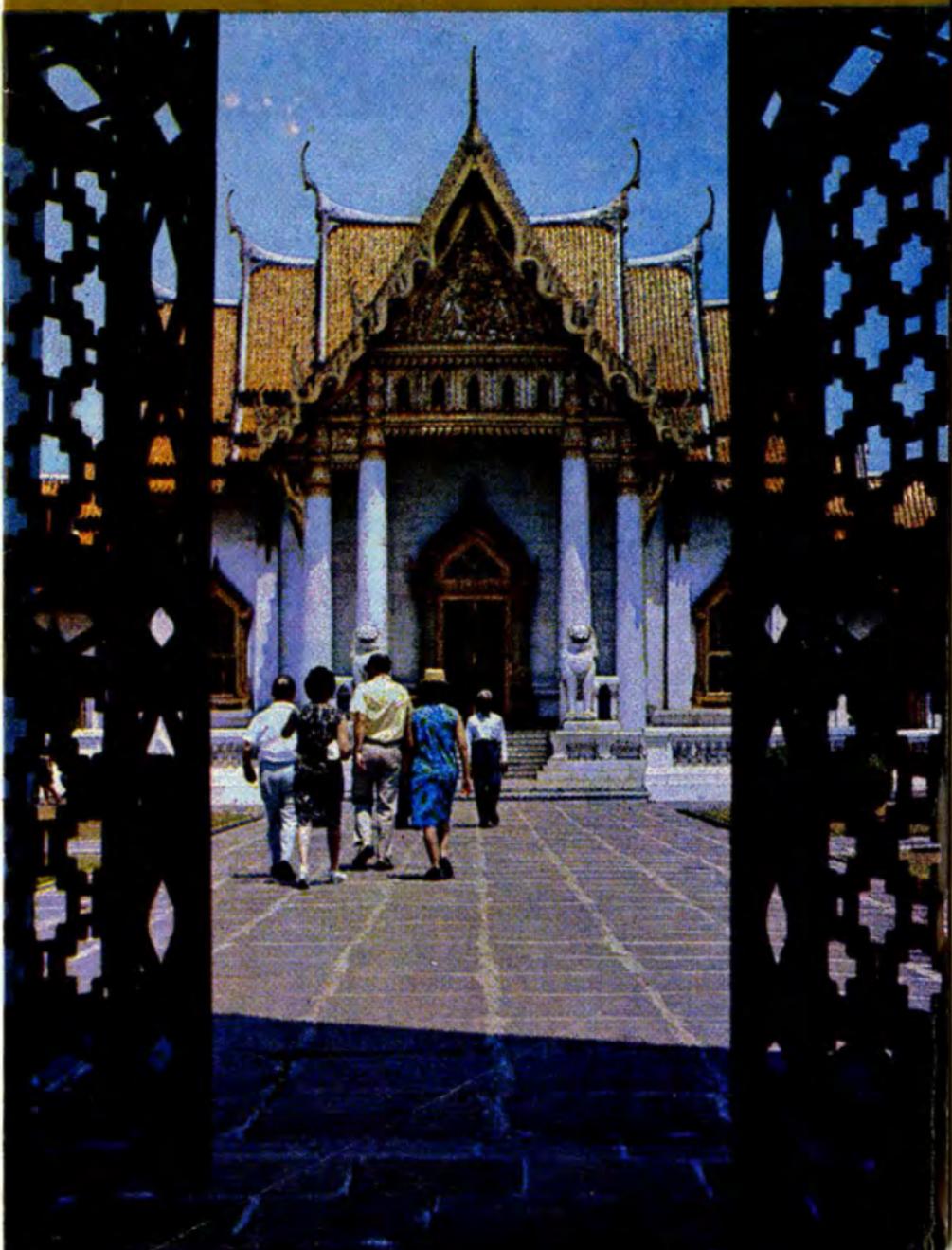


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TOURS



The Tourist Organization of Thailand (TOT) takes pleasure in suggesting the following selection of tours in, and outside of, Bangkok.

The Organization itself does not operate tours so we advise that you contact your travel agent for further details and help with actual arrangements.



BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING

This tour takes about 3 hours by car. Visit Lumpini Park Pasture Institute with its Snake Farm - Chulalongkorn University - Wat Benchamabopitr (The Marble Temple), The Zoo - The National Assembly Hall (The Marble Throne Hall). On the way back, pass along modern Ratchadamnoen Avenue to the Golden Mount and the outside walls of the Grand Palace.

