

HISTORY, RULES, INFOS, TIPS AND TRICKS ON THE THAI LOTTERY

INTRODUCTION

Ask Thai people whether or not they have ever bought a lottery ticket, and you'll find most will say yes. In fact, it's quite hard to find a Thai who's never bought a lottery ticket.

That may not seem a particularly remarkable fact. But ask Thais how they decide which numbers to buy and things can get distinctly bizarre. The fact is, there are virtually no lengths Thais will not go to in order to get that winning combination of numbers.

Gamblers the world over pray to their gods for success and inspiration, or simply to be given one last chance to hit the big time. But few – in the West anyway – will head to church to ask their local vicar for lottery numbers. In Thailand, however, a visit to the temple or a shrine to pray for the right numbers is commonplace, and some monks have a reputation for being able to divine which digits will do the trick. Other Thais visit fortune tellers for lottery advice. When a respected Buddhist monk dies, many people will go to the monk's temple to pay their respects but also in the hope of getting lottery hints – maybe the date of the monk's birth or death or, if he was hospitalized before his death, the number of his hospital room. Other sources of numbers are car registration plates, addresses or telephone numbers.

The system is very different compared to the western world. So, here is how it goes.



Every one of us uses instincts to pick a winning number while buying the lottery ticket. Many of the times, what we experience is the failure of winning the lottery. Many attribute it to bad luck or something unfortunate. While buying the lottery ticket, the most important thing is to predict the winning number. In addition to the predictions, some tricks and strategies could be employed to maximize the chances of winning the lottery. If things go in the right direction, we can change our life with some winning lotteries. This article is intended to help you find the best strategies for winning numbers.

HISTORY OF THAI LOTTERY

The idea of lottery goes back a very long way towards ancient times.

Lottery first started in Thailand in the reign of King Rama V. It was first drawn in an international exposition arranged in the King's birthday celebration. Again in 1917, a lottery drawing was arranged to finance Thailand's entry into World War I on the Allied side. Next, lottery was used to finance the Thai Red Cross charity works expenses in 1932.

Lottery was first drawn to really generate revenue for the government in 1934 to finance the short fall in government income due to the abolition of draftee tax, levied on Thai males who wished to forego compulsory military service. The drawing was implemented by the Revenue Department. In the same year, lottery operation was also introduced to the provinces to finance the provincial municipality operations.

In 1939, the control of government lottery operation was transferred to the Ministry of Finance with the appointment of the first lottery board by the Ministry of Finance on April 5, 1939, which is now held as the founding date of the Government Lottery Office.

At present, the Lottery Office issues 14 million tickets for each draw. In the same draw, it also issues two million tickets for sports promotion and seven million for other charity organization. To produce the lottery tickets, the Government Lottery Office operates a modern, large-scale printing press, which also handles printing jobs for other government agencies as well.

Each year, the Lottery Office turns in over 4,000 million Baht to the government treasury. It also provides 440 scholarships of 20,000 Baht each for undergraduates and earmark eight million Baht a year for various charities. The office also contributes close to 20 million Baht a year for the welfare fund of civil service and military personal, Welfare Council of Thailand, and the War Veteran Association.



People of Thailand are very fond of being gamblers themselves. Lottery is taken very seriously in Thailand as it is the only kind of gambling allowed in the nation.

RULES

The process of winning a lottery starts from the buying of a lottery ticket. Each and everybody try to imply their intuition at the time of buying lottery ticket. But unfortunately most people fail since a single draw of a lottery can only produce few winners.

First, we would like to talk about what a Thai lottery ticket looks like.

As you can see, there is only one kind of lottery available, used in Thailand for a long time. It is still paper-based material while many other countries have developed an electronic system to organize the lottery tickets. In Thailand, you'll have to get lottery tickets from agents, who receive these tickets from retailers. Seen that you are obliged to buy a ticket that already has the number printed, if you need a specific number, you will need to find somebody selling this number.

Future projects of the Government Lottery Office include a plan to computerize lottery buyers service that visualizes purchasing of lottery and prize payment by commercial banks' country-wide network of automated teller machines.



Usually, lottery tickets are drawn twice a month: the 1st day of the month and the 16th. Every ticket costs 40 + 40 Baht, seen that it is double. This is the official price. The top and the bottom part have the same number. It is not possible to buy just one part as they come in pairs. So, every ticket will still cost you 80 Baht plus the agent's fees (between 20 and 40 Bath). However, if you win, your prize is doubled. Every ticket has a single 6 digits number.

During the live draws, a lot of numbers are drawn every time, as they'll have to draw all of the numbers according to the number of prizes stated. Now, the prizes and amount of this lottery are as follow:

1st Prize	(1 number)	2 million Baht
2nd prize	(5 numbers)	100'000 Baht
3rd prize	(10 numbers)	40'000 Baht
4th prize	(50 numbers)	20'000 Baht
5th prize	(100 numbers)	10'000 Baht
3 digits numbers	(4 numbers):	2'000 Baht
2 digits number	(1 number):	1'000 Baht
Bonus prize	(2 numbers)	50'000 Baht.

The Bonus prize is for people whose first 5 numbers are correct but the last digit is incorrect by one number above or below. (For example, if the First Prize ticket last number is "5" you can get the bonus prize if yours has a "4" or "6").

TIPS AND TRICKS

Despite the fact that winning a lottery is just a game of luck, some experts suggest tricks and strategies which may advance you forward to win a lottery and to change your life. Here are some tips for you according to the experts to increase the possibility of winning with the Thai lottery.

