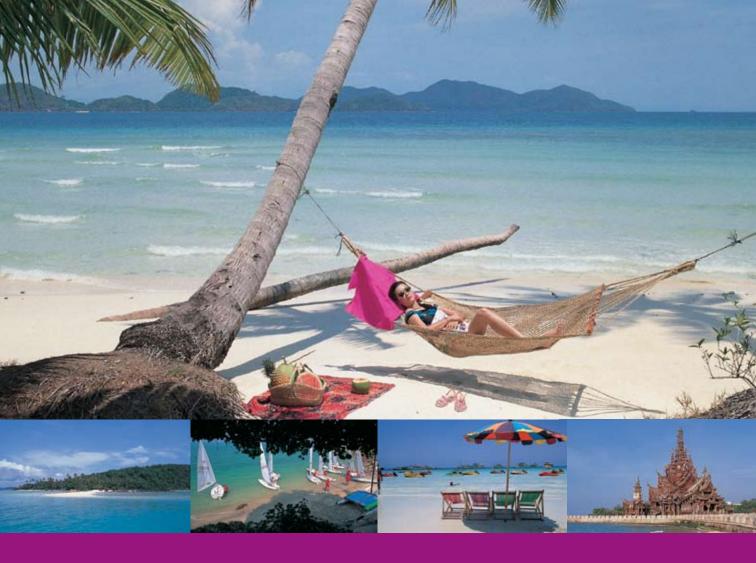
# Pattaya

Chon Buri • Rayong Chanthaburi • Trat



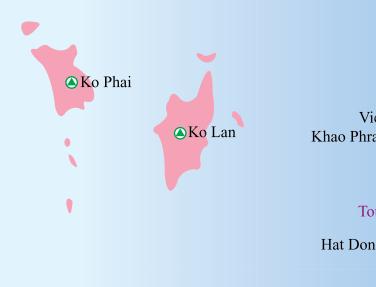




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# Gulf of Thailand











Pattaya Bay

# Pattaya

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Pattaya is a phenomenon. Once a tiny fishing village, it has developed into a renowned international playground. Colourful and alive with activities, it is unrivalled as a beach resort, offering more attractions in 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 over 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 for recreation, entertainment, sightseeing and fun. Website: www.pattayacityhall.go.th

## Beaches & Islands Pattaya Beach

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

Pattaya Beach



greenery. The northern section of the beach is largely tranquil and is the favoured spot for tourists for swimming, relaxation, and various water sports. The central and southern parts of the beach are packed with hotels, restaurants, department stores, gift shops, nightclubs and various amusement centres.

#### Hat Jomtien

The 6-km. long, largely straight beach, located around the headland from Pattaya, is popular with windsurfers and water sports enthusiasts. It is also quieter and more relaxing than Pattaya Beach. Hotels and other accommodation facilities are available along the road that runs parallel to the shore.

#### Hat Wong Phrachan

Situated on the northern side of Pattaya Bay, this one-kilometre beach shares the same entrance as the Central Wong Amat Hotel. It is a quiet spot, good for swimming and relaxation.

#### Ko Lan

Lying about 8 km. off Pattaya, a 45-minute ferry ride or 15 minutes by speed boat, the island measures 2 km. by 5 km. and offers several white sandy beaches, notably Hat Ta Waen, Hat Laem Thian and Hat Thong Long, the latter facing coral reefs. Visitors can either choose snorkelling or view the coral from glass bottom boats. Ferries to the island takes 45 minutes leaving the South Pattaya Pier every two hours daily from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and from Ko Lan back to Pattaya daily from 6.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Cruises by sailing junks, with lunch provided are also available.

Viewing the Underwater World



Ko Lan

### Ko Sak

Located 600 metres from Ko Lan, some 10 km. west of Pattaya Strait, Ko Sak is a small island with two sandy beaches. Overnight stays on the island are possible.

#### Ko Phai

Lying about 14 km. west off Pattaya, this small island with a beautiful white sandy beach is located 7 km. away behind Ko Lan. It takes about one hour from inland. Under the supervision of the Royal Thai Navy, Ko Phai is one of the most outstanding scuba diving areas in Pattaya with superb coral reefs. Feel free to contact the Ko Phai Tourist Centre at Flipper Lodge Hotel, Central Pattaya.

Tel. 0 3842 6401-2, 0 3841 1655-6

Underwater World, Pattaya



# Attractions

## Underwater World Pattaya

Located on Sukhumvit Road, Tambon Nong Prue, this aquarium offers an insight into the area's rich marine life. Underwater World Pattaya is a modern aquarium with a 100-metre stateof-the-art acrylic tunnel where visitors can walk through an underwater environment filled with dozens of marine species including the rare shovel-nosed ray, a hybrid between a shark and a stingray, providing visitors with the unique experience of viewing the displays at close quarters through crystal-clear water. The aquarium plans to have a variety of dolphin shows in the near future.

Tel: 0 3875 6979

### Thunder Rock Dinosaur Park

Located on Sukhumvit Road, 4 km. from South Pattaya, this place brings you face-to-face with life-size replicas of the creatures that lived two hundred million years ago including a Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Velociraptor and a Petinosaurus. Come and wander through the Dinosaur Age, imagining the Earth when it was inhabited by the fierce predator T-Rex. Open daily 10.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.

Tel: 0 3870 6055 or mobile phone 0 1576 0035

## Khao Chi Chan Carved Buddha Mountain

The cliff face inlaid with gold leaf in the outline of a sitting Sukhothai-Lanna Buddha is dedicated to the commemoration of His Majesty the King's Golden Jubilee, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his accession to the throne. This 130-metre-high Buddha's royally-bestowed name is Phra Phuttha Maha Wachira Utta Mopat Satsada, which means His Lord Buddha is virtuous and glorious as Maha Wachira (the Great Wisdom). The surroundings are a

Khao Chi Chan Carved Buddha Mountain





Viewpoint of Khao Phra Tamnak

wide variety of flowering plants and a number of pavilions for meditation and rest. Directly in front of the cliff face are shrines, elaborate gardens, and a number of terraced pools stocked with lotus flowers.

