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- Thai manners
- Dressing for different occasions
- Festivals

# **GREETING**

#### 1. THAI MANNERS

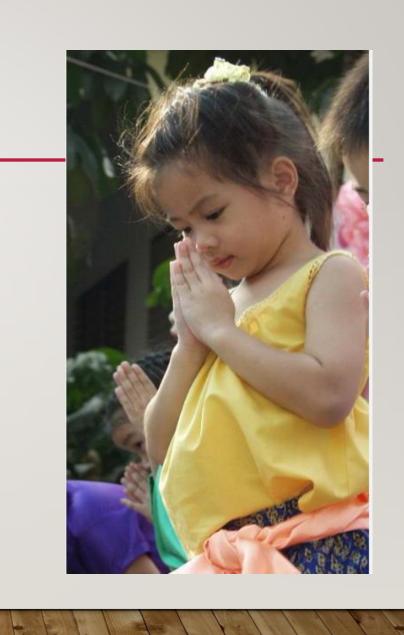
- Greeting
- 1. Foreign visitors should know how to greet the Thai way that is called the "Wai".

Thais greet by putting their hands in the front of the chest level and bow their head as illustrated in this picture.

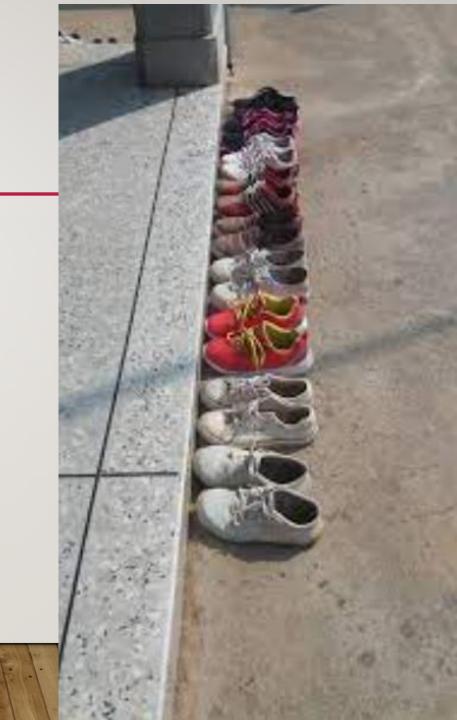


- 2. Thais greet and pay respect to each other using a "Wai" and saying "Sawasdee".
- Using polite words, ending with "khrap" for male and "kha" for femal.

- 3. Thais usually smile to show their kindness.
- 4. If somebody greets you with "Wai" you should do the same thing.
- 5. Foreign visitors should learn Thai language, for example "Sawasdee" which similar to saying "Hello".



 Foreign visitors should take off their hats and shoes before entering temple and houses.



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should take off their
hat and bow their
head to pay respect
to the monk.



• Foreign visitors should not greet Thai female by hugging or kissing.

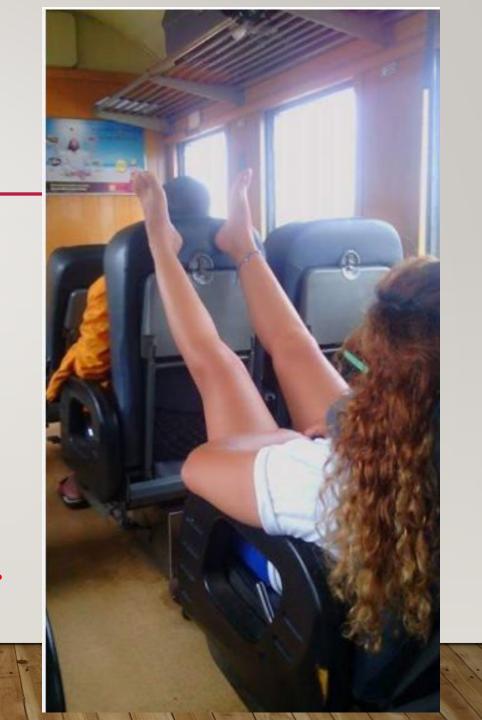
 Thais believe that the head is the highest part of the body, they do not touch someone's head. If by chance, you touch their head, you should say sorry.

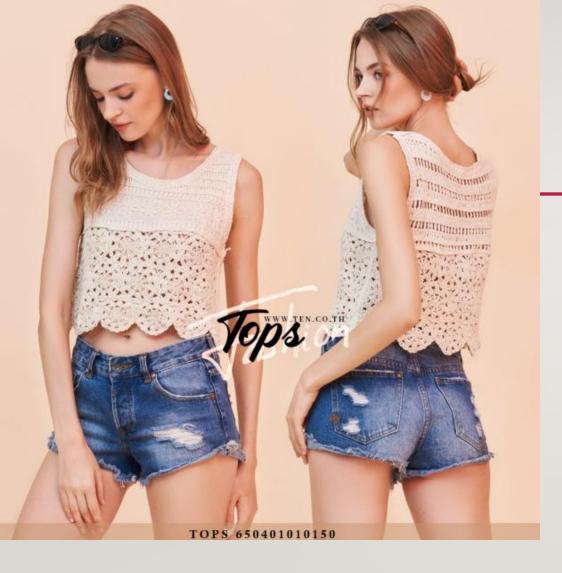


Thais believe that the foot is the lowest part of the body, it is impolite to put your foot on the table or use it to point at anyone.

Do not put your feet on the table or chair.

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Singlet shorts

#### 2. DRESSING FOR DIFFERENT OCCASIONS

• Dress appropriately when entering universities, temples and religious buildings.

Wear black to express condolences to the deceased.



Do not wearblack to awedding.



### 3. FESTIVALS

Month	Tradition
April	Songkran Day
May	Visakha Puja Day
June	_
July	Asalha Puja Day,
	The Buddhist Lent Day
August	_
September	_
October	The End of Buddhist Lent Day
November	Loy Kra Tong Day
December	_
January	-
February	-
March	- Magha Puja Day









Carrying sand to temple and forming sand pagodas, as well as bathing rite for Buddha images and the monks





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ไปสรงน้ำพระ ณ วันสงกรานต์กันเอย
ตอนบ่ายเราเริงกีฬา
เล่นมอญซ่อนผ้า เล่นสะบ้ากันเอย
ทำบุญทำทานสนุกสนานกันแล้ว
ขอเชิญน้องแก้วรำวงกันเอย

# LOY KRATONG







- to ask for apology from the water goddess for having used and sometimes made rivers and canals dirty
- to offer flowers, candles and joss sticks as a tribute to the footprint of Lord Buddha on the sandy beach of the Nammatha River in India
- to show gratitude to the Phra Mae Kong Ka or Mother of Water
- to wash away the previous year's misfortunes

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November full moon shine

loy kratong loy kratong

And the water's high in local river and the klong loy loy kratong loy loy kratong loy kratong is here and everybody's full of cheers We're together at the Klong each one with each krathong as we push away we pray we would see a better day