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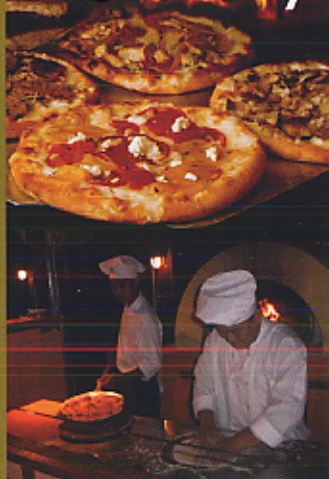
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Frequent buses also leave for Trat from the Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai) and the Northern Bus Terminal (Mor Chit). Ekamai is located on the route of the Bangkok Skytrain whilst Morchit is slightly closer to Khao San road. The journey takes 4-6 hours & costs around 220 Baht.

Another bus service runs from Ekamai direct to the departure point of the Koh Chang ferry in Laem Ngop. This service costs 200 Baht and saves time since you don't need to get a taxi from Trat to the ferry.

Also there is a bus service that departs from the ferry port at Ao Thammachat. Buses leave for Ekamai and also go direct to Khao San Road. The

cost is 300 baht including the ferry crossing and buses leave at 11am.

Return buses now leave from Trat's new bus station, about 1km out of town (See the Trat Map). Get a taxi to drop you off there. Departure times for Tanakawee and Cherd Chai buses are listed below.

Buses From Pattaya/Koh Samet

Daily minibus services operate from Pattaya via Ban Pae (ferry port for Koh Samet) to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. The cost is around 400B from Pattaya or 300B from Ban Pae and the journey takes 4 or 2.5 hours respectively.

Going to Laem Ngop the service leaves Pattaya at 8am. It picks up in Ban Pae at 11am. A return service leaves Laem Ngop at 1pm daily.

Public buses leave for Pattaya from Tanakawee road in Trat at 05.00, 09.30, 12.00 and 15.00 daily. The trip costs 160B and takes at least 5 hours.

To Cambodia

There is a daily minibus from Laem Ngop direct to Siem Reap in Cambodia. This is great if you want to head straight up to the temples at Angkor Wat. The bus leaves at 10.30am and arrives in Siem Reap around 7.00pm. The cost is 1,000-1,300 Baht depending on the season. Visas at the border are 1,200 Baht. Book at travel agents in Koh Chang or contact Kiatiphol Tour on 039 597 181. You can also cross over the border into Cambodia at Hat Lek. The opening hours of this border are 7am to 9pm. Minibuses to the border leave from the new bus station in Trat every 45 minutes (see map of Trat) and take about one hour to reach the border.

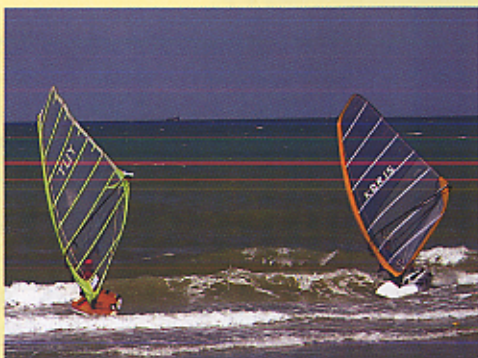
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08.00 am	07.00 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
09.00 am	09.30 am	12.00 pm	12.00 pm
10.00 am	11.00 am	02.30 pm	04.40 pm
11.00 am	12.30 am	05.00 pm	06.30 pm
12.00 pm	02.00 pm	11.00 pm	10.30 pm
01.00 pm	03.30 pm		
02.00 pm	05.30 pm	To Morchit	From Morchit
04.00 pm	07.30 pm	07.30 am	06.00 am
06.00 pm	08.30 pm	09.30 am	09.30 am
11.00 pm	10.00 pm	12.30 pm	12.30 pm
11.30 pm	11.30 pm	04.00pm	03.30 pm
To Morchit	From Morchit	11.30 pm	11.00 pm
8.30, 2.30pm	8.30, 5.30pm		

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you will be charged another 100 Baht. Better still, get the visa in Bangkok and save on the mysterious extra 'charges' imposed at the border.

There is also a road offering an overland route into Cambodia. You can take a daily minibus from outside the Cambodian immigration office to either Phnom Penh or Sihanoukville. Both minibuses leave at 9am. The cost is 650B (\$15 US) to Phnom Penh or 550 B (\$13 US) to Sihanoukville. Buy your ticket in Koh Chang or Trat.

Alternatively onward journeys into Cambodia are through Sihanoukville via ferry to/from Koh Kong. The boat trip costs 600B and takes around 4 hours. Since the Sihanoukville boat leaves Koh Kong at 8am you will need to spend the night in Koh Kong. To get there take a motorcycle or taxi to Koh Kong for around 50B a head. Expect to be overcharged and agree the cost before you leave.

From Cambodia

Minibuses run from Sihanoukville and Phnom Penh to the Thai border at 7.30am daily. Ask at

your guesthouse or hotel for details.

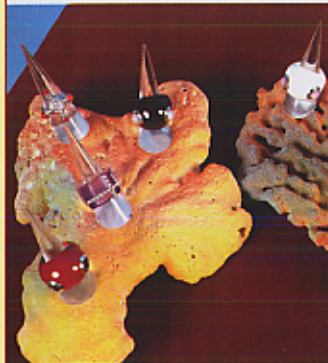
Boat departures from Sihanoukville to Koh Kong are at 12pm each day. On arrival at Koh Kong either stay the night or get a taxi or motorcycle to the Thai border before the 5pm close if you arrive with enough time to spare. More hazardous speedboats to the border operate from the ferry immigration stop before Koh Kong. These are not recommended in wavy conditions.