#### Khao Phra Tamnak

This small hill also known as Khao Phra Bat, its peak accessed by an asphalt road, affords panoramic views of Pattaya City and Pattaya Bay. Khao Phra Tamnak has been developed and is currently the site of the So To Ro 5 radio station, where there is a monument to Kromluang Chumphon, known as the 'Father of the Royal Thai Navy'. A Buddha image is enshrined on the hilltop.

#### Chaloem Phra Kiat Park

Located on Phra Tamnak Road at the foot of Khao Pattaya, the small park is dedicated to the commemoration of His Majesty the King's sixtieth birthday on 5 December, 1987. The gardens boast a wide variety of flowering plants, while the park also includes jogging trails and exercise facilities.

#### The Million-Years Stone Park and Pattaya Crocodile Farm

This place is a popular attraction for Thai and foreign tourists. Covering an area of close to 40 acres, the compound comprises rock gardens and a botanical garden of rare plants and beautiful landscapes. Top sights include fossilised plants over a million years in age and a 200-year-old Thai style bonsai, plus dwarf horses, ostriches, crocodile pools and a collection of rare animals such as albino bears. Crocodile round-ups, magic and animal performances are major attractions. Open daily 8.00 a.m.- 6.30 p.m., with six crocodile shows from 10.00 a.m.



Mini Siam

to 5.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3824 9347-9 Website: www.thaistonepark.com

### Mini Siam

This miniature city is on the left-hand side at the 143-km. marker on Sukhumvit Road before reaching Pattaya town. The models, made to a scale of 1 to 25, cover places of worship, ancient remains and famous sights in Thailand and abroad. Open daily 7.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3872 7333, 0 3872 7666 Website: www.minisiam.net

## Elephant Village Pattaya

Located on Sukhumvit Road, which lies off Highway No. 3 at the 146-km. marker, this elephant camp focuses on the working life of elephants and their mahouts. Visitors can enjoy riding on an elephant's back and cart, road trips, and trekking. There is a daily performance of elephants at work and play, as well as a grand war parade at 2.30 p.m. Open daily 8.30 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3824 9818

Website: www.elephant-village-pattaya.com

#### Bottle Art Museum

The Museum, located on Sukhumvit Road, at the 146-km. marker, showcases art contained in glass bottles. The exhibits are the creations of Dutch sculptor, Mr. Peter Bedelais, who has crafted various intricate pieces and assembled them in glass bottles of different shapes. Open daily 9.00 a.m.- 8.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3842 2957, 0 3841 5783

#### Pattaya Park

This amusement centre at Hat Jomtien features a large water

Elephant Village Pattaya

park with giant slides, a sky-high basket/hopper and other fun activities. There is also a tower topped with a revolving restaurant that commands panoramic views of the area. Tel: 0 3825 1201-8 Website: www.pattayapark.com

## The Sanctuary of Truth

Construction of this gigantic architectural structure, located on the shore at Laem Ratchawet on Na Klua Road, North Pattaya, was begun in 1981 by Mr. Lek Wiriyaphan, founder of the Ancient City in Samut Prakan, and today has assumed colossal proportions. Made entirely of wood and with exquisite architectural carvings, the building was conceived out of the vision that human civilisation has been achieved and nurtured by religious and philosophical truth. Open daily 8.30 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3836 7815, 0 3822 5407, 0 3836 7229-30 Website: www.sanctuaryoftruth.com

#### Royal Theatre

Also at the Royal Garden Plaza, this theatre offers high-tech screenings of motion and movement experienced in real life. Open daily 11.00 a.m.- 11.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3842 8057

## Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum

The museum, at the Royal Garden Plaza, Pattaya Beach, houses a collection of more than 300 strange and amazing things from around the world. Open daily 11.00 a.m.- 11.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3871 0294-6, 0 3841 2120-2 Website: www.ripleys.com



Siriporn Orchid

#### Monkey Show

Located in Soi Chaiyaphruek, off Highway No. 3 at the 151km. marker, the centre displays how monkeys are trained to pick coconuts and perform other tasks. There is also cockfighting and a snake show. Open daily from 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3875 6367

## Siriporn Orchid

Located at 61/1 Mu 7 Tambon Nong Prue, the farm has a wide array of different orchids. Visitors may purchase plants or cut flowers. Open daily 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Tel: 0 1732 6975

## Horseshoe Point Club

Ten km. off Sukhumvit Road, Horseshoe Point Club offers horse riding at all levels of proficiency, as well as dressage, cross-country jumping, polo and lodges are also available. Open daily 8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3873 5050 Website: www.horseshoepoint.com

#### Three Kingdoms Park

Situated close to the Horseshoe Point Club, the Park contains several beautiful Chinese-style buildings and art objects. Open daily 10.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. on weekdays and 10.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. on weekends. Tel: 0 3842 1428-9 Website: www.3kingdomspark.com Wat Yansangwararam Located 15 km. south of Pattaya, off to the left of Sukhumvit Road at the 160-km. marker, Wat Yansangwararam was dedicated to the Supreme Patriarch in 1976 and was later graciously put under the patronage of His Majesty the King. It is a superb example of modern Thai religious architecture, while the park-like grounds also contain pavilions designed in different national styles.