A visit to the Lacquer Pavilion at Suan Pakkard Palace is also recommended. Decorated with 17th century murals in gold leaf and wood carvings, it houses a collection of rare antiques. It is open Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



GRAND PALACE

Visit the Grand Palace Grounds, go through Wat Phra Keo with its Emerald Buddha Chapel, Golden Chedi, The Royal Pantheon and Mondhop (Library). Male visitors must wear coats and neckties, women are requested not to wear slacks or shorts or slippers. The Grand Palace is open all day on Tuesday and Thursday but only in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Still cameras only are allowed in the Palace Grounds and the compound of the Wat Phra Keo. No camera of any type can be used inside the Chapel of the Emerald Buddha.



TEMPLE TOURS

Morning:

This tour includes six of the most unusual. Buddhist Temples - Wat Suthat with its two Chapels and the Giant Swing - Wat Rajpradit with its Khmer Tower - Wat Indra with its huge Standing Buddha - Wat Traimit with its newly discovered Golden Buddha - Wat Sraket - Wat Borvorvives.

Time: About 3 hours.

Afternoon:

Visit Wat Po, the most extensive temple in Bangkok, with its colossal Reclining Buddha and the Chedis of Kings - Wat Rajborpitr, famed for its beautiful mother of pearl inlaid doors - The National Museum.

Time: About 3 hours.



FLOATING MARKET PRAMANE GROUND

A "must" for all visitors to Bangkok and an unforgettable experience, is the "Floating Market" up the Chao Phraya River and the klongs (canals). This takes place in the early hours of the morning when the farmers market their produce: bananas, pineapples, mangoes and other exotic fruits. For color and variety this scene of Thai life along the river cannot be equalled. Stop at Wat Arun, famed Temple of the Dawn; later, view the Royal Barges.

A visit to the interesting weekend market at Pramane Ground is also recommended.



NATIONAL MUSEUM

For those desiring to take a fascinating trip into Thailand's glorious past, a visit to the National Museum will be most rewarding. It will not only give you exciting glimpses of the historical background and cultural growth of this country but also broaden your knowledge, understanding and tolerance of your fellow human - beings. At the Museum, if you are relaxed and allow your imagination free play, you will ride on elephants in magnificent howdahs, watch battles with ancient weapons by soldiers in colorful costumes, hear strange music on exotic instruments, witness artisans made in unusual forms of money, admire bargains of old lovingly at work on pottery. Here you will find objects that have been significant in the development of Thailand over the centuries in the economic, religious, art, cultural and other fields - objects you may not be able to find in other parts of the world because they are unique to Thailand.

The Museum is open every day, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. except Saturday and Monday. A gate fee of five baht is charged, except on Sunday when admission is free.



THAI SILK

Thai Silk, one of Thailand's greatest shopping bargains, is well known throughout the world for its beautiful colors and durability. Thai silk is hand-woven and comes in various weights. There are solid colors, plaids, stripes, checks, brocades and prints. Visitors who would like to see how Thai silk is made may visit the Bangkok Silk Company factory by contacting their office on Phaholyothin Road, Telephone 71972, Jim Thompson factory, Soi Kasemsan 2. opposite National Stadium, or by calling at the Tourist Organization of Thailand where plans can be made for the visit.



THAI CLASSICAL DANCING

Thai classical dancing at Phakavali Institute, everynight except Sunday at 9.00-10.15 p.m. (Bahts. 75).

Of special interest to photographers is the Thai Classical Dance Show, run every Wednesday and Saturday at 11.00-12.00 a.m. at the Siam Intercontinental Hotel, organized by the Far Eastern Kodak Co. (Bahts. 40). Rama Hotel - every night, 9.00 - 10.30 p.m. (Baht 90) The following Thai food restaurants also feature Thai classical dancing: Sbai Thong, Villa Flora, Maneeya, Baan Thai at 9.00 p.m. everyday.



THAI BOXING

Thai boxing is unique in the world. The use of knees, feet and elbows is permitted. At 5.00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at Ratchadamnoen Stadium; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Lumpini Stadium.

Tickets: Bahts. 30 - 60 - 80 - 100 - 150.



BANGSAEN

Seaside resort approx. 65 miles from Bangkok. A comfortable two-hour drive on good highway which passes through interesting villages, rice paddies and densely wooded foothills. Hotel and attractive bungalows can be rented at reasonable prices at TOT, Ratchadamnoen Avenue, Tel. 24641-2

There are good swimming, water skiing, sailing facilities and other aquatic activities.

Bangsae Hotel:	Single	Baht	176
	Double	Baht	220
Bungalows:		Baht	132-440



PATTAYA

38 miles further on from Bangsae is Pattaya Beach. Good highway through hilly landscape via the small village of Sriracha, famous for its excellent sea food. Pattaya offers water - skiing facilities. It also has fascinating spots for skin divers along the coral reefs. Special trips can be arranged to go by fishing-boat to off-shore islands.

