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1. Geographical location

The city of Pattaya is located on the east coast of the Thailand. It occupies a huge portion of the Bang Lamung's coastline, while the northern section of Pattaya extends up to the east of Naklua Beach. The main are of the city is focused around the Pattaya beach. The area from Paratamnak Hill extending more towards south till the Jomtien Beach is the southern tail of the city.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

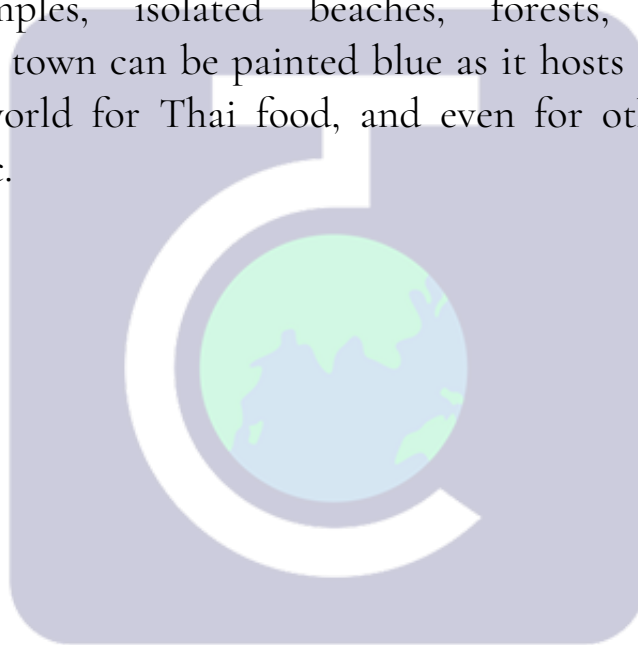
The Major City That Lies Closest To Pattaya Is Chon Buri, Which Is At Distance Of Only 49 Km. Within A Distance Of About 100 Km There Are Two Major Cities Which Are Bangkok And Samut Prakan. If You Travel About 109 Km Away From The City You'll Find Nonthaburi, And If You Travel A Bit Further, To About 263 You'll Get To Nakhon Ratchasima.



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3. Significance

Pattaya is undoubtedly a mecca for party lovers. It is a big city and is highly accredited for its nightlife and water sports. Although there are few scenic attractions and beautiful beaches the tourists here spend most of their tour enjoying the nightlife and during the day, engage in various watersports. Apart from these the town offers a huge number of other attractions, such as cabaret shows, sacred temples, isolated beaches, forests, and much more. Gastronomically, the town can be painted blue as it hosts an array of the finest restaurants in the world for Thai food, and even for other cuisines; such as Indian, European, etc.



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4. History

The name of the city evolved from the march that was ordered by Phraya Tak. Before the Burmese invaders captivated the former capital of the country in 1767, Phrya Tak along with his army marched from Ayutthaya up to Chanthaburi. Up till the year 1960, Pattaya used to be just a fishing village. Due to the influx of American people during the Vietnam War in the city, the place became a hub for fun, relaxation, and pleasure. As the news went on to further lands, Pattaya quickly became a popular alternative to Bangkok.



5. Cultural identity

The Thai culture is enriched with theater and other performing arts. Food being one of the most popular aspects of their culture famous worldwide, tourism has led to many developments in their culinary arts. Apart from food, theater, music, and dance, elements and aspects of Buddhism are deeply sewed in Thai culture. Although it is a said that Pattaya, being in the middle of a tourist rush, is a bit away from deep Thai traditions and customs, every pinch of their age old cultural identity can be felt if searched in the local establishments.



Index**6. Natural resources**

The entire country is heavily enriched with natural resources. Among the recognized mineral deposits gold, coal, tin, zinc, manganese, tungsten, and lead, are in abundance. Gem stones and other precious stones are highly popular for their availability here as well. Along the Chao Phraya and the other rivers there is an abundance of rich alluvial soil which serves as another crucially significant natural resource.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Sanctuary of Truth

Sanctuary of Truth is an enormous wooden construction rising to a height of 105 meters above the sea level. The construction of this gigantic structure was done keeping in mind how it must withstand the wind and the sunshine of the seashore at the Chon Buri Province. The architecture was set according to the ancient Thai methods, which were ingenious, and wooden carved sculptures covered every square centimeter of this building.

Address : 206/2 Moo, 5, 12, Soi Naklua, Naklua, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9727431, 100.8891036

Contact : +66 38 367 815

Website : <http://www.sanctuaryoftruth.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : N Pattaya Rd Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: 450THB Child [110 cm – 140 cm]: 225THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden

Nong Nooch is a botanical garden that stretches over a total area of 500 acres. It presents a variety of things inside such as themed gardens, rides, elephant shows, sword fighting and Muay Thai shows, eatery, and more. The garden came to existence bearing lots of fruits like orange, mango, coconut, and more in its initial years. Khun Nongnooch and Khun Pisit bought this piece of land during the year 1954 and made it into a garden.

Address : Tambon Na Chom Thian, Amphoe Sattahip, Chang Wat, Chon Buri, 20250, Thailand

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 12.7654988, 100.93335479999996

Contact : +66 38 429 321

Website : <http://www.nongnoochgardenpattaya.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wat Yannasangwararam Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: 450THB Child: 300THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Sriracha Tiger Zoo

Opened in 1997, Sriracha Tiger Zoo has always been a tourist driven place. Home to more than 400 Royal Bengal Tigers, this zoo park is a perfect place for the wildlife aficionados. One of the highly popular activities around this zoo is holding tiger cubs in the arms and feeding it milk. Another activity which is very intriguing is called **Shoot and Feed** that allows the visitor to try their hand at shooting the target to feed them.

