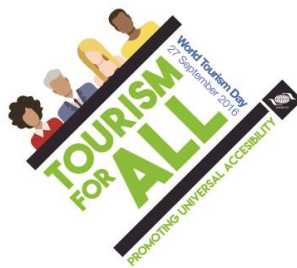


General Information Note

Official Celebration

World Tourism Day 2016

27th September 2016, Bangkok, Thailand



1. HOST COUNTRY



Bangkok today widely is considered to be one of the most dynamic and colorful cities in Asia. Its history is no less a colorful transformation from a sleepy village to a fast-paced 21st century megacity, with a modern city skyline. Bangkok has considerable cultural and historical significance, from the early days of the “Rattanakosin Era” to its expansion in the nineteenth century. Bangkok’s evolution into the current regional hub of Asian came about while preserving the city’s unique soul and character, with its landmarks of temples and palaces that remain relatively unchanged over the years.

Source: <http://www.bangkok.go.th/>

<http://www.bangkoktourist.com/>

2. VENUE

The official celebration of World Tourism Day 2016 will be held at **Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok on September 27th, 2016.**



- **Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok**

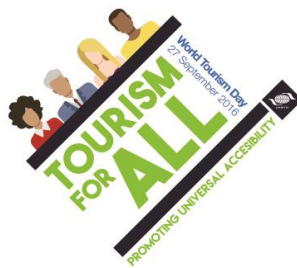
Rama 1 Road 991/9

10330, Bangkok, Thailand

Tel.: +66 2 162 9000

Fax: +66 2 162 9009

Website: <https://www.kempinski.com/en/bangkok/siam-hotel/>



3. ACCREDITATION

The registration desk will be open at the Siam Kempinski Hotel on Tuesday, 27th September 2016 at 8.00 hrs. Name badges will be issued at the time of registration. All participants are requested to wear the name badge during all the sessions of the Meetings.

4. ACCOMMODATION

4.1 Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok

Address	Rama 1 Road 991/9, 10330, Bangkok, Thailand		
Website	https://www.kempinski.com/en/bangkok/siam-hotel/		
Contact Person (Sales)	Sureeporn.pirom@kempinski.com		
Telephone	+66 2 162 9000	Fax	+66 2 162 9009
Check-in	15:00	Check-out	12:00
Front Desk	English available		
Breakfast	Buffet Breakfast		
Internet Access	Wi-Fi		
Credit Card	Available (AMEX/VISA/MASTER/JCB/DINERS)		

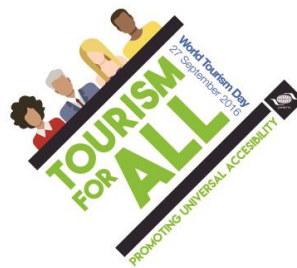
Room Categories	Special Group Rates (Single)	Special Group Rates (Double)
Run of House (Deluxe Room & Deluxe Residence)	THB 6,500++ (THB 7,651.-net)	THB 7,000++ (THB 8,239.-net)



Lobby



Deluxe Room



4.2 Siam @ Siam

Address	865 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, 10330		
Website	http://www.siamatsiam.com/#intro		
Contact Person (Sales)	Assist.dos2@siamatsiam.com rsvn@siamatsiam.com		
Telephone	+66 2217 3000	Fax	+66 2217 3030
Check-in	14:00	Check-out	12:00
Front Desk	English available		
Internet Access	Wi-Fi		
Credit Card	Available (AMEX/VISA/MASTER/JCB/DINERS)		

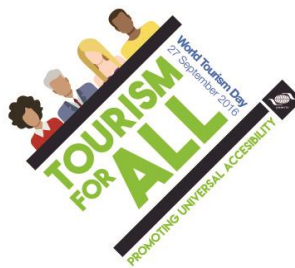
Room Type	Special Room Rates (THB)	
	Single	Double
Leisure Class	3,250 ++	3,650 ++
Grand Leisure Class	3,630 ++	4,030 ++
Biz Class	4,200 ++	4,700 ++
Grand Biz Class	5,900 ++	6,400 ++
Youth Class	5,650 ++	(3 single beds)



Lobby



Leisure Class



4.3 Centara Grand at Central World

Address	999/99 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, 10330		
Website	http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com/centaragrand/cgcw/		
Contact Person (Sales)	nichanandpa@chr.co.th		
Telephone	+66 2100 1234	Fax	+66 2100 1235
Check-in	15:00	Check-out	12:00
Front Desk	English/Chinese available		
Internet Access	Wi-Fi		
Credit Card	Available (AMEX/VISA/MASTER/JCB/DINERS)		