One month Thai visas can be obtained for free at the border. After crossing to Thailand a regular 100B minibus to Trat leaves every 45 minutes and takes just over an hour.

Boats To The Islands

Koh Chang, Koh Wai, Koh Maak and Koh Kham can be reached by ferry from the nearby port of Laem Ngop. To get there from Trat take a share Taxi (see Trat map) for 40B or, if you don't want to wait until it fills up, hire a full taxi for 150B.

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the June to October wet season. Many resorts on these islands close during the rains anyway so enquire before you travel there at that time of year.

There is a new direct taxi service from Trat to the Eastern side of Koh Chang. If you are going to Salak Phet or any of the other places on the Eastern side of the island this is a very convenient way to get there. Taxis leave from the narrow road behind Trat Department Store three times a day at 10am, Mid-day and 3pm. Return taxis leave Salak Phet at 5am, 6am and 8am so set your alarm clocks.

Koh Chang

Passenger ferries leave the main pier in Laem Ngop hourly from 6am to 6pm for Dan Kao in Koh Chang. The cost is around 50-60B and the journey takes an hour.

Two car ferry firms operate from Ao Thammachat a short way up the coast from Laem Ngop. They charge about 80 Baht one way for a car and run hourly from 7am to 7pm daily. They also

carry foot passengers (80-90B) and are linked to Trat & Laem Ngop by taxis. Crossings take from 25 to 50 minutes.

On arrival share taxis wait to take passengers to the various beaches. White Sands Beach (Hat Sai Khao) is 40B, Klong Phrao is 50B, Kai Bae 60B and Hat Ta Nam (Lonely Beach) costs 80B. A taxi goes to Bang Bao once daily at 4pm.

Koh Maak & Koh Kham

A daily ferry to Koh Maak & Koh Kham leaves Laem Ngop at 3pm taking three hours.

Inter Island Hopper runs a daily service to these islands from Bang Bao on Koh Chang. Call 081 865 0610 for details.

Bang Bao Boat also offer a daily service to these islands. Contact 087 054 4300.

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Inter Island Hopper runs a regular service from Koh Chang, Koh Wai and Koh Maak to Koh Kood. The Boat departs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Contact 081 865 0610.

Koh Wai

A daily ferry to Koh Wai leaves Laem Ngop at 3pm taking 2.5 hours. Island Hopper run a daily boat from Bang Bao on Koh Chang call 081 865 0610.

Bang Bao Boat also offer a daily service to Koh Wai. Contact 087 054 4300.

Other Islands

A host of boat trips are available from Koh Chang to some of the other islands. Thai Fun

offer transport to the other islands from White Sand Beach. Travel between Koh Chang, Koh Rayang, Koh Maak, Koh Wai and Koh Kood can also be arranged with these tours. See the activities section of the guide for details of these boat services.

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Alternatively cars, motorcycles and bicycles can be hired from many hire firms and resorts. Cow-boy in Chai Chet rent a range of Cars and Bikes. They can be contacted on 081 520 0339. Roads are of good quality but there are some dangerous hill sections. If you are an inexperienced motorcycle rider then think carefully before hiring a motor-bike. Every year the island has quite a few road deaths and many visitors have their trip spoiled by a motorcycle accident. If you don't wear a helmet the local police will be waiting to fine you.

Leaving Koh Chang

When leaving the island from any of the main beaches wait anywhere on the road about 45 minutes before ferry departure and share taxis will stop and pick you up as they pass taking you to the ferry departure point. If you are travelling to Trat airport then you can book a minibus that will take you directly to the airport. Book this on 039 525 776.

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Southeast Thailand has two seasons, a dry period that runs from November to May and a wet season from June to October. Temperatures are coolest from November to December with daily maximums averaging around 30C. Just before the wet season this can rise to the high thirties.

It can rain heavily in the wet season but rainfall is by no means constant. Indeed sunny days are still common. Many resorts on the outer islands close during the rains but all the resorts and facilities on Koh Chang remain open and this can be a good time to visit for those seeking a quieter holiday.

The busiest time for visitors to the region is December to April.

Tourist Information

There is a Tourist authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Laem Ngop. Phone - 039-597-255.

Information on Koh Chang National Park can be obtained from the National Parks offices in

Laem Ngop (Tel. - 039-538-100) or from the office in Koh Chang (see map).

Health & Medical Facilities

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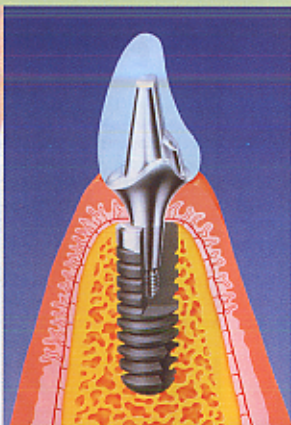
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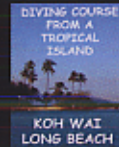
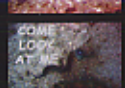


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In the event of a medical emergency after normal ferry hours contact Ko Chang International Clinic on call centre on 1719 or Bangkok Trat Hospital on 039-532-735. They arrange for emergency evacuation by boat and ambulance to Trat.

The main police station on Koh Chang is at Dan Mai. They can be contacted on 039-586-191 and 039-586-098. There are also police stations in White Sands Beach and in Kai Bae. Alternatively the Tourist Police can be contacted on 1155.

