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Q&A: Thailand Immigration Information regarding adequate finances during the stay

Q1: Is it true that tourists entering Thailand must be able to prove that they have adequate finances during the stay as currently being widely reported in local and international media?

Yes, this is true, according to the Immigration Act of Thailand B.E. 2522 (1979), foreigners who fall into any of the 11 categories are prohibited to enter Thailand. This includes "having no appropriate means of living on entering the Kingdom". Without appropriate means of living, tourists risk becoming economic and social burdens of the host country.

In this connection, according to the Notification of the Ministry of Interior dated 8 May 2000, holders of tourist visa must be able to prove that they have adequate finances equivalent to at least 20,000 Baht per person or 40,000 Baht per family. For on-arrival-visa tourists, they must be able to prove that they have adequate finances equivalent to at least 10,000 Baht per person or 20,000 Baht per family.

Q2: Why did the news about this inspection of tourists' financial status by Thai Immigration Officers only emerge now?

In order to facilitate foreign tourists, Thai Immigration Officers conduct random inspection of foreign tourists' means of living upon arrival at all ports of entry. If tourists are not able to prove that they have adequate finances, the officers will then consider case-by-case whether to allow the entry. The random inspection will not take place after the tourists have been granted an entry and have passed through the Immigration checkpoints.

Q3: What would be considered appropriate preparation for tourists planning to visit Thailand?

All travellers must also make sure that they are in possession of a passport valid for at least six months and a round-trip air ticket. Holders of tourist visa and those foreigners eligible for tourist visa exemption, must be able to prove that they have adequate finances equivalent to at least 20,000 Baht per person or 40,000 Baht per family. For on-arrival-visa tourists, they must be able to prove that they have adequate finances equivalent to at least 10,000 Baht per person or 20,000 Baht per family.

Most importantly, traveller should check if they have appropriate visa in accordance with their purpose of visit. Generally, a foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General.

For more information on Thailand Visa and Visa Exemption Scheme, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website at www.mfa.go.th

Q4: Why Thailand, which is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations, should be too strict on tourists wanting to enter the country to enjoy the many unique tourism experiences?

Every government has some restrictions on foreign tourists in order to balance between tourism promotion and national security as well as public order. Thailand's restrictions are in line with those of other countries.

Furthermore, Thailand recognises the huge importance of tourism, and tourist safety is an on-going priority for us. Therefore, all measures implemented aim to ensure foreign tourists' safety and pleasant stay in Thailand.

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问&答：关于外国人进入泰国，在泰国停留期间应随身携带有足够的资金

问题一：关于游客进入泰国必须要证明携带有足够的资金，目前已在当地和国际媒体广泛报道，这件事属实吗？

是的，属实。根据 1979 年出台的泰国移民行为规定，外国人谁符合移民行为 11 个类别中的任意一类都被禁止进入泰国。这包括“无适当的生活方式进入泰王国”。无适当的生活方式，游客将会对东道国造成经济和社会负担。

在此，根据内政部 2000 年 5 月 8 日发布的通知，持旅游签证者，以个人为单位，每人需携带有不少于 20,000 泰铢的资金，以家庭为单位，每个家庭应携带有不少于 40,000 泰铢的资金。办理落地签证者，需证明以个人为单位，每人需携带有不少于 10,000 泰铢的资金，以家庭为单位，每个家庭应携带有不少于 20,000 泰铢的资金。

问题二：关于由泰国移民官员检查游客的资金情况的新闻，为什么现在才形成？

为了方便外国游客，在所有入境口岸，泰国移民官员将会对外国游客的生活资料进行随机检查。如果游客不能证明自己持有足够的资金，工作人员将会逐案审查，并决定是否放行。已获得入境许可或通过了移民检查站的检查的游客，将不会被随机检查。

问题三：对于计划去泰国的游客应该提前做好什么适当的准备？

所有游客都必须保证自己持有一本有效期为 6 个月以上的有效护照和往返机票。旅游签证持有者和免旅游签证的合格外国人，需证明以个人为单位，每个人持有不少于 20,000 泰铢的资金，以家庭为单位，每个家庭不少于 40,000 泰铢的资金。

办理落地签证者，需证明以个人为单位，每个人持有不少于 10,000 泰铢的资金，以家庭为单位，每个家庭不少于 20,000 泰铢的资金。

最重要的是，游客需检查自己是否持有与自己入境目的相一致的签证。一般来说，希望进入泰王国的外国公民必须从泰国大使馆或泰国总领事馆获得签证。

若想了解更多的泰国签证和签证豁免计划，请直接访问外交部的网站：
www.mfa.go.th。

问题四：泰国作为全世界最受游客青睐的旅游地之一，为什么对游客到泰国感受繁多的独特旅游体验会有这么严格的政策规定？

为了促进旅游业的发展，维护国家的安全以及维持公共秩序的平衡，每个政府都有一些关于限制国外游客的政策。泰国的限制政策与其他国家的限制一致。

此外，泰国能够清楚地认识到旅游业的重要性和旅游安全对于旅游业可持续发展的重要性。因此，所有这些措施的实行目的都是为了确保外国游客的安全，保证他们在泰国能够享受一个愉快的旅程。