

# Practical Information Guide



## Location

Bangkok, known in Thai as “Krung Thep Maha Nakhon”, is the capital city of Thailand, located in Central Thailand. Standing as the largest and the most dynamic city in Thailand, Bangkok has a population of over 8 million. Bangkok, the city that never sleeps, is known for its unique Thai culture, local foods, extraordinary cuisines, tourist attractions and its extravaganza shopping experiences.



## Visa Information

Due to the bilateral agreement the Kingdom of Thailand holds, some delegates are not required to obtain visas. We advise all delegates to consult the [summary of territories](#) entitled to visa exemption or visa on arrival to see if a visa is required to travel.

If you do require a visa and need a letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact CANSO at: [events@canso.org](mailto:events@canso.org)



## Time Zone

The time zone in Thailand is UTC+7 hours.



## Language

The official language of Thailand is Thai. However, most people, especially in the main cities understand and speak English.



## Currency

Thai baht (THB) is the currency used in Thailand. The baht is divided into 100 satang. Coins are valued at 25 satang, 50 satang, 1 baht, 2 baht, 5 baht and 10 baht. Banknotes are valued at 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 baht. 1 USD is approximately 31 THB and 1 EUR is approximately 38 THB.

Please note that once you have passed immigration at Suvarnabhumi Airport you will find currency exchange offices.



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## Bank/Credit Card

All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 08:30 to 15:30 hours on weekdays. Foreign exchange counters operated by various commercial banks are common in Bangkok and usually open every day. To change travellers' cheques you are required to show your passport. International credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Card, etc. are normally accepted at major hotels and department stores.



## Tipping

Tipping is not mandatory in Thailand. Most of the time the service charge will be included in the bill. Usually Thai people leave a tip of 3–7%, depending on their satisfaction with the service.



## Electricity

The type of electrical plug and socket typically used in Thailand is two parallel prongs. Thailand has AC 220 volts and 50 cycles.



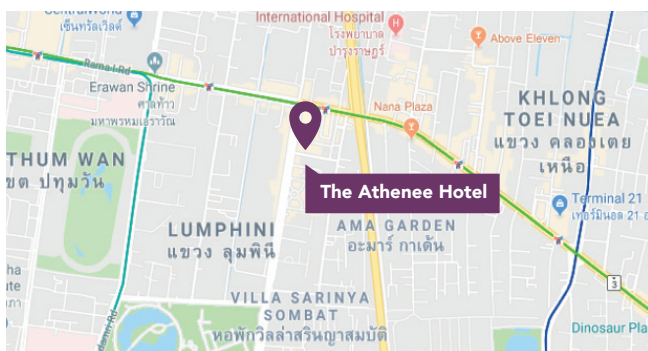
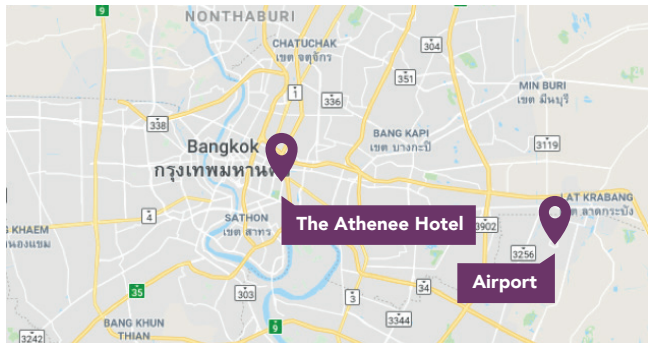
## Event Venue

### The Athenee Hotel

61 Wireless Road (Witthayu)

Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Thailand

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An Airport Rail Link, sky train (BTS) takes you from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Bangkok city. The Airport Rail Link costs approximately 45 Baht (EUR 1.17). It can take approximately up to one hour to arrive in Bangkok when using the Airport Rail Link, sky train (BTS).



## Transport within Bangkok

Taxis are a common means of transport and easy to find throughout the city. Different taxi companies use different colour taxis however you will be able to spot a taxi by the taxi meter sign on the roof of the car. Cash is the accepted form of payment.

Bangkok has its subway (MRT) serving as the backbone transportation of the city. Tuk-Tuk, Song-Thew (Red Pickup bus), Rod-May (Local Bus), Mor-Sai (Taxi Bike) and Rua-Rew (Taxi boat) are spreading around Bangkok awaiting those who seek adventures and thrills.



## Water

Although the tap water in Bangkok is chemically treated, it is recommended to drink only bottled water and beverages.



## Climate

The climate is tropical with an average high temperature of 35°C and low of 25°C in Bangkok. There are three overlapping seasons; the monsoon that lasts from May to October, when it turns moderate to cool until February and heats up until April. Temperatures are highest in March/ April and lowest in December/ January.



## Emergency Contacts

Ambulance and Rescue: 1554

Medical Emergency: 1669

Fire Brigade: 199

Police: 191- however to contact an English speaking operator it is advised to contact the Tourist Police on 1155.



## Accommodation

CANSO has secured a discounted delegate rate for attendees, please [click here](#) to benefit from the CANSO delegate rate.



## Transport from Suvarnabhumi Airport

To get to Bangkok by taxi follow the signs at Suvarnabhumi Airport to floor one. Ensure you take a ticket from the touch screen machines and proceed to the lane number printed on your ticket.

Airport taxis are green and yellow and are metered. The **approximate cost** of a taxi from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Bangkok is 380 Baht (EUR 10). Please note this includes the 50 Baht (EUR 1.30) airport surcharge and toll of 70 Baht (EUR 1.80).