

LE Thailand Projected Expenses 2015

Mandatory Expenses	Amount (USD)	Notes
Airfare to Thailand	\$1,700	This amount can greatly vary, depending on (a) where you fly from, and (b) how soon you book. Volunteers from Europe expect to pay much less. Do some research with your own circumstances for a better idea. If you leave it too late, expect to pay up to \$2000.
Visa	Single Entry-\$40, Double Entry-\$80	Double entry visas are required if volunteers plan to travel to neighboring countries before flying out of Bangkok. Traveling to Cambodia or Laos after the program is a option for volunteers if they so choose. If a volunteer does decide to travel to a different country but still plans to fly out of Thailand, then a double entry visa is necessary. Otherwise, volunteers planning on remaining in Thailand for the entirety of their time in Southeast Asia will need only a single-entry visa.
Miscellaneous Transport	\$100	You may have to take a taxi, bus, van, or car somewhere at some time during your stay.
Mobile phone, SIM, & top-up	\$60	Sometimes it is cheaper to unlock your own US phone, depending on your service provider. However, this does not always prove reliable, and some phones may not be compatible with Thai SIM cards. Volunteers are required to have some form of cellular communication with them for the duration of the program.

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Gifts and teaching supplies	\$100	Volunteers are encouraged to bring gifts for their host families and the people they meet. For host families especially, this is not only a sign of respect, but a way of thanking them for allowing you into your home. Many volunteers will also need extra teaching supplies, such as prizes (stickers, etc), markers, crayons, etc.
Incidentals	\$200	Street food, clothes, toiletries, souvenirs, day trips, snacks, coffee, tourist entry fees, and others.
Orientation (food)	\$15 (500 Thai baht)	Traditionally the Thailand program has never charged an orientation fee. However, we have found that we simply cannot provide food for orientation on community donations alone. With the expansion of the program and number of volunteers, we would be asking for far too much from the Thai community. Therefore this year we are asking for a small donation from the volunteers to cover the cost of food provided during orientation.
Total	\$2,215	<i>Please note that this is only an estimate and only covers expenses relating to the program itself (i.e. expect it to increase greatly if you want to travel outside of the program. It will vary greatly among personal spending habits and the airfare you purchase.</i>

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Optionals	Amount (Thai baht/ USD)	<i>You don't have to buy any of these, but it will give you the idea of the cost of items in-country.</i>
		<i>Prices in Thai Baht [\$1.00=31.14 baht as of 10/24/2012]</i>
Train from Phichit/ Phetchbun to Bangkok, or Phichit/ Phetchabun to Chiang Mai	60, 150, 300 B (\$2, \$4.50, \$9.50)	Regular, fast, and splinter (with A/C)
Bus from Phichit to Phuket	1000 B (\$30)	
Plane from Bangkok to Phuket	1500 B-2300 B (\$50-\$75)	Roundtrip (depending on how early you book and dates you want to travel on)
Hostel in Bangkok	400 B/night (\$12/night)	Will pay much more if you want a hotel. Cost depends on location. Ask PDs for recommendations.
Street meal	40 B (\$1.30)	By far the cheapest, and most delicious way to experience Thai cuisine.
Western meal	150 B + (\$5+)	You will pay much more for anything Western. A
Bottle of water	10-15 B (\$0.30-\$0.40)	Depends where you buy it!
Can of soda	12 B (\$0.40)	Depends where you buy it!
Tuk-tuk fare in Bangkok	100 B (\$3.20)	For average trip.
Boat taxi in Bangkok	10 B (\$0.30)	
T-shirt/other clothes	100 B (\$3.20)	Market has cheapest prices

N.B. volunteers are advised to investigate the vaccinations they may require prior to their departure. Some volunteers may already have these administered previously. Please see the Program Addendum for a list of vaccinations that may be considered.