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The Thailand Privilege visa, start to finish

Choosing a tier, applying, getting your Privilege Entry visa and living with it, plus the cheaper long-stay visas you should price out first.

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Thailand Privilege (called Thailand Elite until 2023) is a paid membership run by Thailand Privilege Card Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Tourism Authority of Thailand. You pay once, and members get a five-year Privilege Entry (PE) visa plus airport and concierge services for the length of the membership. There's no income test, no age limit and no employer.

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How to use this guide

Read sections 1 and 2 first: they'll tell you whether Privilege is worth the money compared with a regular visa. Then print pages 6–7 and 13–14. Programme prices and promotions change, so confirm the current offer with Thailand Privilege before you pay.

General information, not legal or tax advice. YoNomad isn't an agent for Thailand Privilege and earns nothing from your membership.

Is it worth it for you?

Privilege is the "pay to skip the paperwork" route. If you qualify for a regular long-stay visa, that will almost always be cheaper. Price these out first.

	Thailand Privilege	Destination Thailand Visa (DTV)	Retirement (50+)
Cost	฿650,000–5,000,000 one-off	Visa fee set by each embassy (around ฿10,000)	Visa and yearly extension fees
Money test	None	At least ฿500,000 in the bank over the last 3 months	Deposit or monthly income in Thailand
Who	Anyone eligible (page 5)	Remote workers, freelancers, and people doing Thai "soft power" activities such as Muay Thai or cooking courses	People aged 50+
Visa	5-year Privilege Entry visa, for the membership term	5-year multiple entry, 180 days per stay (extendable once)	1-year extensions, renewed annually
Extras	Airport fast track, concierge, points (Gold+)	None	None

There's also the Long-Term Resident (LTR) visa for wealthy individuals, pensioners with high pensions, remote workers with high incomes and skilled professionals. Check its categories at ltr.boi.go.th.

Privilege makes sense if...

- You don't fit a regular visa (under 50, no qualifying income, no employer).
- You want years of hassle-free entries and value the airport and concierge services.
- The cost per year (page 4) is small relative to your budget.

Think twice if...

- You want to work in Thailand. The visa doesn't give you a work permit.
- You'd qualify for the DTV or a retirement visa: you'd be paying a large premium mainly for convenience.

Tiers and real cost

Membership is a one-off fee in Thai baht. Divide it by the number of years to compare tiers honestly.

Tier	Fee (THB)	Years	Cost per year	Points / year
Bronze (limited-time; reported open to 31 Dec 2026)	650,000	5	130,000	–
Gold	900,000	5	180,000	20
Platinum	1,500,000	10	150,000	35
Diamond	2,500,000	15	166,667	55
Reserve	5,000,000	20	250,000	120

The math most people skip

Bronze is the cheapest per year while it's on offer, and Platinum is cheaper per year than Gold if you're sure you'll stay ten years. Gold mostly buys points, which you can redeem for things like airport transfers, lounges, spa treatments and health checks. Only count points as value if you'd actually pay for those services.

Family members

Spouses, children and parents can be added on the higher tiers for a per-person fee, and Thailand Privilege has run promotional family rates. Prices and conditions change, so ask for the current offer in writing (enquiry template on page 11).

Fees are in baht

Your cost in dollars or euros moves with the exchange rate. Agents sometimes quote USD figures; always check the baht price from Thailand Privilege itself.