted for Certificate of Entry (COE) approval.

3. **COVID-19 tests**

- **Before departure**, travellers must present RT-PCR negative test result issued no more than 72 hours before departure. (Please also check with the airlines, some airlines require RT-PCR negative test result must be issued within 48 hours).
- **Upon arrival in Phuket, travellers must undergo two COVID-19 RT-PCR tests at the traveller's own expenses.** Travellers must pre-book and pay for COVID-19 tests in Phuket and **must submit evidence of pre-payment for RT-PCR tests when applying for Certificate of Entry (COE)** (See no. 6 below). **Accepted evidence of pre-payment for the RT-PCR tests are**
  - Receipt issued by **the SHA+ hotel**
  - Receipt issued under **the Phuket Swab Appointment System (PSAS)** for appointments made through [www.thailandpsas.com](http://www.thailandpsas.com) website (online RT-PCR test appointment system)

The first COVID-19 test will be done upon arrival at Phuket International Airport (Children under the age of 6 years old are allowed to undergo saliva-sampled test); **travellers**

will be allowed outside of their hotel rooms only upon confirmation of negative result of the first test. The second test will be on Day 6 at traveller's selected swab test center.

#### 4. Travellers must stay at a hotel that meets SHA+ standard

- Travellers must stay at a hotel that meets the "SHA+" standard for **at least 7 days**, unless travellers have proof of return tickets leaving Phuket (to another country) before 7 days. For a list of SHA+ facilities, visit <https://www.thailandsha.com> or <https://www.shathailand.com>
- Those arriving in Phuket between 18.01 - 00.00 hrs. will need to stay for **8 nights** (the day of arrival is counted as "Day Zero").
- Those arriving in Phuket between 00.01 - 18.00 hrs. will need to stay for **7 nights** (the day of arrival is counted as "Day One").
- **Confirmation of "SHA+" hotel booking** must be issued under the **SHABA system only** (SHA Plus Booking Authentication system); the **SHABA certificate must contain:**
  - SHABA ID
  - Name of all travellers
  - Date of check-in & number of nights
  - QR Code
  - Payment status
- Reservation for SHA+ hotels can be made through any channels, including through the hotels themselves or other agents, **as long as the hotel issues the SHABA certificate for the travellers.** Reservation confirmation from online agents that is not SHABA certificate will not be accepted.
- Travellers travelling to Phuket Sandbox can reserve for SHA+ hotel in Phuket or Phang-nga province or Krabi province but travellers must stay at **one province and one hotel only** for at least 7 days.
- Travellers must report themselves back at the chosen hotel every night. Overnight stay at other places are not possible.
- After 7 days, they may travel to other parts of Thailand. Departure earlier than 7days is possible only for destination outside of Thailand.

5. **Travellers must install and use journey-tracing application (turn on GPS)** as prescribed by the Thai Government throughout the 7 days in Phuket, otherwise they may not be allowed to leave Phuket to other parts of Thailand after 7 days.
  - Upon leaving Phuket to other parts of Thailand after 7 days, travellers must provide proof of 7 days of stay in Phuket (Release Form issued from the traveller's hotel) and 2 RT-PCR test results.
6. **Travellers must apply for a Certificate of Entry (COE) via <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/>**. Please choose option "Sandbox Programme", and then select "Phuket" as Sandbox destination when completing the "travel details" column.

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