

Overseas Campers Guide

Hello Campers!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you this June to the Junior Canucks Hockey Camp in Bangkok. This handbook has been thoughtfully prepared to provide our international campers with essential information and helpful guidance, ensuring your journey to Bangkok is smooth and your overall camp experience is both enjoyable and memorable.

Camp Experience Note

Beyond elite on-ice development, we are currently exploring a **community outreach initiative**, providing players with an opportunity to engage beyond the rink and represent the values of the sport.

- **Provisional Date:** 2 July 2026
- Further details will be shared upon confirmation

Participation will be optional, and we warmly encourage campers to take part in this meaningful experience.

About Bangkok

Bangkok is a vibrant, fast-paced capital where rich cultural heritage meets modern city life. Historic temples and grand palaces stand, sleek skyscrapers, luxury shopping centres, and lively street markets. The city is celebrated for its world-famous street food, dynamic nightlife, and infectious energy.

At the same time, Bangkok's heat, humidity, and traffic can feel intense, particularly for first-time visitors. A bit of planning—especially when it comes to getting around—will go a long way in helping you stay comfortable and make the most of your time here.

Getting Around

Bangkok's public transportation system is efficient and visitor-friendly once you become familiar with it.

The **BTS Skytrain** is one of the most convenient ways to travel across central areas such as Sukhumvit, Siam, and Silom. It is clean, safe, and air-conditioned—an ideal way to avoid road traffic.

The **MRT (subway)** complements the BTS by connecting additional parts of the city, including areas such as Chinatown and the historic old town.

For a more scenic and often quicker journey, the **Chao Phraya Express Boat** runs along the river and provides access to many of Bangkok's iconic cultural landmarks.

Taxis are widely available and generally affordable, although traffic congestion can be significant during peak hours. Many visitors prefer using ride-hailing apps such as Grab for added convenience and transparent pricing.

Tuk-tuks are also available for short trips and offer a uniquely local experience, though they are typically better suited for sightseeing than for everyday transportation.

Bangkok Weather

The Junior Canucks Hockey Camp takes place during Bangkok's rainy season. You can expect occasional heavy downpours during the day, with more frequent rain in the evenings.

June (Start of the Rainy Season)

- Average temperature: 26–32°C
- Rainfall: approximately 130–180 mm
- Rainy days: around 15–25 days

What to expect:

- Hot and humid conditions
- Occasional showers, typically in the afternoon or evening
- Plenty of daylight and time for activities

July (More Consistent Rainfall)

- Average temperature: 26–33°C
- Rainfall: approximately 150–175 mm
- Rainy days: around 18–27 days

What to expect:

- Slightly cooler than peak summer, but still warm
- More frequent rainfall than in June
- Showers that are often heavy but short-lived

Training Venue

Thailand International Ice Hockey Arena (TIIA)

The Thailand International Ice Hockey Arena stands as the country's premier ice hockey facility—purpose-built to deliver a world-class training environment for athletes.

Please note that the arena is not directly connected to Bangkok's public transport network (BTS Skytrain or MRT subway). For comfort and efficiency, we recommend traveling via private transport.

Recommended transport options:

- Private taxi
- Grab (preferred for reliability and fixed pricing)
- Pre-arranged private shuttle service (available upon request through our team)

Ride-Sharing Apps

While public transport is suitable for many journeys, ride-hailing apps are often the most comfortable option during periods of heavy rain or high temperatures.

The most widely used service is Grab, followed by LINE MAN.

Bolt is also available as an alternative; however, service availability may vary.

Insurance Requirement

All participants are required to have comprehensive travel insurance prior to arrival.

Please ensure that your policy **explicitly includes ice hockey coverage**, as some providers classify it under winter or high-risk sports and may exclude it from standard plans.

Payment Methods

Bangkok is rapidly becoming a cashless society, particularly in central areas. Even at the TIIA rink, cash is not accepted for smaller purchases such as drinks and snacks.

While credit cards are widely accepted for larger transactions, everyday payments are often paid by QR code systems via mobile apps. The most commonly used platform is TrueMoney, which is widely accepted at convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and many local vendors.

Another option is TagThai, originally designed for visitors, though it is now less commonly used compared to TrueMoney.

Official Accommodation Partners

To make your stay as seamless as possible, we have partnered with a selection of hotels offering preferential rates for Junior Canucks families:

Hotel	Room Type	Rate/Night
<u>Somerset Rama 9</u> <i>(Includes breakfast, fully equipped kitchen, washing machine, and shuttle to the rink)</i> •	Studio Room	4,200.00THB
	One Bedroom	5,200.00THB
	Two Bedroom	9,200.00THB
<u>Staybridge Sukhumvit</u> <i>(Includes breakfast, kitchenette, washing machine, and complimentary shuttle to the BTS station)</i> •	Studio Room	4,400.00THB
	One Bedroom	5,400.00THB
	Two Bedroom	10,500.00THB

If you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, we recommend staying in the Watthana district—particularly Thonglor and Ekkamai—or in the Huai Khwang district, especially along Ratchadaphisek and Phetchaburi Road. These areas offer convenient access to the rink while helping you avoid extended travel times in Bangkok’s traffic.

Thonglor, often referred to as “Little Japan,” is our top recommendation. Known for its relaxed, expatriate-friendly atmosphere, it offers a more residential and refined alternative to Bangkok’s busier tourist hubs, while remaining within easy reach of the arena.



Additional Hotel Options in Thonglor

Centre Point Sukhumvit Thong Lo

A well-maintained serviced apartment property offering spacious one- and two-bedroom units, ideal for families. Each unit includes a kitchenette (with washing machine), and the property features a large swimming pool. Conveniently located next to a supermarket and a variety of dining options, the main consideration is its distance from the BTS.

Somerset Sukhumvit Thonglor Bangkok

A recently refurbished serviced residence with a more contemporary finish. Units are slightly more compact but thoughtfully designed, with kitchenettes and (in select rooms) washing machines. The property includes a swimming pool and an on-site restaurant, with additional dining and grocery options nearby. Approximately a 15-minute walk to the BTS.

Next Steps

To ensure a smooth and well-prepared arrival for all international campers, we kindly ask that you confirm you have reviewed this handbook in full.

Please complete your confirmation via the link below:

[Overseas Campers Confirmation – Fill in form](#)

See You in Bangkok!

The Junior Canucks Hockey Camp Thailand