

EXPLORE THAILAND

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For a trip that has something packed in it for the entire group you are looking in the right place. Thailand is a top destination for people looking for all different types of get away adventures. With its rich culture and traditions, the locals are willing to share stories and welcome you to the community. There is no shortage of help finding the right thing to do. Here we have a few ideas to get you started from the big city of Bangkok with history and nightlife, to the mountains of Chiang Mai down to the eventful or peaceful Phi Phi Islands.

With a conversion rate of 33tbh:1usd and consumer goods being reasonably priced your money goes a long way. With

hot meals for only 6 -12 Baht, you can stay well fed for under a dollar a meal. If you want to save on places to stay, there are some great hostels for under \$20 a night and put you around other open-minded travelers looking to meet cool people also out on an adventure.

Flying into Bangkok is always our go to since we can head to anywhere from there with two large airports being only 45 minutes apart. A round trip from the states is between \$800-\$1000. We recommend if you're planning fly to other cities once you're there, purchase those tickets in country to save a considerable amount. Plus, you never know what area you may enjoy more than you were expecting,

trying to keep to a tight itinerary is not recommended. This is a go with the flow type of trip. Now don't let this discourage you from planning our where you want to visit on your time here, just don't be surprised when you fall in love with something you didn't see coming. From the elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai, full moon parties for the wild souls to the temples and shrines of Bangkok there is no shortage on exciting reasons to visit all over this amazing country.

Websites To Get You Started

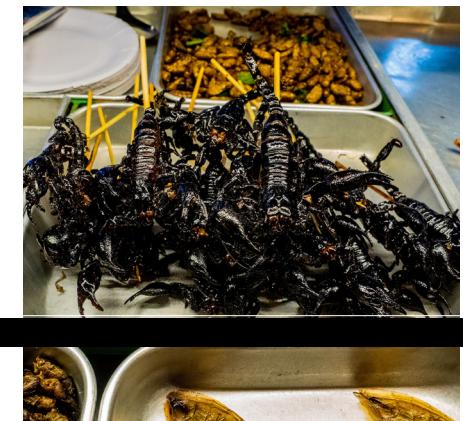
- HostelWorld.com
- CenterBangkok.com
- PhiPhi.Phuket.com
- FullMoonParty-Thailand.com



Eating is a top priority when going on any trip. Thailand is no different, with so many traditional and out of the box meals your pallet will leave satisfied. We found that food and flavors vary depending on where you are in the country. Being in a city like Bangkok where the food is transported from other regions you end up with a variety of flavors. You can find upscale dining but if you are in the streets exploring, experiencing the culture you will find a more fermented flavor since the food regulations are not as strict. The produce or meat may come from a few hours away and is not guaranteed to be on a refrigerated truck so even with everything being fresh you can taste the more natural aged flavors in the food. When traveling to places like the mountains of Chiang Mai where food is locally cultivated you can find some of the best food in small local shops, street vendors or markets. No matter where you choose to eat there is no lack of flavor and variety, you can even find insects on the menu. At many of the street markets you find vendors with all kinds of critters grilled, candied really cooked any way you can think of. If you're daring enough try a scorpion on a stick, or if you want something more traditional find different pad thai dishes. Meals won't be the same as you explore so if you find something you like try it in more than one place, it is a new experience each time. If you need a break from foreign food, fast food and 7/11 can be a life saver.



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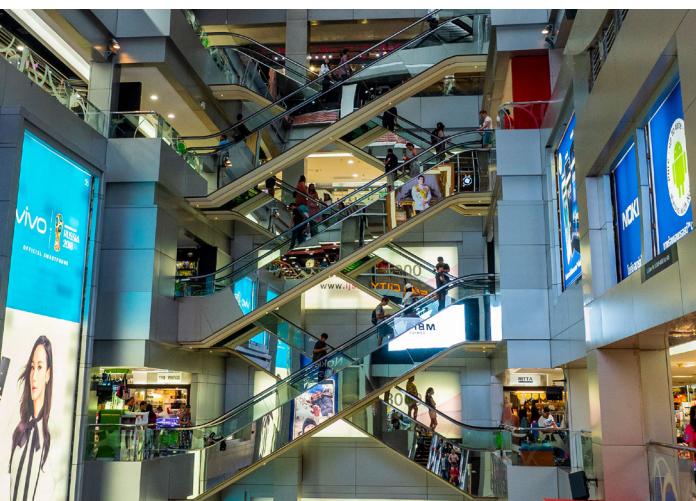
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don't STOP just yet...

The list of places to visit is beyond this magazine so here are a few must visit destinations with a lot to do in one area. When you have more options around you save on the need to travel or find transportation. Bangkok is the place we recommend you flying into to start any journey. It offers several types of accommodations from upscale hotels to private or shared room hostels. For shopping make sure to check out MKB Center. There are not many photos from inside this amazing multi story facility because the restriction of photography is enforced. It is full of reputable stores and brands; you can even find American fast-food options like KFC. Then there are plenty of stands and shops that are run by locals that you can find great deals at, just don't be surprised if you must bargain down prices, they will try to run the price up on tourist, don't be scammed.

Kosan Road, Bangkok is the place to visit if you are a night life seeker. This is a one-of-a-kind experience with tons of people filling this one road in the city side to side with bars, street vendors, night clubs and so much going on it's easy to make it a multi-night destination. The Mad Monkey Hostel is one street over with great food and a fun atmosphere for a great stay.

The Phi Phi Islands is not your normal island getaway. You have the chill side for family getaways or relaxing escape. Then the eventful half with bars, clubs on the beaches, tattoo parlors and so much to do you could spend a good portion of the trip here. You can rent a boat and venture to other parts of the island to create your own adventure. After a 3-hour boat ride on clear blue water from the mainland this is our favorite destination to spend a good portion of our trip.





ELEPHANT CARE PROJECT

www.facebook.com/Elephant-Care-Project-x-BMP-Farm-House-Chiang-Mai

"This was the best thing I have ever done in my entire life."

"Amazing , the level of care for the elephants is obvious and truly genuine."

"Such a heartwarming experience something to be eternally grateful for."

"Amazing!!! Highly recommended! Don't forget to do rafting after the visit."



experience

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Never would you expect to find such peace and gentleness from an animal as large as an elephant. The BMP Care Projects gives you a hand on experience to really be hands on and see what it's like to care for these amazing animals. At this care project all the elephants are rescued from bad situations where they may be used for tourist riding, shows or other cruel things. Here they are free to roam the land and jungle that surrounds all while being cared for by the great people living on the land. There are crops and other livestock on the land that make for an all-around experience that you don't initially think about with the focus being on

elephants. There is even an awesome water slide on the property that is a blast to ride.

There are a few ways to take part in this journey from half days, full days, or even overnight trips. You not only see how to care for them but take part in it yourself by feeding, walking, bathing, and playing with the elephants. If you stay for the longer options, you get to venture through the jungle and see the entire day routine of caring for these beautiful creatures. Some of the best food we had was provided from the land here. If you have not tried a Thai banana yet, when you are here pick one off a tree it's a must.



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