



MUST SEE

Phi Phi Island: Regarded by travelers from all walks of life as being among the most beautiful tropical islands of the world, Phi Phi Islands have become one of the most popular tourist attractions in Thailand. In addition, the islands are famous as the location where the movie "The Beach" featuring Leonardo Di Caprio was shot. Phi Phi Islands are located just 40 km. away from both Krabi and Phuket.

Ao Nang: Located about 20 km. northwest of Krabi town, this is a large bay with several scenic beaches and 83 islands of various sizes and shapes. Due to its unspoiled natural beauty both on land and in the surrounding waters and easy accessibility, Ao Nang has gradually developed to be Krabi's most popular tourist attraction after Phi Phi Islands, with a growing number of accommodations and tour operators. From Ao Nang, tourists may hire boats to visit nearby attractions such as Hat Rai Le, Tham Phra Nang located on the land to the east of Ao Nang, as well as other offshore isles such as Ko Poda, Ko Kai, Ko Mo and Ko Thap.

Nopharat Thara Beach: This lonely beach can be reached on foot from the main Ao Nang Beach area by making your way around the small headland. This is long and lovely stretch of tidal beach that is unspoiled by development and a great spot for an early morning run.

Hat Rai Le: This beach is generally divided into two sections, east and west. West Rai Le offers a broad sandy beach. Although it has fewer facilities to offer than Ao Nang, West Rai Le is quieter and more peaceful. Across the cape from West Rai Le is East Rai Le, which varies from the other beaches in the area. It could actually be classified as a mud flat, especially during low tide. Even so, it does offer some rather remarkable views. One end of the beach is covered with mangroves.

Ko Lanta Marine National Park: This marine park consists of 15 offshore islands, most surrounded by coral reefs. Some major islands are Ko Lanta Yai, Ko Lanta Noi, Ko Talengbeng, Ko Ha, Ko Rok and Ko Ngai.

Krabi is one of southern Thailand's most attractive provinces. It is 814 km. from Bangkok by Highway No. 4 and is located 90 km. to the southeast of Phangnga and 180 km. east of Phuket. The western border of Krabi is the Andaman Sea, the northern borders are Surat Thani and Phangnga Provinces, the southern borders are Trang Province and the Andaman Sea and the eastern borders are Nakhon Si Thammarat and Trang Provinces.

Krabi is an ideal getaway destination teeming with natural attractions including white sandy beaches, fascinating coral reefs, numerous large and small islands and verdant forests with caves and waterfalls. Temperatures range between 17°C and 37°C. November to March is the most popular time for tourists to visit Krabi.

Apart from the world-famous Phi Phi Islands, the province is also famous for stunning limestone cliffs and rock formations which make it a heaven for rock climbers and a National Park located approximately 40 km. outside of town with lakes, caves and spectacular natural scenery. Large number of tourists in Phuket usually makes a side trip to Phi Phi Islands, or further eastwards to Krabi proper.

In addition, Krabi is the location of two world-class beaches, Ao Nang and Hat Rai Le, which offer numerous diving trips, restaurants, shops, etc.





Than Bok Khorani National Park: The park office is situated 46 km. from town. Near the park office there are several natural ponds of emerald water in a shady forested area. Tourists can enjoy swimming in these pools. Other attractions in the park include several caves in limestone mountains, verdant mangrove forests and beautiful islands which can be reached only by boat. Camping in the park can be done but tourists have to bring their own tents.

Tiger Cave: Located about 9 km. to the north of Krabi town, its name is derived from the tiger paw prints on the stone floor inside the cave. The surrounding wooded area is covered with large trees hundreds of years old, especially in the nearby Khiri Wong Valley. Apart from being a meditation center, it is also a place of archaeological and historical interest. The Kuan Im image enshrined here is known to be the most beautiful one in the south of Thailand.

Wat Khlong Thom Museum: The museum exhibits various artifacts discovered during excavations of an area called "Khuan Luk Pat" or a bead mound behind Wat Khlong Thom. Unearthed artifacts include stone tools, bronze implements, metal coins, pottery shards, ceramic and stone decorative art and colored beads that are over 5,000 years old. This museum is situated within the compound of Wat Khlong Thom between km. marker 69-70 on Phetchakasem Highway, one km. from the District office.

Krabi Town: Major souvenirs of Krabi are turtle-dove cages, toi panan mats made of pandanus leaves, shrimp paste, dried fish, dried shrimp and other processed seafood. These can be bought in shops and markets in Krabi town, especially on Uttarakit Road.



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GETTING THERE

BYAIR

Thai Airways International operates daily flights from Bangkok to Krabi. The trip takes 1.20 hours. Tel: 02 6282000. Website: www.thaiair.com

BYRAIL

From Bangkok, there is no direct train service to Krabi. However, it is possible to take a train from Bangkok Railway Station to Trang or Nakhon Si Thammarat and take a bus or taxi to Krabi. For more information on trains, contact the State Railways of Thailand. Tel. 1690, 223 7010, 223 7020 Website: www.railway.co.th.

BYBUS

There are air-conditioned bus services to Krabi leaving the Southern Bus Terminal at Borommaratcha Chonnani Road daily in the evening. The journey takes about 12 hours. Tel. 0 2434 5557-8 (non air-conditioned buses), 0 2435 1199 and 0 2435 1200 (air-conditioned buses). Website: www.transport.co.th.

BYCAR

From Bangkok, take Highway No. 4 to Chumphon province then change to Highway No. 41 which passes through Surat Thani province. Then drive onto Highway No. 4035 until you reach Au Luk District and turn to No. 4 again. The total distance is 814 km.

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