

February (night 20°C; day 33°C); the hot and dry, March to June (night 28°C; day 33°C); and the rainy season (night 25°C; day 33°C), which begins with occasional showers during June, July and August and changes to heavy downpours occurring daily around dusk throughout September and October. Widespread flooding in Bangkok often occurs during the latter half of October which significantly delays travel in the city.

Holidays. Holidays generally observed by the Thai business community are the following:

New Year's Day — *January 1*

Chinese New Year (three days) — *January or February (varies)*

Magha Puja — *February (full moon day)*

Chakri Memorial Day — *April 6*

Songkran Festival — *April 13*

Coronation Day — *May 5*

Plowing Ceremony — *May 7*

Visakha Puja — *May (full moon day)*

Asalha Puja — *July (full moon day)*

Queen's Birthday — *August 12*

Chulalongkorn Day — *October 23*

King's Birthday — *December 5*

Constitution Day — *December 10*

Christmas Day — *December 25*

New Year's Eve — *December 31*

Measures. The metric system is used although Siamese weights and measures are occasionally used.

Electricity. Electricity for domestic use is supplied at 220 volts, 50 cycles AC. The industrial supply is 220 and 380 volts, 50 cycles AC on a three-phase system.

Post, Telex, Telephone. International telex and telegram facilities are available in Bangkok. The telephone system is quite reliable; however, overseas calls may involve some delay. Airmail postage from Canada takes at least seven to ten days. Thailand's internal mail system and Bangkok's courier services are excellent and inexpensive. Major international courier services are available.