

CHON BURI

A seaside province located on Thailand's east coast, Chon Buri provides visitors with scenic views of superb natural beauty and earns a reputation as one of the country's popular sanctuaries for holiday retreats. Locally referred to as "Mueang Chon", the province is not just a well-known seaside destination, but also a producer of major industrial and agricultural products.

Situated not far from the city of Chon Buri is Pattaya, a holiday paradise for fun-lover. Thailand's premier beach resort that attracts a large number of tourists from all over the world, Pattaya is charmed by a tropical resort atmosphere suitable for total relaxation. Besides its blessed natural beauty, Pattaya also offers a wide range of water sports and other adventurous activities – something that visitors can enjoy from dusk to dawn. The must-not-miss activity on the list also extends to exploring Pattaya's vibrant nightlife, which is complimented by parades of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, discotheques and spectacular shows. Within an hour drive from Bangkok, Chon Buri is a dream destination tourists choose to take refuge from the chaotic city's life.



Khao Chi Chan



Pattaya



Ko Sichang



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1. Pattaya : 52 km. from the city of Chon BuriB10
One of Asia's premier beach resorts, Pattaya styles itself as Thailand's Riviera for pleasure-seeking tourists from all walks of life. Pattaya, the "blue diamond" of Chon Buri, is divided into three main areas: Northern, Central and Southern. For those looking for a secluded place to relax, unwind and enjoy water sports, Northern Pattaya is highly recommended. On the other hand, those who look forward to experiencing the vibe of the city must not miss an opportunity to explore Central and Southern Pattaya – places where most of the entertainment venues are located.



2. Hat Bangsaen and Khao Sammuk : 13 km. from the city of Chon BuriC5
A well-known beach located just a short drive from Bangkok. Popular with local tourists, the beach is famed for its endless lists of such fun-filled activities as banana boats, scooters, jet skis and sailing. Nearby attractions are the Aquarium or the Marine Scientific Institute of Burapha University and Khao Sammuk, where you can peacefully appreciate the beauty of the sun setting on the horizon.



3. Ko Lan : 7.5 km. of South Pattaya PierA10
The largest island of Pattaya's scattered archipelago, Ko Lan welcomes both Thais and foreigners alike with its white sandy beach and crystal clear water. A great holiday escape for those looking for the right combination of relaxation and fun, the island offers nothing but unique choices of attractions. While Hat Ta Waen is suitable for those seeking to unwind or sunbathe, Hat Samae offers a superb opportunity to watch sunsets with a panoramic view. Hat Thian is perfect for those who prefer low-profile holidays. Other water sports such as snorkeling, scuba diving, wind-surfing and parasailing are available.



4. Ko Sichang : 12 km. of Si Racha ShoreA7, B7
The island has long been a famous holiday escape since the reign of King Rama V. Its exquisite scenery and serene atmosphere makes the place special. It is advisable to hire a local tricycle, dubbed "Skylab", for an island tour.



5. Sattahip: 46 km. from the city of Chon BuriC13
The Royal Thai Naval Base, with some parts open to the public, Sattahip offers a tranquil atmosphere and picturesque beauty. Anchored nearby is HTMS Chakri Naruebet, the royal vessel and Thailand's first aircraft carrier equipped with state-of-the-art military gear. Other must-visit attractions include Hat Nang Ram and Hat Toei Ngam, where inexpensive accommodation is available.



6. Khao Kheow Open Zoo : 19 km. from Bang Phra Reservoir IntersectionE6, F6
Covering a lush area of some 1,200 acres, the zoo is home to more than 300 species of wildlife from all over the world. The Day zoo (8.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.) offers such entertainment as animal shows, ostrich rides and photo sessions with the animals. The Night zoo (6.00-9.00 p.m.) or night safari allows visitors a closer look at the animals' nocturnal activities. Visitors are allowed to drive their own cars on the safari. The zoo's tram is also available. Call +66 3831 8444 for more information.



