The pre-flight checklist

Do the boring bits before you fly, and your first day doesn't fall apart. Tick as you go.

Family of _____ · Departure date _____

DOCUMENTS & ENTRY

- [ ] Passports valid at least 6 months beyond travel, with a blank page for the stamp
- [ ] TDAC (Thailand Digital Arrival Card) filed in the 72 hours before you land
  Mandatory, free, five minutes, at tdac.immigration.go.th
- [ ] Checked your visa-free stay on the official source
  30 days for UK/AU from 15 Sep 2026, extendable once by up to 30 more
- [ ] Passport photos/copies on your phone, plus one printed set

CONNECTIVITY

- [ ] Internet working the second you land (an eSIM set up before you fly)
- [ ] Offline maps downloaded and the Grab app installed

MONEY & COVER

- [ ] Travel insurance sorted before you book anything else
  Check it covers your activities, medical care, evacuation, and your kids. This is information, not advice, so ask the insurer if in doubt.
- [ ] A card that works abroad, plus some cash for arrival

LANDING SMOOTHLY

- [ ] First-night transfer pre-booked (not the moment to negotiate a taxi)
- [ ] Car-seat plan decided in advance (they're not standard in taxis or Grabs)
- [ ] First two nights' accommodation confirmed, address saved offline
- [ ] A small comfort/meds kit packed (built with your GP or pharmacist, not this guide)