

INTERNATIONAL · COMPLETE TRAVEL GUIDE

Thailand

Bangkok's temples and markets, Pattaya's shows and islands, Phuket's beaches — Gujarat's favourite first international holiday.

BEST MONTHS	FROM AHMEDABAD	IDEAL DURATION	VEG & JAIN FOOD	GOOD FOR
November to February; avoid June–October in Phuket for rough seas	Ahmedabad → Bangkok via Mumbai/Delhi, about 4.5–6 h total; check current schedules	5–8 nights	Easy — Gujarati/Jain restaurants in Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket; group tours usually include Indian dinners	Families, groups, couples, senior parents, first international trip

Thailand is where most Gujarati families take their first trip abroad, and it remains one of our best-selling international packages. Flights are short, hotels are excellent value against the rupee, and the country is genuinely easy for a first-timer: English signage at airports, organised day tours for every sight, and enough Indian and Gujarati restaurants in Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket that no one in a group of grandparents and children ever goes hungry.

Our standard group departs on the Bangkok–Pattaya circuit — five nights that cover the Grand Palace, a Chao Phraya dinner cruise, Safari World, Coral Island and the famous Alcazar show. Couples and smaller families who want beaches and islands go for Phuket and Krabi instead. Both routes run on direct or one-stop flights from Ahmedabad and Indians currently enter Thailand visa-free for short stays, which keeps the paperwork light.

What to see

Grand Palace and Wat Pho, Bangkok

The glittering royal complex and the Emerald Buddha, followed by the 46-metre Reclining Buddha next door — Bangkok's essential half-day, best done early before the heat and the crowds.

Safari World and Marine Park, Bangkok

A full-day drive-through safari plus a marine park with dolphin and orangutan shows — the single most popular outing for Gujarati families travelling with children and grandparents.

Chao Phraya dinner cruise

A buffet dinner cruise past the illuminated Wat Arun and the riverside temples of old Bangkok; vegetarian buffet counters are standard on the larger cruise boats.

Alcazar or Tiffany's cabaret show, Pattaya

An elaborate, family-friendly cabaret show — spectacle and costume rather than anything risqué; a fixture of almost every Pattaya evening itinerary.

Phi Phi Islands, Phuket

A full-day boat trip to Maya Bay and Phi Phi Don — the beach made famous by 'The Beach' — with snorkelling stops at Bamboo Island; long day, but the standout Phuket excursion.

Coral Island speedboat, Pattaya

A 30-minute speedboat ride to Koh Larn for a beach morning, with parasailing, banana boat and glass-bottom boat options for those who want them.

Nong Nooch Tropical Garden, Pattaya

Landscaped gardens, a cultural show with elephants, and one of the better half-day outings for a mixed-age group that wants a slower pace than the speedboat circuit.

James Bond Island, Phang Nga Bay

A longtail-boat cruise through limestone karsts and mangrove channels to Koh Tapu, plus a stop at a floating Muslim fishing village — usually combined with sea-canoeing.

Getting there from Ahmedabad

Fly: no non-stop Ahmedabad–Bangkok service runs at present; the usual routing is Ahmedabad–Mumbai or Ahmedabad–Delhi on IndiGo, then a Thai Airways, IndiGo or Air India onward flight to Bangkok, total travel time about 4.5–6 hours including the connection. Phuket and Krabi are usually one-stop via Bangkok. Check current schedules when we book, as direct Ahmedabad–Bangkok flights are added and dropped from time to time.

Visa: Indian passport holders currently get visa-free entry to Thailand for short tourist stays. Rules on the exact number of days and any re-entry conditions do change, so check current rules before travel — we handle the paperwork and any online arrival registration for every group.

Money: carry US dollars or a forex card from Ahmedabad and convert to Thai Baht (THB) on arrival — Bangkok's Super Rich exchange counters offer noticeably better rates than the airport counters. ATMs are widely available but charge a foreign-transaction fee of around ₹250–350 per withdrawal.

Getting around. Group tours travel by AC coach with a guide for all scheduled sightseeing and transfers. In Bangkok, the BTS Skytrain and MRT are fast and easy for anyone who wants to explore independently in free time; metered taxis and Grab (Thailand's ride-hailing app) work well everywhere and are inexpensive. In Pattaya, Phuket and Krabi, tuk-tuks and songthaews (shared pickup taxis) cover short hops; always agree the fare before boarding a tuk-tuk.