Banks

Koh Chang now has ATMs all over the place so withdrawing cash is no problem. There are also several banks and foreign exchange offices at the main beaches.

There are many banks in Trat with ATMs. Various hotels and guesthouses will change both traveller's cheques and cash but the rates offered are lower than the banks. Many resorts and restaurants also accept credit card payments.

Communications

Trat has several small Internet cafes and guesthouses that charge 1B per minute for E-mail. Koh Chang and Koh Maak have Internet access from 1B per minute via satellite or phone connections. See the maps for locations.

If you have been to Koh Chang before note that the island's Post Office, which used to be on White Sand Beach has moved to a new, larger building, just over the hill at Pearl Beach.

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Local and national phone calls can be made at several of the resorts and businesses on the island (10B/min local or 40B/min international are typical prices). There are international phone terminals on most of the main beaches.

There is also a Telecommunications office in Trat that is open from 7am to 10pm.

Immigration

The regional immigration office is located at Laem Ngop. The office has recently moved from its old location. It is now located about 1km outside Laem Ngop on the left side of the main road heading towards Trat. They can deal with visa extensions and other queries here. If you have a 30 Day Visa for Thailand you can extend this for up to 10 days. You can also get a one month extension on a two month visa. These extensions cost 1,900 Baht each. Phone 039-597-261.

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Also please remember that you are in a national park. Avoid littering and leave Koh Chang as beautiful as you found it.

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On Thai public holidays banks, post offices etc. are closed but all transport and most tourism-related businesses still operate as normal.

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5th November	Loy Kratong Festival (see the following feature)
5th December	H.M. The King's Birthday (holiday)
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Loy Kratong is celebrated on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month every year. This year it falls on November 5th. People all over the country prepare elaborately decorated kratongs. These are small banana tree platforms decorated with banana and coconut leaves and flowers and containing a combination of food, nuts, incense sticks, coins and a lighted candle. These kratongs are floated - 'Loy' means float in Thai - on pretty much any body of water that comes to hand.

The festival originates from Nang Nopamas, a royal Sukhothai, is said to have made the float past the king. The king was instituted as an annual festival. For and couples make wishes floats a long way with a lit relationships. If it sinks then and wait for the next year.

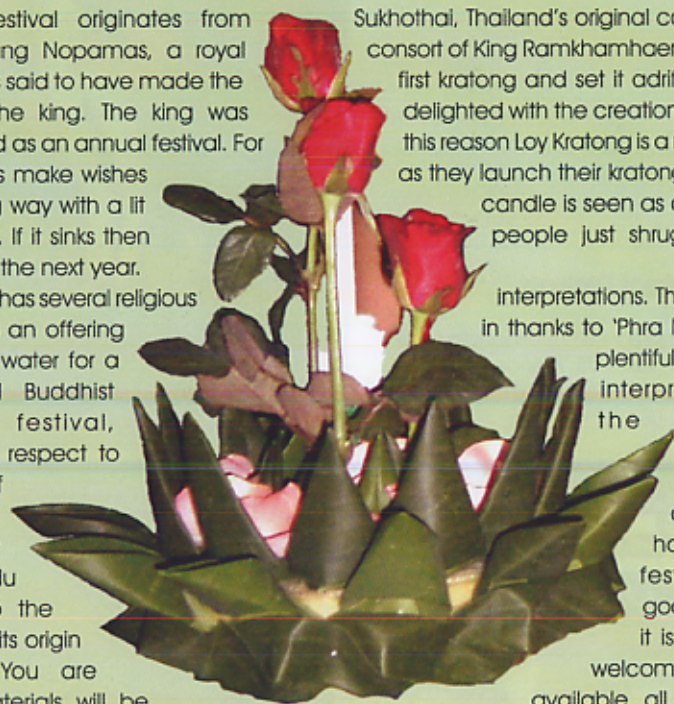
The festival has several religious by some as an offering goddess of water for a Others find Buddhist the festival, a tribute of respect to a means of to one's festival may as a Hindu homage to the

Whatever its origin occasion. You are Kratong materials will be and the locals will be happy to kratong.

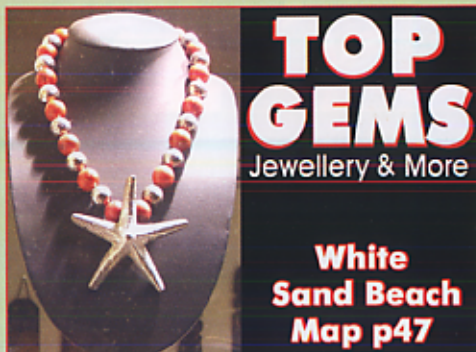
Sukhothai, Thailand's original capital, in the 13th consort of King Ramkhamhaeng (the founder of first kratong and set it adrift so that it would delighted with the creation and Loy Kratong this reason Loy Kratong is a romantic evening as they launch their kratongs. A kratong that candle is seen as a good omen for people just shrug their shoulders

interpretations. The kratong is seen in thanks to 'Phra Mae Kongka' the plentiful supply of water. interpretations of the kratong being Lord Buddha or paying respect ancestors. The have originated festival paying god Vishnu.

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The diving in the area is primarily at reasonably shallow depths with good reefs located at 5 to 25 metres. Visibility can reach 30m but is variable. You can dive year round but the best time is between October and the end of May since rougher seas during the rainy season can reduce visibility or make it difficult to reach the dive sites. However there are calmer periods in the rainy season when diving conditions are OK.