7. Si Racha Tiger Zoo :D7
Thailand's only Tiger Zoo, the place offers amusing and thrilling activities for both adults and children alike. A great place for family outings and group excursions, the zoo also features the rare Bengal tiger. It is only here that visitors can feed and take pictures with baby tigers, while experiencing the unique co-existence between tigers, pigs and dogs. Call + 66 3829 6556-8 for more information.



8. Wat Yannasangwararam-Wiharn Sian - Khao Chichan :D12
A temple under the King's patronage and a place where tourists can find eclectic buildings sitting side by side. Attractions around the compound include the Chapel modified from Rangsithawat Temple; the international pavilion which shows the integration of six national architectural characteristics; and the world-record of 130-meter sitting Buddha Image cast on the cliff by laser beams.



9. Bang Phra Reservoir :D6
Located in the wildlife sanctuary of Bang Phra Reservoir is a 2,784-acre bird-watching site, where you can find a combination of three ecosystems: marshland, grassland, and shrubbery. Bird lovers must not miss great chance to observe over 130 bird species of the indigenous, water and migratory birds.



Hat Chom Thian



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Getting There	
By Car	
There are many routes from Bangkok, the convenient ones are:	
1. Bang Na-Trat Road (Highway No.34) or the parallel Bang Na-Trat Expressway.	
2. Bangkok-Min Buri Road (Highway No.304) passing through Chachoengsao-Bang Pakong to Chon Buri	
3. Bangkok-Chon Buri Motorway (Highway No.7)	
By Bus	
There are daily first and second class air-conditioned bus services to Chon Buri. The 1.30 -2 hours first-class air-conditioned bus service runs from 5.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. at 30 - minute intervals and costs around 60 baht. Second class air-conditioned bus service runs from 5.45 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. at 20 minutes intervals. For more details, contact Bangkok's Eastern Bus Terminal Tel.+66 2391 8097, Cherd Chai Tour Tel.+66 2391 2804. Those who want to travel to Hat Bangsaen can take the bus that passes through Pattaya or Sattahip townships. Get off at the Bangsaen Intersection or Nong Mon Market and catch the local minibus to the beach.	
By Train	
There is one daily train departing from Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lamphong). For more details, contact 1690, or www.railway.co.th	



Map of Pattaya



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Glossary of Thai Terms

Amphoe	: District
Ao	: Bay
Ban	: Village
Hat	: Beach
Khao	: Mountain
Khlong	: Canal
Ko	: Island
Laem	: Cape
Muko	: Group of Islands
Mueang	: Town or City
Namtok	: Waterfall
Tham	: Cave
Tambon	: Sub-district
Wat	: Temple

Important Telephone Numbers

Pattaya City Call Center	1337
TAT Contact Center	1672
Tourism Authority of Thailand, Pattaya Office (TAT Pattaya)	Tel: +66 3842 7667, +66 3842 8750
Tourist Police	Tel: 1155, +66 3842 5937,
Police Station (Pattaya)	Tel: +66 3842 0802
Police Station (Chom Thian)	Tel: +66 3825 5700
Bangkok Hospital Pattaya	Tel: +66 3825 9999, 1719
Pattaya Memorial Hospital	Tel: +66 3848 8777
Bang Lamung Hospital	Tel: +66 3841 1551
U Taphao International Airport Bus Terminal (Pattaya)	Tel: +66 3824 5595 Tel: +66 3842 9877

Prime Attractions | Pattaya



1. Hat PattayaQ5
Pattaya's 3-kilometer crescent - shape beach, fringed by shady evergreens, makes it one of Thailand's most popular destinations for visitors. The beach faces Ao Pattaya, a major venue where tourists can enjoy taking part in water sports such as jet-skis, parasails, banana boats and dive boats. For those craving a lazy day on the beach, renting a beach chair (20 baht/day), sipping your favourite drinks and tasting fresh seafood provided by roaming vendors is highly recommended. It's sea, sand, sun and fun that makes Pattaya such a memorable holiday.



