

PATTAYA GUIDE



Once a fishing town, Pattaya has now become an amazing city surrounded by 30 offshore islands. Pattaya is located approximately 140 km southeast of Bangkok, and faces the Gulf of Siam.

Pattaya's accommodation ranges from luxuriously beachside hotels to simple guesthouses. It also offers the allure of a truly vibrant nightlife with a great variety of restaurants, night clubs, bars, discotheques, and the most famous Cabaret Show which one should not miss!

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How to Get to Pattaya

From Suvarnabhumi Airport

■ Taxi

Proceed to the taxi counter, level 2 at the Arrival Hall near entrance 3, 4, 7 and 8. Taxi Fare: Airport surcharge of THB 50 plus amount on meter and expressway fees.

■ Bus



You may purchase bus tickets at the arrival hall by Thai International. The bus transfer time is 2 - 2 ½ hours from the airport to Pattaya.

■ Rented Car

If you know how to drive a car, you may rent it which will allow you to reach your destination faster. You may rent from both local or international companies like *Budget* +66 (03) 871-0717, *Hertz* +66 (03) 871-6693, *Avis* +66 (03) 836-1627, *National* +66 (03) 841-125/6. Call in advance for rental; you may have your car ready in the airport during your arrival.

From Bangkok

■ Ekamai Bus Station

Also known as the Eastern Bus Terminal. It is located on Sukhumvit Road Soi 63 (BTS Sky Train Ekamai Station). The trip from here to Pattaya is approximately 2 hours. T: +66 (02) 391 2504

■ Northern/North Eastern Bus Terminal

Located on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Rd (near Chatuchak Market). The trip from here to Pattaya is approximately 2 hours. T: +66 (02) 936 2852-66

Weather

Pattaya has a tropical climate and rarely sees any large differences throughout the year. However, the weather patterns can be divided into three seasons:

■ Hot – March to May

The weather is very hot and unpleasantly sticky. Temperatures can go up to 40°C.

■ Rainy – June to October

The rain is rarely lasts all day or night, with temperatures between 25°C to 30°C day or night.

■ Cool – November to February

The climate is tropical and humid most of the time, expected temperature to be 30°C during the day and 20°C at night.

Getting around Pattaya

■ Songthaew Service

It is a cheap, popular and convenient mode of transport in Pattaya. There are two bench seats on both side of the pickup track with a cover on top.



If you were to follow set route like a bus, there will be a fixed price. However, you will need to negotiate the price if you would like to go somewhere off its route. You may experience the life-style of Thais in Pattaya now!

■ Motorcycle Taxi

If you are looking for a fast mode of transportation and are up for the risk you may wish to consider Pattaya motorcycles taxis as your form of transportation. The drivers wear either orange vests or green vests. Price starts from Baht 15.

■ Motorcycle / Jeep / Car Rental

If you know how to ride motorcycle or even drive a car or jeep, you may rent it which will definitely allowed you to reach your destination faster. You may rent from both local or international companies like *Budget* +66 (03) 871-0717, *Hertz* +66 (03) 871-6693, *Avis* +66 (03) 836-1627, *National* +66 (03) 841-125/6.

Places of Interest

■ The Million Years Stone Park and Crocodile Farm

Especially appealing to nature lovers this park has over a-million-year-old petrified trees, strange rocks and rare and colorful flowers. Enjoy the exciting fight of man vs. crocodile, man using his bare hands, as well as a collection of rare animals!



■ Mini Siam



This miniature city is easily recognized by the huge statues that stand at the edge of the road. It offers great craftsmanship model of sacred places and important historical sites in Thailand. Besides that, there is a world section which also known as Mini Europe with models of various well-known European structures.

■ **Nongnuch Tropical Garden**



This is a stunning and beautiful landscape garden with an orchid nursery and other tropical gardens.

Watch a fascinating Thai cultural performance, visit the mini zoo and view elephant shows in this Thai-style recreation park. It is situated about 18 kilometers from South Pattaya.