Justified tips are definitely very helpful for getting the maximum out of the lottery tickets. There is no doubt that everyone is very much concerned for the invested money in lotteries.

Tips should also guide you to make a judicious decision while selecting the lottery numbers. People usually make guesses or try to buy the lucky numbers and stick to them over a long period of time; this is definitely not a good decision. A well researched number can make you a billionaire and a number bought on guesses can make you lose your money.

There are several wise tips. Here are some:

- First of all you should stick to the game. Most of the times, people quit the game after a few repeated failures which is likely to reduce their chances of winning anytime in life. If you stick to the Thai lotto, you would definitely expose yourself to the small prizes or jackpots in longer run. The secret is hidden in the consistency of trying luck and being persistent.

- Be wise in number selection: usually most people try to choose a number based on age, dates related to births, marriages, symbolic numbers like 7 and so on. Very often we want predict lucky numbers in different ways. But this is a terrible idea. By doing this you actually limit your possibilities of winning the lottery, as this will bind you within some particular number ranges from 1 to 31. Another problem is that you will pick almost the same numbers again and again. So, don't do that. It is always better to select your lottery number judiciously. It may boost the chance to win a lottery.

- For those who can afford, it is a good (but expensive) idea to buy 100 tickets in a random series.

- Be determined and have patience: determination is always the key to success. You should never lose hope, but keep trying again and again. As Thai lottery is very easy to play and numbers are drawn frequently, you should not quit playing after a short while. If you keep going you may win a regular prize or even the jackpot. There are many examples of winning the jackpot in the Thai lotto!

- Another important tip that players of the lottery should keep in mind is to keep track of the failed lottery numbers. Such numbers after a small period of time have more likelihood to win a prize for the player.

By the way, there are other approaches less expensive to choose lottery numbers. As said, strategy for winning in



Thai lotto plays a crucial role for chances of winning in lottery. Regular winners of the lottery do a lot of research on the numbers they choose and the probability of numbers to be selected.

Experts usually buy series of numbers which increases the possibility of winning, but it's more expensive, of course. The most clever and logical approach is done by the statistical calculation of probabilities; even better if done by a specific software.

On Google I discovered that "*Thai Lottery Lucky Numbers Generator*" is actually the only statistical number picker developed for the Thai Lottery. This software already considers

the suggestions listed above and other useful elements. It is a reliable application for Windows operating systems, designed to automatically generate lottery numbers based on the basis of previous draws, statistical data, percentage formulas and / or random occurrences.

With the help of this kind of software, you can save a lot of time and increase your chances of winning by buying numbers or combinations statistically generated by the application for the chosen draw. Moreover, you can manually exclude up to four numbers and choose the percentage between statistical calculation and pure luck.

FAKE TICKETS

Lastly, let's talk about how to watch out for a fake lottery ticket, which could be sold to anyone. Unfortunately there are people who will try to sell fake Thai Lottery tickets to the unwary. Most Thai people can easily spot a fake by the lack of a proper watermark but foreigners can be more easily duped. Here, the rules for do not be fooled.

A fake ticket has the following characteristics:

- different color from the original
- different paper
- no watermark

By searching for a ticket, simply follow these simple steps:

- Have a look at a genuine ticket so that you know what to look for.
- Never buy a ticket from a stranger who doesn't appear to be a regular vendor
- It is best to only buy tickets from a vendor that Thai people are buying from
- If you have any doubts about the genuineness of the ticket, simply walk away
- Never pay more than 120 Baht for lottery tickets (100 Baht is the usual cost from a vendor). It is also not realistic to expect to pay only the actual cost of these tickets (80 Baht) as the vendors have to make a profit, seen that they are not paid by the lottery office directly.



USEFUL INFORMATIONS

Anyone, either Thai or foreign, may play and win the state lottery in Thailand. Currently, prizes cannot be claimed through banks.

At each draw date, around 5 pm, you can check the lottery results directly at the [Government Lottery Office website](#) or with the help of the application listed above which automatically updates them. Draw dates are the 1st and 16th of each month. If holiday, the day after. More infos about the drawing procedures [here](#).

If you win a prize, you'll have to go to one of the following three GLO offices in Bangkok:

The Government Lottery Office
Rajdamnern Avenue, Tel. 0-2281-1611
Ext. 108, 123

Branch Office I
Gold Market Building, 3rd Fl, Lard Yao, Jatujak
Tel. 0-2158-0078

Branch Office II
CAT Tower, 21st Fl, Charoen Krung Road

Office Hours:
Mon. – Fri. (closed on public holidays)
Office Hours: 07.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
(Open during lunch)



Don't forget to bring your passport. You will receive a cheque. You must claim your prize within two years from the draw date and pay a tax of 0.5%.

For more informations, you can contact the Chief of Department of Prize Payment): Tel.0-2282-5017, or
- Chief of Branch Office I: Tel. 0-2629-3619, or
- Chief of Branch Office II: Tel. 0-2629-3618)

However, if the payout of every single ticket amounts to less than 20,000 Baht, you can go to a local agent and he will give you the money in cash. There is tax, which you'll have to pay in order to get the money: the agent will charge you from 2 to 5 Baht for every 100 baht. More about the prize claiming [here](#).

I hope that every person who comes to Thailand tries out the Thai lottery. The chances of winning are much higher than those of the European and American lotteries, even though the prizes are much smaller. However, always be aware of agents who try to trick you and be aware of all kinds of theft.

I wish you all a lot of fun and good luck!

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