## Nong Nooch Village

About 18 km. south of Pattaya (Pattaya-Sattahip route), off to the left of Sukhumvit Road at the 163-km. marker, Suan Nong Nooch is a recreation park in a typical Thai setting, with tropical gardens, elephants and cultural shows. Open daily 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3870 9358-62 or 0 2252 1786, 0 2658 4034

# Sporting Opportunities

There are several excellent golf courses in the Pattaya area, among the best known are:

- Asia Pattaya Beach Hotel
   Tel: 0 3825 0577, 0 3825 0401-11, 0 3825 0602-6
   Fax: 0 3825 0496
   Website: www.asiahotel.co.th
- Bangpra International Golf Club Tel: 0 3834 1149

Website: www.bangpragolf.co.th

• Burapha Golf Club

Tel. 0 3837 2700-1

Website: www.buraphagolf.thailand.com

Khao Kheow Golf Club

Tel: 0 3829 8224-7

Wat Yansangwararam



• Laemchabang International Country Club Tel: 0 3837 2273 Website: www.laemchabanggolf.com Natural Park Hill Golf Club Tel: 0 3839 3001-8 Website: www.nparkgolf.com • Natural Park Resort Golf Course Tel: 0 3834 9370 Website: www.nparkgolf.com • Noble Place Golf Course Tel: 0 3826 3158-60 • Pattava Country Club Tel: 0 3842 3718-9, 0 3826 3445-7 Fax: 0 3842 3719 Website: www.pattavacountryclub.net • Phoenix Golf and Country Club Tel: 0 3823 9391 Royal Lake Side Golf Course & Resort Tel: 0 3857 3275-9 • Siam Country Club Tel: 0 3824 9381-6 Fax: 0 3824 9387 Website: www.siamcountryclub.com • Sriracha International Golf Course Tel: 0 3833 8375 Fax: 0 3833 8379 Website: www.srirachagolf.com • Treasure Hill Golf and Country Club Tel: 0 3842 0766 Fax: 0 3842 0767

#### Tennis

Tennis courts are available at many of Pattaya's leading hotels. Courts are normally open to all, but guests are given preference. *Golfing in Pattaya* 



#### Squash

Squash can be played at major hotels where facilities are also available for visitors' convenience.

Dusit Resort Pattaya
Tel: 0 3842 5611-7
Website: pattaya.dusit.com
Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel
Tel: 0-3825-5501-40 Ext: 115-6

Website: www.amtel.co.th/pattaya/index.html

### Badminton

The Pattaya Badminton Court on Soi 17 is open 24 hours a day.

#### Bowling

Pattaya has three bowling alleys of international standard.

- *Pattaya Bowl* on Pattaya II Road in North Pattaya. Open daily 10.00 a.m.- 2.00 a.m. Tel: 0 3842 9466
- *Wave Bowl* on the first floor of Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel and Resort on Jomtien Beach Road Tel: 0 3823 1350-67 Website: www.jomtien-palmbeach.com
- *P.S. Bowl* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of P.S. Plaza in Central Pattaya. Open daily 11.00 a.m.-2.00 a.m. Tel: 0 3842 0965-6
   Website: www.psbowling.com/bowlcenter\_eng.html

#### Jogging

There is a jogging track at Suan Chaloem Phra Kiat. Jogging is also pleasant along the promenade facing Pattaya Bay.

### Go-Karts

Go-Karts are available at the 400- and 700-metre tracks on Thepprasit Road.

- Pattaya Kart Speedway
- Tel. 0 3842 2044

• *K.R. Go-Kart Grand Prix*, open for both professional and amateur drivers daily from 9.30 a.m.- 6.30 p.m. Tel. 0 3830 0347

• *Siam Karting Circuit* Tel. 0 3872 7410

#### Motor Racing

The Bira International Circuit on Highway No. 34 and Highway No. 36 (Pattaya-Rayong) 15 km. away from Pattaya town periodically holds international motor and motorcycle races, while



Bira International Circuit

there are daily opportunities for speed enthusiasts to drive their own two-or four-wheeled vehicles around the challenging track. Tel. 0 2971 6450, 0 2522 1731-8 or mobile phone 0 1782 1441

### Shooting

An air-conditioned handgun and rifle range is located at Tiffany's on Pattaya II Road. Open daily 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3842 1700-5, 0 3842 9642

#### Horse Riding

Available at Jojo Horse Club at Marina Inn Hotel Tel: 0 3822 5149, open daily 7.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m., and Horseshoe Point Resort, located 10 km. from Pattaya, open daily 8.30 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3873 5050

#### Paintball Game

Paintball is a game of skill, strategy and challenge normally played outdoors in a woodland setting. Available at Paint Ball Park on Thepprasit Road. Open daily 9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3830 0608

Website: www.paintballpark-pattaya.com

### **Bungee Jumping**

The Pattaya Bungee Jump has been running for 9 years and during that time many hundreds of jumpers have experienced the adrenaline rush only bungee jumping can provide. Also available at Paint Ball Park on Thepprasit Road. Open daily 10.00 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. Tel. 0 3830 0608

### Muai Thai

Muai Thai, translated into English as Thai Boxing, is the national sport of Thailand and is a martial art with origins in the ancient battlefield tactics of the Siamese (or Thai) army. Muai Thai is unique in having a splendid opening ritual, known as *Wai Khru*, a ceremony paying homage to the fighters teacher and guardian spirits before fighting. This shows gratitude for knowledge imparted and asks for victory in the fight ahead. Boxing venues are available on Thepprasit Road. Sityodthong Boxing Camp, Tambon Nong Prue, open daily 8.00 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3824 9018, 0 3873 0079 Pattaya International Muai Thai Training School, open daily 5.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3841 0111

#### Water Sports

#### Windsurfing

Best at Hat Jomtien, where tuition is available for beginners. October through June are the best months, with ideal water and wind conditions for windsurfing.

## Sailing

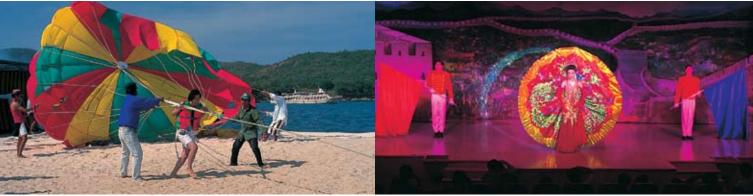
Sailing is a year-round sport in Pattaya's waters, and the most popular craft to rent are Lasers, Prindles and Hobie Cats. For more information, visitors should contact their hotel travel desk or the Royal Varuna Yacht Club. Tel. 0 3825 0116. 0 3830 6290

Website: www.royal-varuna-club.com

#### Water Skiing

The most popular venues are the northern and southern parts of Pattaya Beach, Jomtien Beach and Ko Lan, while freshwater skiing is available at Lakeland Cable Ski at the 150.5 km. marker on Sukhumvit Road. Open daily 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3823 2690-2 Sailing

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Parasailing

#### Game Fishing

Expeditions are organised by many operators, with the waters around Ko Manwichai, Ko Rin and Ko Khram popular for the pursuit of marlin, king mackerel and barracuda.

