



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Thailand Trip 2024 – Final Travel Details

Travel

Departure from NSB

Saturday 17th February 07:00 am from Sports Hall Car Park
Please arrive by 06:30 am to board the coach

Outbound Flight

Flight TG911 Thai Airways International
Departing: Heathrow T2 11:50 Arrival: Bangkok 18th February 06:50 (local time)

Inbound Flight

Sunday 25th February
Flight TG103 Thai Airways International
Departing Chiang Mai 09:25 Arriving Bangkok 10:50
Flight TG916 Thai Airways International
Departing: Bangkok 13:20 (local time) Arriving: 19:35 London, Heathrow (local time)

Arrival at NSB

Sunday 25th February approx. 22:00 (UK time)

Luggage Allowance

Main suitcase: 30kg
Hand luggage: Small rucksack

Please make sure that airport rules regarding liquids and sharp objects are followed: Max 100ml liquids in bottles; no sharp objects including scissors in hand luggage. Liquids to be carried in small, clear plastic bag.

Please try to travel as light as possible as any items bought whilst on the trip will need to be taken into account in your overall luggage allowance, otherwise a charge could be incurred, and your son would be liable to pay for this additional charge.

Hotel Accommodation

Bangkok: Le d'tel, Bangkok, [Le D'Tel Bangkok, Bangkok – Official Site \(ledtelbangkok.com\)](http://ledtelbangkok.com)

Chiang Mai: Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem, Chiang Mai, [Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem | Boutique Hotel in Nimman Chiang Mai \(crosshotelsandresorts.com\)](http://crosshotelsandresorts.com)

Emergency Contact

Please do not try to contact the hotels directly as it is unlikely that they will get messages to us. **If it is absolutely essential to contact us (i.e. emergency only), please contact Mr Armstrong in the first instance.**

Mr Armstrong's mobile number is 07968373231

Mr Kneeshaw's mobile number is 07968530221

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In exceptional circumstances, we can be contacted in Thailand on the following numbers:

Mr Loughney +447908718402 or Mrs Bradley-Brophy +447919115059

Passports

Please ensure that your son has their passport with them on the day of departure. Once in Thailand, passports will be collected in for safe keeping. **However, whilst travelling to and from Thailand they must carry their own passport.** Please talk to your son regarding the safe keeping of his passport whilst travelling. We will be checking that each boy has his passport with him before we leave NSB.

Weather

Bangkok and Chiang Mai are both hot at this time of year. Average temperatures for Bangkok are 24°C to 33°C. Therefore, sunscreen will be required along with insect repellent. Clothing should be appropriate for hot weather, bearing in mind the increased risk of insect bites in the evening.

Money

How much money to take is up to you. **Students will be responsible for their own money.** Thai Baht can be obtained from Foreign Exchanges in this country and as time in each of our locations is relatively short, it might be advisable to change money before we travel. Please ensure that your son has a suitable money belt in which to keep their money. If you are at all concerned about your son carrying their money, please speak to a member of staff before we depart. A small amount of sterling or other payment methods would also be useful if we have time in Heathrow and they wish to buy food/snacks for the journey. Food and drink are provided on the international flights.

Souvenirs

There will be plenty of opportunity to buy presents and souvenirs during the trip and we will speak to the boys about how they can keep their money safe and not be duped into handing over large sums by mistake. The exchange rate is in the region of 50 Thai Baht to £1 currently. Items that **must not** be purchased at any time whilst on this trip include; Martial Arts weapons of any kind, Cigarette Lighters and Laser Pens. If found, these will be confiscated and disposed of and there may be further consequences once we return to school.

Valuables

Please note that the school cannot be held responsible for loss or theft of valuables. Students are asked to make sure that they keep cameras and mobile phones securely in zipped pockets/bags when not being used.

Medication

If your son requires any medication during the trip, please inform a member of staff and the label on the medication should show the student's name clearly. If they need to carry medication whilst we are travelling to and from Thailand in their hand luggage, this must be in correctly named/labelled packaging. In some cases, a doctor's note might be required. Please ask a member of staff if you are at all unsure.

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Vaccinations

I am aware that Y9 have vaccinations scheduled for 7th/8th February in school. However, this is a couple of days short of the two weeks recommended for them to be fully effective. It is therefore at your discretion if you wish to contact your GP surgery to arrange to have those vaccinations a few days earlier.

Clothing

The weather will be hot and sunny in Thailand, so suitable clothing for hot weather should be taken, such as a hat. To avoid insect bites in the evening, we would suggest long-sleeved tops and trousers. There are swimming pools at the hotels, so swim shorts would also be needed. Hotels do provide towels, however a towel is needed for the visit to the elephant park as are sturdy trainers or light walking shoes. Please also remember to pack insect repellent in their luggage.

Overnight train

As we are travelling overnight by train between Bangkok and Chiang Mai, we will be stopping off briefly in Chiang Mai on the morning of our arrival to change clothes and shower at a local hotel before beginning our daily activities.

Finally, the boys have been given their hoodies. Could I ask that they wear these whilst we are travelling to and from Thailand as it will enable us to keep an eye on them whilst we are flying.

I am sure that they are all getting very excited about the trip, as are we, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email me, ploughney@nsbtrust.school.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Loughney
Trip Leader, Thailand 2024

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