One Night (or 3) in Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand - Jan 16, 2008

Amy:

We left on our journey on Monday, Jan 14th and proceeded to spend 21 hours traveling from San Francisco to Bangkok. Our first flight to Hong Kong had to stop in Taiwan to refuel, so we spend 17 hours on the first flight. Luckily, the seats on Cathay Pacific airlines have individual tvs, so I was able to spare Brent the torture of having the talk for 21 hours (and he nearly finished his book). Oh – and the food and drinks were delicious:

Brent lost his lips after the wine on plane

We landed on Wednesday, January 16th, which Brent found interesting b/c it seemed like our flight lasted 2 days. To me, the flight seemed to 5 days. He's wondering what happened to Tuesday! We had a layover in the Hong Kong airport, which was very modern and had many Starbucks, along with a pharmacy where you could get this:

what you can get in Hong Kong airport

We landed in Bangkok at 12:30 a.m., fought our way through customs (they ran out of immigration forms!), hailed a cab, and drove to our hotels. Oh – I almost forgot to mention that it was 80 degrees outside! In the cab, we got to practice our extensive Thai language skills, which are "Sawatdee" and "Kap Kun Ka/Krap". The ending of words depends on gender, so Brent gets to say "Krap" at the end of words, which he likes!

We ended up at our hotel at around 2:30 a.m. The hotel was still open and two kind women checked us in by writing our passport numbers down (!) and gave us welcome chrysanthemum tea! So nice these Thai ladies are! (yoda?) The hotel is in the "old city" which is kind of run down, but has lots of temples and is near a palace. The hotel itself is kind of like a Breitenbush veggie/hippy/ commune (minus the nudies) and has a meditation/yoga room and a beautiful garden.

The food is vegan (Raye and J's would like it!) and the rooms are all hand-painted with Thai tapestry pillows on the beds. So far, so good! We're looking forward to exploring the city tomorrow after we sleep for 40 hours….

Pharankorn Norlen hotel

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