

Danes in Thailand and Thais in Denmark

In addition to the commercial and diplomatic relations, a rising number of Danes and Thais are visiting each other's countries, making tourism an important part of the relationship between Denmark and Thailand.

Danes in Thailand

Thailand increasingly attracts Danish tourists, visitors and residents. The reasons are obvious: the climate, the beautiful scenery of Thailand's mainland and the islands with bounty beaches, the low price level (compared to Denmark), business opportunities and the smiling and welcoming Thai people.

Danes in Thailand is a diversified group, consisting of officials and business travellers, families on holiday and backpackers. The number of tourists has been increasing over the past couple of years, and especially the island of Phuket is very attractive to Danes. In 2004 there were 87,603 Danish tourists in Thailand; 80% went to Phuket. Despite of the Tsunami in 2004, there was an increase in the number in 2005 (98,554). In the latest two years, the number of Danish tourists in Thailand has once again rapidly increased with 128,037 visiting Thailand in 2006.

The amount of Danes living in Thailand has also been increasing. At the beginning of 2008, the number is an estimate of 2,000, consisting of Danes working in Thailand, retirees etc.

Thais in Denmark

Yearly, Denmark has 3,000-4,000 visitors from Thailand, granted a tourist visa. As the number of Thais living in Denmark has increased over the years from 896 in 1990 to 6,248 in 2008, many of the visitors go there to see their families and experience the country at the same time. An increasing number of Thais is given Danish citizenship.

Historically, culturally and geographically, Denmark has a lot to offer tourists, regardless of interests. Denmark has monuments and towns dating as far back as to the age of the Vikings as well as beautiful renaissance castles. In addition, Denmark has several museums reflecting the historic development in Denmark in fields such as women's rights, the working class, the industrial and agrarian sectors, as well as open-air museums representing different periods in Denmark's history.

Denmark is surrounded by sea and has numerous beautiful beaches inviting for relaxation and comfort, as well as forests and large fields making possible the enjoyment of rural simplicity. Looking for entertainment and cultural experiences, Denmark offers a vast range of possibilities.

For more information on Denmark as a tourist destination: www.visitdenmark.dk