



ANNOUNCEMENT – ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN (APO)

New Date

13 – 17 APRIL 2022 (Wednesday – Sunday) | 5 Days

Registration close Saturday, 12 March 2022

COVID-19 situation in many countries throughout Asia is recovering at a slower pace than expected. Many countries have imposed stricter quarantine rules for travellers returning to their home countries.

Based on this recent development, the APO organizers decided to postpone the tournament from 5 – 9 January to 13-17 April 2022 (Wed – Sun, 5 days)

We apologize for the inconvenience caused and hope that the new tournament date allows respective government to establish a VTL (Vaccinated Travel Lane) protocol or any other safe travel measures so to facilitate more participants to take part in the first-ever Asia Pickleball Open.

Phuket, Thailand remains open for travellers who are Vaccinated with PCR tested negative result. (<https://www.thaiembassy.com/travel-to-thailand/no-quarantine-phuket-sandbox-plan>) and we are committed to implement and adhere to Covid-19 Safe Measurement during the APO event.

Covid-19 is an endemic as some countries are classifying it. Most governments in Asia need to bring life back to the new norm (living under covid) as they may be unable to sustain the economy using its reserves. They will need to start business trading and opening up their borders, including tourism. We will have a clearer picture of government strategies in the next month or two.

Covid, over time, will become a way of life, like dengue and influenza. All of us have a high chance of getting it. Hopefully, with full vaccination, together with our body's own immunity system, and common sense, we will ride this out. Be cautious of this virus, but don't fear it, and don't let it cast a dark shroud over our daily lives. Life is to live, not merely to exist!

Stay Safe.



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Note: For feedback and sharing of latest information, please email to apotournament@gmail.com.



1. ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN (APO) - INFORMATION

This is an amazing opportunity to help showcase some of the best picklers in Asia, as well as players from international countries, and provide some timely relief to everyone dealing with COVID-19's challenges.

Phuket, the beautiful island in Thailand beckons you to enjoy the sun, beach, food, tourist attractions, and of course, Pickleball smorgasbord with 16 indoor courts at your disposal.

a. Organisers

APO is jointly organised by Thai Pickleball Association (THPA), Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP) and Pickleball Global (PG).

THPA is an Associate member of AFP and PG owns Global Pickleball Ranking (GPR) software that provide player's scoring globally.

b. Tournament Location

Thanyapura @ Phuket, THAILAND

Approximately 16 mins (13KM) drive from Phuket International Airport (HKT).

c. Tournament Date & Time

13 – 17 April 2022 | Wednesday – Sunday (5 Days) | 09:00am – 18:00pm

Important

Please arrive 12 hours before your tournament day. This is because (1) you need to perform RT-PCR test upon arrival at the airport, (2) take the hotel's land transfer and (3) wait for 2 – 12 hours in the hotel room for the result. Only when you tested negative, you are free to move around without having to quarantine. Based on traveller's past experiences, they receive the result within 3-5 hours, but that's not guaranteed.

d. Tournament Courts

We will be converting 4 sheltered (not indoor) Tennis courts into 16 Pickleball courts. It is a hard surface court. We will treat this as an outdoor event.

e. Tournament Tier

This is Global Pickleball Ranking (GPR) Asia continent level, Tier 4 tournament.

Type of Competitions		Local Interest Group	States Regional	Country National	Continent	World
Skill Levels	Tier	1	2	3	4	5
Beginner		10	20	40	60	80
Intermediate		30	60	120	180	240
Advanced		60	120	240	360	480
Elite (Pro)		100	200	400	600	800

f. Venue Setting Up

Players are welcome to assist the setting up on 12 April, Tuesday at 9am. No prior registration is required. Report at Thanyapura "Setup point"

g. Volunteer

For anyone who wish to volunteer yourself (Referee or Technical Officer), you can sign up during registration or drop an email to apotournament@gmail.com. We will validate your credential, experiences and your individual standings for works assignment, if any.

h. Enquiry

If you have any queries, you can

- Post the question on the pickleball.global tournament wall.
- Email to apotournament@gmail.com
- Reach out to your APO local country manager for more information (refer to point 3).



