

Situated state in southeastern Asia, in the part Western center of the peninsula [indocinese], you/he/she/it confine to north and to west with the Myanmar (Burma), to north- east with Laos, to south- east with the Cambodia and the gulf of the Siam, to south with the Malaysia and to south- west with the Sea of the Andamane. He/she/it/you has a surface of 513,115 [kmq] and 59 million of inhabitants. The capital city is Bangkok.

### **Territory**

Thailand is situated in Indocina, except his extremity Southerner that occupies a portion of the peninsula [malese]. The country has a very varied morphology, where but they prevail a series of mountainous chains that they descend from north to south in the northern and Western zone. The more elevated mountains are in the more western chains along the boundary [birmano]: the Doi Inthanon (2595 m) is the tallest mountain of Thailand. The center of the country has occupied mountainous system whose taller peak is the Pious Doi from an other you Do (1270 m). The region to north and to east of this mountainous system consists of a lower part and flat highland said highland of the Khorat, that is limited from valley of the Mekong river and you/he/she/it occupy good person part of the country. Between the mountains of the center and he/she/it/you of the west stretches a vast alluvial fully grown lowland from the Menam river (Chao Phraya). This very fertile lowland and the delta of the river are the populated and more cultivated zones than the country. The peninsula of Malacca has delimited coastal lowlands from holds and his taller point is the Khao Luang (1786 m).

### **Climate**

The climate is tropical, typically to two seasons: he/she/it/you to a dry winter makes followed a summer very rainy season. The south of the country has interested from the monsoons that vary of direction according to the season: they from April to October blow above all from south- west and I/they am loads of damp; they in the rest of the year blow from north- east. The temperatures are elevated to exception of the areas [montane] and of the coastal zones, where he/she/it/you is cool.

### **Flora and fauna**

Along all the coastal zones stretch jungle and marshy areas, with vast extensions of tropical vegetation in which they abound mangroves, rushes and varied kind of lumber

[pregiato]. The tall earths are very woody (despite it there is an irrational exploitation) with prevalence of trees of [teak] and they present all the kinds of tropical plants from fruit and from flower, like orchids, gardenias, hibiscuses, mangos, banana tree and palms from coconut. The fauna abounds in rhinos, tigers, leopards, buffalos, gibbons and above all of elephants, used like animals from job. Numerous I/they are also the kinds of reptiles, to a large extent poisonous, and big it is the variety of birds and of peaches.

### **Economy and resources**

The economic resources of the country base themselves above all on the [ricchi] layers of coal, gold, lead, iron, [tungsteno], manganese, zinc and precious stones. Huge besides the forest patrimony, that furnishes lumber from export (above all [teak]), and hugely productive it is the fertile alluvial fully grown ground from the Menam and from other courses of water. He/she/it/you in the last decade is been finally notably developed the tourism. Thailand is between the greater worlds producers of rice. The caused more important second is the [caucciù], of which he/she/it/you is rich of plantations the peninsula [malese], succession from corn, sorghum, [manioca], reed from sugar, cotton, tobacco, coffee and [kenaf], whose fiber comes used in the manufacture of ropes.

Diffused it is the breeding of buffalos, cattle, pigs and winged from courtyard. E' enough developed the fishes, above all of [gamberi] and of molluscs. The industry occupies the 12% of the active population. Developed I/they are the sectors of the transformation of the alimentary products, of the chemical products and of the by-products of the oil.

Hugely diffused he/she/it/you is also the textile industry, of the electronic components, auto, of the tobacco and of the cement. The cultivation, the transformation and the export of agricultural products, rice in [special] way, they represent the more important resources for the economy of the country. Also if Thailand has stayed for a long time a between most prosperous Asian nations, the dependence from the [monocultura] has made vulnerability to the starts of the worlds prices of the rice excessively and to the variations of the picked. The government has tried to start a series of programs of development in favor of the economy, also through the promotion of methods of scientific cultivation, particularly through an irrigation checked of the fields of rice. The industrialization instead, he/she/it/you has stayed favorite from huge foreign capitals in the years '80 and '90.

