

## **Flights San Francisco (SFO) - Bangkok (BKK) with EVA Air**

### **About the flight**

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) handles nearly 58 million passengers a year and is a major international gateway, particularly well-connected to destinations in Asia. Situated on the edge of the San Francisco Bay, the airport's runways offer scenic views of the city. Besides shopping and dining facilities, the airport offers entertainment options such as kids' zones and exhibitions. It recently won an Environmental Achievement Award for having the first Airfield Operation Facility to operate on zero net energy.

Bangkok Airport (BKK) is officially called Suvarnabhumi Airport – Suvarnabhumi translates as The Golden Land. It's the country's international arrival point and serves as a gateway to Southeast Asia: Bangkok is a major transfer hub and the starting point for many travels throughout the region. Indeed, Bangkok is repeatedly named the world's most visited city and the airport serves over 60 million passengers a year. The modern airport has all the facilities needed to handle this passenger traffic.

The distance from San Francisco Airport (SFO) to Bangkok Airport (BKK) is 7,933 miles. As no direct flights are available, a stopover is required. Flights San Francisco (SFO) - Bangkok (BKK) with EVA Air include a stopover at Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) in Taipei. EVA Air has daily flights to Taipei, from where frequent connections to Bangkok are available with varying transfer times. Including transfer time, the flight duration is 19 hours and 15 minutes or more.

### **About the airline**

EVA Air – short for Evergreen Airways – is an international airline based in Taiwan. EVA Air has been certified by STARTRAX as a five-star airline. In 2019, it won first prizes for the World's Best Airline Cabin Cleanliness and Best Economy Class Onboard Catering. It was ranked 6th among the World's Top 10 Airlines. While providing quality service, EVA Air offers tickets at affordable prices.

Flights San Francisco (SFO) - Bangkok (BKK) with EVA Air depart from San Francisco on a daily basis at 12:20 AM. From Taipei, several flights to Bangkok are available, with varying transfer times and prices. A flight search for available tickets at the desired travel date will list all the options, enabling travelers to find the ticket with the optimal flight duration and price.

Flights San Francisco (SFO) - Bangkok (BKK) with EVA Air are executed by a Boeing 777-300ER. The seats have a 32-inch seat pitch. Passengers can enjoy on-demand entertainment and free WiFi on the plane. Power and USB outlets are available and meals are provided throughout the flight. Special meals can be pre-ordered. Two pieces of checked baggage are included in the flight fare.

## **Transportation, transfers & car rental**

San Francisco Airport (SFO) has excellent public transport connections. The BART rapid rail connects the airport directly with San Mateo County, San Francisco and the East Bay. Several lines of the SamTrans public bus service also stop at the airport and connect it to the Caltrain rail service. Plus, there's a free Ferry Connector Bus between the airport and the South San Francisco Ferry Dock. For car users, there is a long-term parking facility with a shuttle service to the airport, operating 24 hours a day.

Bangkok Airport (BKK) is located approximately 16 miles out of town. The Airport Rail Link brings passengers to downtown Bangkok in 15 to 18 minutes. Alternately, travelers can use the Airport Express Bus, which has four routes covering popular tourist areas and takes about 45 minutes. Metered taxis are a hassle-free - though slightly costlier - alternative: the airport has an efficiently organized taxi system. On top of the taxi fare, travelers are expected to pay tollway fees and a courtesy fee.

Car rental is available at Bangkok Airport, but most travelers opt out of self-driving a car in Bangkok. Due to the city's heavy traffic, driving Bangkok's streets is not for the faint-hearted. The most convenient way to get around the city is by public transport, (motorbike) taxi, or tuk-tuk.

## **Practical information**

U.S. citizens in possession of a passport do not need a visa to enter Thailand, as long as they plan to leave the country within 30 days. The passport has to be valid for at least six more months and having a return or onward airline ticket is required.

The time difference between San Francisco and Bangkok is 14 hours. The currency used in Thailand is the Thai Baht: the current exchange rate is 1USD = 30 Baht. The Thai language doesn't use the English alphabet and has a complex orthography. The country's main religion is Buddhism. Thailand has a tropical climate with high temperatures and humidity year-round. There are three seasons: the hot season runs from March to May, the rainy season from June to October, and the cool season from November to February.

Thailand is nicknamed the Land of Smiles – referring to the unparalleled friendliness and hospitality of Thai people. Yet some things held sacred within Thai culture should always be respected: notably the monarchy and religion. Criticism on the royal family is inappropriate and even punishable by law. Buddha images and monks are considered holy and should be treated as such.

## **Top travel tips**

The Grand Palace holds great historical and spiritual significance – this is the country's most sacred site. The palace complex is a fine example of Thai craftsmanship: it features impressive architecture and intricate details. The palace is home to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

Wat Pho or the Temple of the Reclining Buddha is one of the largest temple complexes in Bangkok and houses a giant reclining Buddha covered in gold leaf. As an added bonus, this is one of the best places in the country to get a traditional Thai massage.

The infamous Khao San Road is a busy bar street, where backpackers slurp drinks by the bucket, street vendors sell fried scorpion on a stick, and the party never dies out. You might love it, you might hate it – but you should witness this spectacle at least once.