Address : 341, Si Racha District, Chon Buri, 20110, Thailand

Zipcode : 20110

Location : 13.1483308, 101.01082210000004

Contact : +66 38 296 556

Website : <http://www.tigerzoo.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Si Racha – Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: Window Ticket- 450THB Online- 420THB Child: Window Ticket- 250THB Online- 220THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Cartoon Network Amazone Waterpark

Opened in 2014, Cartoon Network Amazone Waterpark has been a huge success in Pattaya. The entire park houses about 150 water rides and is the largest aqua park in the world. Cartoon Network has a huge fan base in its Asian network and

therefore, this theme park is a paradise of adventure and entertainment for children of all ages and even for the elder ones.

Address : 888 Moo, 8, Najomtien, Sattahip District, Chon Buri, 20250, Thailand

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 12.785206, 100.91492700000003

Contact : +66 38 004 999

Website : <http://www.cartoonnetworkkamazone.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wat Yannasangwararam - Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult [13 to 64 years]: 1-Day Ticket 1290THB for Thai Citizens & Residents and 1590 for Non-Thai Residents Child [3 to 12 years]: 1-Day Ticket 990THB for Thai Citizens & Residents and 1290 for Non-Thai Residents Senior [Over 65 years]: 1-Day Ticket 990THB for Thai Citizens & Residents and 1290 for Non-Thai Residents Annual Pass starts from 6000 THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Tiffany's Show

Founded around 40 years ago on account of the New Year's Eve in 1974, Tiffany's Show is one of the most popular shows in Thailand. What started as a one-man show only for friends, has now become a top-notch show which is attended by millions of people from around the world. Voted as the 4th best show among the top ten shows in the world, Tiffany's Show has eventually become the city's most famous Transvestite Cabaret Show. A large number of events are organized here throughout the year, and none of the seats go empty even on a single day. So make sure you book your tickets well in advance.

Address : 464 Moo 9, Pattaya 2nd Road, Nongprue, Banglamung, Chonburi, 20260, Thailand

Zipcode : 20260

Location : 12.9488227, 100.88850189999994

Contact : +66 38 421 700

Website : <http://www.tiffany-show.co.th/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station [Not Recommended]

Entry Fee : Regular Ticket: 650THB VIP Ticket: 800THB VIP Gold: 1000THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 18:00hrs, 19:30hrs, 21:00hrs Extra Upon
Announcement: 16:30hrs, 22:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Thai Alangkarn Theater Pattaya

Thai Alangkarn Theater is regarded as a state of the art theater and can hold a seating capacity of 2,000 people. Highly regarded to host shows that strictly adhere to the Thai tradition, "The Extravaganza Show" is the most famous show at this theater as it portrays the panoramic concept mixed with a multi-dimensional technique of presentation. It also presents multi-color laser show, pyrotechnics, and many other shows.

Address : Sukhumvit Rd, Na Chom Thian, Sattahip District, Chon Buri, 20250, Thailand

Zipcode : 20250

Location : 12.8509611, 100.91491240000005

Contact : +66 38 256 007

Website : <http://www.alangkarnthailand.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Huai Khwang - Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Call to book your seats and pay on arrival

Open & Close Timing : Thursday-Tuesday: 04:45hrs-19:30hrs Wednesday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. ART IN PARADISE

Art in Paradise is a well-known modern art museum of Pattaya, which defies any common feature of a usual art museum. This art museum is a great place to visit in the city that presents trick arts which combine the elements of art and illusion. It is the only museum of its kind and is known to the world as an interactive art museum. There are two more museums called Art in Paradise of which one is in

Bangkok while the other one is in Chiangmai.

Address : 78/34, Pattaya Sai 2 Rd, Nongprue, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9480564, 100.88967090000006

Contact : +66 38 424 500

Website : <http://www.artinparadise.co.th/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station [Not Recommended]

Entry Fee : Adult: 500THB Child: 450THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. The Million Years Stone Park & Pattaya Crocodile Farm

This is a very popular tourist attraction in Pattaya which took about 20 years to build. It is a living museum which contains all the three elements from all the three kingdoms of animals, plant, and minerals. The park also entails a number of exciting presentations and amusing shows.

Address : 22/ Soi 1, Nong Pla Lai, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.957673, 100.94156599999997

Contact : +66 38 249 347

Website : <http://www.thaistonepark.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: 300THB Child: 150THB

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Pattaya Floating Market

Expanding over an area of 1,00,000 square kilometers, Pattaya Floating Market is divided into 4 sections consisting of souvenir shops, a number of eateries, fruit stalls and a few art galleries. Housing over 100 shops, you can find also everything here at the floating market. Since the entire market is on a lake, hopping from shop to shop has to be done with a small boat like a canoe which is a thrilling experience and is a must-visit while you are in Pattaya.

Address : Thailand, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.867974, 100.904585

Contact : +66 38 706 340

Website : <http://www.pattayafloatingmarket.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Elephant Village Pattaya

Founded by Khun Phairat in 1973 in the form of a sanctuary for rescued slave elephants, the establishment houses around 30 elephants and organizes 3 shows every day which depicts the country's elephants, culture and history. These shows attract a lot of visitors as they are full of entertainment and is gradually becoming a popular tourist destination of Pattaya. Visit this village with your kids as they will get to know more about the elephants and will have a fun-learning experience.

Address : 48/120 Moo, 7, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9128502, 100.93914280000001

Contact : +66 38 249 818

Website : <http://www.elephant-village-pattaya.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Mini Siam

A renowned miniature park in the fueang fa village of the city, mini siam houses a collection of miniature models of Thai and international monuments along with a number of cafes. Attracting tourists from around the world, the replicas placed in the park are of famous landmarks and are heavily acclaimed for their detailing by critics along with the tourists.