Parasailing

This sport is widely available throughout the resort.

#### Scuba Diving and Snorkelling

Both sports are popular around Pattaya's offshore islands. The resort has several dive shops, and beginners can take PADI open water certification courses.

#### Nightlife

Major hotels operate gourmet restaurants, cocktail lounges, discotheques and nightclubs, and such establishments are well suited to family entertainment. Nightlife beyond Pattaya's hotels is more liberated, with discotheques, transvestite cabarets, nightclubs, karaoke bars and open-air bars. Most of these attractions are located along Pattaya Beach Road, Pattaya II Road, and in South Pattaya. Pattaya is famous for its transvestite cabarets: Alcazar and Tiffany both on Pattaya Road.

- Alcazar Tel: 0 3841 0225, 0 3841 0224-7
- Tiffany Tel: 0 3842 9642

# Special Events

## Pattaya Music Festival

Held in March along Pattaya Beach and town, the jamboree includes the Walking Street Festival for three days and two nights and the Three-Stage Free Concert - the Red Stage for Pop, Rock Transvestite cabarets

and Country music, the Green Stage for Pop Jazz, and the Blue Stage for Indy, Hip-hop, and R&B music from 6.00 p.m. till midnight.

Website: www.thailandgrandfestival.com

#### Wan Lai Fair

This is the Eastern Seaboard's version of Songkran, the traditional Thai New Year, and is organised simultaneously with the Pattaya Festival in mid-April. Events include a floral float parade, water sports contests and a sandcastle-building competition.

#### Pattaya Marathon

Held in July each year, this is a fun activity that attracts hundreds of local and international runners.

#### Loi Krathong Day

This day is one of the most popular festivals in Thailand cel-

Pattaya Bay at Night



Pattava Music Festival

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ebrated annually on the full-moon night of the 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month, usually in November. "*Loi*" means float and "*Krathong*" is a lotus-shaped vessel made of banana leaves. The festival is of Brahmin origins in which people offer thanks to the Goddess of the water. It is believed that the *Krathong* carries away sins and bad luck, and wishes are made for the New Year due to start soon.

# Getting There

## By Car

Pattaya is about a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Bangkok, taking the Bang Na-Trat Highway or the new, faster Bangkok-Chon Buri Expressway.

#### By Bus

The two-and a-half-hour journey from Bangkok can be made on regular buses leaving from Bangkok's Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai). Air-conditioned buses depart from Ekamai every 40 minutes from 5.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m. Tel: 0 2391 2504. There are also air-conditioned buses leaving the Bangkok Bus Terminal on Kamphaeng Phet II Road every 30 minutes from 4.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Tel: 0 2936 2852-66.

### By Train

Few visitors to Pattaya are aware that the city does have a railway station. The train leaves from Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lamphong) at 7.00 a.m. and takes about 5 hours to Pattaya.

Tel. 0 2220 4334, Hotline 1690

#### By Air

The vast majority of tourists going to Pattaya are unaware that the resort does have U-Tapo Airport at Sattahip. Currently, the only scheduled flights are operated by Bangkok Airways to and from Ko Samui. Tel. 0 2265 5555

# Accommodation

Pattaya offers accommodation in all price ranges, from luxury resorts to basic bungalows. A list of accommodation in all categories can be obtained from the TAT Central Region Office: Region 3. Tel: 0 3842 7667, 0 3842 8750 Website: www.tourismthailand.org

# Shopping

South Pattaya is the major shopping area, along with Pattaya II Road. The best buys include souvenirs, gems and jewellery, silk, cotton, handicrafts and tailor-made clothing.

#### Pattaya Walking Street





Hat Chom Thian, Pattaya Beach

# Chon Buri

Nowadays, it is becoming appreciated for its tourism potential, with its splendid beaches, crystal-clear water, offshore islands, marine life, and unspoiled vistas.

The province that is home to internationally famed Pattaya boasts other fine attractions too. Get off the beaten path and discover the less visited delights of the East Coast.

Due to its excellent seaports, Chon Buri, the provincial capital just 81 km. southeast of Bangkok, has for generations served as a centre for commercial and cultural exchange. Nowadays, it is becoming appreciated for its tourism potential, with its splendid beaches, crystal-clear water, offshore islands, marine life, and unspoiled vistas. While inland, verdant forests and cascading waterfalls create a lush, tropical atmosphere. Website: www.chonburi.go.th

## City Attractions Wat Yai Inthraram

Wat Yai Inthraram is an old temple built in the Ayutthaya period in that distinctive style. This is evident from the Ubosot (ordination hall) and Wihan (image hall) with their unique curved bases, and from the carved wooden door panels at the Mondop (square building with a pyramidal roof) over the Holy Footprints of the Lord Buddha. The Ubosot itself was renovated during the reign of King Rama III using glassware to adorn the gables and windows. Within the Ubosot are murals covering the entire four walls which have been continuously restored over the years. In front of the temple stands a statue of King Taksin the Great. It is said that the king used to stop here on the way to set up his base in Chanthaburi during the fall of Ayutthaya in 1767.

Bang Saen Beach



#### Ang Sila

Located about 5 km. from Chon Buri town, Ang Sila is a traditional fishing village, although its more famous for its craftsmen skilled in making implements from granite, especially mortars and pestles typically used in Thai kitchens.

#### Khao Sam Muk

This low hillock, situated between Ang Sila and Hat Bang Saen, is a habitat for scores of wild monkeys, while the hilltop affords a panoramic view of Hat Bang Saen. At the foot of the hill are Thai and Chinese shrines.

#### Bang Saen Beach

Lying 14 km. from Chon Buri town, Bang Saen is a popular weekend beach resort, although it can be blissfully quiet during weekdays. Fronting the beach are hotels, bungalows and food shops, as well as recreational gear and bicycles for rent.

