

High School Programs in Thailand



Program: **High School Program (Inbound)**
Destinations: **Thailand**
Age: From 15 to 18.5 years old (Grade 9 through 12)
Languages: Thai, English
School Type: Public School
Accommodation: Full Board Host Family
Program Classifications and Prices:

Programs	Durations	Dates	Ref.	Net Price in USD
Academic Year	10 months	May to March	THY1	3500 USD
Semester Program	5 months	May to September	THS1	2500 USD
Semester Program	5 months	November to March	THS2	2500 USD

Included:

- Host family placement on a full board basis
- Host school placement
- Health and accident Insurance
- Orientation and 1 day trip in Bangkok
- Regular periodic Progress Reports to natural family
- Local Coordinator assistance and monitoring
- 24 hour emergency assistance
- Group transfers to and from the airport.
- Monthly Excursions
- Optional cultural courses

Not Included:

- International Airfare
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- Books and materials, uniforms,
- School excursions
- Personal expenses and pocket money
- Local transportation
- Extra activities or Language courses

DESCRIPTION:

The Kingdom of Thailand is known as the Land of smiles, fine silk and golden Buddhas. Thailand is situated in the heart of Southeast Asia with Bangkok as the capital city. It shares a border with Cambodia to the east, Laos to the northeast, Myanmar to the west, and Malaysia to the south. Thailand is the gateway of Southeast Asia and draws more visitors than any other countries as well as Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia never to have been colonized by a European power. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty complemented by impressive architecture, including striking temples. The country is also well known for its appetizing food and the people renowned for their friendly manner. The official language, spoken by almost 100 percent of the population, is Thai. Chinese and Malay are also spoken in some areas, while local dialects are common in rural communities. English is widely spoken in Bangkok and other major metropolitan areas.



During the program, the International students will be hosted by volunteer host families, who are willing to share their lives, hearts and home with foreign high school students. The high school program in Thailand gives students an opportunity to spend their period of time studying at Thai high schools. The students will have an opportunity to visit different parts of country and will learn Thai cooking and traditional foods, Thai boxing, Thai culture and the history of Thailand.

FULL BOARD HOST FAMILY:

All families are assessed in their own home for their suitability to host. References are taken, accommodation inspected. All families receive a welcome pack that contains a host family handbook and detailed program information. We match student and families based on the information they provide.

Families provide;

- A clean and comfortable place to stay. Students will have their own bed and private storage space.
- Full Board Accommodation (Continental breakfast and evening meal)
- Access to laundry facilities
- Access to communal areas and use of family home
- Invitation to meet friends/extended family/neighbors
- Invitation to participate in hobbies, sports and pastimes if the family participates in these

****International students will be placed in any region of Thailand and can request a specific area****

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM:

Education in Thailand is provided mainly by the Thai government through the Ministry of Education from pre-school to senior high school. Formal education consists of at least twelve years of basic education, and higher education. Basic education is divided into six years of primary education and six years of secondary education, the latter being further divided into three years of lower- and upper-secondary levels. Kindergarten levels of pre-primary education, also part of the basic education level, span 2–3 years depending on the locale, and are variably provided. Non-formal education is also supported by the state. Independent schools contribute significantly to the general education infrastructure.



The school year in Thailand is divided into two semesters, and for primary and secondary schools generally begins on or around 15 May, to end in March, and from June to March for higher education. It has a two or three week break between the two terms in September. The long summer break coincides with the hottest part of the year and Songkran, the traditional Thai new year celebrations. Schools enjoy all public and Buddhist religious holidays and Christian and international schools usually close for the Christmas-New Year break.



At primary levels, students follow 8 core subjects each semester: Thai language, mathematics, science, social Science, health and physical education, arts and music, technology, and foreign languages. At age 16 (Matthayom 4), students are allowed to choose one or two elective courses. The science program (Wit-Kanit) and the mathematics program (Sil-Kamnuan) are among the most popular. Foreign language programs (Sil-Phasa) and the social science program (sometimes called the general program) are also offered.