Address : 387 Moo 6, Sukhumvit Rd, Pattaya City Naklua, Banglamung, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9550702, 100.90882269999997

Contact : +66 38 727 333

Website : <http://www.minisiam.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.4. Big Buddha

Situated at the peak of Pratumnak Hill, the Big Buddha is a large statue, placed at a perfect height makes it noticeable from a long distance. Built in 1940 when the city was a fishing village, this temple complex is well-known amongst the tourist for its intricate designs and beautiful statues. Also known as Wat Phra Yai, the highlight of the temple are the handrails of the entire stairway that go till the pinnacle of the hill run the design of golden dragons.

Address : Pattaya, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.914273, 100.86863649999998

Contact : +66 87 782 6667

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Orthodox Christian Church

This establishment is the historic extension of the Orthodox Church in Thailand and was established in the year 1999. It was built as a response to numerous requests mostly by the citizens of the former Soviet Union who were Orthodox believers. This parish houses what is the miraculous picture of Saint Nicholas. It is the only Orthodox parish after Saint Nicholas Parish in Bangkok in the entire country.

Address : 275/82 Moo 5, 16 Soi Pattaya Naklua, Tambon Naklua, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9650339, 100.89027250000004

Contact : +66 38 225 855

Website : <http://www.orthodox.or.th/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Wat Yai Chai Mongkhon

Lying on the Ayuthaya Island, Wat Yai Chai Mongkhon is a Buddhist temple popularly known for its architectural ingenuity which is visible through the impressive works on the chedi and stupa. The large temple complex houses a number of small and big statues including the famous reclining statue of the Buddha.

Address : 40/3 Moo 3 Tambon Wat Klong Plu, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, 13000, Thailand

Zipcode : 13000

Location : 14.3456231, 100.5923616

Contact : +66 35 242 640

Website : <http://www.watyaichaimongkol.net/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ayutthaya Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Tawaen Beach

One of the finest beach on the Koh Larn Island, Tawaen beach offers an array of things that one can do along its shore, like shopping, water sports and so on. Although a bit crowded, this place is known to be one of the most popular escapes from Pattaya's coastline. There are only two modes of transportation that can be opted to visit this place. One is the speedboat and the other one is the ferry, and they both are available at frequent intervals.

Address : Na Baan, Koh Larn, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.924721, 100.77874799999995

Nearest Public Transport : Thappraya Rd Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Walking Street

Walking Street is the ideal place to blow off the steam in the entire country. Housing the most amusing and pulsating nightlife entertainment spots in Pattaya, right from adult entertainment to beer bars to authentic dining experience, this 1km long street has something to offer for any of your tastes.

Address : Walking Street Pattaya, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.9262746, 100.87294780000002

Nearest Public Transport : Thappraya Road Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 19:00hrs-06:00hrs Sunday: 19:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Jomtien Beach Pattaya City Chon Buri Thailand

Stretching up to 6kms, Jomtien Beach is known for the number of water sporting

activities that are organized here. It also hosts several annual events and festivals. There is a section of this beach which is about 265 meter in length and is known as the only gay beach in Pattaya. This beach is highly acclaimed by the tourists because it is much less crowded and chaotic than the other beaches of Pattaya.

Address : Nong Prue, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, Thailand

Zipcode : 20150

Location : 12.8890915, 100.87357250000002

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station [Not Recommended]

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Central Festival

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9347916, 100.88365420000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Royal Garden Plaza Pattaya City Chon Buri Thailand

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9297802, 100.87779039999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Central Center Pattaya

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9455854, 100.89032650000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Mike Shopping Mall Pattaya City Chon Buri Thailand



Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9320399, 100.88049490000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

Sports and adventure are the second most contributing factors for tourism in this city after its nightlife. In this city, people find out a number of watersports and other outdoor activities to participate in. Mentioned below are some of the most popular adventure sports and activities in the town.

- **Sky Diving -**

Address : Thai Sky Adventures - Skydive, Si Racha, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20230, Thailand

Location : 13.1404159,101.04505530000006

Contact No : +66 85 900 3412

Website : <http://www.thaiskyadventures.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Si Racha – Railway Station

Entry Fees : 10950 THB

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Dirt Biking -**

Address : 70/3-5 Moo, 6 Pong, Bang Lamung, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.936691,100.98434799999995

Contact No : +66 87 740 7979

Website : <http://www.enduro-madness.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dumex bus station

Entry Fees : 3 hour tour 3500 THB; Full day tour 5800 THB; 2-day tour 10500 THB; 3-day tour 14800 THB; 8-Day & 7-Night tour 49000 THB; 12-Day & 11-Night tour 79000 THB; Group Booking receive certain discount

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : 391/77-78, M 10, Tappaya Road, Nongprue, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.91357,100.87072999999998

Contact No : +66 38 364 453

Website : <http://www.pattayadivers.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pattaya Railway Station

Entry Fees : 4851 THB per person

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

- **ATV -**

Address : 70/325 Moo, 6 Pong Bang Lamung, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.936742,100.98411699999997

Contact No : +66 87 740 7979

Website : <http://www.atvtourspattaya.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dumex bus station

Entry Fees : Fun ATV tour of 2 hours 1500 THB to 2800 THB; Ultimate VIP ATV tour of 4 hours 1900 THB to 3800 THB

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

There are plenty of sports arenas in the town. Sports, especially martial arts, are highly regarded in the town and especially for the tourists they serve a means of sheer entertainment. Two of the most popular stadiums or arenas that cater to sport events such as Boxing, or Muay Thai, and so on are mentioned below.

