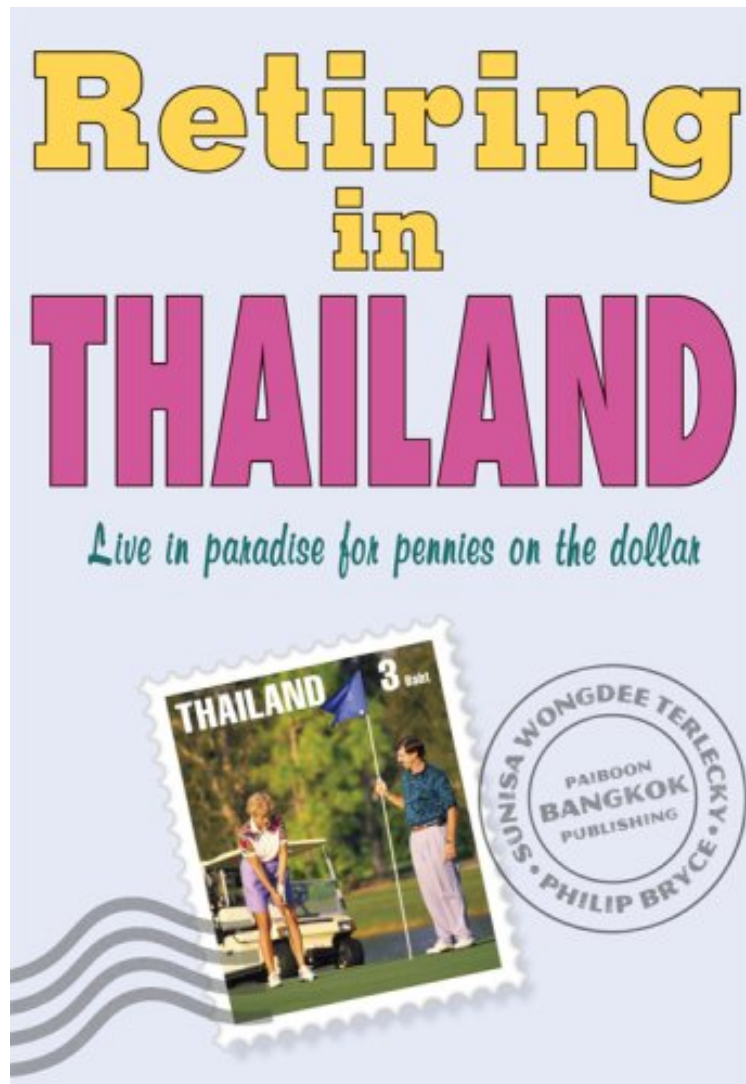


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Sunisa W. Terlecky, Philip Bryce : Retiring in Thailand, Revised Edition before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Retiring in Thailand, Revised Edition:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great Reference Guide By Scup Boy I really liked this book, it helped give me some focus and cut through some of the at times overwhelming amount of info out there on the web. I wish I had bought this book sooner it would have saved me hours of slogging through some pretty poor and self serving web sights. The problem with all guides is that they are outdated the day after being printed, it is called OTBE (over taken by events), currency rates, rules, politics and laws change. Not the Authors fault this happens, just the way it is, they put a lot of very good information together in an easy to understand format. While I thought the whole book was

great, the reference section is the gold nugget! It gives you lots of web sights to get the most up to date info ie: Thai government and other resources. The ex-pats sights listed were super helpful and I have already made some contacts, and plan to add some of the expats groups monthly meetings in to my travel plans so I can actually talk to some currently retired people who live there face to face. Right now Chiang Mai area sounds like the place for me, but we'll see it is all part of the adventure! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Very useful book!

By Ted Persinger I have wanted to expatriate to Asia for some time now, but have always wondered about the logistics of doing so, especially regarding visas. This book does a wonderful job of explaining all your options, in detail. I also really like that he discussed each of the major areas, and used interviews with real expats in those areas to discuss the pros and cons of each area. Ultimately, if you're planning to retire in Thailand you should visit all areas (and he encourages that) to find the area that suits you best, but knowing up front many of the pros and cons of each area is a great foundation to build on. I really recommend this book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More for Males?