■ **Vimantaitalay Submarine**



This is one of the most unique Pattaya attractions where you can view the spectacular underwater world of

fishes and corals through windows along the sides. You can get a ferry boat (25-30 minutes) from South Pattaya pier to Barge ship at Kor Sak. Transfer to Barge ship to get into submarine (5-10 minutes). The whole sightseeing expedition in the submarine takes around 30-45 minutes.

■ **Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum**



A fascinating and weird yet wonderful exhibition located on 3rd floor of Royal Garden

Plaza Building in South Pattaya. There are 250 categories of Mr. Ripley's collections.

■ **Sriracha Tiger Zoo**

Don't miss the chance to see how tigers live alongside other animals peacefully! You can also hold, feed and take photos with the baby cubs. It is located in Si Racha County, only 30 minutes drive from Pattaya.

■ **Miniature Racetrack**

Place for professional and amateur drivers! Separate tracks have been allotted for different level of drivers for safety purpose. It is located on Theprasit Road.

■ **Underwater World**

Featuring more than 200 species of marine life, with their brilliant colours, it is a visual feast to the eyes. You may enjoy the amazing undersea life and the sandy beaches. It is situated at Sukhumvit Road near South Pattaya.



■ **Coral Island (Ko Larn)**

It is a beautiful, immaculate sandy beach with glass-clear waters and extensive coral, located 7.5 kilometers off Pattaya. You may spend your day there swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, windsurfing, skiing or even sunbathing.



■ **Elephant Village**

Watch elephants display their forestry skills and play football, and if feeling a little adventurous ride hop on for a ride! It is situated on Pornprapanimitr Road.

■ **Pattaya Water Park**

It is an ideal place for the family to spend their day with an amusement park, a Jacuzzi and a gigantic slide. It is situated on Thappraya Road, at the top of Jomtien Beach.



Shopping

■ **Tesco / Lotus**



A hypermarket found in North and South Pattaya. It has a supermarket, food court, mobile phone shops, bank offices and others.

■ **Central Festival Pattaya Beach**

It is newly opened - "Largest Beach Side Shopping Complex" - located at Pattaya Road 1. Among all shopping centers in Thailand, it is the only one that positioned next to an attractive beach with eye-catching scenery of the sea. You can find various fashions and branded clothes, shoes such as ZARA, Guess and so on.

■ **Big C**

It is found in North and South of Pattaya with departmental stores similar to Tesco. It features numerous restaurants and independent retail shops. It operates from 10am to 11pm.

■ **Royal Garden Plaza**

A shopping center spread over three floors and sits between Pattaya Beach and Pattaya Second Road. There are restaurants, retail shops, food center as well as cinemas. It is located next to the Royal Garden Hotel.

■ **Mike Shopping Mall**

It is located in the Central Pattaya, Beach Road between Soi 11 and 12. A large, five floor shopping mall that sells hardware items, household goods, furniture, computers, electronic equipment and others.

After Dark

■ **Tiffany Cabaret Show**

It has been ranked the most



spectacular lady boy show in Thailand in part given their 28 years of stage experience. Painted nails and feline grace you would never take them for anything but a woman. Enjoy their marvelous performances and you can even pose for pictures with them after the shows!

■ **Walking Street**



The most exciting and famous street located in South Pattaya where you can find various kinds of entertainment, from bars, discos to cabaret shows. There are various restaurants available for instance seafood restaurants designed for you to enjoy your dinner at a fantastic place.

■ **Alangkarn Show**

One of the more famous theatre shows with the capacity to seat 2000. Instead of normal Thai performance, a new concept was applied by using modern dance style combined with multi-dimension colored lasers, lighting and surround sound system. It is located in Sukhumvit road 155 KMs, Jomtien.

■ Alcazar Cabaret Show

It is an entertaining show by beautiful lady boys with lip-singing, dance and various performances.



This is a grand theatre with 1,200 seats.