Anyway, uniforms are compulsory for all students with very few variations from the standard model throughout the public and private school systems, including colleges and universities. The dress code in primary and secondary grades for boys comprises knee-length dark blue, khaki, or black shorts with a pale white open collar short-sleeved shirt, long socks and brown or black trainers. Female students, wear a knee-length dark blue or black skirt, and a pale white blouse with a loosely hanging bow tie. The bow tie is dropped in favor of an open-necked pale blue shirt from Matthayom 4.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT:

We will enroll exchange students into a government inspected schools. We aim to keep numbers of the same nationality per school to a minimum and aim to place no more than two per nationality per school.

ARRIVAL PACK:

We provide this to students when they arrive in Thailand. These packs will contain the following;

- Local maps; information on how to get to school, town/city etc;
- Important contact details;
- Excursion itinerary

STUDENT COORDINATOR:

We appoint coordinators who will telephone students approximately every two weeks to offer support. Students will meet up with their coordinator on excursion day. Students can contact their coordinator at any reasonable time. Student coordinators only work with small student groups and are paid members of staff.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Upon your arrival, you will take daily language lessons, with a minimum of five hours per week. As you gain proficiency, these lessons may become less frequent. School runs from May to March with a break in October. Thai schools are the center of life for Thai youth, and you and your new friends' social lives will revolve around school.



Optional Courses;

In addition to academic courses, there are a great variety of cultural subjects offered such as Thai language and culture, Thai Boxing, dancing, sword fighting, Thai cooking, history, Buddhism, and meditation.

Monthly Excursion;

We offer a complimentary fully escorted tour every calendar month to places of cultural and historic interest and/or popular tourist attractions.



Short Homestay and Cultural Exchange



Program: Short Homestay and Cultural Exchange
Destinations: Bangkok and other areas in Thailand
Age: From 15 to 18.5 years old (Grade 9 through 12)
Length: 4 weeks
Dates: June 21 – July 21, 2010
Visa: Student enter to Thailand on a tourist visa
Price: 1250 USD

DESCRIPTION:

Imagine spending four weeks of your summer in Thailand, learning about this historic culture through classes on handicraft, Thai boxing, and Thai cooking. Student will live with a Thai host family and receive individual lessons at a local school. This will give you the opportunity to practice your Thai, make new friends, and become involved in community life. Integration into the family is the ultimate goal of the homestay experience.

ACCOMODATION:

The student will be hosted on a full board host family and attend a government or private school, depending on the program chosen. Host families come from many social and economical backgrounds of life and may live in various locations.



ACTIVITIES:

The students are expected to take part in the daily activities of their host families. However host families are not required to organize activities, visits or excursion.



Highlights:

Thailand, the colorful kingdom well known for exquisite cuisine, fine silks, and golden Buddha, is most famous for its vibrant people and radiant smiles. Here is a unique opportunity to feel the true warmth of those smiles and to share your own experience with eager Thai counterparts.



Adventure and Experience: We'll visit ancient temples and modern cities, study Buddhism with revered monks, rice farming with traditional growers, and social issues with dedicated activists as we examine some of the challenges facing this culture in transition.

Cultural Exchange: Most memorably, we will become valued members of a Thai village community as we bring English to life in rustic, rural classrooms, form friendships with Thai students, and learn to see the world through each other's eyes.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- This program is open to worldwide participants in grades 9-12.
- Some English proficiency is required, but not perfect fluency as we teach only beginning level English in the Thai village schools.

PRICE CONDITIONS:

Included:

- Host family placement on a full board basis
- Host school placement
- Health and accident Insurance
- Orientation and 1 day trip in Bangkok
- Local Coordinator assistance and monitoring
- 24 hour emergency assistance
- Group transfers to and from the airport
- Special Excursions

Not Included:

- International Airfare
- Visa, passport and medical exam
- Books and materials, uniforms,
- School excursions
- Personal expenses
- Local transportation
- Extra activities