When to go

SEASON	MONTHS	WHAT TO EXPECT
Best	November – February	Cool and dry across the country, 24–32°C, low humidity. The best months for sightseeing in Bangkok and Pattaya and for calm seas around Phuket and Krabi. Peak season — book flights and island resorts 8–10 weeks ahead.

SEASON	MONTHS	WHAT TO EXPECT
Hot	March – May	Hot and increasingly humid, 33–38°C in Bangkok. Islands are still doable but the middle of the day is uncomfortable for sightseeing; carry water and plan outdoor visits for morning or late afternoon.
Rainy	June – October	Southwest monsoon; short, heavy afternoon downpours are typical rather than all-day rain. Phuket and Krabi in particular see rough seas and some island-tour cancellations in this window — we avoid booking the islands routes for these months where possible.
Shoulder	October, early November	Rain easing, greener landscapes, fewer crowds and better hotel rates than peak season, though a few showers are still likely.

Permits, rules and packing

No visa needed for short tourist stays under the current visa-free arrangement for Indian passport holders — check current rules and timelines with us before booking. No special permits are needed for any sight in this guide. The Grand Palace and Wat Pho enforce a strict dress code — shoulders and knees covered, no sleeveless tops, no flip-flops; sarongs are available for hire at the gate if needed. Thailand takes respect for the monarchy seriously: avoid any comment or joke about the royal family, in person or on social media. Vaping and e-cigarettes are illegal in Thailand and carry real fines and even confiscation at customs — leave vapes at home.

What to pack

- Light cotton clothing; Bangkok and the islands are hot and humid most of the year
- A modest outfit with covered shoulders and knees for the Grand Palace and Wat Pho
- Swimwear and a rash guard for island days
- Comfortable walking sandals that can get wet, plus one pair of closed shoes for city sightseeing
- A light raincoat or umbrella, especially June–October
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat — island-tour days are long and shade is limited on the boats
- A universal or Type A/C/O adapter; Thailand runs on 220V

Veg and Jain food

- Bangkok's Sukhumvit and Pahurat areas have well-established Indian and Gujarati restaurants — Pahurat (Bangkok's Little India) in particular has several pure-veg kitchens; Pattaya's Central Road and Phuket's Patong also have Indian restaurants that cater to Gujarati tour groups.
- Group tours we run usually include Indian dinners at these restaurants on most nights, with a Thai buffet built into the Chao Phraya cruise for those who want to try it.
- At Thai kitchens, always say 'no fish sauce' and 'no oyster sauce' clearly — Thai vegetable dishes are cooked with these by default even when they look and are described as vegetarian, so this is worth repeating at every meal.

- Fresh tropical fruit — mango, dragon fruit, rambutan, mangosteen — is inexpensive and sold everywhere; a good way to snack safely between meals.

What it costs

Indicative per-person costs on twin sharing for a 5–8 night Thailand trip including flights from Ahmedabad, hotels, transfers and the standard island/city tours. Actual quotes depend on dates, hotel category and group size; GST and TCS apply as per current rules.

VALUE

₹62,000 – 78,000

3★ hotels, standard group tours, economy flights booked 8+ weeks ahead, Bangkok–Pattaya only

COMFORT

₹80,000 – 1,10,000

4★ hotels, private or small-group tours on key days, flexible flight dates, Bangkok–Pattaya or Phuket–Krabi

PREMIUM

₹1,20,000 – 1,80,000

5★ hotels and beachfront resorts, private vehicles throughout, business-class option, the full Grand circuit

Where the money goes

- Flights are 40–50% of the trip: an Ahmedabad–Bangkok return via Mumbai/Delhi runs ₹22,000–32,000 booked early, ₹45,000+ in the December/Christmas window.
- Hotels: 3★ ₹3,500–5,500 per room per night in Bangkok/Pattaya, 4★ ₹6,500–11,000; Phuket and Krabi beachfront hotels run 20–30% higher for a comparable category.
- Island tours: Coral Island speedboat ₹1,800–2,800 per person, Phi Phi Islands full-day ₹3,500–5,500, James Bond Island ₹3,000–4,500, Four Islands Krabi ₹3,000–4,500.
- Shows and parks: Alcazar/Tiffany's show ₹1,800–2,800, Safari World & Marine Park combo ₹3,500–4,500 including transfers.