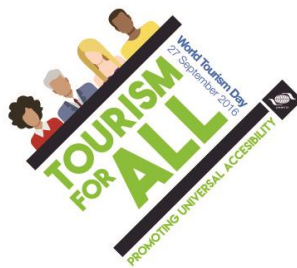
Room Categories	Single or Double (room only)
Deluxe World	Single: THB 4,400 Double: THB 4,800
Premium World	Single: THB 5,600 Double: THB 6,000
WorldClub Deluxe	Single: THB 6,200 Double: THB 6,800
World Club Premium	Single: THB 7,400 Double: THB 8,000
Executive Suite	Single: THB 9,400 Double: THB 9,400



Lobby



Guest Room



5. TRANSPORT

Transportation will be provided to all delegates from Suvarnabhumi International Airport and Don Mueang International Airport to the official hotels of the meeting and from the hotels to the airport for departure. It will take about 60 minutes from the airport to reach the official hotels, which are all located in the centre of the city.

6. EVENTS

27 September 2016: Official Celebration of the World Tourism Day 2016

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| 09.00 – 10.00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 10.00 – 17.00 | Keynote Speech and Conference on Tourism and Accessibility (For more details, please look at the tentative programme.) |
| 17.45 – 18.45 | Visit Wat Phrachetuponwimonmonkhararam (Wat Pho) |
| 19.00 – 21.00 | Dinner at the Night Museum or Dinner Cruise (To be confirmed of readiness of place) |

7. GASTRONOMY

While Thai food has a reputation for being spicy, Thai food is actually based on a balance between different flavors including spicy, sour, sweet, salty, and bitter. This goes beyond simply combining the flavors within an individual dish to incorporate the contrast in flavors between two or three different dishes, which is one reason Thai's share meals and eat family style.

8. TRAVELING TO BANGKOK, THAILAND

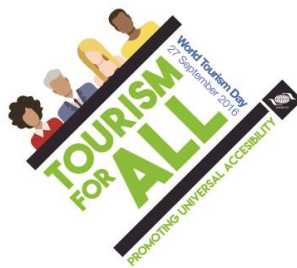
a. Visas

Please ask the Thai embassy or consulate in your country about the necessity of obtaining a visa to enter Thailand.

b. Customs

Upon arrival, foreign visitors are advised to fill in Baggage Declaration form before disembarking. The green channel is available for those who have 'Nothing to Declare'.

For declaration of foreign currency, any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding USD 20,000 or its equivalent out of or into the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such an amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to declare bringing foreign currency that exceeds the amount restricted by law or its equivalent out of or into the Kingdom of Thailand, or making any false declaration to a Customs Official is a criminal offence. If you have any enquiry, please consult a Customs Official.



c. Health

Immunization certificates are not normally required for entry into Thailand.

9. USEFUL INFORMATION

a. Currency

The Thai unit of currency is the Thai Baht (THB). Notes are available in denominations of 1,000THB, 500THB, 100THB, 50THB, 20THB.

The rate of exchange is approximately 1USD = 35.47 THB (May 2016)

b. Credit cards

International credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, etc.) are accepted in many locations (hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, mass retailers) in Thailand. However, it might be unacceptable at small enterprises, markets, transportation service, and other establishments.

c. Climate

The weather of Bangkok in September is humid with a lot of rainfalls and average temperature is around 30°C (86°F).

d. Time zone

Thailand is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +7.00).

e. Telephone calls to and from Thailand

Thailand calling code is +66

f. VAT Refund

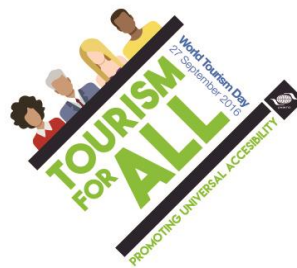
Visitors entering the Kingdom on a tourist visa are entitled to a 7% VAT refund on goods purchased at registered retail outlets and Thailand duty free stores. The VAT refund may be claimed on a minimum total of purchases worth 5,000 baht from receipts totaling no less than 2,000 baht/receipt/day. After purchasing goods at a store, visitors must fill out VAT refund paperwork at the store, providing passport and travel information at that time. At the airport, paperwork must be presented to customs officers before passing through immigration at the VAT refund office; at Suvarnabhumi the VAT refund office is near the entrance to Domestic Departures.

g. Tips in restaurants, hotels and for services

Tipping is not customary in Thailand, but small gratuities for great service are appreciated.

h. Electricity

The electricity in Thailand is 220 volts, 50 cycles/sec. The photo below shows the wall receptacle design usually found in Thailand.



Source: <http://www.thailandguru.com/electricity-220volts-thailand.html>

10. CONTACT INFORMATION

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11. FOCAL POINT FOR ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

For further enquiries please contact Mr. Sitthikorn Chittep, unwto.bangkok@gmail.com

12. USEFULL LINKS ON ACCESSIBILITY

For basic travel information, please refer to:

1. The Office of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
<http://www.bangkoktourist.com/>
2. Tourism Authority of Thailand:
<http://www.bangkoktourist.com/>