

## **Thailand**

Population: 67.01 million (2013)

Geography: 514,000 square kilometres in Southeast Asia region

Climate: Tropical with very high humidity. Thailand has three distinct seasons: the

hot season, the rainy season and the cool season.

World heritage sites: Historic town of Sukhothai, Thungyai-Huai Kha Khaeng

Wildlife Sanctuaries, Historic city of Ayutthaya

Capital City: Bangkok

Languages: Thai, Karen, Khmer, Malay

Official language: Thai

Political system: Constitutional monarchy under a parliamentary democratic system

Travel advisory information: For up-to-date travel advice for Thailand from the

New Zealand government visit www.safetravel.govt.nz/thailand

## **Curriculum resources:**

Asia New Zealand Foundation

## **Useful websites:**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- New Zealand Embassy in Bangkok
- Royal Thai Embassy in Wellington
- Lonely Planet

## Media:

- Bangkok Post
- The Nation