We will reply within 3 working days or when we have the answer from the committee or from the relevant government agencies.

i. Updates (as per 16-Oct-2021)

Refer to any of the below URL for latest handbook details:

<https://afpickleball.org/apo2022>

<https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open/about>

<https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open-team-event/about>

2. REGISTRATION – TERMS & CONDITIONS

Open: Wednesday, 01 Sept 2021	Close: Saturday, 12 March 2022
Individual (Singles/Doubles)	https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open/about
Team Challenge	https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open-team-event/about

a. Age

Age is calculated as per “year” of age, not based on month or day. Therefore, a player’s birth year 1972 means: 2022 – 1972 = 50 years old. (This player belongs to senior, 50+ age group)

Junior Boy's Girl's Junior Mixed	Adult Men's Women's Mixed	Senior Men's Women's Mixed
14U means 14 years old and below 18U means 18 years old and below	19+ means 19 years old and above	50+ means 50 years old and above 60+ means 60 years old and above.

b. Skill Levels

There are 4 skill levels under Global Pickleball Ranking (GPR).

In APO 2022, we created the tournament for Intermediate, Advanced and Open category.

Skill Rating*	1.0 to 2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5+
GPR Skill Levels	Beginner		Intermediate		Advanced		Elite / Professional	
APO 2022	Beginner (not open for tournament)		Intermediate		Advanced		Open (prize money)	

*Rating refers to 4(d) as reference.

c. Individual Games

There are 3 divisions (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles).

d. Team Challenge (16 Teams)

- There is a limit entry of 14 Teams and 2 International Teams.
- You can create 1 team once you have 5 players and serve as the team captain. You will be one of the players.
- Player is NOT ALLOW to join more than one team.
- Team captain can create your [memorable] Team's name and select your team members. It is preferable but not compulsory to form a country team of the same nationality. Captain will pay the \$160 fee upfront and collect the amount back by divide it equally among the players. If there is any player request to join your team via registration platform, you can accept or reject them to join your team.

Each team should have a minimum of 8 players, with minimum of 2 women in the team. There is no cap limit of backup player. Men's Doubles is COED (Men and women) competition format. The winning teams (Gold/Silver/Bronze) will receive max 10 medals per Team.

- International Team: If you can't form a team, you can register into existing team or you can apply to join the International Team, but subject to first come basis and available vacancy. Team captain will confirm your request and you will receive a notification. Participation fee of \$20/player is payable to the team captain.



e. Payment & Refund policy on and before 12 March 2022

- i. Player will need to make payment during registration via Paypal online. YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT to pay for the registration. Paypal accepts both VISA and MASTER card payment.
- ii. You are allowed to cancel your registration at any time on and before 12 March 2022 by writing an email to the tournament director jan@pickleball.global for a full refund.

f. Lockdown Refund policy after 12 March 2022

- i. If Phuket is declared lockdown after 12 March 2022, we will postpone the event to another date in Q2 2022.
- ii. In the event that you can't join the new Q2 date, you can seek for full refund.
- iii. In the event that APO committee is unable to secure the Q2 tournament date, we will refund the full participation fees amount via the original payment channel.

3. APO COMMITTEE AND COUNTRY MANAGERS CONTACT

a. APO Committee volunteers:

APO Chairs:	Khun Pe Mr. Hogan Lai Mr. Jimmy Tan
Tournament Directors:	Mr. Jan David Papi Ms. Aun
Country Managers:	10+
Support Directors:	Khun Pe Ms Tai
Referee Directors:	Mr. Eddie Shen Mr. Ohm
Finance Director:	Mr. Pakorn Ms. Jun
Marketing Directors:	Ms Michelle Mr. John
Covid Management:	Ms. Aun Ms Tai
Holiday Team:	Mr. Nu
Medical & Admin Team:	10+
Referee, TO & Line Judges:	26+

b. Country Managers contact list:

