

Some general information about public transport in Surat-Thani, with an extension how to come to us by using public transport.

General:

For a short number of years, metered taxis have been driving in Surat-Thani, driving around random. However, you will not see them in places such as the airport and the train station as an arriving passenger. You can easily take a taxi to these destinations. In general, taxis are cheaper than TukTuks for the somewhat longer journeys. Short journeys within the city are cheaper by TukTuk. We can call a taxi to pick up customers, but the waiting time is very unsure, and often they just don't show up. If you travel to us with a taxi, the taxi will drive away, and maybe come back to pick you up again. The taxi to us costs around 120 Baht, with a TukTuk 200 Baht, and if the TukTuk is waiting for you it will cost around 400 Baht. Some taxis charge a sort of "surcharge" on the price indicated by the meter, because they think we are too far outside the city. We do not interfere with the discussion that causes this.



Example from TukTuk in Surat-Thani.

Public transport is done by:Tuktuks-In Surat-Thani these are little Daihatsu vans. For movement in Surat-Thani, the price is 20 Baht/PP, no matter from where, and to where you are traveling. There are several people in the TukTuk, you should tell the driver where you want to go. If he agrees you can get in. It is impossible to use a "standard fare" to travel to us. This requires a "private" rent TukTuk.

Song Taews- These are usually Toyota or Isuzu pick-ups. With a roof, and two banks (Thai, Song=two, Taew=banks) These drive a kind of bus service. IE, fixed route, but departure occurs only if the driver feels he has enough passengers. To get from the city to us, you should get on the side street next to the Phanthip Company, the Talad Mai, in the direction of Kanchanadit. Get off at "See yet, That Hong Mai") (which literally means, four roads (crossing) Thatong Mai)



Song-Taew in Surat-Thani.



At this corner, opposite the TOPS supermarket you should board the Song-Taew. If you're in the right one he will turn LEFT.

It is sometimes possible for me to pick up our guests, but not always. Because I'm not a taxi it is expensive (I drive half of the distance empty)

We can also hire a reliable Thai driver. He is honest and trustworthy. He speaks no English.

OK, suppose you arrive at the **airport**:

Taxi, negotiate first, around 600 Baht

Phanthip Bus to town (100 Baht/PP), from the endpoint (original Google translation =alighting) point in the city, TukTuk to us, 120 Baht, if you can not find here a TukTuk, then walk 100 meters towards the East and try it again. Chances are that it works then. Or from the endpoint, Song Taew 40 Baht/PP. If with Song-Taew, at the intersection Thatong-Mai (In Thai “See Yet Thathong Mai”, which literally means 4 roads) motor bike taxi, 20 Baht/PP. Here you can also call us, and then we pick you up for free.

When you arrive at the **train station**:

Taxi, negotiate first, around 400 Baht



Take from here motorbike taxi, or call us

Train: orange bus to the city, 80 Baht/PP, TukTuk to us, 120 Baht, if you can not find here a TukTuk, then walk 100 meters towards the East and try it again. Chances are that it works then. Or from the endpoint, Song Taew 40 Baht/PP. If with Song-Taew, at the intersection Thatong-Mai (In Thai “See Yet Thathong Mai”, which literally means 4 roads) motor bike taxi, 20 Baht/PP. Here you can also call us, and then we pick you up for free.

Long-Distance Bus Station: orange bus to the city, 60 Baht/PP, TukTuk to us, 120 Baht, if you can not find here a TukTuk, then walk 100 meters towards the East and try it again. Chances are that it works then. Or from the endpoint, Song Taew 40 Baht/PP. If with Song-Taew, at the intersection Thatong-Mai (In Thai “See Yet Thathong Mai”, which literally means 4 roads) motor bike taxi, 20 Baht/PP. Here you can also call us, and then we pick you up for free. In general, if a TukTuk driver says that we are closed, (or flooded, struck by lightning, or bad, that's not true (although the last is of course entirely to the discretion of the customer!) Do not go into discussion, laugh friendly, walk away



Never book local transport in this street!

and ask another TukTuk. It is best to stop a moving TukTuk. Do not go to a Tuk Tuk waiting at a bus or train station, these are awaiting unsuspecting, light to cheat tourists.

Never enter a **travel agency or tourist-information**. They give misinformation, lying things together, and charge far too high prices. Also ignore the touts at bus station and airport.

Regardless of where you are in Surat-Thani, we can have you picked up by a reliable Thai TukTuk driver for only 200 Baht one way charges. And 600 Baht including waiting time for a monkey demonstration and the return trip back to Surat-Thani.



This is our gate, you have arrived!

It can be possible that the TukTuk driver just continues for the other monkey school. If you see this shop, he is doing this The best is then to show some anger, or at least unhappiness.....





