

TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

Fact Sheet

as of September 2, 2008 (13.30 hrs.)

1. On September 2, 2008, Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej declared a state of emergency in Bangkok. If asked, please kindly refer to the official announcement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.go.th) and Thai embassies.

2. Four international airports : Phuket, Hat Yai, Krabi and Surat Thani have now resumed normal operations (call center 0 2132 1888). Tourists planning to travel to Thailand are therefore advised to check the latest situation regarding their travel plans with their travel agents or contact :
 - Tourist Information at the airport 0 2134 0041-2
 - Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATTA) 0 2237 6046-8
 - TAT Call Center 1672
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand, Chumphon Office
Tel. 0 7423 1055 , 0 7423 8518, 0 7424 3747
Fax. 0 7424 5986
E-mail Address : tatsgkhl@tat.or.th
Website : www.tourismthailand.org/hatyai
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand , Phuket Office
Tel. 0 7621 1036, 0 7621 7138, 0 7621 2213
Fax. 0 7621 3582
E-mail Address : tatphket@tat.or.th
Website : www.tourismthailand.org/phuket
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand , Krabi Office
Tel. 0 7562 2163
Fax. 0 7562 2164
E-mail Address : tatkrabi@tat.or.th
Website : www.tourismthailand.org/krabi
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand , Trang Office
Tel. 0 7521 5867-8
Fax. 0 7521 5868
E-mail Address : tattrang@tat.or.th
Website : www.tourismthailand.org/trang
 - Tourism Authority of Thailand , Surat Thani Office
Tel. 0 7728 8818-9
Fax. 0 7728 2828
E-mail Address : tatsurat@tat.or.th
Website : www.tourismthailand.org/suratthani

3. Rail services in some provincial areas of the north and northeastern regions of Thailand have resumed. (Call Center 1690)
4. TAT has been in cooperation with the local authorities concerned in Phuket, Hat Yai, Krabi, Songkhla, and Surat Thani in order to facilitate tourists and expats stranded in those provinces.
5. Mass transportation such as the BTS skytrain, subway, and bus services are in normal operation.
6. Official bureaus, shopping centers and restaurants are open as usual except schools in the Bangkok area that have been announced to close for 3 days.
7. Tourists and expats in Bangkok should avoid the following areas : Chamai Maruchet Bridge, Government House, Sanam Luang (Royal Ground), and Ratchadamnoen Road.
8. Travel is possible to all other parts of the country.
9. To keep updated, please check online at www.mfa.go.th as well as other media sources.

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