## **Ayutthaya**

Location: Thailand

Ayutthaya was a powerful kingdom in Southeast Asia that existed from 1350 to 1767 CE. The kingdom was located in what is now modern-day Thailand and was known for its impressive art, architecture, and military power. The kingdom was founded by King Ramathibodi I, who established Ayutthaya as the capital of his new kingdom. Over the next few centuries, Ayutthaya grew to become one of the most powerful kingdoms in Southeast Asia, with a strong army, a thriving economy, and a rich cultural heritage. Ayutthaya was known for its impressive architecture, including towering temples, palaces, and other structures that were adorned with intricate carvings and sculptures. The kingdom was also known for its vibrant art scene, with artists producing intricate paintings, sculptures, and other works of art. In the mid-16th century, Ayutthaya came under attack from the Burmese, who sacked the city and destroyed many of its temples and other structures. The kingdom was eventually able to recover, however, and continued to thrive for several more centuries. In 1767, Ayutthaya was attacked again, this time by the Burmese and the kingdom was ultimately destroyed. The city was

abandoned and fell into ruins, but many of its impressive structures still remain and have been restored as part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today, Ayutthaya is a popular tourist destination and a testament to the rich cultural heritage of Thailand and the powerful kingdoms that once ruled the region.