Dining

■ Mum-Aroi Restaurant

This fantastic seafood restaurant is popular with everyone. Dishes are delicious and sitting alongside the beach makes for a much laid back atmosphere. Don't miss this chance and stop by at Naklua Road (North Pattaya).

■ Ruen Thai Restaurant



Ruen Thai is a beautiful Thai restaurant situated on the second

road of South Pattaya. It features traditional Thai dance and music which makes it a perfect place for a date. After every few moments a group of a Thai dancers, wearing glittering costumes, emerge to perform a variety of dances. They are accompanied by six musicians, gently playing their instruments.

■ Aahhar Indian Restaurant

It is an Indian restaurant that represents the finest authentic delicacies of Moghul and North Indian Cuisine. Operating hours are from 11am to 11pm. There is a fantastic bar with full range of cocktails and reasonable priced wines.

■ Café Terrace

Enjoy a cheerful dining experience in this café located in Royal Orchid Hotel near North Coast, Naklua Road.



Its comprehensive selection of International Oriental dishes (Thai, Asian, Indian and Western). Operating hours are from 6am to 11pm.

■ Casa Pascal Restaurant

A classic yet elegant European restaurant located at second road, South Pattaya where it is a perfect venue for people to enjoy food in the bustling Pattaya city. Their signature dishes are goose liver, Alaskan king crab legs and slow-roasted rack of lamb.

Calendar

■ 31 Dec – New Year Eve

Don't miss the chance to countdown in Pattaya; a place where almost all hotels burn fireworks all together in one time! There will also have a large stage with Thai singers and dancers to entertain you. Food and beverages stalls can be found along the walking streets.

■ 14-16 Feb – Chinese New Year

Many festivities are held along Jomtien & Pattaya beachfronts, the Pattaya Pier and other places. Performances like lion & dragon dances and exhibiting spectacular fireworks will be held.

■ 19-21 March – Pattaya Musical Festival

It is a momentous festival that gathers music lovers from around the world. This is an unrivaled opportunity to enjoy a weekend of listening and dancing to

beautiful music performed by more than 100 musicians. Fun awaits everyone, on March.

April – Pattaya Songkran Festival



It is a family celebration where the young will pour scented

water on the elder in return for their blessings. However, today it is more than that and if you are out and about don't expect to stay dry.

■ July – Pattaya Marathon

You can now join the Pattaya Marathon which has more than hundred participants! The route is along Jomtien Beach to a half-way mark, then return to Beach Road via Pattaya Hill (36 – 38 kilometers).

■ Oct / Nov – Chonburi Buffalo Races

Jockeys will ride their respective decorated buffaloes in a race to the finishing line.



Prizes will be given for winner of the above, the healthiest buffalo and some lucky lady will be crowned Miss Farmer Pageant.

Things to Know



■ Thai people greet each other using the term "Sawasdee" along with both palms and hands united to form a *wai*. The

wai is equivalent to the Western handshake.

- Always show your respect toward the King and members of the Royal Family, monks and elders, as well as all religious statues.
- Thailand is famous for cheap and nice goods; however you may still need to bargain especially in tourist areas.
- Everyday at 8am and 6pm the National Anthem is played in a show of patriotism, and as a sign of respect all Thais will come to a standstill.

Currency

Thai Baht (THB) is used in the country with the below exchange rates (approximate only)

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| 1 EUR =44.80 THB | 1 SGD =23.15 THB |
| 1 USD =34.96 THB | 1 JPY =0.28 THB |
| 1 AUD =22.23 THB | 1 GBP =50.83 THB |

Please visit www.xe.com/ucc for updated daily rates.

Important Information

- Language : Thai and English
- Electricity : 220 Volts
- Religion : Buddhist (90%)
- Area Code : +66 (Thailand)
- City Code : 03 (Pattaya)
- Time Zone : UTC/GMT +7

Emergency Calls

- Tourist Police : 1555
- Police : 191
- Ambulance : 1646
- Information : 1133