Country Leaders	Name	Email
Hong Kong	Mr. Matthew Yip	hkpickleball@gmail.com
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Indonesia	Mr. Cak Susilo	susilo_777@yahoo.com
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Singapore	Ms. Michelle	hello@pickleball.sg
Taiwan	Mr. Eddie Shen	bookone325@gmail.com
Thailand	Ms. Aun	apotournament@gmail.com
Rest of Asia	Mr. Jimmy Tan	jimmy_tanhc@msn.com
Outside Asia	Mr. Jan David Papi	Jan@pickleball.global

It is advised that you reach out to your country lead to co-ordinate the travels and safety arrangement. Otherwise, you can contact Jimmy Tan (rest of Asia) or Jan David (Outside Asia).



4. TOURNAMENT RULES

- a. **Rulebook:** We will be adopting USAPA 2021 Official Tournament Rulebook:
<https://usapickleball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-Rulebook-Indexed-FINAL-12-17-20.pdf>

For ease of reference, you can view the rules summary here:

https://usapickleball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/USAPA_Rules_Summary.pdf

- b. **Approved Paddle:** Player can use the approved paddle that are listed in this link:
<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/>

- c. **Approved Ball:** We will be using **Franklin X-40 (Yellow)** outdoor approved tournament ball.

- d. **Rating:** You can refer to rating definition as a reference when converting to Skill Level (2b).
<https://usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-rating-definitions/>

e. **Age Group**

Junior group (14U, 18U)	is allowed to challenge 18U, 19+ but not 50+ & 60+.
Adult group (19+)	not allowed to challenge the 14U, 18U, 50+ & 60+.
Senior group (50+, 60+)	is allowed to challenge 19+, 50+ but not 14U & 18U.

i. Merging groups

We will merge the following Age groups if it does not meet the minimum flight of Singles and Doubles.

- 14U and 18U
- 50+ and 60+

ii. Play up and not play down

- Novice player can participate in Intermediate/Advanced skill level.
- Intermediate can play up in Advanced/Open skill level
- Advanced player can participate in Open Level.
- But Open/Advanced Level must not play down to Advanced/Intermediate level respectively.

- f. The APO Tournament Directors reserve the rights to amend the rules and regulations or reschedule the fixtures of the tournament at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final. Participants will be informed via the AFP and PG websites before the start of the tournament.

- g. The semis and finals will be held after the Round Robin and Elimination rounds. It will not be held on another day together with other divisions. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the finals. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.



5. GAMES FORMAT

- a. **Max # of Games:** Each day, a player can participate in only 1 division of a Skill level and Age group.

Example: A male player (Intermediate, 50+) can participate **max 4 divisions** in APO event.

- (1) Men's Singles: Intermediate | 50+
- (2) Men's Doubles: Open | 19+ (play up skill level and age group)
- (3) Mixed Doubles: Open | 50+ (play up skill level)
- (4) Team Challenge: Name: Lion Kings

Skill Levels		INTERMEDIATE					ADVANCED				OPEN		Tournament
Age Group		14U	18U	19+	50+	60+	18U	19+	50+	60+	19+	50+	Dates
DIVISIONS	Men's Singles Boy's Singles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	13 Apr 2022 (Wed)
	Women's Singles Girl's Singles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	
	Team Challenge	Max 16 Teams Min 8 players/team 6 matches (MD/MD/MD/WD/XD/XD) MD in COED format. No age and skill level restrictions.										N.A.	14 Apr 2022 (Thur)
	Women's Doubles Girl's Doubles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	15 - 17 Apr 2022 (Fri - Sun)
	Men's Doubles Boy's Doubles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	
	Mixed Doubles Junior Mixed Doubles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$	\$	

Notes:

- i. Dates for Singles and Team Challenge are confirmed.
- ii. Dates for other divisions subject to change but tournament will end Sunday 6pm.