Bungalows: Approx Bahts. 150 - 250 a day.
Hotel: Bahts. 200 - 400 a day.



NAKHON PATHOM RATCHABURI

Nakhon Pathom is the oldest city in Thailand and is situated 30 miles west of Bangkok.

This town can be reached by car, train or bus from Bangkok. It is the site of the Phra Pathom Chedi, which is the largest of its kind in Thailand with history dating back to A.D. 150. It was in Nakhon Pathom that Buddhism was first introduced to Thailand. The town also has many other interesting monuments and buildings. Visit nearby Ratchaburi with interesting caves.



BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

Train leaves from Bangkok Noi Station - Thonburi 6.00 a.m.

Train arrives Kanchanaburi 9.58 a.m.

For the archaeological-minded the town of Kanchanaburi is most interesting as a freak incident which occurred in World War II has lately led to the discovery of Neolithic burial sites in the region, and established a definite cultural relationship between the Neolithic peoples who lived in Thailand and Malaysia. At Kanchanaburi also is a British grave yard containing the bodies of British, Dutch and Australian soldiers who died during the construction of the notorious "Death" Railway. Situated some 70 miles west of Bangkok, at the confluence of the two rivers, the Great and Little Rivers Kwai (Kwai of film fame). Kanchanaburi can be reached by rail or road.

Special train to the Bridge on River Kwai leaves Bangkok Station every Saturday, Sunday and National Holiday at 8.05 a.m. and arrives the bridge at 11.07 a.m. It departs the Bridge at 12.51 a.m. arriving back to Bangkok station at 3.50 p.m.



HUA HIN

Daily train service all year round from Hua Lumpong Station.

Special week-end trains:

Dep.	Friday:	5.30 p.m.
Arr.	Hua Hin:	10.00 p.m.
Ret.	Sunday:	4.00 p.m.
Arr.	Bangkok:	8.35 p.m.

Located 140 miles south of Bangkok, Hua Hin is the most popular summer resort in Thailand and can be reached by rail and road. It offers beautiful beaches and one of the best golf courses in the country (18 holes), tennis courts, excellent fishing opportunities.

Visit Khao Ta Kieb with its beautiful view. Also visit Prachuab (beach) - Pranburi (fishing - village) - Petburi with King Mongkut's "Palace Hill" and interesting caves-Suan Sema, a coconut and cantaloup plantation.

Hua Hin Hotel:

Price: Double Room - Bahts. 150 - 180
Single Room - Bahts. 80
Bungalow - Bahts. 150 - 500
Off Season Rates 20% reduction



SONGKHLA

Plane: departs Bangkok 7.15 a.m., 9.15 p.m.

Plane: arrives Songkhla 11.00 a.m., 11.25 p.m.

Train: departs Hua Lumpong Station 4.15 p.m.

Songkhla is a lovely summer resort in Southern Thailand with beautiful beaches and an attractive lake, the Songkhla Lake. The town is known for its great variety of fruits and excellent sea-food. It is also the center for a special kind of handwoven material intriguing to the shopper.

Temperature in Songkhla is pleasant and equable all the year round. Interesting boat trips can be taken to the off-shore islands, "The Cat" and "The Rat"

Songkhla can best be reached by plane which makes a stop-over at Puket Island, a mining center which likewise offers beautiful scenery. Visit nearby Haadyai, commercial center - Pattani - Yala - Naradhivat. Trains leave from Haadyai to wonderful and exotic Penang in Malaysia. Bangkok to Songkhla by sea also provides an interesting and restful mode of travel. Suitable accommodation is available in Songkhla.



AYUTTHAYA

Ayutthaya is a former capital of Thailand (1350-1767) and offers magnificent ruins of early splendor, some of which have been restored and some of which are still under going archaeological excavations. There is also an interesting museum, Chao Sam Phraya Museum.

Ayutthaya is situated about 55 miles north of Bangkok. The drive goes through gorgeous paddy fields and orchards, the most valuable assets of Thailand.

It is recommended that this trip should include a visit to the old Royal Summer Palace at Bang-Pa-In, a few miles before reaching Ayutthaya.

Time by car: 1 1/2 hrs. Time by train: 1 hr.

Return by boat if possible, enjoying fascinating sunset and interesting scenes of native life.

Return time by boat: 5-6 hours.



