Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is a city of contrasts. It is an exciting, crowded, modern city and, at the same time, a city that is full of history. The streets of Bangkok are usually noisy and crowded with people. Some are selling food; others are selling clothing, cassette tapes, flowers or souvenirs. Visitors love the river markets, the beautiful temples, architecture and the nightlife. They also enjoy the food, the shopping, and the friendly Thai people. Everyone seems to smile there.

Most of the year, Bangkok is hotter than any other capital city in Asia, but from December to February, the weather is cooler and much more comfortable. Actually, it's an interesting city to visit at any time of the year. The shopping is excellent, and prices are cheaper there than in many large cities in Southeast Asia.

There is always plenty to do in Bangkok at any time of the day or night, from watching Thai dancing or boxing to taking a boat trip on the river or trying some of the delicious and spicy food. And if you get tired of the city and the traffic, there are beautiful beaches only two hours away by bus.