b. Game Format

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	TEAM CHALLENGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 1 group (flight) of 4 Singles or Doubles to kick off a Division's competition. We may combine groups (flights) to meet the minimum play criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 14 Teams and 2 International Team Each team should have a minimum of 8 players, with at least 2 women in the team. There is no cap limit of backup player. Skills – no restrictions Age – 19+ [open for everyone]
Round 1 - Round Robin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 points game. No deuce. Top two from each group (flight) will qualify to the Single Elimination <p>In a situation where the division only having 1 group (flight), the group will continue to play Round 2 elimination (two semi-finals) matches. i.e. first vs forth and second vs third, followed by Finals and 3rd place match.</p>	Round 1 - Round Robin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 teams per group (flight) 15 points game. No deuce. Top two from each group (flight) will qualify to the Single Elimination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Individual matches per team match: 3 x Men's Doubles [COED] 1 x Women's Doubles 2 x Mixed Doubles Total 15 points per team match: There will be 3 games of 3-point games and 3 games of 2-point games.
Round 2 - Single Elimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 points game. No deuce. 	Round 2 - Single Elimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 points game. No deuce.
Final & Semi-final <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 points game. No deuce. Best of 3. 	Final & Semi-final <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 points game. No deuce.

c. Scoring Method

A player (singles/doubles) score points only when serving. Point may also be scored when technical foul is called against the opposing side.



6. PRIZE MONEY & MEDALS

a. Prize money

Participant should register "OPEN" category to win prize money.

Skill Level		Position	OPEN		Total Amount
Age Group			19+	50+	USD 15,000
Division	Men's Singles	1st	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
		2 nd	\$600	\$300	\$900
		3 rd	\$400	\$200	\$600
	Women's Singles	1st	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
		2 nd	\$600	\$300	\$900
		3 rd	\$400	\$200	\$600
	Men's Doubles	1st	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
		2 nd	\$600	\$300	\$900
		3 rd	\$400	\$200	\$600
	Women's Doubles	1st	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
		2 nd	\$600	\$300	\$900
		3 rd	\$400	\$200	\$600
	Mixed Doubles	1st	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
		2 nd	\$600	\$300	\$900
		3rd	\$400	\$200	\$600

b. Medals

Each player of Individual (Singles or Doubles) will receive a medal for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.
Team Challenge (Gold/Silver/Bronze) will receive max 10 medals per Team.

7. PARTICIPATION FEES

- Refund:** Players will get full refund if withdrawal request is made at any time before 12 March 2022.
- AFP Discount:** Contact your country tournament manager (see point 3b) to check your AFP membership.
- AFP Membership:** Any country wants to join AFP, visit <https://www.afpickleball.org/membership>

Membership	List Price (USD)	First Game (Incl Registration Fee)	Next Game
INDIVIDUAL GAME - (Singles & Doubles)	\$40 \$30	Intermediate / Advanced	
AFP Member (Associate / Affiliate / Alliance)	-40%	\$24	\$18
Non-AFP (General Member & Others in Asia)	-20%	\$32	\$24
Outside Asia	NA	\$40	\$30
INDIVIDUAL GAME - (Singles & Doubles)	\$50 \$40	Open (prize money)	
AFP Member (Associate / Affiliate / Alliance)	-40%	\$30	\$24
Non-AFP (General Member & Others in Asia)	-20%	\$40	\$32
Outside Asia	NA	\$50	\$40
TEAM GAME - Minimum 8 Players MD (3) , WD (1) , XD (2)	\$160	Team Challenge	
Total 16 = 14 Named and 2 Internationals	NA	\$160 / Team	

d. First Game (include Registration Fee) and Next Game Fees:

When you register your 1st game division, it will include the registration fee.
You can select Next Game division and add it into the shopping cart.

For AFP Member, player to contact your Country Manager (3b) to obtain your 40% discount code.
For Non-AFP Member, please contact jimmy_tanhc@msn.com to obtain your 20% discount code.