- **Max Muay Thai Stadium Pattaya Na Kluea Chon Buri Thailand:**

Address : Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, Thailand

Location : 12.9288065,100.89939230000004

Contact No : +66 38 416 999

Website : <http://www.maxmuaythai.tv/>

- **Pattaya Boxing World Pattaya City Chon Buri Thailand:**

Address : 387 moo 6 Sukhumwit, Naklua, Chon Buri 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9551972,100.90851420000001

Contact No : +66 38 726 203

10. Spas and relaxation

Engaging in the city's nightlife and water sporting activities can get pretty tiring. However, the city offers you the best solution with its numerous world class spas and relaxation centers. Being a part of the city that faces a huge influx of tourists, the spas here maintain superior quality in delivering their services and make it a blissful experience for the visitors.

- **THE OASIS SPA:**

Address : 322, Chateau Dale Hotel, Thappaya Road, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9061871,100.86976290000007

Contact No : +66 38 364 070

Website : <http://www.oasisspa.net/>

- **7Spa Masha:**

Address : 157/157, Soi Pattaya, 16/3 Naklua, Pattaya, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9109066,100.86809640000001

Contact No : +66 38 225 909

Website : <http://www.7spaluxury.com/>

- **Na Spa Pattaya:**

Address : Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, Thailand

Location : 12.9583362,100.88916979999999

Contact No : +66 82 450 1558

Website : <http://www.naspapattaya.com/>

- **Thai Blind Massage Institute:**

Address : Na Kluea, 20 Alley, Pattaya, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.953205,100.88486280000006



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Chinese New Year

This actually varies from about late January to early February. It is the largest and most celebrated day among the Chinese community in Thailand. It comprises of dragon parades, fireworks, and lion dances.

Burapa Pattaya Bike Week

It is one of the biggest motorcycle events in all of south-east Asia. It draws a lot people from all corners of the world especially biking enthusiasts.

Pattaya International Music Festival

The event hosts a number of international and Thai artists who perform for a huge crowd. It is organized along different stages mostly along the Bali Hai Pier and the Beach Road.

Wan Lai

Internationally known as the Pattaya Songkran Festival, is it held every year somewhere in

mid of April. The event is layered with water fights, fireworks, cultural shows, various competitions, and goes on several days.

Fruit Festival

Various types, quality, and succulent taste of the numerous fruits from Chon Buri and neighboring provinces are showcased during this festival. It also hosts beauty pageants, competitions regarding fruits, agricultural exhibitions, and much more.

Pattaya Marathon

This event takes place every year during this month and is lined with numerous racing competitions. All the categories of races are decided afresh each year, but almost many of them remain the same every year.

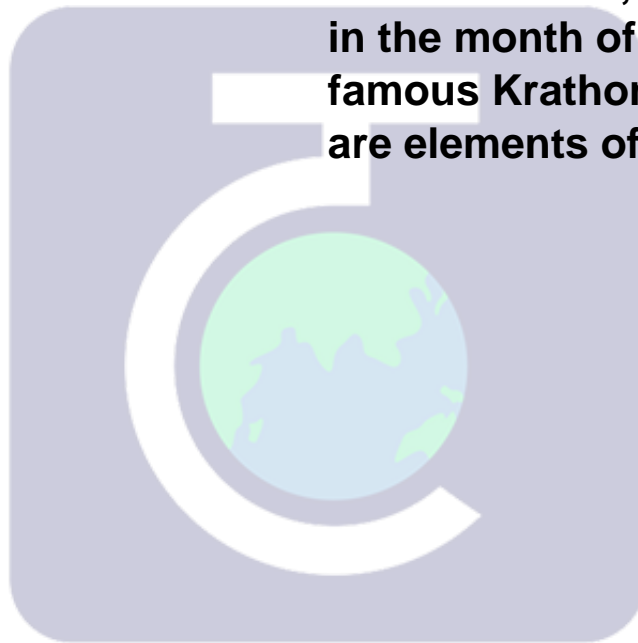
Buffalo Races

Every year at this time, the farmers honor their buffalos. All the buffalos are dressed and decorated with flower garlands, ornaments, and colorful clothes by their farmers and brought to the festival to parade. After the

parade a race is organized where many farmers ride their buffalos and compete against other farmers.

Loi Krathong

It is a light festival. The dates are decided according to the Thai lunar calendar, but it usually falls in the month of November. The famous Krathongs and Khom Loi are elements of this festival.



12. Key local guides and tours

Although Pattaya is known for its extravagant nightlife and plenty of water sports, the city has a lot of excursion and sightseeing tours which are equally amusing and exciting. To start off, the most famous and well-appreciated tour in the city is of the Nong Nooch Village. It is a half-day tour comprising of long walks in the beautiful tropical gardens and illuminating seating in the cultural shows. The second most popular and desired tour in the city is a full-day escape to Koh Larn Island or Koh Samet Island. The island stores numerous exhilarating water sports along its coastline and a very relaxing beach which is not so much crowded and chaotic as the main beach of Pattaya. One other addition to this list of most popular tours in Pattaya can be the private tour organized for an excursion along the Sapphire mines in Chanthaburi. The duration of this tour usually is about 8 and a half hour. Apart from these sightseeing tours the town has numerous gastronomy tours too which are unparalleled. The most famous of these tours is the one provided by the Happy Chef Cooking School and Happy Home Thai Cooking School. One more hugely popular gastronomy tour is provided by the Sheraton Pattaya Resort, known as Thai Culinary Class. The tour comprises of going through a line of Thai spices and herbs and how they are used to bring out flavor in the aforementioned dishes. It is followed with a tasting of fine spirits and wines.