Travelling with parents and children

- Speedboats to Coral Island, Phi Phi and the Four Islands bounce hard on open water — seat seniors and anyone with a back or knee problem toward the centre of the boat, and mention any mobility concerns to us when booking so we can suggest a calmer alternative like the James Bond Island longtail-boat route instead.
- Safari World and Marine Park is the single best day for a group with children — the drive-through safari can be done from inside the coach, so it works even for grandparents who cannot walk far, and the shows are seated.
- Pattaya's Walking Street is a nightlife strip best avoided with children or senior parents; our itineraries route the group away from it, and we brief families who want to explore Pattaya independently in the evening on where to walk instead.
- Buy travel insurance for every traveller, seniors especially — it is the only way to avoid a large out-of-pocket hospital bill if a minor accident or stomach upset needs a clinic visit, and Thai hospitals expect payment or an insurance guarantee upfront.

- Carry printed and digital copies of passports and hotel bookings; immigration and hotel check-in both ask for the passport, not a photocopy of Aadhaar as within India.
- Group sizes of 15–20 get noticeably better rates on island tours and shows, since these are usually priced per group as well as per person — if your extended family can coordinate with another Gujarati family or two, ask us about combining departures.

Questions families ask us

Do Indians need a visa for Thailand?

Indian passport holders currently get visa-free entry for short tourist stays. The exact permitted duration and any online arrival-registration requirement do change from time to time, so we always check the current rules before your travel dates and handle the arrival formalities for the whole group.

Is Thailand safe for a family with senior parents and children?

Yes. Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket are set up for mass tourism with organised day tours, English-speaking guides and hospitals used to foreign visitors. The main precautions are ordinary ones: agree tuk-tuk fares before boarding, keep valuables in the hotel safe, and take travel insurance for every traveller.

Can we get Jain food in Thailand?

Gujarati and Jain-friendly restaurants exist in Bangkok (Sukhumvit and Pahurat especially), Pattaya (Central Road) and Phuket (Patong), and our group tours build Indian dinners into most evenings. For Thai restaurants on free days, always specify 'no fish sauce, no oyster sauce, no onion-garlic' clearly, since these are used by default in dishes that look vegetarian.

Which month should we travel?

November to February is best — cool, dry, and calm seas for the island tours. March to May is hot but workable. Avoid June to October if your itinerary includes Phuket or Krabi island-hopping, since rough seas can cancel boat tours during the monsoon.

Is Pattaya suitable for a family trip, given its nightlife reputation?

Yes, for the sights we include. Coral Island, Nong Nooch, the Sanctuary of Truth and the Alcazar/Tiffany's cabaret shows are all family-oriented and heavily visited by tour groups from India. Walking Street, Pattaya's nightlife strip, is a separate area that our itineraries simply do not route through — it is easy to avoid entirely.

Where should we exchange money?

Carry US dollars or a forex card from Ahmedabad; exchange counters in Bangkok (Super Rich and similar chains) give better rates than the airport or hotel counters, and better than exchanging inside India. ATMs are everywhere in Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket but charge a foreign-transaction fee, so one or two larger withdrawals work out cheaper than several small ones.

Classic Bangkok & Pattaya

The standard Gujarati group package: two nights in Pattaya for the islands and shows, three in Bangkok for the temples, markets and dinner cruise. This is what most of our groups book.

5 nights / 6 days

 Route: **Bangkok – Pattaya – Bangkok**

 From **₹68,000** per person, indicative

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → BANGKOK → PATTAYA

Arrive and head to the coast

Fly Ahmedabad–Bangkok via Mumbai or Delhi (check current schedules); most flights land at Suvarnabhumi by early afternoon local time. Our coach transfers the group straight to Pattaya (about 2 hours). Evening free to settle in; those with energy left can walk along Beach Road.

 Stay: **Pattaya** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

PATTAYA

Coral Island and the Alcazar show

Morning speedboat to Coral Island (Koh Larn) for beach time, glass-bottom boat and optional water sports; back on the mainland by early afternoon. Free time before an evening at the Alcazar or Tiffany's cabaret show, always a group favourite. Dinner at an Indian restaurant on Pattaya's Central Road, a strip with several Gujarati and Punjabi kitchens.