Individual (Singles/Doubles)	https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open/about
Team Challenge	https://pickleball.global/compete/2022-asia-pickleball-open-team-event/about



8. VOLUNTEERING

- We welcome volunteer to serve as Referee & Technical Officer. Please indicate your interest during tournament registration.
- We will contact you once you are selected. There will be on-line training and briefings on what are the duties and scopes.
- You are required to attend on-site briefing on 12 April 2022, Tuesday prior to the start of the APO tournament.
- Volunteer will be given free t-shirt for the appointment.

9. COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

- You are required to Mask on at all time while not in play. Keep a 1-meter distance from others.
- Always stay with your trusted group.
- Follow tournament directors and official's instructions.
- Bring along your personal hand sanitizer. If you could, bring along ART self-test kit.
- You can refer to more details and policy from this URL:

<https://www.thaiembassy.com/travel-to-thailand/no-quarantine-phuket-sandbox-plan>

- <https://hague.thaiembassy.org/th/content/phuket-sandbox>

Below is the abstract from the web link above for easy reading.

PHUKET SANDBOX (PSB) - CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS in DETAILS

1. Country / Area of origin

- live or stay in the following country/area for at least 21 consecutive days before departure EXCEPT those who have Thai Certificate of Residence.
- check the full list here: **Appendix A.**

2. Vaccination

- received a full dose of vaccine against COVID-19 at least 14 days before departure the vaccine received must be approved by WHO or Thai FDA.
- List of approved vaccines
 - Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty)
 - Moderna
 - AstraZeneca
 - Janssen
 - Sinovac
 - Sinopharm
 - Serum Institute of India (Covishield)

EXCEPTION - persons under the age of 18 travelling with their fully vaccinated legal parents are welcomed to PSB without vaccination (NB.: Please attach birth certificate for reference)

3. COVID-19 Test

- have a negative RT-PCR test result done **within 72 hours** before departure.
- have proof of paid reservation for COVID-19 tests in Phuket on Day 0*, 6 (or 7) and 12 (or 13) of your stay.
- *Day 0 = your arrival date in Phuket

4. Health Insurance (in English)

- Health insurance covering all medical expenses in relation to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of **USD 100,000.**
- the insurance must cover the whole period of your stay in Thailand including after leaving Phuket for other parts of Thailand.
- The insurance must mention clearly that travelling to a risk area (travel advice color code: **orange** or **red** as indicated by the Dutch government) does not affect the scope and level of COVID-19 coverage.



5. Flight

- Option 1: **fly to Phuket directly** from outside of Thailand.
- Option 2: fly to Phuket on a flight that make a quick stopover in Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi International Airport - SVB/BKK or Don Mueang - DMK) without leaving the aircraft. please consult the airline of your choice.
- Connecting flight (international -> domestic) at SVB/BKK or DMK is not possible except in case of chartered flight to Phuket.

6. Accommodation

- You must travel from Phuket Airport to your SHA+ hotel by a **vehicle provided by the SHA+ hotel ONLY**.
- You are free to roam the island once the result of your first PCR test done on the date of your arrival is negative.
- You may stay in Phuket for **less than 14 nights** if you will directly leave Thailand from Phuket. You need to show a departure ticket that matches the end of your SHA+ hotel reservation when applying for a COE.

7. Tracking Application

- You are required to download **ThailandPlus** application and register before landing in Phuket.
- The application must be kept active at least throughout your 14 nights stay in Phuket.

8. Leaving Phuket

- You can fly out of Thailand directly from Phuket after 14 nights stay or even before.
- you can show negative results from 3 RT-PCR tests taken during your 14 nights in Phuket.
- you can show negative results from 2 RT-PCR tests taken during your 7 nights in Phuket.