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13. Transportation hubs

The major airport which is unknowingly called Pattaya Airport is located about 30 km south from Pattaya and the actual name of this airport is U Tapao Raoyong Pattaya International Airport. The other airport which is equally used by people to visit Pattaya is called Suvarnabhumi Airport. It is situated about 110 km away from Pattaya, and usually takes about 100 minutes for transfer. Approximately 40 km away from this one is another airport which is as well used is Don Mueang Airport. The main stop for railway line in the city is the Pattaya Railway Station, which is located north of the junction at Central Pattaya Rd. Along this station awaits Baht Buses, which are the common mode of transportation for public and charges about 30 Baht per person to anywhere within the beach area. About 3 km south of this station is another train station called Pattaya Tai Train Station. It is closer to the Jomtien beach. There is a local bus which plies, but there are no bus stations. The bus keeps on plying through the same route at regular intervals. This is called Beach bus, and its single ticket costs about 30 Baht.

14. Transportation cost

The Pattaya Railway Station has a ticket counter and the tickets to travel in the train must be bought from here. The charges vary from stop to stop. The Pattaya Tai Train Station doesn't have any counter to purchase ticket, so the ticket must be bought while on-board. Even here the charges change from station to station. Pattaya being a resort town has kept itself away from the hustle and bustle of buses, subways, and trains. The modes of transportation inside the town are usually divided into an array of private rentals. Apart from that there are a huge number of companies offering taxi service. They are easy to call and also cheap. The minimum fare for such taxis are usually 150 Baht. The most popular means of transportation in this town is Songthaew. They are also popular called Baht Buses. The base fare for a ride in this is 5 Baht, and depending on your destination the extra charges are set by the driver. You can always negotiate the price before getting on the bus. There is a local bus which plies, but there are no bus stations. The bus keeps on plying through the same route at regular intervals. This is called Beach bus, and its single ticket costs about 30 Baht.

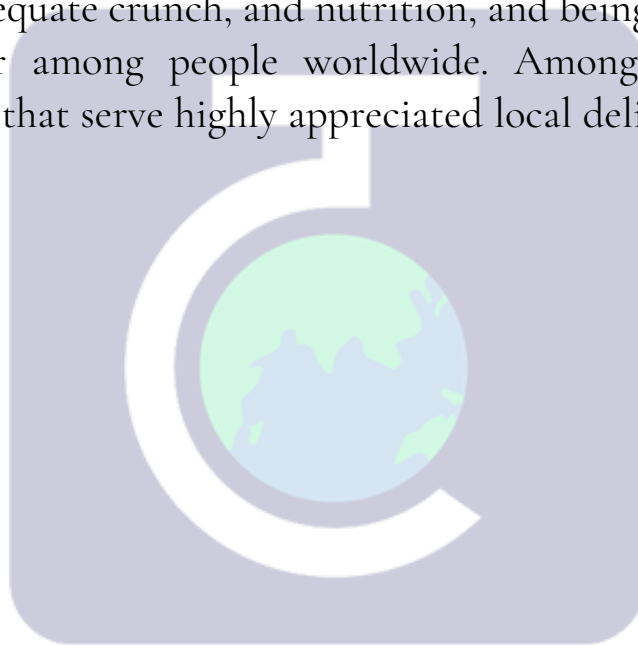
Index**15. Baggage allowance**

In trains, up to 20 kg of luggage are allowed. Although they are not weighed literally, if the luggage seem to be more than that a surcharge of 80 THB must be paid.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

The city covers all aspect for tourist attraction especially in terms of food and eateries. Apart from housing a huge array of multi-national cuisines for its cafes and fine or casual dining restaurants, Pattaya also serves one of the best Thai foods in the entire country. Some of these places are even more famous worldwide than their father branches in Bangkok. The Thai dishes have all the elements of spice, adequate crunch, and nutrition, and being easy on the stomach it is highly popular among people worldwide. Among many of the Thai restaurants, the ones that serve highly appreciated local delicacies are mentioned below.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **The Glass House:**

Address : 2, 5/22 Moo, Na Jomtien Road, 10 Na Jomtien Soi, Sattahip, Sattahip District, Chon Buri 20250, Thailand

Location : 12.848864,100.90220299

Contact No : +66 38 255 922

Website : <http://www.glasshouse-pattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Mata Hari:**

Address : Pattaya Bypass Rd, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9120141,100.87000480

Contact No : +66 38 420 939

Website : <http://www.mataharerestaurant.com/>

- **Mai Thai:**

Address : Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, Thailand

Location : 12.955222,100.89047600

Contact No : +66 38 412 164

Website : <http://www.maithai.asia/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 14:30hrs-01:00hrs, Sunday 14:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Mantra Restaurant & Bar:**

Address : Beach Rd, Pattaya, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.949321,100.88472869

Contact No : +66 38 429 591

Website : <http://www.mantra-pattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Cabbages & Condoms Restaurant:**

Address : 12, 366/11 Moo, Phra Tam Nak, Road 4, Nongprue, Banglamung, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9156095,100.85801170

Contact No : +66 38 250 556

Website : <http://www.cabbagesandcondoms.co.th/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 14:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Moonlight Fine Dining Pattaya Restaurant:**

Address : 12,Moo Pattaya, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.900176,100.86716200

Contact No : +66 85 277 7745

Website : <http://www.moonlightpattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Five Star J Vegetarian Restaurant:**

Address : 313/37, South Pattaya Rd., Pattaya, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20260, Thailand

Location : 12.923711,100.88234360

Contact No : +66 38 421 105

Website : <http://www.fivestarj.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Restaurant Casa Pascal:**

Address : 485/4M, 10, Pattaya, Sai Song, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.928686,100.87983099999997

Contact No : +66 38 723 660

Website : <http://www.restaurant-in-pattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-14:00hrs, 18:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Cafe des Amis Restaurant:**

Address : 391/6, 11, Thap Ahraya, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20260, Thailand

Location : 12.91327,100.87329899

Contact No : +66 38 364 327

Website : <http://www.cafedesamispattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Hopf Brew House:**