### **Population**

The inhabitants from Thailand are for the most part Thai, a

population that restrains  
aboriginal of the south- west from China and that he/she/it/you  
migrated in the south- Asian east to the beginning of the first  
century AD A clean difference between the real Thai exists  
however (50% of the population), that they live in the central  
regions, and the Lao (28% of the population) appropriated in the  
regions [nordoccidentali] and Oriental, mostly tied up to the  
[genti] that live the bordering Laos. Between the ethnic present  
minorities in the country, most important he/she/it/you is the  
Chinese one (1% of the total), to a large extent of nationality  
[thailandese]; other groups are fully grown from Moslems of  
language [malese] appropriated to the south, from the tribes of  
the hills to the north and from refugees [cambogiani] (Khmer)  
and [vietnamiti] to east. The 77% of the alive population in rural  
zones.

## Religion

The more diffused religion in the country is the [buddhismo  
theravada], professed from the 95% of the population. Head of  
the Buddhist hierarchy is of norm a limb of the real family. Almost  
all the men [thailandesi] of religion [buddhista] spends two days  
at least, at times also months, in a [wat] (monastery). A Moslem  
minority exists besides (4% of the population) and small Christian  
community and [induiste].

## Language

The official language is the Thai, a language [sinotibetana]. Four  
regional dialects are  
spoken besides: Lao, Chinese, [mon-khmer] and [malese]. The  
English comes taught in the superior institutes and in the  
universities and he/she/it/you is used in the officials exchanges  
and in government center.

## Education

The education is free and obligatory from the seven at 14 o'clock  
years, but the  
structures to disposition, those public and the monasteries  
[buddhisti], they are not  
enough to provide for the education to elementary level. The  
badger of schooling is  
between the most elevated of southeastern Asia. In the country  
there is numerous  
universities institutes: between most important the Chulalongkorn  
University and the  
Thammasat University to Bangkok, where you/he/she/it are also  
the Asian Institute of the Technology, and the Chiang University  
Never in the north.

## **Culture and traditions**

In the country there has not stayed a dominant culture ever. The period more good flowering from the cultural point of view was under the kingdom of Sukhothai, when Thailand absorbed the elements of the numerous civilization with which he/she/it/you came in contact, included those Chinese and the Indian one. A classical of the Thai literature, the Ramakien, on which they found the own roots also the music and the traditional art, he/she/it/you is, in fact, a version of the poem epic Ramayana [induista]. The work of more representative architecture are the innumerable [templi] (around 18.000) and monasteries. The Thai music is rather complex: he/she/it/you often acts from accompaniment to the theatrical representations and he/she/it/you has performed from formations composed from five up to 10 elements, whose tools are generally breaths and percussions. Also the dance, similar to the Indian one, he/she/it/you has complex characteristics: gestures and movements mime and interpret each single event of the history put in scene.

## **Arrangement of the state**

The revolution of the 1932 transformed the country in constitutional monarchy after centuries of dominion from part of absolute monarches; since then the nation has stayed subjected for alternate periods to the military control. The XV constitution of the country entered vigor in the 1991 and had amended in the 1992. In base to her, the king from Thailand is head of the state and is commander in head of the armed strengths. The government has presided from a Prime Minister that in theory practice the executive power; in practice, instead, I/they am the tops military orders to practice a notable influence in government center. The exercise of the legislative power is up to the national bicameral Meeting, composed from a Room of the representatives of 360 chosen members each four years and from a Senate of 270 members of regal nomination. The actual incumbent king is to Copper IX.

## **Bangkok**

The capital Bangkok is an of most beautiful city from Asia. Capital in the 1782 became. Here they encounter the opposite between them: the ancient traditions come honorable, but to the same time there is exalted for the new tendencies of the modern life. Called E' also "Asian Venice" for the his numerous channels. The city is situated on the mouth of the Menam river to few [km] from the sea. Bangkok is the principal door of entry in the country, the

