THAI LAND MAP

GUIDE

Hey, guys! From the very first day we fell in love with Thailand and all its nooks and crannies and now we want to share the best spots with you.

This is our first compact guide around Thailand and here you'll find the main places we recommend visiting. Follow us on instagram for real photos and even more info: **@thailand_map**

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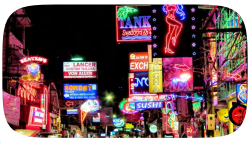

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BANGKOK

It is believed that Thai dishes should combine all the basic flavors, so is Bangkok. It offers an incredible combination of all possible tastes of the metropolis. Rivers and canals, skyscrapers and slums, night markets, thousands of cafes, traditions and modern lifestyle.

WAT ARUN

LUMPINI PARK

ROOFTOP BAR DOME

KING POWER MAHANAKHON SKYWALK

Wat Arun

100 THB | SIGHTSEEING | CULTURE

Wat Arun – or the Temple of Dawn – is a spectacular ancient religious place. Come here at sunset to admire and take wonderful photos of the 79 m stupa-like pagoda encrusted with colorful glazed porcelain tiles and seashells, Giant statues, the Ordination Hall, the Bell Tower, and many Buddha statues.

! Wat Arun is on the other side of the river, so one of the ways to reach the temple from the city is to ride a ferry. But you can also come by taxi or even subway.

LOCATION

Lumpini Park

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | ENTERTAINMENT

Lumpini Park is the first public park in Bangkok where people can find some shade and do several outdoor leisure activities under fresh air. There is a large beautiful lake, a public library, a youth center, a food center, a refuge for homeless children, an elderly citizens club. You can even visit tai chi and social dancing classes and buddhist dharma activities in the park.

! There are plenty of varans in the park. They are absolutely not aggressive and it's really fun to watch them and take some photos or videos.

LOCATION

Rooftop Bar Dome

50 USD AND ABOVE

FOOD

Rooftop Bar Dome is an open sky restaurant situated on the 63rd floor of Lebua at the State Tower. It is mostly famous for its stunning 360˚ view and featuring in a hollywood film “Hangover 2”. Spend a marvelous evening in a luxurious atmosphere and feel as if you were a real movie star.

! Don’t forget about the smart casual dress code when visiting this place.

! Sky Bar's must-try is Hangovertini (mix of green tea liquor, apple juice, Martini Rosso and rosemary honey).

LOCATION

BANGKOK

King Power Mahanakhon Skywalk

836 THB AND ABOVE

SIGHTSEEING

King Power Mahanakhon Skywalk offers you a jaw-dropping lifetime experience. Less than in a minute, a multimedia-themed elevator will lift you up to the tallest observatory deck in Thailand on the 74th floor or straight to the building's rooftop on the 78th floor, where you can enjoy a breathtaking walk across the world's largest glass floors.

! Best visiting in the morning, when not so crowded.

On the 1st floor you'll find the world's 1st self-controlled ParadropVR™ City Flyer.

LOCATION

PAT TAYA

Once a village with a «bad» reputation, it's now a major tourist city, located in the southeastern part of the Gulf of Thailand. Here you will find a lot of entertainment for every taste and will be able to fully enjoy a beach holiday as well.

- THE SANCTUARY OF TRUTH
- WALKING STREET
- BIG BUDDHA TEMPLE
- NONG NOOCH TROPICAL GARDEN

Walking Street

FREE | ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD

Walking Street is the main entertaining place in Pattaya. It is closed to vehicle traffic after 6 pm and almost every building on both sides of the road – as well as many in the side streets around it – is a nightclub, bar or restaurant. At night the road comes alive with neon lights, thumping music from different genres, food vendors, street performances and partygoers from around the world.

! It's not the best place to walk with children, but you can visit the famous cabaret **Tiffany's Show or the Alcazar Show** with all your family members, even the youngest ones.