Address : 219, Beach Road, Nongprue, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9311674,100.87917560

Contact No : +66 38 710 650

Open / Close Time : Daily 14:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Pattaya Beer Garden:**

Address : Beach Rd, Pattaya, Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, 20260, Thailand

Location : 12.928118,100.87435000

Contact No : +66 38 710 754

Website : <http://www.pattayabeergarden.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **The Pier Pattaya:**

Address : 190 Moo, 10, Walking Street, Nongpreu, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20260, Thailand

Location : 12.926276,100.87236299

Contact No : +66 38 710 580

Website : <http://www.thepierpattaya.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Club Insomnia:**

Address : Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, Thailand

Location : 12.9256527,100.87156749

Contact No : +90 506 633 10 19

Website : <http://www.clubinsomniagroup.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 20:00hours-04:00hours

Sunday: 20:00hours-00:00hours

- **Hard Rock Cafe Pattaya:**

Address : 429 Moo, 9, Pattaya Beach Road, Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

Location : 12.9394248,100.88422549

Contact No : +66 38 428 755

Website : <http://www.hardrock.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Legends Pool & Sports Bar:**

Address : 324/10, 5, Pattaya Klang, Pattaya, Chon Buri, 20150, Thailand

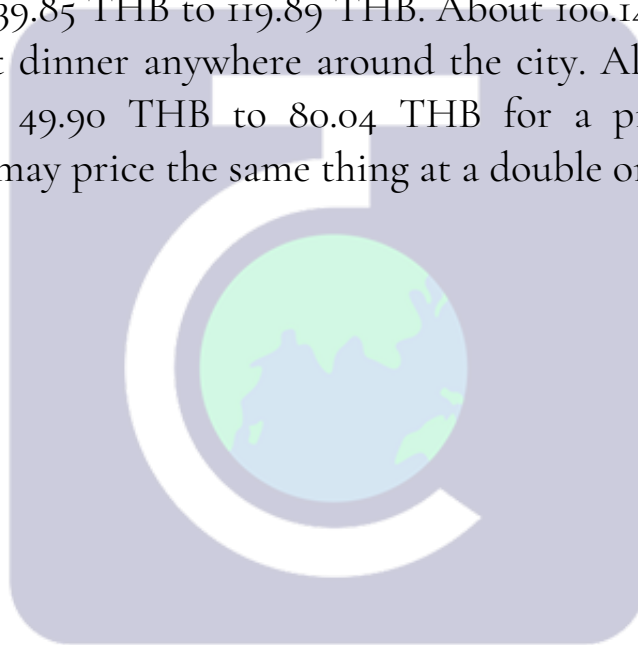
Location : 12.934434,100.891883

Contact No : +66 89 817 1084

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-03:00hrs

18. Average meal cost

Although Pattaya has a lot of renowned hotels and resorts, which houses many amazing but expensive restaurants, cost of a meal on an average is pretty cheap around the city. A budget breakfast in the city could be managed in anywhere between 24.95 THB to 100.14 THB, while a meal in a proper sit down restaurant could cost much more. A decent budget lunch can be had in any cheap restaurants in about 39.85 THB to 119.89 THB. About 100.14 THB to 199.93 THB can get you a budget dinner anywhere around the city. Although a normal bar would charge about 49.90 THB to 80.04 THB for a pint of beer, but the nightclubs and pubs may price the same thing at a double or more rate.



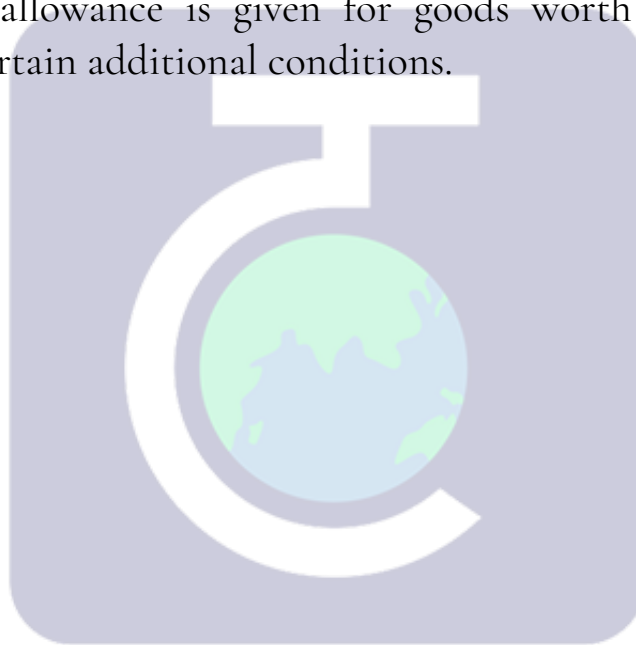
19. Shopping

Shopping in Pattaya is truly magnificent, may it be the small shops like a chattel at the end of the beach or big stores in shopping alleys. The biggest paradise for shoppers in Pattaya is the Central Festival, which was opened in 2009. It comprises of more than 300 shops, including chic supermarkets, designer brands, souvenir shops, and much more. The Royal Garden Plaza takes up the second position in being the best places to shop in Pattaya. Big C North, or as it is actually called Central Center Pattaya, is home to over 130 unique stores and plenty more stalls. Mike Shopping Mall is the oldest shopping mall in the city and presents a five floor gala for shopping. Some other markets which are hugely popular among tourists to get their hands on some unique stuff or things that is not cheap anywhere else are Pattaya Night Bazaar, Soi Buakhao Market, Beach Road Street Stalls, Home Port, The Avenue Pattaya Shopping Mall, and Tuk.Com IT Center Pattaya.