2. Underwater World :S10
The newest ocean aquarium in town is the Underwater World – a perfect living museum for both leisure visitors and nature enthusiasts. Plunge into the deep sea and enjoy wonders of the underwater world just by walking along a 100-meter acrylic tunnel filled with marine species. The highlight of the show is when divers enter the tank to feed the sharks. No admission fee for children under 90 cm.Call +66 3875 6877-9,+66 8 1575 1006 for more information. Website: www.underwaterworldpattaya.com



3. Mini Siam :U3
A miniature town displays aspects of Thai culture, and other ethnic heritage from all over the world in 1:25 scale. Call +66 3872 7666 for more information.



4. Million Years Stone Park & Pattaya Crocodile Farm :V4
Located approximately 9 kilometers from the town of Pattaya, the park is covered with a variety of exotic plants and is well known for its Bonsai garden decorated with strange rock formations. The fact that some Bonsai date back over 200 years makes it even more appealing to both local and foreign visitors. The park is also home to Chao Phraya Giant Catfish, Thailand's most beautiful and nearly extinct freshwater fish. The Crocodile Farm, comprised of over 1,000 crocodiles, is worth visiting. Also worth seeing are the thrilling crocodile shows. For more information call +66 3824 9347-9. Website: www.thaistonepark.org



5. Cabaret Shows: Tiffany's and Alcazar'sR4, R5
Pattaya's magnificent transvestite shows receive overwhelming attention from both domestic and international visitors Renowned for their extraordinary productions and extravagant costumes, the shows are a highlight, a must-see attraction in any tour program. Call +66 3842 1700-5 for more information. Website: www.tiffany-show.co.th. Alcazar's Show: Call +66 3841 0224-7 www.alcazarthailand.com



6. Walking StreetP7
A fascinating street located at the end of Pattaya Klang road –a place that only comes to life at night. With colorful nightclubs, karaoke, and go-go bars on its sidewalks, Walking Street also offers a large collection of reasonably priced Made-in-Thailand products.



7. Nong Nooch Tropical Garden & Resort :V17
A 500 - acre recreation park in the style of a Thai village offers a splendid collection of Thai flora that includes orchids, ferns and flowering plants. Set amidst a beautifully arranged landscape use botanical gardens and an exotic palm garden. Another attraction is cultural and traditional shows performed daily. Admission is 400 baht, which includes the cultural shows. Call +66 3823 8061-3 for more information. Website: www.nongnoochtropicalgarden.com



8. Sanctuary of Truth :R1
As the name implies, the 108-meter-high wooden shrine exemplifies religious faiths and oriental philosophy – a quest to the truth of our lives. Located against a stunning backdrop of the sea and Na Kluea village, the temple's exterior is delicately crafted and decorated. Enshrined inside are numerous carved figures of Asian gods. A nearby attraction is a pool featuring dolphin shows for tourists. call +66 3811 0653 - 54 for more information. Website: www.sanctuaryoftruth.com



9. Khao Phra Tamnak Scenic Point :O7
The hill simply offers the most spectacular, breathtaking and panoramic view of Hat Pattaya, which is most vividly seen at night. It is here that the locals normally come to pay respect and ask for blessings from the figure of Krommaluang Chumphon – one of King Rama V's sons and the founder of Thailand's modern Navy. On the other hill is where a large Buddha image of the much revered Luang Pho Yim and a reproduction of the Buddha's footprint are enshrined.



Services

Company	Tel.
Car rent	
Pattaya Car Rent Center	+66 3836 1358, +66 3822 1482-3
Chalee Car Rent	+66 3872 0413
Q Cars rental	+66 8 1808 7213
Budget	+66 3819 6541
Avis	+66 2787 3482, +66 3841 0738
Tour agent	
East Coast Travel	+66 9 2635 8837
J.K.Travel Pattaya	+66 3836 1607
Visa	
Thai Legal & Associates	+66 3805 9645
The German-Thai Group	+66 3842 7364-5

Touring around Pattaya

Song Thaeo Running in circle along Pattaya Beach Road and Pattaya 2 Road to Chomthian Beach and Na Kluea Market is the 24-hour Song Thaeo service you can't afford to miss. The fare for a short trip is 10 baht and approximately 30 baht for a longer trip. Alternatively, the bus can be hired, the price is approximately 500 baht depending on the distance.	Motorcycle Big and Small motorcycles are available to rent from different sites located along the beach road (from North to South Pattaya). The price is approximately 500 baht each/ day.
Bicycle Bicycles can easily be rented anywhere. The price is 100 baht each/ day, or 20 baht each/ hour.	Car Several companies located along the beach road provide car rental services, the price is approximately 1,500 baht depending on the model.