There are impressive reefs in the area with a variety of soft and hard corals including Massive, Columnar and Stagshorn Corals. These support a range of tropical reef life including Blue Tipped Rays, Moray Eels, Trigger Fish, Grouper and Batfish. Turtles can

be spotted and Whale Sharks are also seen in the area from time to time.

There are a series of dive sites offering good diving at 5-18m around the seamounts and small islands to the West of Koh Chang. These include Koh Man Nok and Hin Sam Sao.

The deeper dive sites are located off some of the islands and seamounts to the South of the Archipelago. Hin Luk Bat has a lot of good

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coral and some good swim-throughs. Hin Raap is a deeper rocky site with good soft corals. Other good sites lie off Koh Rang.

Koh Chang has quite a few dive operations. On White Sands Beach you can choose from White Sand Dive Centre, Koh Chang Divers and The Wing Dive Center. Waterworld Diving, Scandinavian Diving Center, Eco-Divers and Dolphin Divers are located in Klong Prao. Seahorse Divers are based in Kai Bae. Ploy Scuba Diving, Scubadive-thailand.com, B.B. Divers and The Dive Adventure operate from Bang Bao village. You can book your diving by visiting the offices of the dive shops or from resorts and travel agencies on the island.

The price for a two-day Discover Scuba course is 3,500B whilst full PADI certification costs around 11,000B. Pleasure dives cost 2,200-2,400B, depending on site, for two dives with lunch. All other PADI courses are also available.

Koh Chang Dive Supply is a large retailer of all kinds of Diving equipment. They also offer a full repair and servicing workshop for all sorts of Scuba equipment. Their office is located between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet (Tel. 039-551-518).

Whilst the beaches of Koh Chang themselves offer little opportunity for snorkelling other islands in the chain can be reached by boat trips and there is some excellent shallow reef for snorkelling at these sites. Additionally there are a few good snorkelling sites on Koh Chang. The rocky shorelines at Hat Kai Mook and Bang Bao Cliff Cottages offer some good snorkelling.

Additionally most of the dive shops will take snorkellers on their boats. Contact them for prices and details.

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It is generally fine to swim off all of Koh Chang's beaches. In the high season conditions

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are calm and safe and the gradual slope of the beaches makes for good swimming conditions.

Note, however, that during the rainy season heavy seas with rip tides can develop and people drown every year. Basically, don't swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous it probably is so stay out of the water when it's too rough.

Other Watersports

Ban Kwan Chang Elephant Camp also offer guided kayak tours.

Salak Kok Kayak Station offer Kayak hire and guided wildlife kayak tours around the sheltered mangrove-forested Salak Kok bay on the Eastern side of Koh Chang. They are concerned with preserving the local mangrove ecosystem and you are welcome to help with mangrove planting and other environmental preservation activities. Contact them on 081-

919-3995 for English or 089-164-5784 for Thai.

You can rent canoes from many places on the busier beaches. They cost 100-200 Baht per hour.

Beaches

The main beaches on Koh Chang are all on the west coast and are, from North to South, Hat Sai Khao (White Sands Beach), Klong Prao, Kai Bae and Hat Ta Nam (Lonely Beach).

There is also a beach past the village of Bang Bao in the southwest of the island and a couple of others including Long Beach in the far southeast which now has road access.

All of the beaches are in attractive settings, with accommodation and facilities. White Sands Beach has the most development and a wide range of dining and entertainment is available. Klong Prao and Kai Bae have fewer



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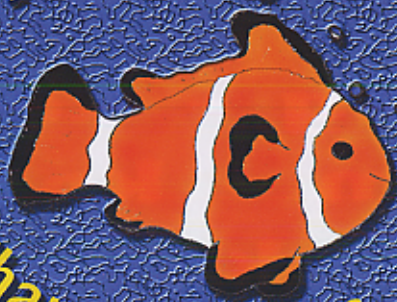
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but larger resorts and still have a large range of restaurants/bars etc. Lonely Beach, whilst still having many rooms, has fewer bars and restaurants.

Villages

In addition to settlements at the beaches mentioned previously there are several villages on the island that are worth a visit.

Klong Son is the first village reached on the drive to the beaches from the ferry arrival points. Parts of the village are built over the sea in an attractive bay.

Bang Bao is another photogenic village built out into the bay on stilts. There are several small restaurants noted for their excellent fresh seafood and there are several guest houses and rooms for rent available.

In the far southeast of the island, a long way from the most developed areas and resorts is the village of Salak Phet, also noted for good seafood. A recent initiative has been the

introduction of home stay accommodation in Bang Bao and Salak Phet. Enquire there for accommodation possibilities.

If you would like to take an organised tour of the Unseen East Side of Koh Chang then contact Evolution Tour on 0896 039 642.

Boat Trips

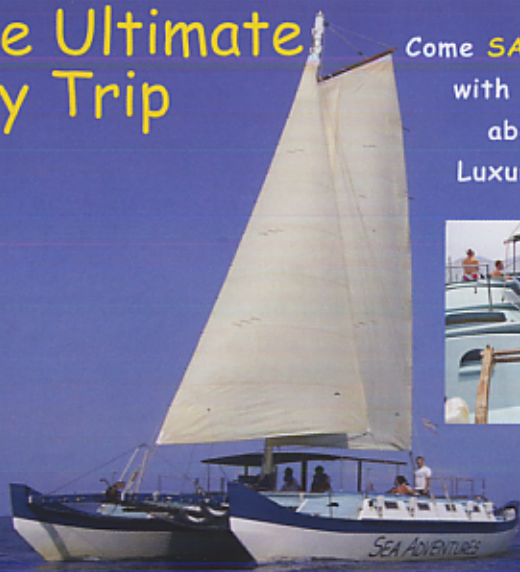
A variety of boat trips are available around the islands. These can be used as a means of travel between the islands or simply to go for a day trip of sightseeing or snorkelling.