20. Tourist benefits

The Vat in Pattaya is 7%, and the tourists are entitled to the VAT refund only for the products they buy from the outlets which has the sign “VAT Refund for Tourists”. If the refund is not obtained from the stores, it can be taken before departure at the airport. The thing to remember is that the VAT refund is only allowed if it obtained within two months from the date of purchase of the product. Duty free allowance is given for goods worth up to 10,000 THB, although there are certain additional conditions.



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21. Essential local apps

Some of the key apps required for a comfortable stay and excursion in the city are Thailand Travel Guide, Thai Dictionary, and Wongnai, which is a restaurant finding app with additional features including reviews. KlaiKlai is another app which is a local map featuring popular spots to visit and it is in both languages Thai and English. Another food searching app which is quite popular for apple users is Zodio.



22. Driving

Having an International Driving Permit allows one to drive a vehicle, which is generally a scooter or motorbike. Your home country's license would not be accepted by the authorities in Pattaya. Also carry the registration papers or documents of the vehicle you are driving.



Index**23. Travel essentials**

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25. Local currency

The local currency of Thailand, and thus Pattaya, is Thai Baht. 1 US Dollar [USD]
= 34.65 Thai Baht [THB]



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

In all of Thailand there is a 150 THB charge for ATM use if the bank is of foreign lands. This is accompanied by a currency fixed conversion charge which your home bank will charge at each withdrawal. Cash exchanges don't incur any sort of fees or commissions in the city at any of the foreign exchange booths.



27. Staying connected

There are three service providers in all of Thailand. They are AIS, True Move, and DTAC. The price of prepaid sim cards offered at any outlet ranges from 200 THB to 1000 THB. Not to worry, this huge range is not for quality or anything but it is just because certain cards come already topped up.



28. Time Zone

The time zone that Thailand falls under, and hence the city of Pattaya, is UTC +07:00.



Index**29. Languages**

The local and official language of the country and hence Pattaya is Thai. Almost all the people here speak a little English but the ones who have recently moved to the city may not be able to communicate in English.



30. Political Scenario

Since the year 1978 the city has been administered under an autonomous system. The status of the city is comparable to that of a municipality and it is separately administered by Pattaya city's Mayor. He or she is responsible for supervising the city's workforce, making policies, and organizing public services.



Index**31. Economic Scenario**

The entire economy of the city is mostly depended on two industries which are tourism, health care, and shopping. From a fishing and agriculture based village, Pattaya has developed drastically and is a big contributor towards the country's foreign exchange surplus.



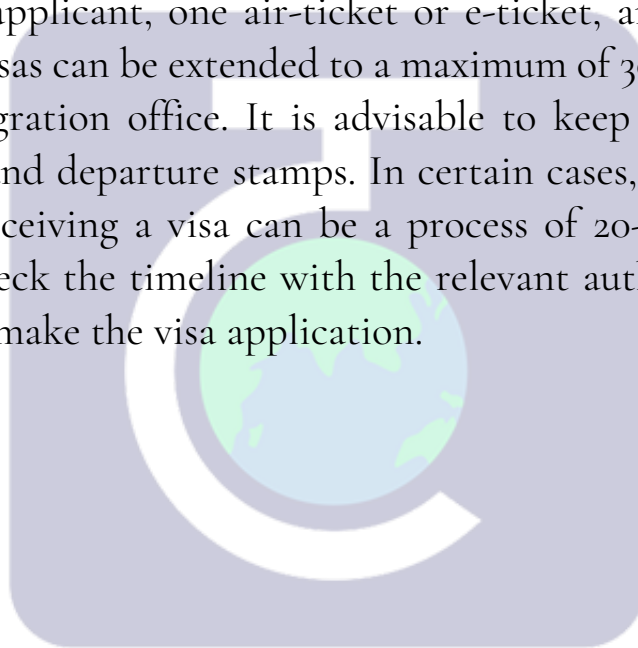
32. Religious belief

Buddhism dominates the population of the entire country and so of Pattaya too. Besides Buddhism, Muslims occupy the first position in the ranking of the minorities, it is followed by Hindus, Christians, and Sikhs.



33. Visa requirements

The visas for a visit to Pattaya are given in three categories. There is a visa for 30-day visit, 60-day visit, and longer than 60-day visit. Only the first two are considered as tourist visas and for the third one must abide by the different set of regulations and requirements they have. The documents that are required are a valid and recognized passport, a properly filled visa application, about four photographs of the applicant, one air-ticket or e-ticket, and proof of financial means. The tourist visas can be extended to a maximum of 30 days if one wants to at the nearest immigration office. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

The city requires no particular vaccination for the entry of tourists. Although it is not a must, some routine shots could be taken for vaccination such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, DPT, mumps, rubella, measles, MMR, and poliovirus. For some travellers, even vaccinations for Rabies, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, and Hepatitis A, may be recommended.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

The tourists are can feel free and not be concerned too much regarding being victims of violence of any sorts. Pickpockets and confidence tricks like everywhere are present here as well, and so the tourists need to a bit careful and cautious. Buyers beware of flashy deals and offerings by persuading street vendors. If driving, do not leave valuable things alone in the car. Avoid walking in isolated and dark areas to avoid mugging. A special task force to aid the tourists is also present in the city.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Many embassies are situated in this city. Follow this link for any embassy related queries: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/thailand>