PHUKET SANDBOX (PSB) - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Valid passport and visa (unless exempted)
2. Certificate of Entry (COE).
<https://hague.thaiembassy.org/th/content/118896-measures-to-control-the-spread-of-covid-19>
3. COVID-19 vaccination certificate
 - International Certificate of Vaccination - the yellow booklet
 - Registratiekaart coronavaccinatie
 - EU Digital Covid Certificate (International Bewijs)
4. SHA+ standard hotel confirmation [SHABA certificate] and receipt showing the confirmed appointment for 2 or 3 COVID-19 tests in Phuket
5. Health insurance (100,000 USD)
6. Negative RT-PCR test result (72 hrs. before departure)
7. Flight ticket (one way or return)
8. Completed T.8 form



T8_form.pdf

When you are at Phuket and in case of any emergency, you can contact:

Ms. Tai → +66 835 874 836



10. HOTEL, RT-PCR TEST AND LAND TRANSFER PRICING

a. Hotel Booking

- You have to confirm a SHA+ hotel before arrival into Phuket. Your hotel booking should include 2-3 RT-PCR tests and local land transfer. (First PCR test is upon arrival at airport, and second test on 5th day at hotel and the last (if any), 72 hours before departure).
- Booking via email.** Inform them that you are from Asia Pickleball Open group to enjoy the discount and special rate.
- Book the Room + RT-PCR + 2-way Land Transfer as one package. Submit it during the application of Certificate of entry (COE).

b. Hotel Cancellation

For those players who book the APO package with the hotel, you are likely to get full refund at the end of the stay if you did not turn up. Please confirmed the cancellation policy with the hotel.

c. Air Ticket Cancellation

We believed that once Phuket is declared lockdown, you are able to discuss with your travel agency to postpone the air ticket to a new date or seek for a full or partial refund. Kindly refer to your travel booking T&C.

Hotel Name	Per night / room (USD)	RT-PCR (USD)	Land Transfer (baht)	Remarks
Thanyapura (The Pickleball courts) https://www.thanyapura.com/ info@thanyapura.com	10% discount off (Every room types)	If you stay <7 days, you book 2 x PCR.	Airport to Hotel ~450 baht/van Max 6 pax Hotel to Airport ~650 baht/van Max 10 pax	SHA+ 5 stars
Nai Yang Beach Resort https://www.naiyangbeachresort.com/ info@naiyangbeachresort.com	\$55 (<i>special rate</i>) (Incl Breakfast Box) Oriental Wing (Deluxe Category)	If you stay 8-14 days, you book 3 x PCR.		SHA+
Marina Express AVIATOR Phuket Airport https://www.marinaexpress-aviator.com/ info@marinaexpress-aviator.com	15% discount off the website	Between \$20 - \$40 Per test		SHA+

* We are engaging more hotels with special rate.

* Kindly refer back to Players Handbook for latest update.



11. HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

APO holiday team will organise a group holiday trips after the tournament. We will make more announcement in the coming days. If you want to know more details, please contact Aun @ apotournament@gmail.com

1. Watch a sunset at Promthep Cape

When to go there: sunsets are a lot more impressive during the low season (June to November) but some days might be cloudy. Need to know when to arrive to see the sunset.



2. James Bond Island

James Bond Island is a famous landmark in Phang Nga Bay. It first found its way onto the international tourist map through its starring role in the James Bond movie, The Man with the Golden Gun. A distinctive trait of this famous bay is the number of sheer limestone cliffs that vertically jut out of the emerald-green water.



3. Siam Niramit

Siam Niramit is also a stage performance and a park recreating small local villages from around Thailand. The show about Thai history and mythology involves a hundred very skilled actors and dancers in a large theatre with a fantastic setting and sounds system. The show starts at 8 pm, so this is a great way to spend an evening out in Phuket Town, away from the Patong party!



4. Bathe with Elephants

Phuket now has a lot of elephant sanctuaries and retirements camps. The island is finally shifting from the old fashioned trekking to this great new way to play with elephants in a fun way





5. Explore Phang Nga Bay

The incredible scenery of Phang Nga has always been at the top of our list of places to visit absolutely. There are many ways to explore it. You can take a lazy sunset cruise on a Chinese Junk or canoe through caves and enclosed lagoons.



6. Take a Trip to Phi Phi Islands

Phi Phi is a beautiful archipelago made of fantastic beaches and immense cliffs over two bays you can admire from a famous viewpoint. Phi Phi is also renowned among young crowds for those legendary beach parties lasting all night long, reminding a bit of the Full Moon Parties on Koh Phangan.



