

Your R&R Program



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When the time rolls around for you to decide on where to take your R&R, a multitude of questions will arise. This pamphlet can be most instrumental in helping you decide where to go, and in enabling you to travel to and enjoy your R&R without encountering any unnecessary delays. For more detailed information, consult the MACV Command Information Pamphlets dealing with the individual R&R locations.

The R&R program is a morale program, enabling you to get away and rest for a few days during your tour in Vietnam.

There are presently ten locations outside Vietnam available to R&R travelers: Bangkok, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Manila, Penang (Malaysia), Singapore, Sydney, Taipei and Tokyo.

The serviceman assigned here is entitled to one out-of-country R&R during a one-year tour and is eligible after 90 days in-country. Those who extend for 90 days or more may take a second R&R. They are eligible any time subsequent to the date extension is approved.

All U. S. military forces, Civil Service employees, and certain other authorized civilians in Vietnam can participate in the program.

Although R&R sites vary in distance from Vietnam, the program normally permits a stay at the destination of five nights. Transportation is by air.

The uniform is required for travel to and from R&R sites. However, civilian clothing is mandatory after arrival at most sites and is recommended for all. Uniforms may be worn on the ground only in Hawaii and Camp Zama, Japan. Civilian clothing may be rented or bought at all R&R locations.

Financial arrangements should be made well in advance. Check-cashing and banking facilities are limited or non-existent at a few sites. MPC used in Vietnam are not valid elsewhere and must be changed at the airport before departure.

Applications for R&R are processed by R&R coordinators or through unit administrative channels, depending on the service or major command. Information can be obtained through local command channels.

To insure a travel space for the location preferred, or to arrange to go on R&R with a buddy, it is best to apply several weeks early.

Some General Tips

Shots—Shot record, ID Card, identification tags and orders are required in order to board the aircraft. Shots must be up-to-date and cholera immunization must have been administered at least five days before departure.

Smallpox vaccinations must have been taken at least two weeks in advance. Those going to Bangkok must have received a cholera shot within four months; all other locations will accept cholera shots taken within the previous six months.

Baggage—A maximum of 66 pounds applies to all R&R sites. A copy of R&R orders should be placed in each piece of luggage to help safeguard against loss.

Passports—Passports or visas are not required for servicemen in uniform traveling on R&R orders. Civilian personnel going on R&R should check visa requirements.

Weapons—No weapons of any kind are permitted aboard R&R aircraft.

Alcohol—Intoxicated travelers are not allowed to board R&R aircraft nor is drinking permitted on board. (One unopened bottle of alcoholic beverage may be carried aboard).

Briefings and Assistance

Detailed information about the R&R location will be provided each passenger aboard the aircraft. In addition, briefings are given at R&R centers on arrival. Personnel at the centers provide detailed infor-

mation, change currency, arrange tours, and obtain reduced-price hotel reservations.

Unique Opportunity

R&R is a privilege extended to all servicemen and certain government civilian em-

ployees as a vacation from the rigors of a combat zone. If you carefully choose a site which offers the type of recreation you seek and if you plan your trip beforehand, R&R can be a once-in-a-lifetime event you'll never forget.

R & R At A Glance

LOCATION	BEST FEATURES	BEST BUYS	PX	\$1 BUYS(1)
Bangkok	Sightseeing Friendly people	Jewelry and Thai silk	Yes	20 Baht
Hawaii	Meet family Beaches	Monkey pod wood dishes	Yes	
Hong Kong	Free port	Clothing and products from throughout world	No(2)	\$5.70 HK
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia capital, convention center	Pewter, tin, silver, fabrics	No	\$2.9 Malay
Manila	Beautiful scenery	Cigars, lace, wood carvings	No	3.85 Pesos
Penang	Free port, quiet beaches	Pewter, tin, silver, fabrics	No	\$2.9 Malay
Singapore	Cosmopolitan, Largely free port	Pewter, tin, silver, fabrics	No	\$2.9 Malay
Sydney	Beaches, water sports, night life, friendly people	Boomerangs, Kangaroo skins, Stuffed koala bears	No	\$.89A
Taipei	Friendly people, inexpensive	Embroidery, wood carvings, ceramics	Yes	\$40 NT
Tokyo	Largest city in world	Cameras, china, electronics	Yes	360 Yen

(1) Exchange rates fluctuate and are approximate figures.

(2) U. S. Navy Purchasing Office has a branch at the British China Fleet Club.

R & R SITES

DISTANCES FROM SAIGON

(APPROX NAUTICAL MILES & FLT TIMES)

BANGKOK	511	1:05
HAWAII	5603	11:10
HONG KONG	834	1:35
KUALA LUMPUR	602	1:10
MANILA	905	4:00 (C-54)
PENANG	529	1:05
SYDNEY	3945	8:00
SINGAPORE	605	1:10
TAIPEI	1318	2:40
TOKYO	2480	5:00

