



4th UNWTO World Forum on Gastronomy Tourism

Bangkok, Thailand, 30 May – 1 June 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION



In collaboration with:



1. DATE AND VENUE

The Conference will be held on **30 May – 1 June 2018** at:

InterContinental Bangkok
973 Ploenchit Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand
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The InterContinental Bangkok is one of the city's largest hotels, offering a refreshing take on modern luxury and providing guests with a unique cosmopolitan escape. With Chit Lom, a BTS Skytrain station, on its doorstep, the hotel offers convenient travel to the city's major business district, exciting shopping destinations, such as Gaysorn (direct connection), Central World and Siam Paragon (both within walking distance). Cultural sites in the immediate area include the famous Erawan Shrine, situated opposite the hotel, and dining options that are within close walking distance.

The hotel has one of the largest hotel banqueting, meeting and convention facilities in the city, with a total of 22 spacious and versatile function rooms. The largest venue, The Grand Ballroom, can accommodate guests for cocktails, banquets and gala dinners of up to 1,000 people. Guests staying at InterContinental Bangkok will appreciate its spacious rooms and suites, superb array of dining experiences, outstanding facilities and impeccable personalised service.

2. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

We kindly ask all participants to confirm their participation in the Conference at the earliest possible by registering [online](#).

Deadline to register is **19 May 2018**. Participants are requested to keep a copy of their registration confirmation in order to have access to accommodation discounts and for visa procedures, if applicable.

The registration desk will be open on **29 and 30 May 2018**.

Participants are requested to wear their identification badges in the area reserved for the conference, as well as at all social events.

3. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

UNWTO coordinators	Host country coordinators
Addaia Arizmendi World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Madrid, Spain Email: aarizmendi@unwto.org Phone number: +34 91 567 81 00	Patsee Permvongsenee The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Bangkok, Thailand Email: patsee.perm@tat.or.th Phone number: +66 2 250 55 00 ext. 1260

4. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Detailed information on visa requirements is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand's official website: <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/4908>

5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Travellers travelling from or through countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas must acquire an International Health Certificate verifying the receiving of a Yellow Fever vaccination. For more information, please see List of Countries which are Declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand's official website: <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/4908>

6. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Air transport

There are two main international airports in Bangkok; Suwannabhumi International Airport (BKK) is the major airport for international flights from around the world, while Donmueang International Airport (DMK) is the base for the low cost carrier airports.

Suwannabhumi International Airport (BKK) is located in the south of Bangkok and it takes around 1 hour to reach the heart of the city depending to the traffic at a time. To access the city, visitors can have options of transportation including Airport Rail Link, Taxi, Airport Limousine and hotel transfer.

For more information:

<https://www.tourismthailand.org/About-Thailand/Thailand-airport/Suvarnabhumi-International-Airport--810>

Donmueang International Airport (DMK) is located in the north of Bangkok and it takes around 1 hour to reach the heart of the city depending to the traffic at a time. To access the city, visitors can have options of transportation including Taxi, Airport Limousine and hotel transfer.

For more information:

<https://www.tourismthailand.org/About-Thailand/Thailand-airport/Don-Mueang-International-Airport--2949>

7. ACCOMMODATION

The following hotel establishments offer special discounted rates for the Conference participants and please note that all hotels can reach official hotel by BTS Skytrain:

Hotel	Fares
InterContinental Bangkok http://bangkok.intercontinental.com/ **OFFICIAL HOTEL**	- Grand Deluxe Single THB 6,200 - Grand Deluxe Twin THB 6,500 * Room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% vat. * Room rates are inclusive of breakfast and internet The reservation can be made directly as the following details: Contact person: Ms. Srirung Ithiwuthikul Email: Srirung.Ithiwuthikul@ihg.com
Holiday Inn Bangkok https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/bangkok/bkkpc/hoteldetail	- Standard Single THB 4,000 - Standard Twin THB 4,300 * Room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% vat. * Room rates are inclusive of breakfast and internet The reservation can be made directly as the following details: Contact person: Ms. Srirung Ithiwuthikul Email: Srirung.Ithiwuthikul@ihg.com

Novotel Bangkok Siam Square http://www.novotelbkk.com/	- Standard single & Twin THB 3,400 - Superior Single & Twin THB 3,900 - Deluxe Single & Twin THB 4,400 * Room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge and 7% vat. * Room rates are inclusive of breakfast and internet The reservation can be made as the following link: http://www.novotelbkk.com/4th-world-forum-gastronomy-tourism/
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Reservations should be made by the participants directly. When booking, participants should specify that they will attend the Conference.

