

Thailand

History / Background (3 Facts)

1. In the ninth century B.C., Mon and Khmer people established kingdoms that included large areas of what is now Thailand.
2. Much of what these people absorbed from contacts with South Asian peoples—religious, social, political, and cultural ideas and institutions—later influenced the development of Thailand's culture and national identity.
3. In the second century B.C., the Hindu-led state of Funan in present-day Cambodia and central Thailand had close commercial contact with India and was a base for Hindu merchant-missionaries.
4. In the southern Isthmus of Kra, Malay city-states controlled routes used by traders and travelers journeying between India and Indochina (present-day Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam).

Language (2 facts)

1. The official language of Thailand is Thai
2. Roughly 30% of Thailand's population speak Thai as a native language. According to linguists, this language is divided into several different languages, although native Thai speakers consider these other languages to be regional. These diverse Thai languages include: Phu Thai, Shan, Song, Isan, Southern Thai, Nyaw, Northern Thai, Phuan, and Lu.



Food (3 facts)

1. **Pad See Ew** (pictured on the left), translated as "fried soy sauce", is a

Chinese-influenced stir fried noodle dish. It is a very common dish served at every Thai restaurant and can be mixed with vegetables, chickens, oysters, etc.

2. **Sticky Rice With Mango** is a traditional Thai dessert. It includes rice, mango, and coconut milk, mixed and placed into a bowl.
3. **Pad Thai** is a stir fried dish made with rice noodles, shrimp, chicken, or tofu, peanuts, a scrambled egg and bean sprouts.

Traditions (4 facts)

1. Songkran
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Other interesting facts (5 facts)

1. In 2019, Thai boys from a soccer team were trapped in a cave for about 12 days.
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Famous people (2 facts)

1. Blackpink Lisa (Lisa Manoban)
2. Bhumibol Adulyadej (Former King of Thailand)

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