

Selfdrive Holidays in Thailand

General

Asian Trails, in cooperation with the Budget Thailand offer very favorable car-rental rates for exclusive self-drive holiday makers in Thailand. We offer two aspects of self-drive program, by holiday makers own travel plans with a minimum of three days car rental, and by the eight prearranged itineraries including car rental and hotel accommodation with different routes to the central, north and south of Thailand. In complete contrast to the sometimes chaotic traffic situation in Bangkok, travel on upcountry roads all over Thailand is indeed most enjoyable and traffic is relatively light. It is usually not much of a problem for foreign tourists to acquaint to driving on the left side of the road, and Thai people are known to be most helpful in case of any break-downs or other problems.

Driving in Thailand

Thailand has a good up-to-date network of well-maintained roads and highways between all main centers. Much of the north-south route is dual carriage way. Road signage follows international convention and is in both Thai and English. Night driving is not recommended on the open road due to heavy truck traffic, whose tend to have a poor respect for cars. Motor bikes can on occasion be a hazard, particularly as they are often ridden into oncoming traffic. Driving on the more major routes outside Bangkok and around resort areas is both a safe and an enjoyable experience. A self-drive holiday offers the opportunity to experience wonderful Thai culture and the opportunity for travelers to stop as long as they like at the many points of interest in the Kingdom.

Fuel Availability and Prices

Petrol in Thailand comes in unleaded grades and is sold by the litre. Petrol and diesel cost between Baht 24 and Baht 36 per litre. Prices are usually higher in country areas. Petrol stations are plentiful but trading hours vary.

Road Rules

Thailand drives on the right-hand side of the road. The maximum limit in cities and towns is 50 km/h and 110 km/h on country highways, unless signs indicate otherwise. Strict drink-driving laws apply and random breath testing, the checking of blood alcohol levels is conducted in all Thailand province. It is compulsory for drivers and passengers to wear seat belts at all times.

Budget reserves the right to charge the renter for any traffic infringement notices, parking fines or unreported vehicle or third party damage.

Driver License

All drivers must hold a current, non-probationary license (with an English translation shown on the license) from their country of residence, or an international driver's permit. Licenses (and a valid passport) must be carried at all times when driving.

Age

Budget Car and Truck Rental of Thailand require drivers to be at least 21 years of age.

Locations

Airport Procedure

Budget is now represented in most airports and is present at all scheduled flights. Unfortunately, due to a monopoly situation with the Airport Authority of Thailand, we have no in terminal representation at Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Hat Yai and Phuket airports at this point. We meet all reservations at the hotel meeting point with a prominent Budget sign.



We guarantee to meet all reserved bookings off scheduled incoming and departing flights. There are no additional fees or taxes for renters picking up or returning cars at Thai airports.

After Hours

Budget Car and Truck Rental of Thailand will service all confirmed reservations from airport locations. Vehicles must be picked up or returned within office hours unless prior arrangements have been made with the appropriate Budget office. Our free delivery and pickup service to other than airports also only operates during office hours.

Budget Car Fleets

Passengers Cars

Passenger cars are on fleet for no longer than eighteen months and the average of the Budget fleet is around twelve months, featuring the latest products from , General Motors, Toyota, Honda and other fine cars. Passenger cars are available at all locations & are fitted with air-conditioning.

Availability

Every endeavor will be made to provide a specific vehicle make if indicated on the reservation and voucher. However, **Budget can only guarantee a vehicle category, for example, CCAR, not a specific vehicle make within the group, such as Honda Civic. Please ensure your agents are fully aware of this clause. If for any reason the reserved/booked vehicle is not available, Budget reserves the right to substitute a comparable or superior vehicle at no extra cost to the customer. Such action by Budget does not constitute a breach of the vehicle conditions/contract and does not entitle the renter to any refund. If no alternative vehicle is available, Budget's liability is limited to the return of all payments made**

Services and Accessories

Free Delivery and Pick-Up

Budget delivers any pre-booked car or van to the renter's hotel/motel within a 30km radius of any location free of charge. Please note that deliveries must be pre-booked at the time of reservation, and must state the address of the delivery location. Clients must pay the bond/deposit by major credit card upon delivery of the vehicle. Hotel deliveries are available only at between office hours.

Touring Maps

Quality touring maps of Thailand are available free of charge to customers at the time of rental by Budget.

Emergency Assistance

Budget offers a 24 hour emergency in conjunction with Aspire Lifestyles Assistant, an international emergency and roadside assistance organization.





In An Emergency Call 2 206 5800

Upon calling, professional emergency specialists will ensure appropriate assistance is arranged by the quickest means to meet the customers' requirements (including ambulance evacuation to the nearest center of medical excellence). Thai, English, Japanese and German speakers are available 24 hours per day (and other languages can be catered for at short notice as required).

Please note that puncture repairs, lock outs, and out of fuel calls will be charged to the renter at the time of service.

Accessories

Baby seat for infants one month to six months are not available. Privately owned baby capsules may be secured by utilizing the vehicle's seatbelts. Budget vehicles are specially fitted with mounting points for baby seats behind the rear seats to meet international standards.

BUDGET GPS also offers **Bluetooth** hands-free calling, **MP3** playback capability, spoken direction in **multiple languages**, 3-D maps and more:

- Safer, easier navigation
- Audible, turn-by turn directions
- Bright, easy-to-read tough screen
- Dual integrated speakers
- Built-in microphone

Get more out of your trip with BUDGET GPS:

- Discover points of interest along the way
- Calculate your approximate arrival time
- Find detours and alternate route
- Know your average speed and mileage
- Make and receive hand-free calls

One Way Rental Conditions

One Way Rental Service

For 1-3 days hire THB 4,000 apply,
For 4-6 days hire THB 2,000 apply.
For 7 days hire or more is free of charge. (Excl. of VAT).