#### The Institute of Marine Science

Attached to Burapha University, the Institute of Marine Science operates a modern aquarium, which recreates a realistic underwater environment. There is also a marine science museum. which is open daily 8.30 a.m.- 4.00 p.m., except Mondays. Tel 0 3839 1671-4 Website: www.bims.buu.ac.th

### Ho Phra

Situated on Wachiraprakan Road, about 500 metres from the town hall, this shrine houses a replica of the Phra Phutthasihing

Ang Sila





Bang Saen Beach

statue, which is cast in pure silver.

#### Nong Mon Market

On Sukhumvit Road near the entrance road to Bang Saen Beach, Nong Mon Market offers a wide range of local products, including fresh and preserved food varieties. Some of the food favourites are dried seafood, glutionous rice baked in bamboo (khao lam), spicy steamed fish cakes (ho mok), and deep fried shrimp cakes (hoi cho).

## **Out-Of-City Attractions** Siracha Tiger Zoo

Located at the 20-km. marker on Highway No. 36, Amphoe Si Racha, this zoo has a large number of Bengal tigers, as well as crocodiles and other animals, which feature in daily shows 9.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. Open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Tel. 0 3829 6571-2 Website: www.tigerzoo.com

#### Khao Kheow Open Zoo

This is a vast tract of forestland operated by the Zoological Park Organization. It is located 19 km. after a left turn at Bang Phra, about 20 km. south of Chon Buri on Sukhumvit Road, Amphoe Si Racha. The Zoo contains more than 200 species of wildlife living in their natural habitat. A new feature is the Night Safari Tour by auto-trains from 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Open daily 7.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Tel. 0 3829 8188-9 (for advance booking) Website: www.khaokheowzoo.com

### Namtok Chan Ta Then

This waterfall is 15 km. from Sukhumvit Road on the same route to Khao Kheow Open Zoo in Amphoe Si Racha. With five secondary levels, the falls can be reached on foot by the path running alongside the stream.

#### Ko Sichang

A largish island in Amphoe Ko Sichang located approximately 12 km. offshore, Ko Sichang offers a quiet escape with attractive landscapes and seascapes, as well as cultural sights, notably the partially restored summer palace built during the reign of King Rama V (1868-1910). The island has hotels and bungalows, and there are daily ferry services between Amphoe Si Racha and Ko Si Chang, Boats leave Charin Pier on Choemchompon Road every hour from 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. The trip takes about 45 minutes. For the return trip, boats leave Ko Si Chang every hour from 6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3831 2968

## Ko Loi

Ko Loi is a small island near the northern shore of Si Racha and has a bridge connecting to the mainland. It is a popular location for relaxing and recreation. A flight of stairs leads to the breezy hill-top of the temple which offers a delightful view of the sea.

# **Special Events**

## The Annual Chon Buri Red Cross Fair

Held every year in about mid-April, the Fair features the Phra

Chon Buri Buffalo Races



Phutthasihing procession, as well as cultural shows, exhibitions and stalls offering various types of products.

#### Chon Buri Buffalo Races

A long-established, fun-filled event at which local farmers display their most splendid buffalos in races, and in physical fitness and fashion contests. Held in October, not only in Chon Buri town, but also in Amphoe Ban Bueng and Amphoe Nong Yai.

# Getting There

## By Car

Chon Buri is about one-hour drive from Bangkok along Highway No. 34 (Bang Na-Trat). Alternatively, a faster trip can be made by taking the new Bangkok-Chon Buri elevated expressway, a total distance of 81 km.

## By Rail

Trains to Chon Buri depart from Bangkok's Hua Lamphong Railway Station only on weekdays once a day at 6.55 a.m. The journey takes around two and a half hours. Railway Station Hotline: 1690 or Tel: 0 2220 4334 Website: www.railway.co.th

## By Bus

The one-and-a-half-hour journey from Bangkok can be made on regular buses originating from Bangkok's Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai). Air-conditioned buses depart Ekamai every 40 minutes from 5.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Tel: 0 2391 2504. There are also air-conditioned buses departing Bangkok Bus Terminal on Kamphaeng Phet II Road every hour from 5.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Tel: 0 2936 2852-66

# Accommodation

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# Shopping

The best known local products are dried seafood and Thai desserts available at Nong Mon Market, and granite mortars from Ang Sila.





Ao Wong Duean, Ko Samet

# Rayong

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Website: www.rayong.go.th

# **City Attractions**

# Phra Čhao Taksin Shrine

Located in the grounds of Wat Lum Mahachai Chumphon, the Shrine marks the spot where General, later King, Taksin and his followers once made camp after the fall of Ayutthaya in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Within the Shrine is a standing statue of the great monarch, while the 300-year-old *Satue* tree is believed to be the very tree to which Taksin once tethered his elephant.

### Wat Pa Pradu

The temple, located on Sukhumvit Road, enshrines a 12-metrelong image of the reclining Buddha, unusual in that the figure is depicting lying on the left side instead of the more usual right.

## City Pillar Shrine

Rayong's City Pillar, on Lak Mueang Road, comprises two

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buildings constructed in, respectively, Thai and Chinese architectural styles.

#### Wat Pak Nam

Also known as Wat Samut Khongkha, the temple lies about 2 km. south of town and is notable for its ancient 10-metre-high white pagoda on an island in the Rayong River. Celebrations are held here on the full moon night of the 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month with ceremonies, boat races and other forms of entertainment.

#### Suan Si Mueang

This public park, in the town centre behind the city pillar, houses the highly revered Phra Phuttha Angkhirot image, the town's principal statue.

#### Rayong Aquarium

This aquarium consists of three parts, which are the aquatic marine life hall, shell museum, and exhibition hall. Open from Wednesday to Friday 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. and 10.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. on weekends. Tel: 0 3865 3741

# Beaches & Islands

## Hat Laem Charoen

Located 5 km. from Rayong town, the beach is noted for its seafood restaurants.

#### Hat Mae Ramphueng

This 10-km. stretch of sand, located 12 km. from town on the way to Ban Kon Ao, is good for swimming.

## Ban Phe

One of the provinces major fishing communities, about 19 km. from town, this is also the main embarkation point for the ferry to Ko Samet. Visitors can also find fresh and dried food to buy here.

