Phuket Sandbox Scheme

1. Thai nationals and non-Thai nationals in the Republic of Korea who wish to enter Thailand under Phuket Sandbox scheme can travel from the Republic of Korea directly to Phuket (1) by commercial flights from the Republic of Korea via Hong Kong or Singapore or other places or (2) by chartered flights or (3) by any other direct commercial flights available from the Republic of Korea to Phuket. Travellers can apply for a Certificate of Entry (COE) through the link: https://coethailand.mfa.go.th from 28 June 2021 (12.00 hrs) onwards. Travellers can apply for COE in advance for not more than 30 days before entering Thailand.

2. Requirements for Phuket Sandbox Scheme (applicable for both Thai Nationals and non-Thai Nationals) are as follows:

2.1 Travellers must present Vaccine Certificate showing that travellers have been fully vaccinated by COVID-19 vaccines which have been registered under Thai law or have been approved by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand or the World Health Organization (WHO) for not less than 14 days prior to the departure date. Children under the age of 18, who have not yet received full COVID-19 vaccination and wish to travel with their parents, are eligible to participate in Phuket Sandbox scheme.

2.2 Travellers must depart from eligible countries listed by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand (The Republic of Korea is currently included as one of Phuket Sandbox scheme's eligible countries). However, travellers must stay in the Republic of Korea for at least 21 consecutive days before entering Phuket. (Notes: Thai nationals who wish to participate in the scheme are not required to stay in the Republic of Korea for at least 21 days.)

2.3 Travellers must have health insurance that covers COVID-19 treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of not less than 100,000 USD. The insurance can be purchased at https://covid19.tgia.org/

2.4 In case travellers who have already arrived in Phuket fail to meet eligibility criteria, travelers must be quarantined in Alternative Local Quarantine (ALQ) for at least 14 days or leave Thailand immediately.

2.5 Hotel:

2.5.1 Travellers must stay at hotels that meet SHA+ (Safety and Health Administration Plus) standard only. In case travellers (1) travel to Thailand by one-way air tickets or (2) stay in Thailand for more than 14 days or (3) have air tickets without returning date, travellers have to present full 14-days SHA+ certified hotel booking confirmation issued by SHA Plus Booking Authentication System. Travellers can book SHA+ hotel directly with the hotel or through travel agency or from hotel booking websites or from http://entrythailand.go.th/. SHA+ hotel will be responsible for the issuance of SHA+ hotel booking confirmation.

2.5.2 SHA+ hotel booking confirmation must include the following details: (1) SHABA ID (2) Name of the Guest(s) (3) Arrival Date (4) Number of Night(s) (5) QR Code, and (6) Payment Status.

2.5.3 Travellers must stay at one hotel for the first 7 days, after which hotel can be changed for the next 7 days. Travellers can stay up to 3 different hotels (within Phuket only) during the period of 14-day stay.

2.5.4 In case travellers stay in Phuket for less than 14 days and have proof of return air ticket leaving Phuket to another country within 14 days, travellers can make SHA+ certified hotel reservations for the period that is consistent with their respective schedules. After completion of the period of stay, travellers have to leave Thailand.

2.5.5 Upon arrival in Phuket, travellers must travel from airport to hotel by vehicle arranged in advance by the hotel.

2.6 COVID-19 RT-PCR Test Result:

2.6.1 Travellers must present RT-PCR negative test result issued no more than 72 hours before departure time at the airline's check-in counter.

2.6.2 If travellers stay in Phuket for more than 14 days, travellers must undergo 3 COVID-19 RT-PCR tests and bear all the costs. Travellers are required to upload a receipt of pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests for COE application.

2.6.3 A receipt of pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests can be issued by SHA+ hotels or from website: https://www.thailandpsas.com/.

2.6.4 Timeline for COVID-19 RT-PCR tests:

Period of Stay in Phuket	First COVID-19 RT-PCR test (upon arrival in Phuket)	Second COVID-19 RT-PCR test (Day 6-7)	Third COVID-19 RT-PCR test (Day 12-13)
1. Not more than 7 days	√	√	-
2. 10-14 days or more than 14 days	√	√	√

Note: Travellers are allowed to leave hotel after receiving the first negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result.

2.6.5 Children under the age of 6 who will travel with parents or guardians must undergo only one saliva test upon arrival at the airport if their parents or guardians's first COVID-19 RT-PCR test at the airport indicates that COVID-19 is not detected. However, guardians must bear all costs for second and third COVID-19 RT-PCR tests if required by the Ministry of Public Health.

2.7 Tracking Application:

Travellers must install a mobile tracking application (ThailandPlus) before arriving in Phuket and install an additional mobile tracking application prescribed by Phuket Province upon arrival in Phuket. Travellers must not switch off the said mobile tracking application throughout the period of stay in Phuket. In case of violation, travellers may not be allowed to leave Phuket to other parts of Thailand after 14 days.

2.8 Travelling to Other Parts of Thailand:

Travellers are allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand after the completion of full 14 days in Phuket.

2.9 Additional Information:

2.9.1 More information on Phuket Sandbox scheme at: http://www.tourismthailand.org/Home

2.9.2 More information on health insurance at http://covid19.tgai.org/

2.9.3 List of SHA+ certified hotels at: http://www.thailandsha.com/shalists/

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