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Island View resort in Salak Phet offer snorkelling trips, sea kayaking, sailing trips and island cruises on their range of different boats. They are also the new base for Gulf Charters Thailand who offer 8 Yachts for charter from 32ft to 52ft, Cats and Keelboats or Bareboat or Skippered Charter. Call 086-609-3934 for more information.

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There is a recently completed Mangrove Walkway near to Salak Kok on the East of the island. You can take a 15 minute stroll through the mangrove forest on a raised walkway that is sadly made entirely out of concrete.

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Wildlife

Most of Koh Chang is covered in rain forest that has been largely undisturbed due to the mountainous terrain of the island. There are also good examples of mangrove forest ecosystems where the island's numerous streams meet the sea. Marine National Park status was awarded to the island chain in 1981 in an effort to preserve the exceptional land and marine environment.

The forests of the island support a large range of wildlife. A survey conducted for Thailand's National Park Service in 1997 recorded 29 different species of mammal on Koh Chang. These included the Stump-Tailed Macaque, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Javan Mongoose and Silvered Langur.

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Additionally the survey noted 42 different species of amphibians and reptiles. Snakes that inhabit Koh Chang include the Python, Rat Snake and King Cobra. Malayan Mud Turtles, Monitor Lizards and the ubiquitous Gecko are also found on the island. There are also a variety of very vocal frogs. The aptly named Koh Chang Frog is a species unique to the islands.

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There is an impressive waterfall at Klong Plu near Klong Prao in an unspoiled jungle setting. It costs 200B to enter the national park. The waterfall is at the end of a half kilometre jungle path. A swim in the plunge pool is a pleasant way to cool down after the walk to the falls. Than Mayom waterfall is

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on the east side of the island and is a pretty multi-level falls. Entry to these falls is also 200 Baht.

The following waterfalls are free to visit and there is usually plenty of water from July to December. They may dry up after this though so ask around for the latest information. Klong Nonsi waterfall is close to Dan Mai on the eastern side of the island. It has several tiers. The first is a ten minute walk into the jungle. There are two waterfalls near to Salak Phet in the southeast of the island. Both are clearly signposted. There are also smaller waterfalls up the valleys behind Klong Son, White Sands Beach and Kai Bae. Ask locals for directions.

Evolution Tour offer guided Waterfall Safaris that can be arranged by calling 089-603-9642.

Elephant Trekking

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The Taj Custom Tailor is located in Klong Prao, a short walk from V.J.Plaza. You can contact them on 081-441-3234 or 039-551-450. Vicky Collezione is a tailor located close to Amari Hotel in Klong Prao. Call them on 081-442-0823. Koh Chang Fashion World is next to Cookies resort on White sand Beach, Tel: 081-441-3234. V. Armani is another tailor in Kai Bae, their number is 087-141-4081.

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Scandinavian Tailors have a shop down the small road leading to Amari Emerald Cove Resort in Klong Prao. To arrange a fitting call Rocky on 089-122-6474.

There is a huge range of wines, beers and spirits at Koh Chang Wine Gallery in Kai Bae (telephone 081-668-7035).

You can buy original artwork and even commission work at Rungthip studios on 081 440 4814 or at Sun Gallery on White Sands Beach or at their new shop between Klong Prao and Kai Bae. Call 039-551-545.

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You can find small supermarkets and shops on all the beaches selling a reasonable range of foods, groceries, hardware and the like.

Reading

If you run out of reading material then Lonely Books at Nature Beach Resort on Lonely Beach have one of the island's best selections of books. They now have a branch at 3&3 Plaza in Kai Bae. Tel. 081-001-9773

There is also a second hand bookshop opposite Ban Pu resort on White Sands Beach. Some of the resorts offer book rentals and exchanges. Thor's Palace and Tantawan on White Sands have good selections.

Cookery

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In White Sand Beach you can take Thai cooking lessons from Sanook Thai Cooking school. They can be reached on 089-939-3381.

The newly-opened View Talay Kitchen offers Thai cooking lessons on the beach from their base at Home Stay Beach Resort in Bang Bao. Call 039-558-028 to reserve a place.

Massage, Saunas & Spas

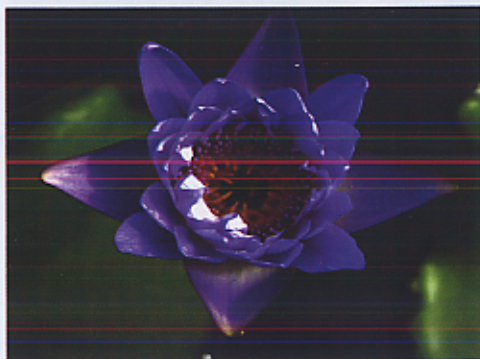
Why not relax with a traditional Thai massage? The Bodiwork in the centre of Kai Bae and now also Bodiwork Spa at Paradise Resort in Klong Prao offer a wide range of massage programs and Spa treatments from staff highly trained by Bangkok Bodywork Training Centre, Bangkok. They also have a professional massage centre at Koh Chang Hillside Resort on White Sands Beach. Their large range of programs include Thai, Swedish, Sport and other full body massages, Reflexology, Steam treatments, Jacuzzi and facial and body treatments. New treatments include Crystal Spa and Ayurvedic Massages, Lymphatic drainage, Ear Candle and Slimming Treatments. Contact them on 039-557-221, 081-735-9300 or 089-939-2313. For those who wish to learn the art of massage and spa treatments they offer courses at The Bodiwork Spa Academy

