**How to prepare yourself for a photo shoot in Thailand ?**

**Hi, my dear client!**

My name is Olya, and I am your photographer in Thailand!

I will be upfront with you: don’t be afraid of the word “preparations”! Generally speaking, all you’ll need for the photo shoot will be your presence! :) Trips to the places where you’ve never been will make you smile and cheerful. Wonderful nature of Thailand is a guarantee of a great background and special magic on the photos. My experience and case of equipment would guarantee best quality. And further processing would allow to add interesting nuances.

However, to have more impressive results, I recommend that you prepare yourself for the photo shoot that there would be no surprises. We are both interested to spend the shooting time to maximum effect - to spend it for the shooting session, not for some organizational moments we could think through in advance. So I suggest to get acquainted with some pieces of advice that our cooperation be most productive and we receive tremendous results.

By the way, in this article I’ll call you “a model” sometimes!:) I hope you’ll like it!:)

**BEFORE THE ARRIVAL IN THAILAND**

1. Book the date and time! After coming up with the date of your arrival, you’ll have to book the photo shoot. For this you need to make an advance payment at the rate of 100$.

What do you have to do this for ?

In such a way we insure each other against “a change of plans” and “distresses”. However pleasant and easy the process might be, formally it is a rendering of service where you should be a bit serious after all. If for some reason you feel some incredulity about an advance payment, you can always contact with the people who have already been in the previous photo shoots. You can find them in my groups in social networks.

1. Announce your ideas! If you have some thoughts on the future photo shoot, name them. Don’t be shy in this matter!

You might have some classy dress ? Or you might have always wanted to try the image of your favorite movie character on ? Or you’ve heard about some magic place, you’d like to visit it and chase this moment ? You might have always dreamed of being on the photos from the “cover of a glossy magazine” ? Or you want to cocreate some photo you like from my works ? Keep in touch and don’t be shine! There are no bad ideas in Art!

You can also put it up to me, and I would think of the character for you with my creative team. I always write my ideas down and keep the photos inspiring me. I am willing to bring them to life together with my customers right now!

3. Name the place you stay. Let me know what hotel you stay in. Depending on your ideas and feedback, and also the location of your hotel, I will consider the optimal locations of our photo shoot. More information on the locations is below.

**IN THAILAND**

**Contact Me**

Purchase a Thai SIM card to get in touch with me quickly. They are often distributed for free at the airport: Promoters might hand it to you. Or you can find stands of mobile carriers TrueMove, DTac, or AIS where you can buy a SIM card or take it for free.

If you can’t do it at the airport, you have an opportunity to buy the SIM card in any ‘Seven Eleven (7/11)’ or ‘Family Mart’ store - they are so called “stores of one-step accessibility”, which you can easily find near you hotel. (Ask the staff of your hotel, they’ll direct you!). There are also offices of carriers in large shopping plazas. SIM card don’t cost a lot - around 50-100 rubles. Some part of this sum will be transferred to your account. (It’s also much cheaper to call home to Russia, Ukraine from these SIM cards).

As soon as you get this SIM card, contact me on the telephone number +668-77-440-300. Will discuss some details!:)

**Planning the Shooting Session**

- The time of the shooting session. The start and duration of the photo shoot is discussed separately. The start of the photo shoot is considered to be the time stated in the order, not the time of the actual arrival of the model. Coming late or an early finish don’t reduce total cost of service. Please save enough time to prepare yourself and set to the shooting session.

- Locations. The place of the photo shoot depends on the location of your hotel. Hotel are often situated in a touristic zone. There is no opportunity to shoot on a public beach because of a large number of tourists (you don’t want to have 300 more on your photo). That’s why we go to the nearest islands or to such beaches where there are few tourists, or even nobody having rest. The trip takes about 15 minutes. Depending on the duration of the shooting session, we could also visit skydecks, temples, elephant farms, or jungle, that also depends on the island, city or province where the photo shoot would take place. If you have any other ideas, I am happy to discuss them.

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHOOTING SESSION**

**Most Important Thing!**

Before going to a beach and while sunbathing, remember to put some sunscreen on! It’s very important under the conditions of scalding Thai sun! Be particularly careful from 11.00 to 15.00! It’s a matter of 5 minutes to burn on Thailand beaches. It’s better to see and shoot you with bronze tanning, or even without it, than with your nose, face, chest, back with their skin peeling off!:) It’s important not just for the beauty on the photos that will stay with you for the rest of your life, but for your health. Treat this issue with full responsibility!