 Stay: **Pattaya** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

PATTAYA → BANGKOK

Nong Nooch and the drive to Bangkok

Morning visit to Nong Nooch Tropical Garden for the cultural and elephant show, or the Sanctuary of Truth wood carving temple for those who prefer it. After lunch, drive to Bangkok (about 2 hours). Evening free, or an optional walk through the Pratunam night market area near the hotel.

 Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

4

BANGKOK

Grand Palace and the river cruise

Early start for the Grand Palace and Wat Pho before the heat and the tour-bus crowds — shoulders and knees must be covered, and we brief the group on this the night before. Afternoon free for Indra Market or Pratunam shopping. Evening Chao Phraya dinner cruise past Wat Arun, with a vegetarian buffet counter.

 Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

BANGKOK

Safari World and Marine Park

Full-day trip to Safari World and Marine Park on the city outskirts — a drive-through safari in the morning, dolphin and orangutan shows and the bird park in the afternoon. This is usually the day families with children rate highest. Free evening for last-minute shopping at Pratunam or MBK.

Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

BANGKOK → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Transfer to Suvarnabhumi Airport; leave the hotel at least 4 hours before an international departure. Connecting flight back to Ahmedabad via Mumbai or Delhi.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Bangkok flights (via Mumbai/Delhi)
- + 5 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Daily breakfast and Indian veg dinner
- + Coral Island speedboat, Alcazar show, Safari World & Marine Park, Chao Phraya dinner cruise, Nong Nooch entry
- + AC coach transfers and airport pickup/drop
- + Visa assistance for the current Thailand entry rules

Not included

- Lunches
- Optional water sports on Coral Island
- Personal shopping and tips
- Travel insurance
- GST 5% and TCS as applicable

STANDARD

₹68,000–80,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹95,000–1,20,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights from Ahmedabad at normal fares. December and Diwali-season departures run 20–30% higher; book flights 8–10 weeks ahead for the best fares.

Phuket & Krabi Islands

Three nights each in Phuket and Krabi, built around island-hopping rather than city sightseeing. Suits couples and families who want beaches, boats and a slower pace over palace visits and shows.

6 nights / 7 days Route: **Phuket – Krabi** From **₹78,000** per person, indicative

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → PHUKET

Arrive in Phuket

Fly Ahmedabad–Phuket, usually one-stop via Bangkok or Mumbai (check current schedules); most connections land by evening. Transfer to your Patong-area hotel and settle in — Patong beach itself is a short walk for anyone who wants an evening stroll.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

PHUKET

Phi Phi Islands full-day tour

Full-day boat trip to the Phi Phi Islands: Maya Bay, Phi Phi Don for lunch, and a snorkelling stop at Bamboo Island. Boats leave early (around 8 am) and return by late afternoon, so it is a long day — good walking shoes and seasickness tablets help. Free evening back at the hotel.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Day

3

PHUKET

James Bond Island and Big Buddha

Morning longtail-boat cruise through Phang Nga Bay to James Bond Island (Koh Tapu) and the floating village of Koh Panyi, with an optional sea-canoe ride through the limestone caves. On the way back, stop at the 45-metre Big Buddha on Nakkerd Hill for the view over the island. Evening free at Patong.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Day

4

PHUKET → KRABI

Cross to Krabi

Morning transfer to Krabi by road (about 3.5 hours) or a short domestic flight, depending on group size and preference. Afternoon free to settle in near Ao Nang beach; those with energy can walk out to the viewpoint at the end of the beach road.

Stay: **Krabi** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

KRABI

Four Islands tour

Full-day speedboat tour of Krabi's Four Islands — Poda, Tup, Chicken Island and Phra Nang Cave Beach — with snorkelling and a beach lunch. This is Krabi's signature outing and considerably less crowded than Phuket's island tours. Evening free at Ao Nang's night market.

Stay: Krabi · Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day
6

KRABI

Free day or Emerald Pool

Optional half-day trip to the Emerald Pool and Hot Springs at Khao Pra Bang Kham, or a slow day at the resort pool and beach for families who have had enough boats by now. Farewell dinner at an Indian restaurant in Ao Nang.

Stay: Krabi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
7

KRABI → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Transfer to Krabi Airport; connecting flights back to Ahmedabad usually route via Bangkok or Mumbai. Leave the hotel at least 3.5 hours before departure.

Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Phuket / Krabi–Ahmedabad flights
- + 6 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Daily breakfast; dinner on 4 nights
- + Phi Phi Islands tour, James Bond Island tour, Four Islands tour with lunch on tour days
- + Phuket–Krabi road transfer
- + Visa assistance for the current Thailand entry rules

Not included

- Dinners on free days
- Sea-canoeing add-on at Phang Nga Bay
- Emerald Pool optional excursion
- Travel insurance
- GST 5% and TCS as applicable

STANDARD

₹78,000–92,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

**₹1,10,000–
1,45,000**

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights from Ahmedabad. Sea conditions can cancel island tours June–October; the premium band assumes a beachfront resort in both Phuket and Krabi.

Grand Thailand

The full circuit for families who want to see everything in one trip: Bangkok's temples and markets, Pattaya's islands and shows, and three nights on Phuket's beaches to close the holiday.

8 nights / 9 days Route: **Bangkok – Pattaya – Phuket** From **₹1,10,000** per person, indicative

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → BANGKOK

Arrive in Bangkok

Fly Ahmedabad–Bangkok via Mumbai or Delhi (check current schedules); transfer to your Sukhumvit-area hotel. Evening free — Sukhumvit has several Gujarati and Jain restaurants for a settling-in dinner.

Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

BANGKOK

Grand Palace and Wat Pho

Early visit to the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha, then Wat Pho next door for the Reclining Buddha — modest dress is compulsory, and we brief the group the evening before. Afternoon at Indra Market or Pratunam for shopping. Evening Chao Phraya dinner cruise.

Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

BANGKOK

Safari World and Marine Park

Full day at Safari World and Marine Park — drive-through safari, dolphin and orangutan shows, bird park. A high point for children and grandparents alike. Free evening.

Stay: **Bangkok** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

4

BANGKOK → PATTAYA

Drive to Pattaya

Morning drive to Pattaya (about 2 hours). Afternoon at the Sanctuary of Truth, an all-wood temple structure on the seafront, or the floating market for a browse and a boat-noodle lunch. Evening Alcazar or Tiffany's cabaret show.

Stay: **Pattaya** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

5

PATTAYA

Coral Island

Morning speedboat to Coral Island for beach time and optional water sports; back by early afternoon. Free evening — Central Road has several Indian restaurants for those who want a familiar dinner.

Stay: **Pattaya** · Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Day
6

PATTAYA → PHUKET

Fly to Phuket

Transfer to U-Tapao or back to Bangkok for a short domestic flight to Phuket, depending on the day's connections. Check into a Patong-area hotel; evening free to walk the beach.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

PHUKET

Phi Phi Islands or James Bond Island

Full-day boat tour — Phi Phi Islands and Maya Bay for those who want the longer trip, or the shorter Phang Nga Bay and James Bond Island tour for families with young children or seniors. Either way, a stop at the Big Buddha viewpoint can be added on the return.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Day
8

PHUKET

Free day and shopping

Free day at the resort or on Patong beach; optional half-day trip to Phuket Old Town for its Sino-Portuguese architecture and a walk through Central Festival mall for last-minute shopping. Farewell dinner.

Stay: **Phuket** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
9

PHUKET → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Transfer to Phuket International Airport; connecting flights to Ahmedabad usually route via Bangkok or Mumbai. Leave the hotel at least 4 hours before an international departure.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Bangkok and Phuket–Ahmedabad flights, plus the Pattaya–Phuket domestic sector
- + 8 nights across Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner on most nights
- + Grand Palace & Wat Pho, Safari World & Marine Park, Chao Phraya cruise, Coral Island, Alcazar show, one Phuket island tour
- + AC coach transfers, airport pickups and drops throughout
- + Visa assistance for the current Thailand entry rules

Not included

- Lunches except on tour days
- Domestic flight upgrades and seat selection
- Optional water sports and sea-canoeing
- Travel insurance
- GST 5% and TCS as applicable

STANDARD

PREMIUM

**₹1,10,000–
1,30,000**

Per person, twin sharing

**₹1,60,000–
2,10,000**

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including all flights from Ahmedabad. The internal Pattaya–Phuket connection adds a domestic flight, which is the main reason this route costs more than the two shorter itineraries.

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