Please note that only THB will be accepted for all payment in Thailand. The rates are quoted in Thai Baht (THB), please check current exchange rate from Bank of Thailand official website <https://www.bot.or.th/english/statistics/layouts/application/exchangerate/exchangerate.aspx>

8. LANGUAGES AT THE CONFERENCE

The languages of the Conference will be English, Spanish and Thai. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

9. TECHNICAL VISIT

To be defined.

9. BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT BANGKOK

Bangkok is the capital of Thailand and is well known as one of the world's top tourist destinations. The city is a true tourist paradise, providing a mixed cultural experience of east and west. The city is the centre for government and business activities in Thailand and is considered to be the hub of Asian countries' connectivity.

There are a great variety of tourist sites in Bangkok, mostly historical attractions and temples with elaborate architecture and arts. It also offers a diverse gastronomy ranging from Thai to international cuisine and from authenticity to fusion. Famous attractions include the Grand Palace, temples such as Wat Phra Kaew, Wat Pho and Wat Arun, the Canal Tour to local communities and visiting China Town for its famous street food.

There are also several palaces, museums, parks, and a large array of shopping options, from luxury malls to flea and street markets, like Chatuchak Weekend Market, Sampeng Market, and Pahurat Textile Market.

Bangkok nightlife is another highlight that has attracted many tourists from all over the world.

For more information visit:

<https://www.tourismthailand.org/About-Thailand/Destination/Bangkok>

10. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Exchange rate:

Local currency is Baht (THB). The value 1 Baht is 100 stang.

Notes exist for the values of 20, 50, 100 and 1,000 Baht. Coins are available for values of 25 and 50 stang as well as 1, 5 and 10 Baht.

The exchange rate is (average exchange rate as of 13 December 2017)

1 USD = 32.59 Baht

1 EUR = 38.66 Baht

Current Exchange rate, please visit

<https://www.bot.or.th/english/statistics/layouts/application/exchangerate/exchangerate.aspx>

Foreign exchange can be done in banks, currency exchange offices and hotels. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores.

Official Time:

Thailand local time is GMT +7

Climate:

The weather in Thailand from March to June, classified as the summer season, normally has higher relative temperatures and occasional rain. For inland areas, including Bangkok and Ayutthaya, this often means punishing heat and high humidity. The average temperatures in May to June are around 26-35°C and rain is expected.

Official language:

Thai

Electric current:

220/50 (volts/hz). Most receptacles in Thailand have two prongs, missing the third earth prong at the bottom.

Clothing:

It is advised to take clothes adequate for summer weather.

For the sessions, the dress code is business casual.

To enter temples, shorts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

A hat and an umbrella will be very useful during outdoor activities.

Opening hours:

Business and commercial transactions are normally done Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 17.00hrs.

Most stores are open every day from 10.00 to 22.00hrs.

Government offices operate Monday to Friday (except on public holidays) from 8.30 to 16.30hrs with a lunch break from 12.00 to 13.00hrs.

Banks are open Monday to Friday (except on public holidays) from 9.30 to 15.30hrs.

Declarations and allowances:

Personal effects exceeding the value of 80,000 Baht must be declared at customs.

Entering Thailand with more than 250 grams of cigars or smoking tobacco, 200 cigarettes and 1 litre of wine or liquor is not allowed.

Electronic cigarettes are illegal.

For more information about customs and immigration, please visit <https://www.tourismthailand.org/About-Thailand/Custom-Immigration>

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about Thailand, please visit <https://www.tourismthailand.org>