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Dear Delegate,

In view of the border conflict between Thailand and Cambodia, and to ease any concerns you may have, we would like to assure this will not impact nor disrupt TARS 2025 which will take place August 20-21, 2025 in Chiang Mai. The good news is that both countries have agreed to ceasefire talks today, July 28, 2025. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy854585r320">https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy854585r320</a>

## **Travelling to Thailand**

Here is the latest travel advisory issued by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) issued yesterday, July 27, 2025.

https://www.tatnews.org/2025/07/travel-advisory-border-safety-measures-in-place-across-eastern-and-northeastern-thailand/

## Brief:

Caution: Affected areas include all border crossing points.. Entry and exit at designated checkpoints is strictly prohibited. Travel along border-adjacent roads should be avoided, and tourists are strongly advised not to visit viewpoints or observation areas near the frontier. High-Risk Areas:

Northeastern provinces near the Cambodian border, such as Surin, Si Sa Ket, and Ubon Ratchathani, are directly affected.



## General Travel Situation in Thailand

The rest of Thailand continues to operate as normal. Domestic and international services—including air, bus, ferry, and rail (except the suspended section in Sa Kaeo)—are running as usual.

https://www.thailand-business-news.com/travel/236040-should-you-cancel-your-trip-to-thailand-amid-the-cambodia-border-

conflict#:~:text=Don't%20Cancel%20If:%20Your,register%20with%20your%20country's%20embassy

Safe Areas: Major tourist hubs like Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, and southern islands like Koh Samui are far from the conflict zone, approximately 500–600 km away from the border conflict (Surin, Si Sa Ket, Ubon Ratchathani). Social media posts confirm that life in Bangkok continues as normal, with no immediate impact from the border clashes. These areas remain safe for tourists, provided you exercise standard precautions.

Note: Chiangmai, like Bangkok, operates an international airport with direct flights from Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines. Airlines include Air Asia, Malaysian Airlines, Phillipine Airlines, Cebu Airways, Scoot, Qatar Airways.

We will continue to monitor the situation and post updates on the TARS website.

Best regards,

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