Festivals

Pattaya Music Festival Annually held in March, the festival is dubbed “Thailand's Woodstock” and features many different kinds of live music on a variety outdoor stages.	Songkran Festival Known to Thais as “Songkran Festival of the East”, the Thai New Year is held annually during 16 – 18 April and in Pattaya on 19 April.
Pattaya Festival Also held annually in the middle of April, the event features such entertaining activities as parade of florid floats, Miss Pattaya Pageant, a water sports competition, cultural performances and more.	Buffalo Racing Festival The races are organized in October to honor those useful beasts of burden on Thai farms: water buffalos. One highlight of the festival is a competition that requires buffaloes to be dressed up in fancy costumes.



10. Pattaya Floating MarketT14
Pattaya Floating Market was opened to the public in November 2008. The area of Pattaya's latest attraction, which is situated on almost 100,000 square meters, is divided into 4 separate parts, each with its own unique location, represents the four regions of Thailand: Northern, Central, Northeastern and Southern region and offering a special blend of differing traditions. For more information, call +66 8 8444 7777 Website: www.pattayafloatingmarket.com

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Interesting Activities



1. Banana Boating
Ranked among the top-five popular activities in Pattaya, Banana boating is a group activity guaranteed to give you a wet and wild thrill! Great fun comes when you are on board, trying to avoid being thrown into the sea during the speedy ride. Services are available almost anywhere on the beach.



2. Golfing
Pattaya, one of Thailand's leading popular beach resorts, also boasts excellent golf courses which are reasonably priced and of world-class standards. While several golf courses offer hillside locations and spectacular views, some have been specially designed by such famed golfers as Jack Nicklaus (Laem Chabang International Golf Club), Dennis Griffith (Phoenix Golf Club) and David and Garry (Boorapha Golf). A fair test for all classes of player is the Phlu Ta Luang of the Royal Navy Club.



3. Diving
At the top of the must-not-miss activity in Pattaya list is diving. It's always fun, challenging and exciting to explore the underwater world to discover what lies beneath is spectacular. You can choose to start with scuba diving or go deep-water diving.



4. Parasailing
One of the world's greatest outdoor sports, parasailing has gradually gained popularity among Thais and foreigners alike, thanks to its challenging nature. Services are available on both Hat Chomthian and Ko Lan. Equipment can also be rented from shops on Hat Pattaya.



5. Bungee Jumping
The ultimate adrenaline rush is only available at Pattaya Kart Speedway. For more information, please contact pattayabungy.com



6. Paintball
Pattaya's great outdoor adventure playground, the Paintball Park is located at Pattaya Kart Speedway. An exciting game in its own right, paintball offers thrilling experiences for those seeking a cool form of combat. The game requires players to eliminate their opponents by using air guns fully loaded with non-toxic dye shots. For more information, call +66 3842 2044, or Horse Shoe Point Resort & Country Club +66 3873 5050



7. Go-Kart
Attention speed lovers! A perfect place to test your racing spirit, the Go-Kart track is located at Pattaya Kart Speedway, approximately 5 km. from South Pattaya. Separate tracks for professionals and amateurs are available. Tel. +66 3842 2044



8. Kite-Surfing
Daring outdoor activity, kite - surfing requires only two pieces of equipment to play with – kite and surfboard. Skillful players may opt to use any technique to help with the take off from the water's surface. For beginners, a visit to the kite surfing school located at Blue Lagoon Water Sport Club, 10km. off Southern Pattaya may be helpful. Call+66 8 8485 9738 for more information.



9. Horse Riding
Getting on a horse's back and galloping along trails may prove to be quite a memorable experience for travelers to Pattaya. Try the Horse Shoe Point Resort & Country Club. Call +66 3873 5050 for more information. Website: www.horseshoepoint.com



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