Cross Border Restriction

All vehicle categories are permitted to travel only in the Kingdom of Thailand, no cross border allowed.

Insurances/Bonds/Excesses

Motor Vehicle Insurance

Daily rental rates include vehicle insurance and third party liability, including property cover, and Loss Damage Waiver (LDW). Please note that an excess applies to all rentals. If a customer is involved in an accident or there is a loss that cannot be recovered from a third party, they will need to pay a Baht 5,000.- excess. Insurance coverage is subject to the terms and conditions of the rental agreement, but follows generally accepted international standards.

Terms and Condition on the Rental Agreement for Use

The wording on the rental agreement for use is as follows:

Use Restrictions: The Vehicle will not be used or operated by anyone:

- A) who is an Authorized Driver;
- B) who allows more passengers to occupy the Vehicle than there are seat belts or who does not require all occupants to comply with applicable seat-belt and child-restraint laws;

- C) off regularly maintained and paved roadways; outside the Kingdom of Thailand;
- D) who leave the Vehicle and fails to remove the keys, close and lock all doors and close all windows and the truck, or otherwise aids in vandalism or theft of the Vehicle;
- E) who does not know how to operate a manual transmission (if Vehicle has manual transmission);
- F) when continued operation of the Vehicle is likely to cause damage to the Vehicle; to engage in any speed contest;
- G) to carry people or property for hire (unless otherwise agreed by Budget); to push anything; to tow anything;
- H) who improperly fuels the Vehicle (gasoline in a diesel-powered vehicle or diesel fuel in a gasoline-powered vehicle); who improperly loads the Vehicle or transport weight exceeding the Vehicle's maximum capacity; to carry hazardous or explosive substances;
- I) if the Vehicle is obtained upon the basis of false or misleading information;
- J) who, as a result of reckless misconduct, damages the Vehicle or causes personal injury or property damage to other;
- K) while intoxicated or under the influence of any substance that impairs driving ability;
- L) during the commission of a felony or for the transportation of illegal drugs or contraband;
- M) where insufficient height or width exists.

Vehicle Loss and Damage: Rental is not responsible for vehicle loss or damage caused by acts of God or accidental fire that is not the result of a collision

.... if there is a violation of a use restriction, LDW is void and renter is responsible for all vehicle loss and damage, related expense, loss of use, and an administrative charge as described above.

Liability protection: If there is no violation of a use restriction (paragraph 3), Budget provided automobile liability protection to authorized drivers for causing bodily injury (including death) and property damage to others resulting from use of the Vehicle....

Personal Accident and Effects (PAE) Insurance

PAE Insurance is an optional protection plan that can be purchased at the time of rental for Baht 150 per day. It provides additional protection for the occupants of the rented vehicle up to a maximum of:

- Hospitalization and Ambulance Expenses – Baht 250,000 per person
- Death Benefits – Baht 1 million
- Personal Effects – Baht 40,000 per vehicle

Under the Hospitalization and Ambulance Expenses, the renter and passengers are protected for accidental injury while using the vehicle. By calling the Emergency 24 Hour Hotline, action will immediately be taken to ensure that appropriate medical care is provided, including evacuation to the nearest center of medical excellence.

The Personal Effects extension excludes money, but covers damage, loss or theft of personal effects and baggage arising from an accident in the rental vehicle.

The maximum payable under this cover is Baht 1 million on any one accident, and additional terms and conditions apply.

Bond

A rental bond of Baht 10,000 for all vehicle types is to be block from major credit card at the commencement of the rental. This will not be charged, if the vehicle is returned undamaged and with a full tank of fuel at the agreed location. The bond must be paid on arrival by any International credit card (American Express, Diners Club, JCB, MasterCard, or Visa). Bond paid by cash in Baht is on application.



Other Terms and Conditions

Vehicle Type

All rentals are subject to the terms and conditions on the rental agreement. Only vehicle categories as opposed to model types can be confirmed at the time of booking.

Minimum Rental

Minimum rental periods are 3 days (24 hours period) from the time of the vehicle is collected or leaves the Budget location for delivery. The hourly rate after 24 hours is one-third of the applicable daily rate.

Rental Extension

Should a renter wish to extend the rental, then it is recommended that such a request be made at the renting Budget office as soon as possible so that every effort can be made to accommodate the request. Any extension of rental must be paid at local rates to the nearest Budget location prior to the extended rental period commencing.

Return of Vehicle

The return of a vehicle prior to the nominated date does not entitle the renter to any refund on the unused portion of the originally agreed rental cost.

For charges due to a late drop off, please refer to the table below:

Returned time after scheduled drop off	0-59 mins	1-1:59 hrs	2-2:59 hrs	3:00+ hrs
Portion of daily rate charge	Free	1/3 (one third) of normal published daily rate	2/3 (two third) of normal published daily rate	Full Day charge

Reservation Checklist

When making your reservation, check that you provide the following points:

1. Client's name.
2. Type of vehicle required (please use SIPP booking codes).
3. Date and time of pick-up.
4. Location of clients' pick-up, airline and flight details if at an airport, or delivery location.
5. Date and time of vehicle return.
6. Location of vehicle return, pick-up address if required.
7. Number of passengers (number of adults and children).
8. Any accessories or special requirements.