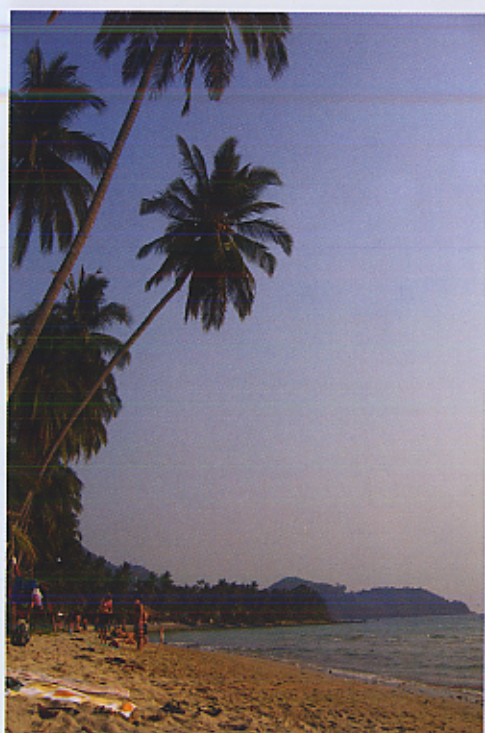
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In Klong Prao you can have a variety of massages, facial, body and nail treatments at Sima massage opposite the road to Tropicana resort. Contact them on 081-489-5171.







Activities

V.J. Ruan Thai Massage (Tel: 086-111-5085, 089-030-9875) operate from V.J. Hotel next to the Amari Resort in Klong Prao offering relaxing massages in comfortable surroundings.

You can find Siam Sawasdee massage in Kai Bae. Here they offer many different massage treatments as well as a hair and beauty salon. Call 081-172-5731, 086-767-8406.

There are a number of Thai masseurs who operate on all the beaches of the island charging around 200B per hour and several massage shops have recently appeared.

Tattooing

There are a number of Tattooists on the island. Standards of artwork are usually good. On White Sands Beach, Jack, who is based at Tantawan Resort, does impressive work using

traditional tattooing techniques combined with modern cleanliness. Call 09-794-5848.

Alternatively Sun Tattoo at White Sand Beach centre offer quality custom-designed tattoos using machines. Their numbers are 039-551-545 and 081-781-4887.

Games

Many of the bars have pool tables. You can play Petanque, (the French boules game) at Fredo's in Kai Bae. There are several snooker halls around the island that charge about 60B per hour for the hire of a table. Northern Lights in Hat Kai Mook has two good dart boards and a free pool table. There are many bars with pool tables all over the island.





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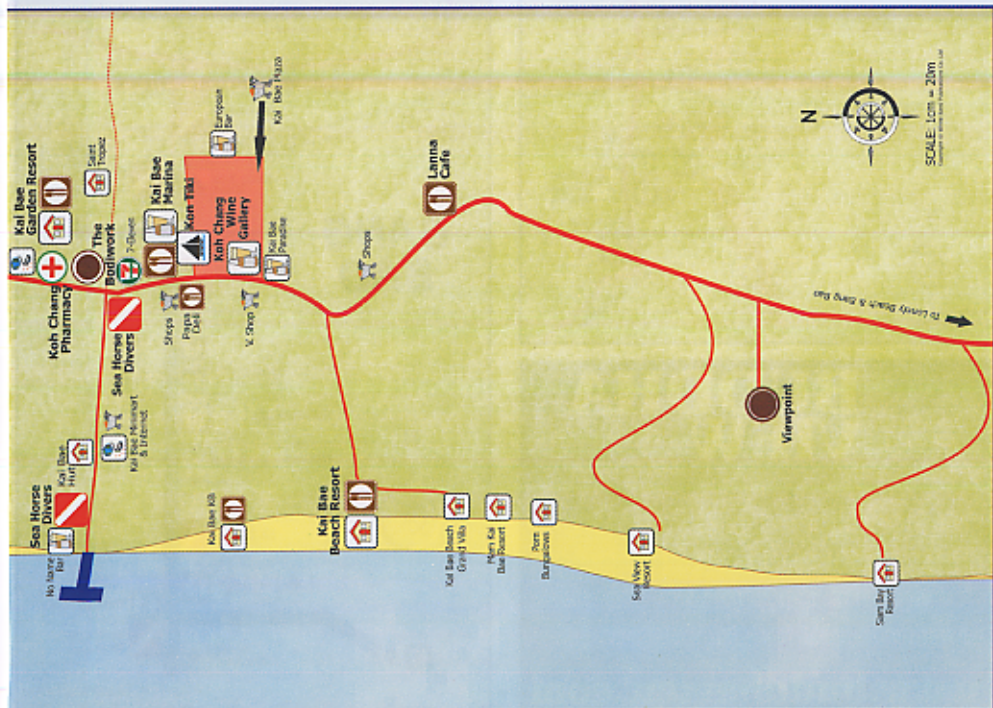
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Koh Maak

This is an attractive, low-lying island 16 square kilometres in size. Since there are few hills the island is widely cultivated with coconut and rubber plantations.

The population is only around 500 so there is little infrastructure outside the resorts. Electricity has recently become available around the clock.

See the transport section for details of the various ferries to the island that operate from the mainland. Alternatively some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire for details.

Representatives from the resorts meet the ferry and offer free pick up and drop off to visitors.