#### Ko Samet

Located within the Khao Laem Ya-Mu Ko Samet National Park and 6.5 km. off the mainland, the island of Ko Samet, covering 6.72 sq. km., is Rayong's most popular destination. Blessed with lovely scenery and beaches, it is easily accessible, while there is a considerable range of accommodation available. Triangular-shaped, most of the land area is forested with beaches *Ko Samet* 



dotting intermittently on the north and east sides of the island. The south side tapers into the sea with small isles of rocky formations offshore serving as a habitat and egg-laying grounds for seagulls. There are daily ferries to Ko Samet from 6.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and the trip takes about 30 minutes. Contact the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department Tel: 0 2562 0760

Website: www.dnp.go.th

### Suan Son

Here, about 4 km. from Ban Phe and 29 km. from Rayong town, are white sandy beaches and picnic areas. Take Highway No. 3145 along the beach road of Laem Mae Phim.

#### Ko Man Nok



#### Suan Wang Kaeo

Some 11 km. beyond Suan Son are more beaches with bungalows.

#### Laem Mae Phim

A little over 11 km. from Suan Wang Kaeo and 45 km. from Rayong town, this is a pleasant location for swimming and relaxation. Five kilometres further on from Laem Mae Phim along the beach road is the Sunthon Phu Memorial, which honours Thailand's leading poet in the early part of the Rattanakosin Era.

# Inland Attractions

#### Khao Chamao-Khao Wong National Park

The National Park in Amphoe Klaeng, reached by a left turn at the 274-km. marker on Highway No. 3, covers just under 85 sq. km. and is noted for its almost pristine forest, along with limestone mountains, caves and waterfalls. There are food shops, bungalows and a campsite within the park. At the entrance is the Somdet Krommaluang Chumphon Shrine where locals pay homage to the 'Father of the Royal Thai Navy'. Contact the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department Tel: 0 2562 0760 Website: www.dnp.go.th

#### Tham Khao Wong

These limestone caves containing stalagmites and stalactites are part of the Khao Chamao-Khao Wong National Park, and lie about 40 km. before Chanthaburi town on Highway No. 3 at the 286-km. marker. Tham Khao Wong is distinguished with 86 caves connected to one other.

## The Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Herbal Garden

Located within the grounds of the Petroleum Authority of Thailand, about 25 km. from town in King Amphoe Nikhom-Phatthana, this is a centre of various herbal plants and herbal research. Open everyday from 8.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. (except Sunday).

Tel: 0 3869 2507-14, 0 3868 1828 both Ext. 4018-9

# Sporting Opportunities

Available at the Orchard Park Riding Club, some 7 km. off Highway No.3 after a left turn at the 260-km. marker, and Slo Bunny Horse Riding Training Centre at Hat Mae Ramphueng. Tel: 0 3889 8623 Golf Top golf courses in Rayong include: • Century Country Club Tel: 0 3860 2889 • Eastern Star Golf Course Tel: 0 3863 0410-5 Website: www.easternstargolf.com • Great Lake Golf Course Tel: 0 3862 2630 • Rayong Green Valley Country Club Tel: 0 3889 3838-40 Website: www.standrews2000golf.com

# Special Events

## Rayong Fruit Fair

Held in May-June around the Tapong Fruit Market, Amphoe Mueang, the Fair promotes local fruits and other products with colourful fruit-decorated floats, fruit contests and agricultural exhibitions.

#### Sunthon Phu Day

Held annually on 26 June, the birthday of Sunthon Phu, Thailand's most famous and internationally recognised poet in the early Rattanakosin period. Activities include a procession featuring Sunthon Phu's literary works, and poetry and painting competitions.

#### The Robing of Phra Chedi Klang Nam

Held at Wat Pak Nam, Amphoe Mueang during the full-moon

Thai Fruits





Sunthon Phu Monument

period of the 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month, the fair coincides with the Loi Krathong Festival and features religious rites, long-boat races, and other entertainment.

# Getting There By Car

From Bangkok, take Highway No. 34 (Bang Na-Trat) or expressway to Pattaya, and then Highway No. 36 to Rayong. Alternatively, from Bangkok, take Highway No. 34 to Chon Buri, and from there Highway No. 344 (Ban Bueng-Klaeng), then turn into Highway No. 3 to Rayong, a total distance of 179 km.

## By Bus

The three-hour journey from Bangkok can be made on regular buses leaving from Bangkok's Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai). Air-conditioned buses depart Ekamai every 30 minutes from 4.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Tel: 0 2391 2504. There are also air-conditioned buses departing Mo Chit II Bus Terminal every hour from 4.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Tel. 0 2936 2852-66

# Accommodation

Accommodation options range from deluxe resorts to beach bungalows, and a list of hotels may be obtained from the TAT Central Region Office: Region 4. Tel. 0 3865 5420-1 Website: www.tourismthailand.org



Namtok Phlio National Park

# Chanthaburi

Visit Thailand's garden province famed for its rich and varied fruits of the earth. A fascinating town, lush green landscapes and tranquil coastal villages. With its provincial capital located 245 km. from Bangkok, Chanthaburi, covering 6,338 sq. km., is one of the Kingdom's less visited provinces, though one full of varied attractions. Known as the 'garden province', Chanthaburi is justly famed for its fertile land that gives plentiful yields of fruit such as mangosteen, rambutan and durian. The earth also yields rubies and sapphires, and Chanthaburi town remains an important trading centre for precious stones. Adding charm to the town is the Chanthaburi River, while the population comprises a colourful mix of ancient communities. Beyond the town, the province is characterised by an interior of forests and scenic waterfalls, and a coastline dotted with quiet fishing villages and peaceful beaches.

Website: www.chanthaburi.go.th

# City Attractions City Pillar and King Taksin the Great Shrine

These two local landmarks, the one defining the heart of city and the other honouring King Taksin, are located on Tha Luang Road. Opposite stands an old building dating from the reign of King Rama VI and was formerly the town hall.

