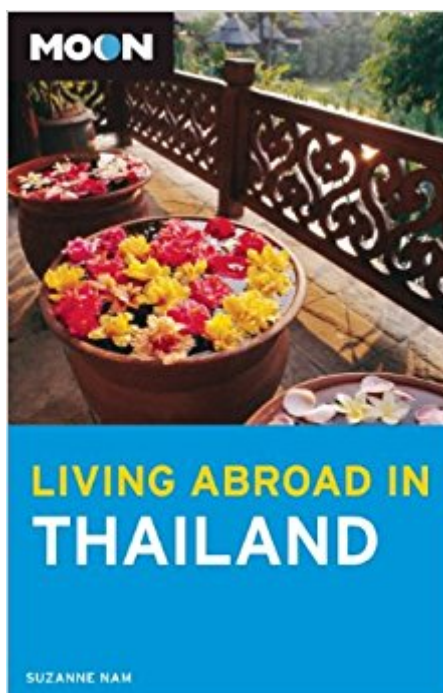


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# Moon Living Abroad In Thailand



## Synopsis

Moon Thailand author and Bangkok resident Suzanne Nam knows what it takes to make the move to Thailand. As a dedicated travel writer who has lived in Thailand for more than four years, Nam has the firsthand know-how and insight to help you make a smooth transition to life in Southeast Asia. Moon Living Abroad in Thailand is packed with essential information and must-have details on setting up daily life, including obtaining visas, arranging finances, and gaining employment. Nam also includes particulars on education, health care, and how to rent or buy a home that fits your needs. With color and black and white photos, illustrations, and maps to help you find your way, Moon Living Abroad in Thailand is an indispensable resource for tourists, business people, adventurers, students, teachers, professionals, families, couples, and retirees looking to relocate.

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## Customer Reviews

"Living Abroad in Thailand" is an excellent introduction for any "farang" foreigner who is considering living in Thailand. The author has a very straightforward, interesting writing style and covers a wide range of topics about living in Thailand which, before reading her book, I had not taken into account. Ms. Nam also discusses in detail the particulars about living in Bangkok, Northern Thailand, Southern Thailand, Northeast Thailand (Isan) and Pattaya. I also found the "Resources and Thai Phrasebook" particularly helpful in obtaining further information and trying to communicate in Thai with the Thai people I have met. All in all, "Living Abroad in Thailand" is a MUST for anyone considering learning more about or moving to Thailand.

In my mind, Moon is a brand I can trust. I love their books and think they hire not only good writers but also reliable ones who know the facts. The author of this book has a wealth of experience in Thailand and is very knowledgeable. I've been traveling to Thailand for 10 years and my experience matches a lot of what she says. She has a lot of practical advice like how to bargain for an apartment and how to look for a good school. I think for parents this book is a must-read and for people moving to Bangkok it can really help reduce your confusion. I think the book is best for professionals who will work in the city and families with young children. Some of the things she says I don't agree with and/or think are inaccurate. I think it could use less focus on prices, less personal bias and some additional fact checking. For example, she says Thailand is not sanitary, but if you've traveled to any other part of Asia you will find Thailand incredibly clean. I go to Thailand partly as a relief from the filth of other countries, so I strongly disagree. There are some subjective points to the book like this - it's a funny mix of fact and opinion. Bathrooms in Thailand are generally spotless with a staff person constantly cleaning. You can eat in almost any restaurant with no risk of traveler's sickness, but she says it's not sanitary and that everyone gets diarrhea. This sounds factual, but my experience is different. I've never gotten sick in Thailand whereas I have gotten sick in half a dozen other countries. She also says the water in Thailand isn't potable but published studies of the tap water in Bangkok call it "the cleanest tap water in the world." Many buildings today have water filters on the main line. The book gives a lot of prices for things like food, housing and utilities. I found her prices to be pretty inaccurate but that's probably because the economy has been changing so fast in Thailand and in the world. I don't know why there is such a strong focus on listing prices in this book - that makes it go out of date almost immediately. Plus there's the fact that prices aren't fixed for many things in Thailand, so it varies from person to person. I found her prices for things like food to be too high but her prices for things like apartments to be too low. That may be because I'm a man and she's a woman, our age, where we go - who knows. That's the problem with a book that gives a lot of prices - prices vary from person to person and place to place, plus they go out of date pretty quick. So, use the prices as a guideline but know they could be very different when you get there.

This is a great little book for anyone that plans on staying for anything longer than a few months in Thailand. Even if you don't plan on moving, it's got good information on culture. It isn't a complete necessity, since all of the information could be gathered in other places. It's hard to keep the job information up to date since it changes so fast, so I can't blame her for that. Overall, a great book to

use if you plan on staying for a while.

Packed with facts on Thailand and actively cheering for you to make the leap and move to Thailand. Addresses the sticking points that keep people on the fence about leaving home to have a life.

I recommend it. I've been to Thailand many times , but there was new information that will help me in future trips or if I move there, which I still hold out some serious hope for. The author's style is easy to stay with and there is a good coverage of topics. I'm going to give this 5 stars, because it is an honest and engaging assessment of the subject at hand.

I was turned off by the author's racist comments. She stated over and over about fat white expats complaining. Nam's attitude is that racism is bad unless it is against white people. Prices were given often but in Baht? Why not US dollars since that is your audience. A more positive and informative source for Thailand is a Youtube site entitled: Retire cheap in Asia. A "white" man named JC retired there and has posted hundreds of videos of his retired life in Thailand.

I did not find this book to be that useful. We have been here for a year now and if anything I would say that there was a bunch of misinformation that could have been corrected by sharing the manuscript with a few people who live in Thailand before publishing. I was disappointed, I usually like Moon Guides.

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