7. Explore the many Night Markets!

Phuket has a lot of night markets but at any day of the week and the line between a night market and a night bazaar is relatively thin. Some markets only open during the weekend and some during the weekdays. The most famous and most creative is the Sunday Walking Street Market in the old Thalang road of Phuket Town.



8. Be Amazed at Similan Islands

Similan Island is the most impressive set of Islands accessible from Phuket, blessed with incredible white sand and clear blue waters. But these are only open from November to May and a bit far, 100 km northwest of Phuket in the Andaman Sea. If you get a chance, you should go.





12. DO'S AND DON'TS

Thailand Do's

1. Do respect all Buddha images. Buddha images are held sacred and sacrilegious acts are punishable by imprisonment even if committed by foreign visitors.
2. Do treat monks with the highest respect.
3. **Do dress properly** when visiting a temple, the royal court. no sleeveless shirts, shorts, or sandals are prohibited.
4. Do lower your body slightly when passing between or in front of people.

Thailand Don'ts

1. **Don't show disrespect** towards the Thai Royal Family. Violation of the monarchy whether in front or behind considered an offense under the Constitution.
2. Don't cross your legs when you are in the presence of a monk. This applies whether you are sitting on the floor or in a chair. Women should not touch or be too close to the monk.
3. Don't touch a Thai woman without consent. Despite the image portrayed in some bars and clubs, the majority of Thai women are conservative.
4. In Thailand, don't touch anyone's head. It's the most important part of the body.
5. Don't place your feet on the table while sitting, don't point to anything with your feet and don't touch anybody with your feet.
6. Public expressions of sexual feelings are not accepted in Thai culture.
7. The national flag is considered high. should not be taken for any action that is cynical.

13. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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| a. Thailand police # | 191, +66 76 313 919 |
| b. Evacuation # | 1554 |
| c. Ambulance # | 1669, +66 76 311 033 |
| d. Thai Pickleball Association # | +66 835874836 (Ms Tai) |



14. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The organiser of Asia Pickleball Open 2022 (known as APO) follows Thailand government Covid-19 prevention guidelines and is putting in place safe measurements to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.

I/Me/We/Us, by participating in this APO and/or present on-site, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the APO may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, APO committee members, employees, volunteers, participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the APO or claims. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the APO committee, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the APO committee, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after attending this APO activity.

"Coming together is the beginning, staying together is progress.
Working together is success."

- Henry Ford



APPENDIX A - List of Approved Countries and Territories for Phuket Sandbox as of July 31, 2021

1. Albania	1. France	1. New Zealand
2. Andorra	2. Germany	2. Norway
3. Antigua & Barbuda	3. Greece	3. Poland
4. Australia	4. Hong Kong	4. Portugal
5. Austria	5. Hungary	5. Qatar
6. Azerbaijan	6. Iceland	6. Romania
7. Bahrain*	7. Ireland	7. Russia*
8. Barbados	8. Israel	8. San Marino
9. Belgium	9. Italy	9. Serbia*
10. Bhutan	10. Japan	10. Singapore
11. Brunei	11. Kuwait	11. Slovakia
12. Bulgaria	12. Laos	12. Slovenia
13. Cambodia	13. Latvia	13. South Korea
14. Canada*	14. Lithuania	14. Spain
15. Chile	15. Luxembourg	15. Sweden
16. China	16. Macao	16. Switzerland
17. Croatia	17. Malta	17. Taiwan
18. Cyprus	18. Mauritius	18. Turkey
19. Czech Republic	19. Monaco	19. UAE
20. Denmark	20. Morocco	20. UK
21. Dominica	21. Myanmar	21. USA
22. Estonia	22. Mongolia	22. Vietnam
23. Finland	23. Netherlands	23. Uzbekistan

<https://www.thaiembassy.com/travel-to-thailand/no-quarantine-phuket-sandbox-plan>