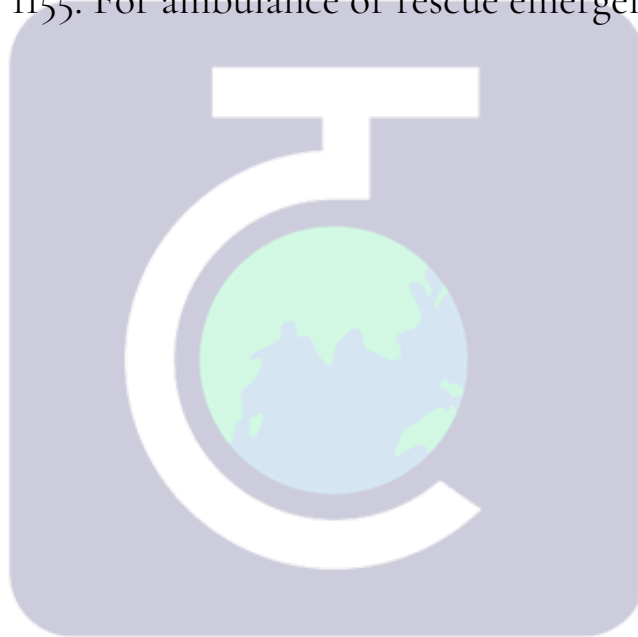
37. Accessibility

Pattaya is not wheelchair accessible, although the hotels' staff and locals do cater to the needs of the people with restricted movements, and are very helpful. Almost all the places are on the ground level, so it is easy to get in. The bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible and small. All terrain wheelchairs are available on the island but they cost about 1000 PHP per day.



38. Emergencies

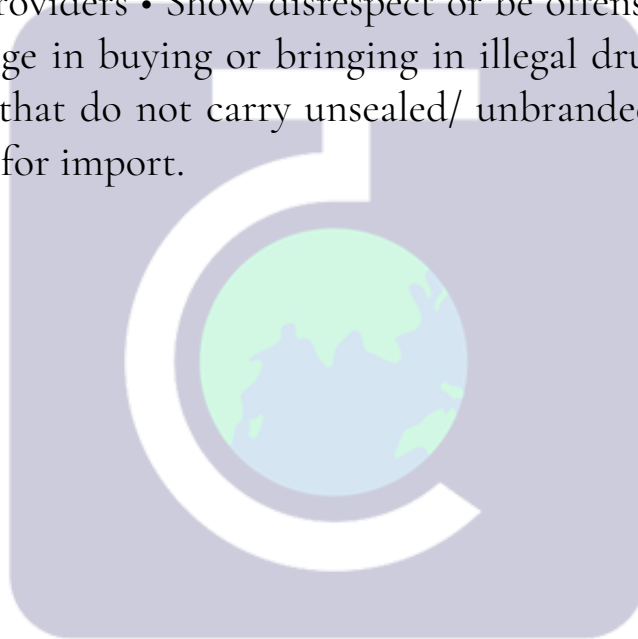
Pattaya is definitely in the list of medical tourist destination as the cost is very cheap. The most popular and big hospitals here are the Pattaya International Hospital, Bangkok Pattaya Hospital, Pattaya Memorial Hospital, and the Bang Lamung Hospital. All these places accept oversea insurance policies. SOS for Police and Fire Department the number is 199. The special Tourist Policed emergency number is 1155. For ambulance or rescue emergency call 1554 or 1669.



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39. Do's and Don'ts

Dos: • Learn basic Thai phrases • Always carry some cash with you • Pay attention to your belongings • Have patience while trying to communicate with local people • Keep a hard copy of important phone numbers • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts: • Litter on the beaches, the streets, or the sidewalks • Be rude to the service providers • Show disrespect or be offensive towards the Thai Royal Family • Indulge in buying or bringing in illegal drugs • Point with your feet • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

People generally leave the change as a tip in this part of the world. If service charge is included in the bill then there is no need to leave a tip, however if the service was extraordinary handing out a tip of 20 THB to 40 THB should suffice.



Index**41.Pet info**

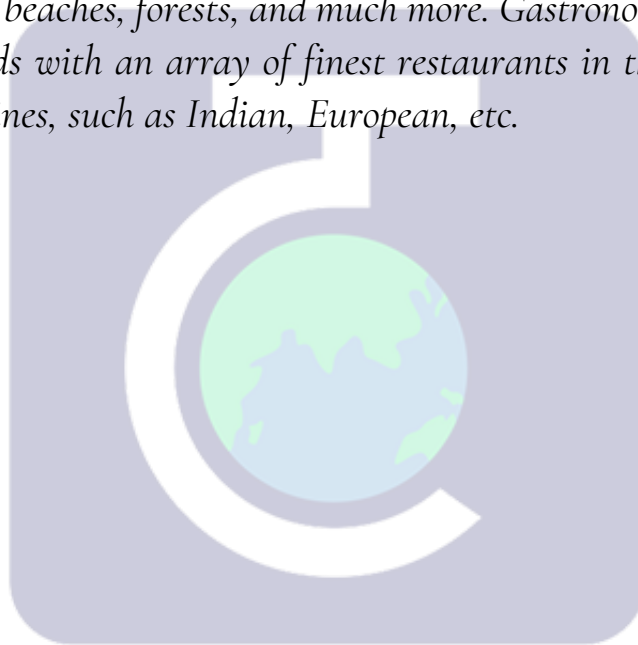
For pets to be imported inside the country you need an import permit, all the necessary and stated vaccinations should have been given just before flying inland, a blood titer test is necessary, and finally a health certificate needs to be issued before flying.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Pattaya is undoubtedly a mecca for party lovers. It is a big city and is highly accredited for its nightlife and water sports. Although there are few scenic attractions and beautiful beaches the tourist here spend most of their tour enjoying the nightlife of the town and in the day engage in various watersports. Apart from these two major portions of any tourists' tour, the town offers huge number of other attractions, such as cabaret shows, sacred temples, isolated beaches, forests, and much more. Gastronomically the town can be painted blue as it stands with an array of finest restaurants in the world for Thai food, and even for other cuisines, such as Indian, European, etc.



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