LOCATION

Nong Nooch Tropical Garden

500 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Nong Nooch Tropical Garden offers you over 200 hectares of landscaped spaces bursting with tropical colors. It has some of the most remarkable plants, flowers and landscaped gardens not only in Thailand, but also in the world. We highly recommend the award-winning French-style gardens, a recreation of Stonehenge, creative topiary displays and gardens created exclusively with cacti, bonsais and tropical palms.

! This is not only a huge garden complex. There is a food court, a dinosaur park for children, a car park for speed lovers, lots of services like a sightseeing bus, bicycle riding, animal feeding, elephant riding, classic Thai dancing and elephant shows and so on. You can even stay in the Garden's retreat hotel if you wish.

LOCATION

The Sanctuary of Truth

500 THB | SIGHTSEEING | CULTURE

The Sanctuary of Truth is an astonishing temple situated close to the sea. Totally made of teak, this highest wooden temple in the world (105 meters height) impresses you already just by imagining how difficult it was to build it in the tropical climate without any mechanical or chemical treatment of the wood.

The Sanctuary of Truth tells us of the important role that religion, philosophy and art have played in human development and the folly of neglecting morality and spiritual contentment in the pursuit of materialism.

LOCATION

Big Buddha Temple

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | CULTURE

Big Buddha Temple is a religious complex around the 18 meters Big Buddha golden statue. It is the highest in the region. Located more than 100 meters above sea level, the statue watches over Pattaya from its hill and could be seen from anywhere in the city. This makes it an amazing view point by the way.

There are a lot of beautiful bells that you can ring to get rid of your sins and about 20 different Buddha statues. The atmosphere is absolutely unique!

LOCATION

KRABI

Krabi is a complex that includes more than a hundred incredibly beautiful islands with wild and well-maintained beaches, crystal clear and warm water, soft sand, bizarre and impressive rocks, exotic flora and fauna, as well as memorable landscapes.

TIGER CAVE TEMPLE

PHRA NANG CAVE

MONKEY BEACH

PHI PHI ISLANDS

Tiger Cave Temple

FREE SIGHTSEEING

Tiger Cave Temple, also known as Wat Tham Suea in Thai, is one of the most sacred Buddhist temples in Thailand. It's famous for the tiger paw prints in the cave and the exhausting hike up the Tiger cave temple mountain with incredible views.

On the top of the mountain there is a large golden Buddha statue and also a footprint of which is said to be that of Buddha. The temple itself isn't very interesting, but the view is absolutely stunning with the beautiful lush rainforest and all the limestone cliffs around.

! Be ready to climb the 1260 steps and remember that it's really worth it.

LOCATION

Phra Nang Cave

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | ENTERTAINMENT

Phra Nang Cave — or the Princess Cave — is located at the Phra Nang beach and has a sacred meaning for Thais. Once entered there, you will immediately notice the many penis figures. These phallic symbols are offerings which should fulfill a long-desired wish for getting children and fertility. Besides the cave, Phra Nang beach gives you an opportunity to spend some wonderful relaxing time on beautiful sand surrounded with natural shade. All kinds of water sports and street food options are available as well.

! Phra Nang beach is located on a small peninsula, also known as Railay or Rai Leh, which is only accessible by boat. You can arrange a taxi longtail boat to get to Phra Nang beach from most of the beaches in Krabi, this will cost you around 100 THB and takes about 10 to 20 minutes. Also there are plenty of day tours around this place.

LOCATION

Monkey Beach

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Monkey Beach is a famous tourist site that offers a rare combination of powdery white beaches bordering emerald green waters and having fun watching a large population of monkeys. These animals are mostly playful but it is advisable to maintain distance. The beach is also believed to be one of the finest places in the region for snorkeling.

! Getting there: The beach is located on Phi Phi Island, so one way to reach it is to take a day trip on a speedboat from Krabi or come to Phi Phi island and stay there for some days.