principal harbor and the residence of a tenth of the population [thailandese].  
It to first sight is a city [tutt'altro] that enchanting: his profile has dominated from the heavy skyscrapers of the offices, of the commercial societies, of the big and modern [hotel] of luxury and of vernaculars big stores, to which they are mixed shops of bad taste in roads that are, like in each metropolis, you eternally clog. He/she/it/you is not been able to believe that a city similar pits considered once the "Venice of the east." The first roads go up again to the years about at 1860 o'clock, and since then almost all the channels have stayed dried up, for make spaces to the auto traffic. The few channels still existing there brings again to once that was more pacific and calmer. The characteristics buildings are the [templi buddhisti], that is more than 300. One of most original it is that of Wat-phra-keo, that he/she/it/you means "Temple of the Buddha of emerald" and you/he/she/it are beside the real palace. Unfortunately I/they there am also greatly [bidonvilles] in very bad conditions, problems of AIDS, prostitution and besides Bangkok is one of the most important crossroad of the world market of drugs.

## The Problems of the country

### The prostitution

A big problem from Thailand is the prostitution. This phenomenon proceeds above all thank you I/you/he/she/it to the numerous applications am national that foreign, but also for the offer of [migliaia] of young women from the countries, in search of a job. The girls are victims of real [racket], of exploiters of varied kind, what a thick they recruit it for the villages. For the more it is dealt with young that they come be mistaken, abducted, and you even buy, or lets to go from the parents in name of the money that will earn. The more diffused ambitions are those of enjoy, abandon the boredom of the village (despite all the value still attributed to the tradition) I/you/he/she/it with the vain hope of the make happy clothes and of the availability of money, and with the conveniences that come guaranteed he/she/it/you to whoever could pay. The phenomenon has different roots and doesn't come hindered I/you/he/she/it reason you of this attitude they reside above all in his masculine component. The women don't oppose to the adventures of the husbands with prostitutes, therefore the [maschilismo] is the true cause of the phenomenon. A consequence of this problem is the sexual exploitation of the children. The virile children are the victims of you organize associations of foreign [pedofili], that find the more fertile ground here. The social assistants that work to the problem support real [racket] it is dealt with, against which he/she/it/you is necessary constitute an international

[coordinamento] of control and denunciation.

### **The drug**

An other problem of @grande , gran relief is the drug. In the zone of boundary between Thailand, Laos and Burma there is the famous "Triangle of gold": this region enjoys of the left fame more big cultivation of opium of the world, of which thing the politics and the economy is partly responsible. The tribes of mountain that live there, cultivate their fields of poppy according to a traditional method. One of the principal purposes of the government [thailandese], pursues with the support of the Joined Nations and with the help of the USA, it is that of push the tribes of mountain to go on to the cultivation of other agricultural products, like the coffee, the fruit or the flowers. To this purpose the king undertakes [personalmente]. And the efforts begin to give their results. The opium comes but cultivated still. A part of the production finishes on the inside market of the amazing substances. They in Thailand exist around 100,000 addicts. The traffic of heroin is here considered like a crime that, in particularly serious cases, he/she/it/you has punished with the punishment of death. Beyond to that of the heroin the problem of many young people exists that they make use of light drugs. In some points of the city of Bangkok, and to Chiang Never, where the tourism and the traffic of drug mixes between them, the crime and the prostitution is omnipresent.

### **Environmental problems**

To difference of best part of the industrialized world, I in the Third Husk the protection of the environment he/she/it/you is tied up directly to the needs of the people. Here the population depends indeed, for survive, from the natural contrast, while the Westerners from that situation have taken themselves off. Therefore the protection of the nature has often felt from the rural populations of the south of the world like a direct responsibility, he/she/it/you since involves the fonts of subsistence. Who he/she/it/you destroys it, [immancabilmente], I/they am the industries that conceive the context like resource to exploit in an intensive way. Here the because of the battles in defense of the forest.

### **The sport**

The more diffused sport in Thailand is the Thai Boxe. Born during the Middle Ages, when they in war were decisive the fights "body to body." The Thai Boxe uses, beyond to the fists, also arms, legs, elbows and knees for strike the adversary. It's a discipline sport very very hard that receives for other an enthusiastic credit. She derives from the KRABI KRABONG after have stayed cleen of all those dangerous

techniques, brims to the total elimination of the adversary. Today only the departments of the Special Forces of the Thai Landese Army and the students of the school of Krabi Krabong "Sritrairat" of the M.o Valerio Zadra devote themselves to the study of such discipline in his integral form. Other schools in Thailand take care of the choreographic appearance only.

