

Pattaya

A famed international playground in the sun where the action is non-stop. Enjoy yourself to the max in a dazzling kaleidoscope of sports and entertainment.

Pattaya is a phenomenon. Once a tiny fishing village, it has developed into a renowned international seaside holiday spot. Colourful and alive with activities, it is unrivalled as a beach resort, offering more attractions in a greater profusion than any other single destination in Southeast Asia.

Located just 150 km southeast of Bangkok and facing a wide bay and a long majestic sweep of beach, Pattaya has been groomed for international visitors for more than three decades. And today it boasts the unique distinction of a beach resort with a city status. This near paradoxical situation holds the key to Pattaya's rare attraction - it has something for everyone. Whereas most other beach resorts rely simply on natural surroundings for their charm, Pattaya makes an all-out attempt to provide the best of everything in an exhaustive mix of facilities. To the basic ingredient of a superb coastal location, it adds just about every other amenity one can think of - recreation, entertainment sightseeing and fun.



MUST SEE

Pattaya Beach: The main beach at Pattaya, Amphoe Bang Lamung, is a majestic 3 km. curve fronted by a road shaded with refreshing tropical greenery.

Jomtien Beach: The former paddy fields have turned into a thriving beach. Only 3 km. down Pattaya Beach, Jomtien is highly recommended to those who seek a quieter resort, where the golden sand, bright sun and blue clear sea are always pleased to welcome all vacationers.

Nong Nooch Tropical Garden & Resort: Nong Nooch is a beautifully landscaped, recreational park. The entire area covers around 500 acres and houses a botanical garden, waterfall, orchid nurseries and a cactus garden. You can also go canoeing on the lake and see the elephant show. The Arts Centre has presentation of Thai traditional dance (3 times a day), martial arts and cockfighting daily.

Pattaya Floating Market: Just a short drive from Jomtien Beach turning right off Chaiyaphruk Road on to the Sukhumvit highway takes you to the latest attraction-Pattaya's floating market.

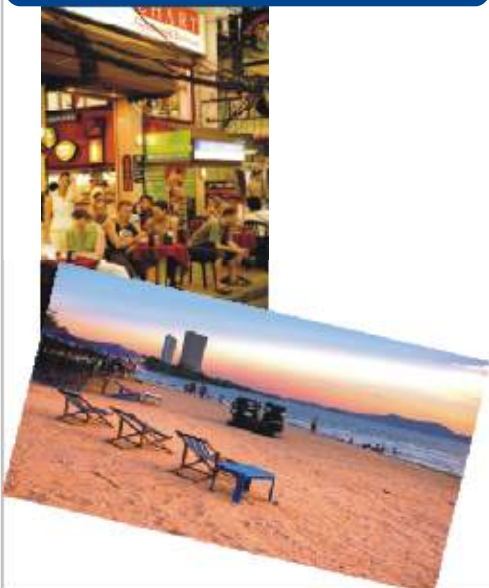
Alcazar Show: The Alcazar Show has been delighting audience from around the world of almost 20 years. You'll experience the magic of Alcazar's state of the art computerized lighting system and be dazzled by the effects of its Circle surrounding sound DTS system, but that's only the beginning. Prepared to be entertained in grand style by its 400 staff wonderfully talented artists and entertainers.

Tiffany's Show: It is the first truly transvestite cabaret show in South East Asia. With over 28 years of stage experience, the fame of Tiffany's Show is undeniable and become a recommended tourist destination of the successful of Thailand's most popular resort city, Pattaya City.

Ripley's Believe It or Not: Located on the 3rd floor of Royal Garden Plaza Building in Central Pattaya. A fascinating assortment of weird but wonderful exhibits from all parts of the globe can now be found at Ripley's Believe It or Not! here. They include genuinely puzzling facts, curious, illusions, etc., proving once again that fact is stranger than fiction. Also enjoy the hi-tech simulator ride in the moving theatre and exciting laser game.

Mini Siam & Mini Europe: Located near Central Pattaya at Km. 143 of Sukhumvit Road, it is Thailand's first wonder displaying Thai and European heritage on a miniature scale. This is the third miniature town in the world built after those in the Netherlands and Taiwan that brings together models of important objects and historical sites of different cultures and civilizations of various periods from the ancient time till present.

Alangkarn: Modern-Thai multi-dimension extravaganza Show, located on Sukhumvit Road, Km. 155. The Alangkarn Theatre is a splendidly designed gigantic theatre with a capacity of 2,000 seats. Featuring the Hexa Stage with a length of 70 m., the theatre presents extravaganza shows with modern light-and-sound technique and pyrotechnics. In addition, there are cultural plaza, souvenir shops and large restaurant serving Thai and international buffets.



Underwater World Pattaya:

Situated on Sukhumvit Road near South Pattaya, Underwater World Pattaya is a leisure attraction showcasing more than 200 species of marine life to be found around the region. Here visitors are taken on a 'voyage' to the bottom of the sea, which begins at the sandy beaches and shallow rock pools at the water's edge. From here, they start their descent, passing brightly coloured corals and all kinds of exotic ocean-dwellers along the way. Finally they come to a spectacular 100 - metre long tunnel with acrylic windows, home to great shoals of fish, prowling predators and a host of other creatures that inhabit the ocean depths.



HOW TO GET THERE

BY BUS: Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned coaches regularly depart from the Eastern Bus terminal (Ekamai), Northern Bus Terminal (Mo Chit) on Kamphaeng Phet Road and Southern Bus Terminal on Borommarat Chonnani Road throughout the day. Departure times and fares may be obtained From : The Eastern Bus Terminal, 0 2391 2504, 0 2391 8097 The Northern Bus Terminal, 0 2936 2852 to 66, 0 2936 3666 The Southern Bus Terminal, 0 2894 6122

There are also air-conditioned buses that go directly from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Pattaya. Buses run daily from 06.30 to 19.00 hrs. For information, Contact the Public Transportation Centre at Suvarnabhumi Airport, Tel. 0 2134 4099, 0 2132 9171.

There are also bus services to Pattaya available at most hotels in Bangkok. Contact the tour desk at your hotel for details.

BY CAR: Pattaya can be reached in a 2.30-hour drive along Bang Na-Trat Highway via Bang Pakong, Chon Buri and Si Racha. However, visitors can avoid Chon Buri by opting for Highway 36, the new route of Chon Buri-Pattaya-Rayong or motorway from Rama 9 Road.

FOR ACCOMMODATION information, please log on to :
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