By toloro-kat While still entertaining and informative I think this was geared toward male retirees. I would love to find a Thai man and settle in. That is unlikely to happen.

This is a revised edition of the book "Retiring in Thailand" which contains updates on the new Thai law on retirement and other general updates. Why Thailand? Thailand is a great retirement option for anyone with modest savings. The low cost of living and high quality of healthcare can dramatically increase your standard of living. The country is attractive to many because of its beautiful beaches, friendly people, delicious food, astonishing culture and much more. Find out how you can live in paradise for pennies on the dollar. This book could open doors for you to a lifestyle you have never dreamed of. Retiring in Thailand is the most complete guide for anyone living, working or retiring in Thailand. This book contains essential information about: Visas--get comprehensive information on tourist, non-immigrant, marriage and retirement visas and work permits. Finance--find out about taxes, pensions, savings and banking when planning your retirement in Thailand. Medical--learn about private and government hospitals, clinics, prescription drugs, health insurance from western patients in Thailand. Tips--read valuable tips on how to live a successful life in Thailand and learn from other retirees stories. Retirement Locations--get an overview of different parts of the kingdom from the point of view of expats who live there. This is not your typical tourist guide to Thailand. The information in this book is written and contributed by expats living in Thailand and a Thai native. Whether you have just arrived in Thailand or lived there for decades, you will find this book informative and useful.

Many expats in this country have already retired and have made the decision that Retiring in Thailand (ISBN 1-887521-70-4, Paiboon Publishing, 2006) is for them. Written by Philip Bryce (retired in Koh Pha-Ngan) and Sunisa Wongdee Terlecky (semi retired in California and Bangkok), the book promises to tell the reader how you can live in paradise for pennies on the dollar. The book is divided into five sections, with Philip writing the second section on Planning your retirement in Thailand and Mrs. Sunisa writing the other four entitled Why Thailand?, Tips on how to live a successful retired life in Thailand, Retirement locations and the Reference section. I did find the words of wisdom from the few retired expats they had interviewed very interesting, and many of the tips are well known, but ignored, and it is good for potential retirees to understand that spending the next 20 years sitting on a bar stool is not much of a way to spend the last years of your life, even though initially it is much more inviting than working as an assembly line worker in Detroit. It has a strong American bias, which is understandable, with both Philip and Sunisa having worked for many years in the US, and the reference currency throughout the book is the US dollar. In the section at the end of the book is a table showing the costs of everyday living items in Thailand, which the reader looking at retiring here will not believe. A haircut for \$2! Or \$3 for a movie ticket! However, the book does not point out with sufficient emphasis that these prices, when you are living here on a limited budget (an Old Age Pension for example, or perhaps no pension at all and using savings) that these prices are relatively just as expensive as the similar items in the US or the UK where incomes are higher. This is a cheap enough reference book, though much will have to be brought up to date each year. The book had no sooner been published when the government was overthrown by a welcomed blo --Pattaya Mail

About the Author Phillip is originally from England. Until 2003, he worked as a software engineer in Silicon Valley, California, fighting the traffic and slaving long hours to pay a mortgage, all the while dreaming of a life in paradise. After visiting Thailand many times and falling in love with the country (and the girls) he decided to move to Thailand. Phillip writes books and supports on-line customers of TabTrax, a drum music teaching program that he created. He is his own boss and lives the life he loves in Thailand. He has a beautiful house on the island of Koh Pha-Ngan overlooking the sea, a lovely Thai wife, and a steady income from his freelance work. Sunisa left Thailand when she was 22 to continue her studies overseas. She has done extensive research on Thailand and given lectures to foreigners on the Thai language and culture. She has always been interested in early retirement. She is an avid traveler, scrabble player and accomplished Latin dancer. She now resides with her husband, in San Francisco, California and Bangkok, Thailand. Sunisa enjoys living as an early semi-retiree and a part-time writer.