The school "Sritrairat," instead, is currently the only present school in Europe authorized to teach the Krabi Krabong under the aegis of the SRITRATIRAT FENCING CLUB under THAI SPORTS ASSOCIATION, which has patronized from the actual King RAMA IX. The Thai Boxe had introduced in the 1560 from Naresuan King, which, after have stayed imprisoned fact from the Birmani, has got the own liberty through challenges of Mae Mai Muay Thai, in which win the best local fighters. After this events, this form of struggle had named national sport, with the denomination Muay Thai. Beyond to the traditional sports, they in Thailand are begun to follow typical sport of other countries also, like the football. The fever of the ball, accomplice the [tv], he/she/it/you has infected this people also. I/you/he/she/it despite this sport don't come practiced greatly, the deeds of the big champions after worlds consecutive three are on the mouth of all.

The English newspapers bring again the newses of our championships that the impassioned can as follow.

## **The History**

During the The and II century after Christ, [genti] deriving [thai] from Western China, they descended in Thailand. This population founded in the 220 AD the empire Nam Chao. He/she/it/you during this kingdom came adopted the Buddhista religion. This empire was destroyed from that Mongolo XIII century [d.c]. In the 1350 [d.c]. he/she/it/you came founded the kingdom of Ayutthaya destroyed from the Birmani in the 1767. During this period there was continuous struggles against the near kingdoms from Laos and of the Cambogia. Despite that many European populations reached this region, you attract from the wealth of the places. Always in these years bore the Chakri dynasty, to which the actual king belongs. He/she/it/you in the 1826 came narrow a pact between the British government and that Thailandese that he/she/it/you allowed to the English of enjoy of a certain influence towards Thailand, wide until almost to the days our. Thailand has stayed one of the few countries that the colonization for worth of the ability of his rulers has been stolen from and to the sacrifice and to the transfer of any territories previously conquered. He/she/it/you during the first World War supported the Allies and he/she/it/you became limb of the Joined Nations. They in the June of the 1932 of the military and political exponents organized a revolt against the government and June 27 the rebels, driven from Pridi Phanomyong, they forced the absolute monarchy to adopt a constitution. In the 1935 the

soldiers reached the power, transformed then in dictatorship, after have forced the king to abdicate. In the 1938 the name of the state comes changed from "Siam" in "Thailand." In the II World War, Thailand unites with Japan and declares war to the United States and to Great Britain January 25 1942. Ma in the 1944 the power comes engaged from the opposition (party of Pridi Phanomyong) that [simpatizza] for the Allies and as they get well the diplomatic relationships and the state reenters to be a part of the Joined Nations. In succession however Pridi Phanomyong comes exiled for the presumed assassination of the king, but you/he/she/it then return and [riconquista] the government. May 5 1950 the actual king Coppers IX he/she/it/you climbs to the throne. In the same year the Tailandia participates to the war from Korea together to the U.N. In the November of the 1951 a hit of state happens that he/she/it/you reestablishes the military power. Deep Thailand the Organization of the dealt with the south Asian east (SEATO) in the 1954. Subsequently in the 1957 and they in the 1958 happen other two hits of state that bring again the military power again. During these years many terrorists attacks happen. Toward the end of the years '60 it there is a restoration of the political laws and they come [indette] new elections. During the years '70 is happened varied hits of state and new constitutions. Conseguentemente at the end of the war in the Vietnam and to the inside problems, a [ennesimo] hit of state contributes to the impoverishment of the nation. In the March of the 1992 the elections are defeated from the military party. In the numerous capital city the students are that they participate to demonstrations against the winning party. The revolts come soothe in the blood; that will involve the reconciliation between the Buddhista party and the military one and a modification to the constitution for reduce the power to the soldiers. He/she/it/you in the autumn of the same year comes fully grown a government of coalition, driven from the democratic party. He/she/it/you in the 1995 comes again amended the Constitution, but they still persist problems of political and social character and besides there is a guerrilla along the confinements.