## King Taksin the Great Memorial Statue

Located on Liap Noen Road, the equestrian statue of King Taksin is flanked by statues of his four royal guards, while the sculpted expression of the king's face clearly shows the resoluteness and determination of the man who reunited the Thais after the fall of Ayutthaya in 1767. The surrounding park and large pond serves as a popular recreation area. Si Chan Road King Taksin the Great Memorial Statue



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This is the commercial area and centre of the gem business. Even though actual gem - mining in the province - is not as extensive as it used to be, Chanthaburi remains a major centre for the trade in gemstones from neighbouring countries and from abroad. The main gem market is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning and attracts large crowds of dealers and visitors alike. Open daily 8.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

### Wat Phai Lom

Located across the Chanthaburi River from Si Chan Road, King Rama III-era Wat Phai Lom has a temple hall with its interior walls decorated with murals portraying the story of the Lord Buddha, interspersed with Chinese floral designs as well as illustrations of foreigners. Another building in the compound displays Western architectural influences, attesting to Chanthaburi's varied artistic and cultural heritage.

### Catholic Cathedral

Situated in Tambon Chanthanimit by the riverbank, this is Thailand's largest Gothic Catholic cathedral, the present building dating from 1906.

#### Wat Thong Thua

4 kilometres from town along the Sukhumvit Road in Tambon Klong Narai is the site of an ancient temple built over a Khmerstyle temple. There is also a large collection of ancient Khmer carved lintels, sandstone door columns carved in various designs and inscription stones. Nearby is the Mueang Phaniat archaeological site with its remains of the laterite base of a large Khmer religious sanctuary and moats.



Ancient Fortress

# Out-Of-City Attractions

Located in Tambon Bang Kacha, southwest of town, this was the site of settlement during the late Ayutthaya period. Attractions include two ancient pagodas in different styles, and an old Thai wooden pavilion.

#### Khao Laem Sing Forest Park

Some 25 km. from Amphoe Tha Mai, the Park features a 172metre hill located to the east of the mouth of the Chanthaburi River in Amphoe Laem Sing. Boats go from Hat Laem Sing to Hat Ao Krathing. Contact the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department Tel. 0 2562 0760 Website: www.dnp.go.th Oasis Sea World

Catholic Cathedral



Hat Chao Lao

Located near Hat Laem Sing, the Oasis Sea World has five dolphin shows daily 9.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3939 9015, 0 3936 3238-9

#### Hat Ao Yang

Located in Amphoe Laem Sing, this small beach some 2 km. before the park is cool and shady, and offers accommodation facilities.

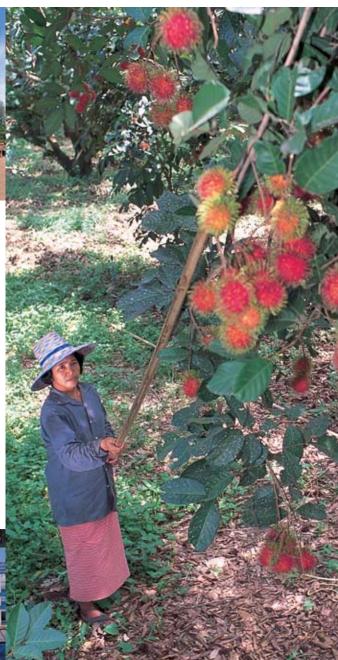
## Hat Khung Wiman, Hat Khung Kraben, Hat Laem Sadet and Hat Chao Lao

These are all peaceful beaches in Amphoe Tha Mai and clustered in an area about 30 km. from town.

#### Wat Khao Sukim

Situated about 20 km. north of town, Amphoe Tha Mai, the temple was built in 1966 to honour Phra Achan Somchai Thitwiriyo and houses a large collection of religious items

Oasis Sea World



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Mangosteens

and valuable antiques. Open daily 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

#### Khao Khitchakut National Park

The National Park in King Amphoe Khao Khitchakut, reached by taking a turn at the 324-km. marker on Highway No. 3 and travelling a further 21 km., covers 58 sq. km. of forestland rich in herbal plants and wildlife. An attraction is the Krathing Waterfall, where nature trails criss-cross the 13 tiers of the falls. Contact the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department Tel: 0 2562 0760 Website: www.dnp.go.th

#### Namtok Khao Soi Dao

About 70 km. from Chanthaburi and located at Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Reserve, Amphoe Khao Soi Dao, the 15-level waterfall is reached by a hiking trail amid unspoiled forests with a large variety of butterflies and birds.

#### Namtok Phlio National Park

Take a left turn at the 346-km. marker on Highway No. 3, to get to the Park at Amphoe Laem Sing that covers an area of 134.5 sq.km. of forest along the Khao Sa Bap mountain range. Points of interest include the 3-level Namtok Phlio, and a nearby pagoda built by King Rama V as a memorial to Phra Nang Chao Sunantha Kumarirat, his first consort, who died in a boating accident.

# Special Festivals

Fruit Festival

#### Fruit Festival

Held in May-June, the fair highlights the province's cornucopia of fruit, as well as featuring stalls selling local crafts, jewellery, Thai cuisine, and seafood products. There are also fruit contests and a beauty pageant.

# Getting There

## By Car

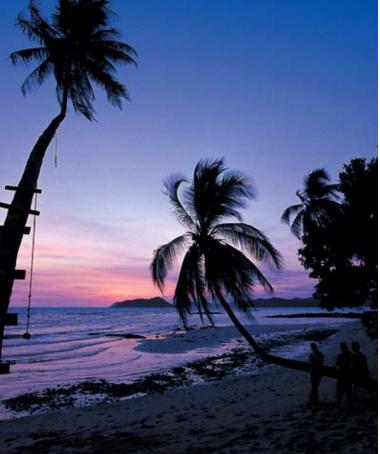
From Bangkok, take Highway No. 34 (Bang Na-Trat) or the expressway to Chon Buri, then Highway No. 344 (Ban Bueng-Klaeng) and proceed to Chanthaburi along Highway No. 3, a total distance of 245 km.