LOP BURI

The interesting city of Lop Buri, one of the oldest capitals of the Khmers is situated approx. 93 miles north of Bangkok. Monuments in Khmer style still exist in abundance.

King Narai (1656 - 1688) made Lop Buri the capital for the second time in 1664 and had French architects build it. There are interesting remains of the Grand Palace, temples and a house that used to belong to the Greek adventurer, Phaulkon, who was King Narai's Prime Minister. This trip can be taken by car, train or bus. The highway passes through lovely, hilly landscape. Stop for picnic at the Botanical Gardens in Saraburi and don't miss Wat Phra Buddha Badh a temple containing Buddha's Footprint, 11 miles before reaching Lopburi.



PIMAI KORAT

Pimai, one of the oldest cities in Thailand, can be reached by car from Korat. This ancient place can best be described as the Angkor Wat of Thailand. It was the capital of the Khmers about 990 years ago and was built during the same dynasty as Angkor Wat; supposedly also by the same architect, but before Angkor Wat.

Korat is situated 157 miles from Bangkok. It can be reached by rail or road. The road, "Friendship Highway" is one of the best in Thailand, Pimai is about 33 miles from Korat.

Korat is known for its venerable ruins and beautiful silks. Visit the statue of "Tao Suranari" a famous Thai woman who fought courageously against invading enemies in 1826.



SUKHOTHAI PHITSANULOKE

The interesting city of Sukhothai ancient capital of Thailand (1257-1389)- before the Ayutthaya period-is situated 375 miles from Bangkok.

The trip to Sukhothai can best be made by car in 5 days, The first day, stay overnight in a first class hotel in Nakhon Sawan, 215 miles from Bangkok.

This city is surrounded by hills and beautiful lakes.

Next day lunch at the small village of Tak, located on the bank of the river Maenam Ping. Visit nearby Bhumipol Dam. The old city of Sukhothai has ruins of many old temples and of the Grand Palace from the reign of King Ramkamhaeng (1277-1317).

Excursion to Phitsanuloke (36 miles from Sukhothai).

Visit Wat Phra Sri Ratana Maha Tadt with the original Phra Buddha Jinaraj (reproduction in the Marble Temple in Bangkok). Visit beautiful Wang Nok Ann waterfalls which afford excellent swimming opportunities.

Phitsanuloke can also be reached by train, but from Phitsanuloke to Sukhothai there is no train connection (Bus service).

Trains leave Bangkok from Hua Lumpong Station at 7.00 a.m., 8.20 a.m., 12.00 a.m., 5.05 p.m.

Planes leave for Phitsanuloke 4 times a week at 8 a.m.



CHIANGMAI

Train: Dep. Bangkok: 5.05 p.m.
Arr. Chiangmai: 10.00 a.m.
Dep. Chiangmai: 4.00 p.m.
Arr. Bangkok: 9.00 a.m.

Plane: For flight schedules, please contact Thai Airway Co. Tel. 811633

Situated approx. 470 miles by rail, approx. 500 miles by car, north of Bangkok, Chiangmai is called the "Rose of the North" because of its pleasant climate, beautiful scenery and numerous sight-seeing spots, its colorful festivals, hospitable people and its gorgeous roses.

Chiangmai is Thailand's second largest city and is in a valley surrounded by mountains. It is 1023 feet above sea level and much cooler than Bangkok.

It is best reached by rail or plane. Chiangmai is the home of traditional Thai handicrafts such as silk and cotton weaving, pottery, silver ware and lacquerware: shopping is a delightful adventure.

Interesting visits to Chiangmai's many temples: the important Wat Chom Thong - Wat Phra Tadt - Doy Sutep, a temple with a "chedi" containing a relic of Buddha - Wat Phra Singh, one of the biggest and oldest temples in Chiangmai - Wat Chiang Man - Wat Chedi Luang - Wat Suan Dauk - Wat Chedi Liam - Wat Jed Yod. Visit Chiang Dao caves - Mae Klang waterfalls - the King's winter palace.

Visit hill tribes in nearby villages - the ancient city of Lampang. Also Lamphun with its old temples and silk weaving.

Hotels: Bahts. 30 - 300

Bungalows: Bahts. 50 - 100



KHAO YAI

An interesting one-day trip for nature lovers who enjoy beautiful mountain scenery. The route follows the Friendship Highway through farming communities and then branches off into mountainous area: following a new scenic road to the top of Khao Yai, the National Park and hill resort. Accommodations are available for travelers to remain overnight and there is a restaurant near the bungalows. Reservations may be made by phoning the Tourist Organization of Thailand.

Price: Bungalow Bahts. 220
Motel Bahts. 165
Tourist House, Bahts. 165



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