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Travelling to Pattaya



By car

Pattaya can be reached in a 2.5-hour drive along Bangna-Trat Highway via Bang Pakong, Chon Buri and Si Racha. However, visitors can avoid Chon Buri by opting for Highway 36, the new Chon Buri - Pattaya - Rayong route or taking the motorway from Rama 9 Road.



By bus

Air-conditioned and regular buses depart from the Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekkamai) and Bangkok's Northern Bus Terminal (Mochit 2 Bus Terminal) on Kamphaengphet Road daily. Buses (air-con) depart the Eastern Bus Terminal every 30 minutes from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from Mochit II (Northern Bus Terminal) from 5.00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Departure times and fares may be obtained from the Eastern Bus Terminal, tel. 0 2391 2504, 0 2391 8097 or the Northern Bus Terminal, tel. 0 2936 2852-66.



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There are also minibuses that travel directly from Bangkok Airport to Pattaya at 9.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. daily. For more information, contact the Bangkok International Airport, tel. 0 2535 1111.

In addition, most hotels in Bangkok provide bus services to Pattaya. Contact the tour desk at your hotel for details.



By train

The State Railway of Thailand offers a daily train service departing Bangkok's Hua Lamphong Station at 06.55 a.m., tel. 0 2621 8701. It takes about 5 hours to reach a station located near the Siam Country Club.



By Air

Bangkok Airways provides daily flights connecting Ko Samui and U-Taphao Airport. (Approximately 30 kilometers south of Pattaya).



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Pattaya City is divided into four major zones: North Pattaya, Central Pattaya, South Pattaya and Chomthian. It should be noted that there is a small mountain known as the Hill, located between South Pattaya and Chomthian. For a visual illustration take a look at the Map of Pattaya and Chomthian with the Hill.

Motorbikes are the most popular mode of transport in Pattaya. However, transportation in the city is facilitated through the use of special cars (song taew), customized pickup trucks with passenger seats in a covered overhead back cabin. These pickups, known as Bahts-Bus, can easily carry 8-10 passengers in the back, plus 1 or 2 passengers in front. They circle around the city and are allowed to stop anywhere. In addition to motorbike-taxis, the Bahts-Buses are the only form of public transport permitted in Pattaya. If not occupied, they also can be hired as private taxis. In fact, they are private vehicles in most cases belonging to the drivers. There are so many of them that they end up looking for passengers.

This compact city consists of 3 major roads that parallel each other. Right along the beach is Beach Rd., which is a one-way road from the north to south that is a few kilometers long. Second Rd. is a hundred or so meters away and carries city transport mainly from the south to north, although it is partly a two-way road. The last road is Sukhumvit Rd, a continuation of the highway leading to Bangkok. Many small streets called Soi(s) cross the roads. And it's advisable to walk some of the small streets, which are enumerated from north to south, although some have names. Second Rd. continues on to South Pattaya and turns to Chomthian reaching Chomthian beach within 5 minutes, and continues alongside Chomthian beach, which is approximately 20 kilometers long with some secluded escapes.

Chomthian Beach Rd., which is a two-way road, also parallels Sukhumvit Rd and is the only road in the Chomthian area, except for some connecting streets. On the



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other side of Sukhumvit road are several country clubs, golf courses and typical Thai rural villages, providing charming escapes on the banks of sweet-water lakes and small streams in the leisurely and relaxing countryside.

Many kinds of motorbikes, convertible monster Jeeps, sport and passenger cars are offered for rent. A driver's license is not required for driving around Pattaya and vicinity, so many tourists are tempted get behind the wheel. It should be noted that in Thailand drivers drive on the left lane, as in England and Japan.

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Romance of the Three Kingdoms Park

Situated close to the Horseshoe Point, the park contains several beautiful Chinese-style buildings and art objects. Open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Tel: 0 3842 1428.

Ko Lan

Lying about 7.5 kilometers off of Pattaya by a 45-minute ferry or 15 minutes by speed boat ride, the island measures 2 kilometers by 5 kilometers and offers several white sandy beaches, notably Hat Ta Waen, Hat Laem Thian and Hat Thong Long, the latter facing coral reefs. Visitors can choose either snorkeling or viewing the coral from glass bottom boats. Ferries to the island leave South Pattaya pier daily from 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Cruises by sailing junks, with lunch provided are also available.

The Million-Year Stone Park and Crocodile Farm

The Million-Year Stone Park and Crocodile Farm, which is located approximately 9 kilometers from Pattaya City, has beautifully landscaped grounds with elaborate flower and rock gardens. In addition, the farm has hundreds of crocodiles as well as some rare animals, including albino bears and horses. Crocodile shows, magic performances and animal shows run 6 times a day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the admission fee is 300 baht. Call (038) 249347-9 or (02) 579 4008, 579 5033 for more information.