There are pretty beaches in the bays to the northwest and southwest of the island and this is where most of the resorts are located.

Diving on the island is offered by Ploy Scuba Diving from Panorama resort to the south of the island and also now from Monkey Island resort.

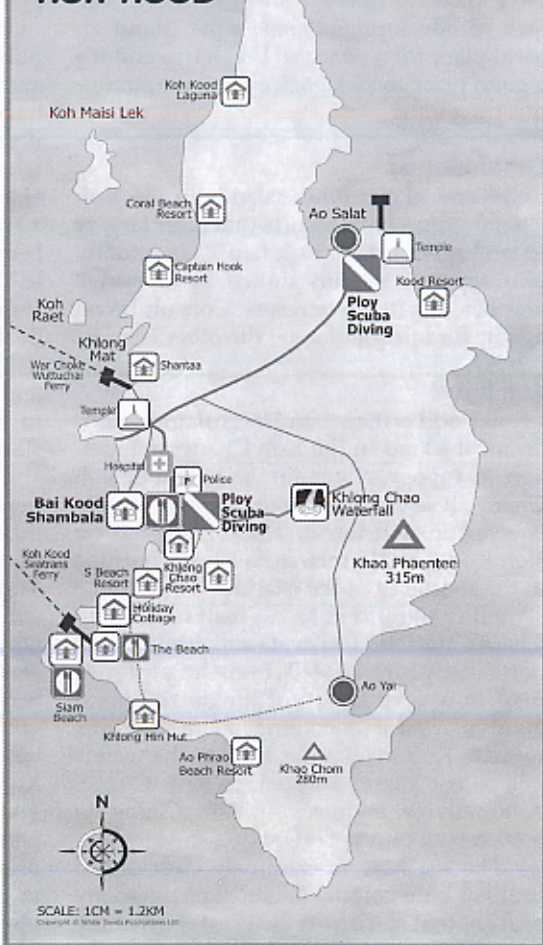
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Three smaller islands off Koh Maak have resorts and can be reached fairly easily from Koh Maak itself. They are Koh Kham, Koh Rayang Nok and Koh Kra Dad. A daily boat goes to Koh Rayang Nok from Holiday Beach resort at 10am and returns at 4pm. Free transit to Koh Maak is provided by the resort. To arrange transport to the other islands contact the resorts or enquire on Koh Maak.

Koh Wai

Koh Wai is a small crescent shaped island with two small, pleasant beaches. There are two resorts on the island with simple hut accommodation. There is some good snorkelling on the shallow reefs off the beach or

KOH KOOD



Other Islands

you can try diving with BB Divers who have recently opened an office here. The lack of development makes the island an ideal place for a peaceful beach trip and it's a good place to kick back after some strenuous travelling.

Other Islands

Several of the other islands in the Koh Chang group have resorts that cater largely to package tourism. Koh Lao Ya is actually two separate islands linked by a bridge and has an attractive resort. Consult travel agents for information on the other islands.

Koh Kood

Koh Kood is the second largest and southernmost island in the Koh Chang archipelago. Its topography is similar to that of Koh Chang. It is also mountainous and largely covered in rain forest. The highest hill on Koh Kood, at 315 metres, is Khao Phaentee in the southeast of the island.

Another significant scenic feature is Klong Chao waterfall. The waterfall itself is not particularly high but falls into a huge plunge pool in a very beautiful jungle setting, a good place for a cooling swim. Various tours in Koh Maak offer trips to the waterfall or try Island Hopper in Koh Chang. Alternatively enquire on Koh Chang to book a boat tour privately.

The sea here is extremely clear and a brilliant blue colour. This makes the many beaches that run down the West coast of the island extremely pleasant places to be. Also there are some excellent corals at shallow depths on many of the beaches

Despite the fact that Koh Kood is Thailand's fourth biggest island the population is estimated to be only 1,500. Infrastructure is improving and there is now a decent road between many points of interest on the island but the resorts to the extreme north and south of the island are still only accessible by boat. There is also a small hospital.

The largest settlement is the fishing village of Ao Salat in the northeast. This is worth a visit just to see the wide range of seafood

brought in and sold on the rickety wooden pier.

Unfortunately there isn't yet any organised public transport on the island. In fact there aren't many vehicles at all. If you want to have a look around ask at your resort to see if you can hire a motorbike or get a car to take you around. Alternatively you might be able to get around in a motor boat or canoe.

Traditionally the resorts on the island have been luxury developments catering mainly to Thai package tourism. Transport to these resorts is arranged as part of the package deal.

There are now, however, some new low and medium end options which cater more to foreign visitors. Rooms at these places start at 300B.

The easiest way to reach the island independently is with Koh Kood Seatrans leaving from Laem Ngop and Koh Chang or by taking the local ferry from Dan Khao close to Trat (see transport section).

If you want a beautiful sandy beach virtually to yourself and don't expect anything by way of nightlife other than listening to the waves lap then this is the place for you. If you expect a party you will be disappointed but if peace and quiet is your thing then Koh Kood is a good choice of destination. The water around Koh Kood is famed for its blueness and clarity and you can find some pretty good corals off the beaches if you like to snorkel. You can dive off Koh Kood with Ploy Scuba Diving in Ao Salat and next to Bai Kood Shambala.