! If you are staying overnight on Phi Phi Don it's better to go to this beach early in the morning or late in the afternoon, when there aren't so many day trippers.

LOCATION

Phi Phi Islands

40 USD AND ABOVE

SIGHTSEEING

Phi Phi Islands full-day tour from Krabi gives you an experience of the bare-foot lifestyle and tropical landscape of the Phi Phi Islands lapped by turquoise waters and shaded by towering limestone rocks. You can laze on white sand beaches at Maya Bay, swim with colorful fish at Lohsamah and Monkey Bay, snorkel among coral gardens and experience many other activities and emotions during the day.

! Usual price is from USD 40 to 80 USD per person, depending on the season, speedboat tour company, plan of the trip and type of the included lunch.

LOCATION

PHU KET

Loose yourself in a heavenly life on a tropical island. What could be better for a short vacation? Clear turquoise water, beautiful beaches and many interesting places. Lying lazily on the beach or actively exploring the surroundings – Phuket will give you all of this.

- BIG BUDDHA
- CHILLVA NIGHT MARKET
- ANDAMANDA WATERPARK
- PROMTHEP CAPE VIEWPOINT

PHUKET

Big Buddha

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | CULTURE

In Thailand, Big Buddha figures are found in almost all major temples. The marble statue in Phuket rises up to 45 meters and is clearly visible from different parts of the island. According to legend, this is a place of power where the Buddha could come to meditate and glow with the light during prayers. Temple has a thought-provoking peaceful atmosphere and is an attraction for locals as well as for the foreign tourists.

! To reach the temple, you need to go up the mountain for about 2 hours on foot or you can take a tuk-tuk from the Karon Beach and get to the destination in less than 30 minutes.

LOCATION

Chillva Night Market

FREE | FOOD | SHOPPING

Chillva Night Market is a boho-style night market with a kind and relaxing vibe. It is absolutely worth stopping by as here you can find not only standard souvenirs but also a wide variety of one-of-a-kind pieces of clothing designed and produced by local artists, hand-crafted accessories and trinkets. The market is featured with a food court as well and you can often listen to the live music here.

! By the way, there is a unique hidden garden that is dense with moss, grass, shrubbery and decorative lights that make it look like a totally magical place.

LOCATION

Andamanda Waterpark

1000 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Andamanda Waterpark is an outstanding place, where you can have a great fun with all your family, within more than 100 000 square meters that embraces the local Thai culture. Let it be a real sea adventure that wanders into the tales of Thai mythology!

Paying respect to history, Andamanda takes a cue from Phuket's Sino-Portuguese heritage and blends it with extravagant architecture as represented in Thai literature, surrounded by tropical greenscape and famous limestone formations of the Andaman Sea.

LOCATION

Promthep Cape Viewpoint

FREE

INSTAGRAM SPOT

Promthep Cape Viewpoint is an observation deck on a picturesque cape with a stunning sea view, especially during sunset, as well as the sight of the island and its environs. It's one of the most romantic photo spots and the most photographed locations in Phuket.

There's also a small museum in a lighthouse which displays some fascinating historical maritime artifacts. If you go up to the outdoor terrace, you can see the distinctive shapes of Phi Phi Islands, Koh Racha Yai and Koh Racha Noi on a clear day.

! By the carpark, there's a handicrafts shop and a series of stalls that sell shells, batik, snacks, sarongs, shawls, toys and beachwear.

LOCATION

PHAN GAN

Phangan is a small tropical island in the Gulf of Thailand, a favorite place for modern hippies, downshifters and electronic music lovers. On the island, you can upgrade your knowledge in yoga, immerse deep into yourself in a real Buddhist monastery, hide on a remote beach or break into a whirlwind of beach parties.