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Getting there by car: Drive along Highway No. 3 (Sukhumvit) until you come to the Km. 140 marker near Sawangfah Temple, then turn into Chaiyaphonwithi (Route No.3024) and proceed for 5 kilometers.

Sanctuary of Truth (Prasat Satchatham)

The compound, which covers an area of more than two rai, is situated by the sea at Laem Ratchawet on Na Klua Road, North Pattaya. Within the compound is a gigantic temple-like structure entirely made of wood that is 105 meters high at the highest point which was constructed to withstand wind and sunshine on the seashore. With exquisite architectural features, the sanctuary was conceived out of the vision that human civilization has been achieved and nurtured by religious and philosophical truths.

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., admission fee is 500 baht with Dolphin Training Shows at 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Tel: 0 3822 5407, or visit <http://www.sanctuaryoftruth.com> for more information.

Pattaya Floating Market

Come and experience with surprise and delight the atmosphere created by the merging of local Thai culture of four regions. Our floating market is the first and the only one in Pattaya. www.floating4market.com

Mini Siam

It's cheesy, it's tacky and it's cliché, but busloads of tourists still make their way to this attraction on the main highway in Pattaya. Mini Siam is a re-creation in miniature of many of Thailand's major tourist attractions, as well as reconstructions of a few structures from the past. Here you'll find copies of the Temple of the



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Emerald Buddha from Bangkok, the ancient Khmer temple of Phimai in Nakorn Ratchisima province, and even Bangkok's Don Muang International Airport.

Upon entering Mini Siam, and before you get to the Thai portion, there's also a front garden filled with miniature recreations of many notable monuments from around the world, such as the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty and Abu Simbel. Of course, there are also some souvenir shops as well as a few side-show games.

Pattaya Beach

The half-moon-shaped Pattaya Beach is 4 kilometers long with a road running parallel to the beach. From the mid-section to the southern end of the area, there is a vast array of restaurants, bars, department stores, souvenir stores, as well as other places of entertainment. To the north of the beach are various mini-resorts and hotels in a quieter atmosphere.

It's actually free to stroll along the beaches, but operators will charge you for the services they provide, i.e. the beach chair. A price is roughly \$0.5 per chair, though bargaining is rather customary in Thailand.



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Fishing

Bang Sa-re (or Bang Saray), 16 kilometres south of Pattaya, is a popular destination for fishing lovers. Most bungalows arrange boat, tackle and guides for reasonable fees. In the rocks south of Pattaya lurk species native to the Gulf of Thailand: red snapper, yellow jack, bonito, black-tipped sharks, cobia and giant groupers.

Sailing and Leisure Cruise in Pattaya

Pattaya is one of Thailand's premier sailing destinations, attracting both domestic and international sailing crowds. The sailing season in Pattaya lasts from November to April when the weather is at its best. A number of yacht and boat agencies organise charters, with or without crews, joining leisure cruises and even basic training for would-be yachtsmen.

Alcazar Cabaret Show in Pattaya

The world-famous Alcazar Cabaret Show. One of Thailand's foremost ladyboy cabarets, Alcazar has been a true feast for the eyes for over 20 years. Prepare to be thrilled by 400 dazzling, talented artists and entertainers who will deliver fun-filled performances including comedic impersonations and dramatic numbers.



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Pattaya kart speed way

Open from 9.30am - 6.30pm

Here you can also enjoy a game of Paintball

This is a real life game that assume you are trap in the war zone. Players have to wear masks and coat. The weapon of choice is gun with plastic bullets that once hit the target will be smashed into colors. Now if you are shot, you're suppose to pretend you're dead and is not allowed to participate for the rest of the game. Players are divided into 2 teams. The objective of the game is to capture the flag of the other team and bring it back to the base. It is fun and does not hurt.

Spa/Massage

A visit to Pattaya would not be complete without a Thai massage. Check out the sign "Traditional Thai Massage" to get the real deal. In traditional places you'll wear loose clothes.

Perfect for aching muscles. Venues all over Pattaya from air-conditioned places to shaded mats on the beach.

Thailand probably has more spas than anywhere else in Asia, so take advantage of these heavenly experiences. Aloe Vera Body Scrubs, rejuvenating aromatherapy massage and a whole Spa menu at [Lotus Spa of Siam](#) @Siam Bayshore Resort & Spa, Pattaya.