

Thailand extends visa-on-arrival fee waiver, with rider

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New Delhi: Thailand has extended the waiver of visa-on-arrival (VoA) for residents of 20 nations, including Indians, up to April 30, 2019. The country had initially waived the VoA fees from November 15 to January 13.

On Thursday (Jan 17), the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said the Thai government “has approved the extension of VoA fee waiver for citizens of 20 countries until April 30, 2019. Citizens of ... India.. will be exempted from the 2,000 Baht (about Rs 4,500) VoA fee for the purpose of touring in Thailand

for not more than 15 days.”

TAT governor Yuthasak Supasorn said this extension comes at a “perfect time as Thailand is set to celebrate Chinese new year in February and the Thai new year (Songkran) in April.”

According to TAT Mumbai director Cholada Siddhivarn, in “the start of the new year the Thai tourism industry recorded total international arrivals of 3.1 crore in January-October 2018, up 7.84%, generating an estimated 1.63 trillion Baht in tourism revenue, up by 9.98% over the same period of 2017. Arrivals from South Asia grew by a strong 10.75% to 16 lakh.