BOTTLE BEACH VIEWPOINT

ZEN BEACH

HAAD RIN BEACH

BLUERAMA BAR

Bottle Beach Viewpoint

FREE SIGHTSEEING

Bottle Beach Viewpoint is located on top of the hill and has the best panoramic view on Phangan island. Hiking to the Bottle Beach viewpoint takes about 30-60 minutes going up. The trail is shaded, but it's all uphill so it can be pretty hard and hot during the day.

While hiking you'll walk through a nice jungle and most likely meet some lizards. After scrambling on some big boulders and crawling through an opening in the rocks, you'll step out into a panoramic view of Bottle Beach and the green mountains around it.

The best way to get to the Bottle Beach is to ride a longtail boat from Chaloklum Beach or Haad Khom Beach, which takes about 15 minutes and costs 150 THB per person, per way. You can also drive close to the beach, but be prepared to hike the last 2 kilometers. The third option is to trek to Bottle Beach from Haad Khom Beach, which takes about 1-2 hours one way.

! Bottle Beach is also a place to relax and have a nice swim with its soft white sand and almost no rocks. There aren't too many people, but there are several restaurants.

LOCATION

Zen Beach

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | ENTERTAINMENT

Zen Beach is situated directly on the West Coast, so the sun is right in front of you when it goes down. This makes Zen Beach the perfect place to watch the sunset while being surrounded with acoustic musicians, spiritual beings, yogis, people in meditation and those enjoying the ocean. The beach is located really close to Sri Thanu, the area with the biggest number of yoga schools on the island, which fills it with a spiritual, zen, free and simple beach vibe.

! Zen Beach also has another nickname – a Naked Beach. It's important to note that it is not an official nude beach as nudism is not allowed in Thailand. However, off to the right side of the beach, you may find nude sunbathers and swimmers enjoying everything that Zen Beach has to offer.

LOCATION

PHANGAN

Haad Rin Beach

200 THB FOR FULL MOON

ENTERTAINMENT

Haad Rin Beach is mostly known for its Full Moon parties. The party is held every month and brings thousands of tourists from Phangan and even from the other islands. It's a wild, crazy, and mind-blowing experience that you'll never forget. If you're looking for an adventure, or just want to let loose and have some fun, then this is the party for you.

The streets around Haad Rin are packed with bars, restaurants, shops, and tattoo artists. Just spend some time wandering the streets and grabbing some food and drinks to start the night. Here you'll find lots of stalls that sell famous Koh Phangan buckets with a pint of alcohol along with a mixer. Please, be careful and don't drink too much, as the spirits inside are way too strong.

! The party ticket price is 200 THB, and it is sold in the main alleys that lead to the beach area. The ticket (a wristband) gives you access to all the party locations.

LOCATION

Bluerama Bar

600 THB | FOOD | SIGHTSEEING

Bluerama Bar is a luxurious place which should be visited during the late afternoon to catch the beautiful sunset while drinking delicious cocktails and overlooking the gulf of Thailand. The view is incredibly picturesque and all worthy of taking good photos. There is an infinite pool, which makes the place an even more attractive photo spot.

! Entrance fee: THB 600 (which is a tab that you are able to use for purchasing food and drinks at the bar).

LOCATION

SA MUI

An island of stunning natural beauty and diversity, Koh Samui could not stay untouched by the tourist boom that hit Thailand in the 20th century. This is the third largest island in the country, and it is suitable for both young people and families with children.

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WALKING STREET

OVERLAP STONE

PIG BEACH

BIG BUDDHA

SAMUI

Fisherman's Village Walking Street

FREE | FOOD | SHOPPING

Fisherman's Village Walking Street is full of hipster cafes and boutique shops. Every Friday the quiet, sleepy town of Bophut comes to life from 5 pm to 11 pm The narrow Beach Road and adjoining streets become crammed with market stalls with a diverse range of goods, including interesting handicrafts, herbs and spices, musical instruments, high-quality local fabrics, jewelry, fashion designs.

We recommend coming here at sunset and spending a beautiful time in one of the cafes to dive into the incredible atmosphere of happiness and joy. You can also catch some fascinating street performances, particularly in front of the town's old pier.