**Dress Code**

- The pieces of clothing are to be in one style.

- Ideally, the clothes must be without lettering.

- I advice to avoid the following colors: black, grey, mossy, brown.

- Preferable colors: red, purple, orange, yellow.

- White garment is of the most appropriate options.

- For girls: on shots cool silk and chiffon dresses with a tail look great. Sarafans are encouraged.

- For boys: shirts + trousers/shorts.

- Remember about headwear, jewelry and other accessories. They would “enliven” your image. It concerns both men and women.

- The beach garment is preferable to be picked by color, avoiding black.

- A wedding photo shoot: if you plan to be in a wedding gown, necessarily take a cool tunic or a bathing suit with you as well.

- A wedding photo shoot: black color is totally unacceptable in the clothing of just married or guests at a wedding.

**Visage, Hair Dressing and Make-Up**

1. Professional services. The visagiste and hairdresser would whitewash you completely accentuating good points of your body, this would make the processing of the photos faster and easier.

P.S. Attention! I am not accountable for the work of the visagiste and hairdresser. I hope, you understand why!:)

1. Aidless make-up. If you want to put make-up yourself, here are a couple of my tips:

- Not any concealer could our withstand temperature regime, powder would suit better here (especially loose powder).

- Point out your eyes and eyelashes - on the photo they’ll look natural and expressive.

- Remember about some glow on your cheek-bones.

- Don’t use glossy, light-reflecting shades and shades with spangles - sunlight intensify them multiply. And it brings negative effect, which is hard to get rid off even in the process of retouch.

**Conditions of the Photo Shoot**

Photographing with me is not some boring posing in front of camera lens. ‘Cause it’s, in fact, an adventure rather than a shooting session. We would go to most beautiful places, which most of you have seen only on some pictures and photos on the Internet!:) We would explore barely uninhabited islands that look nothing like crowded Phuket beaches. We would climb trees, play on swings; we could even pray to Buddha by Thai traditions. And, of course, we would smile, laugh, and tell each other funny stories!

Please don’t fear when I’m telling you about “adventures on uninhabited islands”. You wouldn’t feel uncomfortable! A taxi, boat; the cafe, where you could enjoy famous Thai or traditional European dishes; beverages, a toilet... The civilization is always around us despite!:)

**Attitude**

1. A photo shoot is an easy, pleasant, very funny and exciting process! Don’t be too serious about it! Remember: You are having rest!!! Relax and derive pleasure from the shooting session! Just enjoy sunny, warmly welcoming, free Thailand! And I will capture it!:) Wake up on the day of the photo shoot and smile! You’ll have a wonderful day!

1. You should necessarily note the workstyle you prefer. You want to have a calm and peaceful shooting session in lounge style ? A serious photographer-teacher, or a photographer-commandant ? A photo shoot in ‘National Geografic’ style ? A very expensive photographer from the world’s most prestigious glossy magazine ? Or hilarious friendly “LOLz”:) ? The professional photographer-actor Olga Safonova is ready to come to a lot of things that customers get pleasure not only from the photos they’d have, but from the process of the shooting session itself!:)

3. Young people. Girls often warn me before having their pictures taken, “My husband/boyfriend doesn’t like being shot! He can’t smile! And when a shutter works, he blinks!” Or something like that. The thing is, a lot of people a wrong idea of a photo shoot. When a shooting session starts, many a man often even don’t notice it, for they are captured by the things that are going on around them. In order to have bright photos which you children and grandchildren would look through then you don’t need to be a model, you don’t need to know “how to pose”, you even needn’t to look in the object-glass of a camera in most cases. You just should enjoy magnificent Thailand in company with your fair one. And in some time you receive the photos that would unsell you on being “unphotogenic” and “feeling not like having your picture taken”. And, of course, if you suddenly fell a bit tired during the photo shoot, you can easily take time out and admire your beauty being shot by the photographer!:) Just relax and put yourself in our hands!

**Must-haves at the photo shoot (don’t forget them!):**

- Garment and accessories;

- Sunscreen;

- Sensible shoes;

- Sunglasses;

- Headwear;

- A comb;

- Face powder;

- A plumper, lipstick;

- A compact mirror;

- A bottle of water;

- Wet and dry wipes;

- A towel.