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The 12-Month Map

Thailand

Every month in Thailand on one page: weather, crowds, price pressure and an honest verdict.

WHEN TO GO. NOT JUST WHERE.

HOW TO READ THE MAP

One page. Twelve rows. One decision.

Each row is one month. Read across and you get the four things that decide whether a month is right for you, and a one-line reason.

THE VERDICT

GO	The best months for most trips. Book early: everyone else knows too.
GOOD	Worth it, with a trade-off you can plan around.
THINK TWICE	Works for some trips. Read the reason before you book.
AVOID	Hard going for most travellers. Only with a specific reason.

CROWDS AND PRICE PRESSURE

- ●○○ Low. Quiet sights, wide choice.
- ●●○ Moderate. Book the popular things.
- ●●● High. Book early and expect to pay more.

Patterns, not forecasts. The map shows what each month is usually like. Weather varies year to year, and price pressure is relative, never a quoted price. Check entry rules and holiday dates for your own year.

The Andaman coast is best from about November to April; the Gulf islands from about January to September. Many festivals follow the lunar calendar.



GO GOOD THINK TWICE AVOID

When to go: Thailand

Month	Weather	Crowds	Prices	Verdict	Why
January	Dry, warm, cool nights north	●●●	●●●	GO	The cool dry season: calm Andaman seas and comfortable cities. Busy.
February	Dry, warming	●●●	●●●	GO	Calm seas on both coasts. The most reliable month to combine them.
March	Hot, dry	●●○	●●○	GOOD	Great beaches with fewer people; hot cities and haze in the north.
April	Hottest month	●●●	●●○	THINK TWICE	Songkran water festival and the year's strongest heat.
May	Hot; rains beginning	●○○	●○○	GOOD	Low season begins. The Gulf islands are the beach choice.
June	Rainy season, warm	●○○	●○○	GOOD	Green and quiet. Gulf calm, Andaman rough.
July	Rainy, warm	●●○	●●○	GOOD	The Gulf islands at their best; summer visitors from abroad.
August	Rainy, warm	●●○	●●○	GOOD	Green countryside and good Gulf beaches.
September	Wettest month	●○○	●○○	THINK TWICE	Heavy rain and possible flooding. Quiet and cheap.
October	Rains easing	●●○	●●○	GOOD	Rice harvest; Andaman season begins late in the month.
November	Dry season begins	●●○	●●○	GO	Cool and dry, lantern festivals, calm Andaman seas.
December	Dry, warm, cool north	●●●	●●●	GOOD	Excellent weather; very busy and expensive at the holidays.

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NEXT

From the right month to the right trip



This map is the short version. *When to Go: Thailand* is the full guide: every month in depth, region by region, with the weather, crowds and closures that matter for each kind of trip.

The Trip Timing Planner picks up from there: booking windows, a 90 / 60 / 30 / 7-day countdown and packing lists by season, for any destination.

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