#### By Bus

The four-hour journey from Bangkok can be made on regular buses originating from Bangkok's Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai). Air-conditioned buses depart Ekamai every hour from 4 a.m. until midnight Tel: 0 2391 2504. There are also air-conditioned buses departing Mo Chit II Bus Terminal every hour from 5.00 a.m.- 6.30 p.m. Tel: 0 2936 2852-66

# Accommodation

A list of Chanthaburi hotels can be obtained from the TAT Central Region Office: Region 4. Tel: 0 3865 5420-1 Website: www.tourismthailand.org



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# Trat

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# City Attractions

## Wat Buppharam

Located on Plai Khlong Road, the temple dates from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century and features the oldest wooden temple in the country, while the surviving murals are of the early Rattanakosin period. The temple's museum houses a number of ancient relics, Buddha statues in different postures, and Chinese and European porcelain.

#### Wat Yotha Nimit

Also known as Wat Bot and 2 km. from Wat Buppharam, this temple has fine mural paintings in its former Ubosot. City Pillar

Bang Bao





Ko Ngam

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Located on Lak Mueang Road, the City Pillar stands in a Chinese-style building erected by King Taksin and highly revered by the townspeople.

#### Governor's Residence

This old three-storey building on Lak Mueang Road was once the residence of the French governor when the town was occupied in 1904-1907.

# Out-Of-City-Attractions

### Amphoe Bo Rai

This district used to be the major source of Siamese rubies and today a few gem markets can still be seen. There are also many beautiful waterfalls, particularly Namtok Khlong Kaeo and Namtok Saladdai.

#### Namtok Khlong Kaeo National Park

The National Park's seven-tier waterfall is situated 8 km. off

Namtok Khlong Kaeo National Park

Highway No. 3157 at Amphoe Bo Rai. Here, visitors will be amazed by a rare kind of orchid called Lueang Chan Orchid. Contact the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department. Tel: 0 2562 0760 Website: www.dnp.go.th

#### Ko Chang Naval Battle Memorial

Situated at Amphoe Laem Ngop, 17 km. from Trat town along Highway No. 3184, the Memorial commemorates a Franco-Thai naval engagement on 17 January 1941. There is also a Statue of Kromluang Chumphon, the 'Father of the Royal Thai Navy', and a warship-shaped museum with exhibits of the battle.

#### Tan Khu Bay

Located 12 km. from Laem Ngop, this bay has a fine sandy beach.

#### Ban Hat Lek

This border village on Highway No. 318 in Amphoe Khlong Yai has become a channel for Thai-Cambodian trading. There is an immigration checkpoint at the border, although visitors wishing to enter Cambodia must apply for a visa at the Cambodian Embassy in advance.

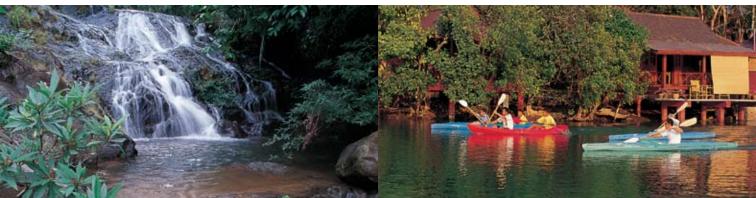
The Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Bangkok Tel: 0 2254 6630 or Cambodia Consulate General in Sa Kaeo Tel: 0 3742 1734-5

# Offshore Islands

## Ko Chang National Park

This comprises an archipelago of 52 islands, of which Ko Chang is the largest, and the second largest in the country after Phuket. Covering an area of 650 sq. km., it features fine beaches, coral reefs and plentiful marine life, while inland are forested hills

Ban Khlong Phrao, Ko Chang





#### Ko Rat

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and waterfalls, as well as fruit orchards. The best beaches are on the west side spreading from the north to the south, including Ao Khlong Son, Hat Sai Khao, Hat Khlong Phrao and Hat Kai Bae.

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Principal among the other islands are Ko Mak, to the south, which has several beautiful bays and beaches, as well as coral reefs; Ko Kut, the archipelago's second largest island and located in the southernmost point of Trat's territorial waters; Ko Wai; Ko Lao Ya; and Ko Kradat. Noted for both deep-water and shallow-water corals are the Mu ko Kra and Mu ko Rang, which are to the west of Ko Mak.

Ferries from the mainland to Ko Chang and other islands depart Laem Ngop Pier, some 20 km. from town, every 45 minutes daily from 6.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Tel: 0 3953 8318, 0 3959 7434); Centre Point Pier, 3 km. from Laem Ngop, departing every 35 minutes from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Tel: 0 3953 8196); and Ao Thammachat Pier, 15 km. from Laem Ngop, departing every 30 minutes daily from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. (Tel: 0 3959 7143).

# Special Events

## Ko Chang Naval Battle Day

Held annually in late January at the Ko Chang Naval Battle Monument at Laem Ngop, the event commemorates the bravery of the Royal Thai Navy's action against the French on 17 January 1941. Merit-making and tribute rites are performed and there is an exhibition by the Royal Thai Navy.

#### Trat Independence Day

23 March marks the day the province was returned to Thai sovereignty after French occupation. Celebrations are held at the provincial town hall annually.

# Getting There

## By Car

Trat town is 315 km. from Bangkok and is reached via Highway No. 34 to Chon Buri, then Highway No. 344 to Amphoe Klaeng and onwards along Highway No. 3, a total distance of 315 km.

#### By Bus

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# Accommodation

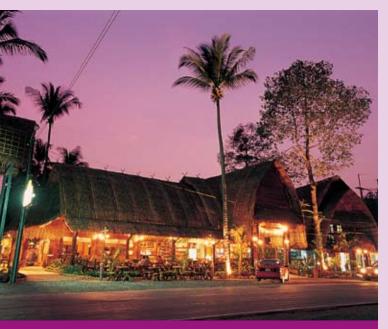
A list of hotels and resorts can be obtained from the TAT Central Region Office: Region 5. Tel: 0 3959 7255, 0 3959 7259-60 Website: www.tourismthailand.org

# Shopping

Some of the best buys are Siam rubies, and Thai desserts and fruits.

Ko Mak





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