LOCATION

Overlap Stone

50 THB | SIGHTSEEING

Overlap Stone is an amazing viewpoint and an absolute wonder of nature. A huge 8 meter tall, round-shaped stone sits in a perfect balance on another even bigger stone. When on top, you'll be able to enjoy a picture-postcard view of Lamai Beach and the Koh Samui jungle while listening to the seashore and singing birds.

! Keep in mind, there aren't any shops, so bring water and snacks with you if planning to spend some time on the rocks.

! You can reach the place by scooter or a taxi. There is a sign that will help you find the parking place. The parking fee is 20 THB for a scooter.

LOCATION

SAMUI

Big Buddha

FREE | SIGHTSEEING | SHOPPING

Big Buddha on Koh Samui is considered the main Buddhist attraction of the island. The statue, 12 meters high, was installed on the island of Koh Fan in 1972. It is made with dozens and dozens of small interesting details that can be studied for a long time. Not far from the Big Buddha there is a Buddhist temple and a secluded wasteland, from where you can take some memorable photos of a magnificent view of the sea and sunset.

! The place is easy to reach by bike or a taxi. In addition, there is a market where anyone can buy beautiful and skillfully made traditional clothes of local residents and, of course, a miniature copy of the Big Buddha figure.

LOCATION

Pig Beach

1000 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Pig Beach - originally named Koh Matsum - gives you a chance to get the unique experience of swimming with wild piglets on a tiny uninhabited island off the south coast of Samui. The pigs are cute and very friendly and when going on a tour, you can also feed them with the locals.

Lots of tour operators on Samui offer trips to Pig Island, and you can choose between a traditional Thai-style longtail boat or a speedboat.

! Half-day group tours prices range from 1000 to 2000 THB, depending on the boat type you choose. You can always have a private individual tour, but consider that in this case the price will start from 5000 THB.

LOCATION

KOH TAO

This is one of the most popular places in Thailand for diving and snorkeling. Unlike the Similan and Surin archipelagos, it is easier and cheaper to get here. The infrastructure on the island is much better developed and here you can not only dive, but also relax in comfort. There are all conditions and services that you may need - hotels, restaurants, massage parlors, bars on the coast, some types of water activities.

MANGO VIEWPOINT

TANOTE BAY

SCUBA BIRDS DIVE CENTER

KOH NANG YUAN VIEWPOINT

Mango Viewpoint (Sairee Beach Viewpoint)

100 THB

SIGHTSEEING

Mango Viewpoint (Sairee Beach Viewpoint) is rated as one of the best on the island, especially during the sunset. Located high in the hills on Koh Tao Island, Mango Viewpoint is a great spot to spend one or two hours chilling alone, with your couple or friends. There is a small cafe at the top of the hill where you can have lemonade or coffee and enjoy the great awe-inspiring views of Koh Tao's western coastline and the beautiful Sairee Beach.

! It's a short 15-minute drive from Sairee Beach, the main tourist hub on the island. But be careful - the road is not easy even for experienced drivers, so maybe you'll have to hike the last part of the way.

LOCATION

Koh Nang Yuan Viewpoint

200 THB + BOAT RENTAL

SIGHTSEEING

Koh Nang Yuan Viewpoint is located on a small island close to Koh Tao in the Gulf of Thailand. It offers one of the most famous and photographed panoramas in Thailand. Featured on postcards all over the world, it's worth visiting also because of its beautiful underwater life. Super clear water allows you to see the coral reefs and even the seabed straight from the viewpoint. Just imagine what you can see if you go snorkeling!

! Best visited early in the morning, when not so crowded.

LOCATION

Tanote Bay

FREE SIGHTSEEING

Tanote Bay has a magical atmosphere due to its seclusion and inaccessibility. The tiny semi-circle bay, framed on both sides by rocks, creates excellent conditions for diving and snorkeling. On the beach there is a rental center for kayaks, water skis and equipment for other water sports. If you're not very much into sports, it's also worth coming just for sunbathing in a spectacular place surrounded by rolling hills and large boulders.

! If you need to get your adrenaline fix, there's a rock formation in the middle of the bay that's known to be great for rock jumping. The height is about 10 meters.

LOCATION

«Scuba Birds» PADI 5-Star Dive Center

500 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Koh Tao island is the best diving destination in Thailand. On such a small piece of land, 21 square kilometers only, there are more than 140 diving centers, thousands of people are taking diving courses and programs. Don't hesitate to try diving with lots of turtles and other underwater creatures.

! «Scuba Birds» diving center has the highest PADI rating on Koh Tao — PADI 5 Star IDC Diving Center.

LOCATION

CHI ANG MAI

Chiang Mai was once the proud capital of the independent kingdom of Lanna, which was called the "Kingdom of a Million Rice Fields". Today it is the oldest and most significant city in northern Thailand, and is considered to be the most beautiful in the whole country.

- CHIANG MAI ZOO
- WAT UMONG
- GRAND CANYON WATERPARK
- SUNDAY NIGHT MARKET

CHIANG MAI

Chiang Mai Zoo

70 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Chiang Mai Zoo is considered one of the best not only in Thailand, but throughout Southeast Asia. Moreover, it is among the ten most interesting in the world. And finally, it has its own feature — 3 pandas, which are not found in other zoos in the country. It's an amazing place with lots and lots of animals and a great atmosphere. Nice place to spend the whole day with your family or friends.

! Do you wanna see a panda? You are going to the right place :) Panda House Ticket: 100 THB for adults, 50 THB for children.

! **Entrance fee** to the Chiang Mai Zoo: 150 THB for adults, 70 THB for children. The zoo is really large, so we recommend hiring a golf buggy for 350 THB per hour or paying 60 THB for hop on hop off tram.

LOCATION

Wat Umong

600 THB | SIGHTSEEING | HISTORY

Wat Umong (complete name: Wat Umong Suan Puthatham, «A Tunnel Temple») is a 700-year-old Buddhist temple. What makes it even more attractive, is that it's hidden in the forested mountain foothills outside Chiang Mai. A network of tunnels were dug out hundreds of years ago to enshrine images of the Buddha and they are still used by Buddhist monks.

! The wat is situated outside the old town. You can ride a taxi, tuk-tuk, or bike to reach the destination. Once you get there, arrange for your driver to wait while you explore the site, as this is not a popular tourist spot and otherwise return transportation could be a problem.

LOCATION

CHIANG MAI

Grand Canyon Waterpark

700 THB AND ABOVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Grand Canyon Waterpark outside of Chiang Mai makes for a really fun day trip. It's especially fun if you enjoy lots of slides, jumping, climbing, and swimming. Also there are plenty of other activities, such as ziplining over the lake, water cycling, wakeboarding, kayaking and even more thrilling options with the 10 meters jump, trampoline into the water and slides from heights. The customer service is great and the lifeguards always find a way to be friendly and helpful. The food at the inside restaurants is good enough and everything is well organized (life jackets, personal lockers, etc.)

! You can hire action cameras and floating sticks for the cameras.

LOCATION

Sunday Night Market

FREE FOOD SHOPPING

Sunday Night Market in Chiang Mai is held every Sunday. The location is extremely easy to find as it is within the Old Town from the central gate of Tha Phae Gate and to the end of Thonon Rachadamnoen street. In this market you will find a lot of hand-made souvenirs, jewelry and all sorts of things, and, of course, a huge variety of delicious and cheap Thai food.

The area between Ratchadamnoen road and Phrapokklao road is closed for vehicle traffic from 4 pm to 10 pm and is flooded with hundreds of merchants and tourists. If you are not comfortable in large crowds we highly recommend visiting earlier than 7 pm.

LOCATION