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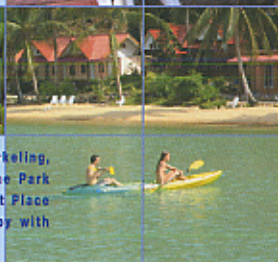
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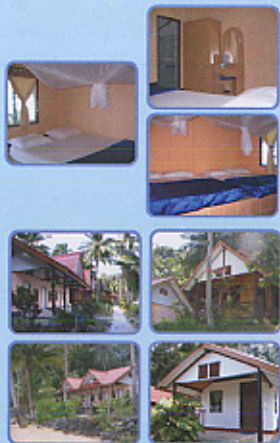
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There is an open-air market on the main street - Thanon Sukhumvit - that offers interesting Thai food and drinks late into the night. There is also a large covered day market selling all manner of foods and household goods.

Good things to shop for include the huge

range of fruits that are available year round, many of which you may not have seen before. Trat province is famous for the Rakham which is a delicious sweet fruit that looks a bit like a strawberry. Or there is the Durian with its spiky shell, pungent smell and unique love-it-or-hate-it flavour. Try whatever looks interesting.

You can also buy good fresh seafood and vegetables in the market.

Local handicrafts include elaborately woven wicker products, especially hats. These can be found in Ban Nam Chiao, a village between Trat and Laem Ngop.

Trat & The Mainland

Trat Department Store on the main street is also a good place for shopping.

Wat Buppharam is a 17th Century temple with some interesting architecture. It lies 2km out of town (see map). There are several other Temples scattered around the town centre.

Trat has good medical, communication, financial and other facilities. Locations are shown on the map on the previous page.

There are a multitude of local Thai restaurants around the town. Additionally Joy's Pizza, Kru-arimkol and Sea House all do good food.

There is a guesthouse area just south of the town centre with many backpacker style guesthouses and accompanying restaurants, internet cafes etc. There is little to choose between the different guesthouses that all offer clean and inexpensive rooms together with good information and a friendly welcome.

The town has some interesting evening entertainment. A good spot is Somkanay, a bar with live Thai music every night. The night market is a good place to sit with a meal or drink and watch the action.

You can find many other small restaurants and bars scattered around the town centre.

About 10 minutes from the centre is an attractive reservoir that is a pleasant spot for an afternoon stroll. There are several restaurants on the shoreside. Ra Bieng Mai restaurant comes highly recommended.

Laem Ngop

Laem Ngop is a fishing village on the coast and is the departure point for passenger ferries to Koh Chang and the other islands.

Places worthy of note are the Immigration office and the Tourist Authority of Thailand office.

By the ferry pier there is a large monument commemorating two Thai boats that were sunk in a naval battle of 1942 off Koh Chang in which Thai forces repelled the French Navy.

Bo Rai

This town is in the foothills of the mountains that comprise the Cambodian border. It was originally a centre of Ruby mining and you can still visit the nearby ruby market.

There is excellent trekking in the mountains and an attractive waterfall nearby.



Mainland Beaches

There is a long coastal section of Trat province heading southeast towards the Cambodian border.

Whilst this area is not much visited by foreign tourists there are a string of beaches with a few accommodation options that are reputedly very attractive.

Heading away from Trat on highway 318 these beaches include Sai Ngern Beach, Sai Kiew Beach, Tap Tim Beach, Mai Root Beach and Ban Chuen Beach.

Klong Yai

This small fishing town is the last town on the road to the Cambodian border at Hat Lek. It is the closest mainland town to Koh Kood and whilst there is, as yet, no regular ferry service you may be able to ask around and find a boat on its way to the island.

Accommodation

The accommodation available in the area varies from simple huts to luxury resorts. The following guide lists available accommodation by area. Note that the room rates quoted are high season and may significantly drop during the low season. Consult the relevant map for resort locations.

**NB - Resorts can fill up quickly, especially in the high season, so booking is advisable.
Contact the phone numbers and E-mail addresses provided.**

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Koh Chang - White Sands Beach

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Chang Buri Resort	<u>D</u>	New hotel with swimming pool, well priced rooms with balcony restaurant & sea views	Tel. 039 551 242-4 Fax. 039 551 245
15 Palms	<u>B-D</u>	Aircon rooms with TV	Tel. 039 551 095
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Paddy's Palms	<u>B-C</u>	Newly-built fully furnished A/C rooms behind this Irish Pub.	Tel. 039 551 095
Top Resort	<u>B-D</u>	Recently completed resort with a range of well furnished hotel rooms and bungalows www.topresort-kohchang.com	Tel. 039 551 364/5 Fax. 039 551 363
Hati's Place	<u>A-D</u>	Kitchen flats & rooms with great sea views. Private beach. Fan and A/C room choices.	Tel. 087 055 0695 Fax. 039 551 160
Ban Nuna Bungalows	<u>A-B</u>	10 Double fan rooms with bathroom. Across from Ban Pu resort. Rooms 200-350B	Tel. 081 821 4202 www.koh-chang.de
Island Lodge	<u>A-B</u>	Rooms & Huts on a hill with great views Daily, weekly and monthly rates available	Tel. 081 865 0610 Tel. 081 000 3938
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Jinda Resort	<u>A-C</u>	Fan and A/C bungalows close to the beach where the taxis first stop on White Sand Beach	Tel. 039 551 548 Tel. 087 132 0658	
Cookies Hotel	<u>C-D</u>	This resort has two blocks of rooms, one on the beach and one on the road. Also has a pool	Tel. 039 551 105 Tel. 081 861 4227	
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Tejika Guesthouse	<u>A-B</u>	Fan and A/C rooms in this guesthouse next to Koh Chang's Cable TV office	Tel. 084 970 2566 Tel. 089 095 1942	
Koh Chang - Hat Kai Mook (Pearl Beach)				
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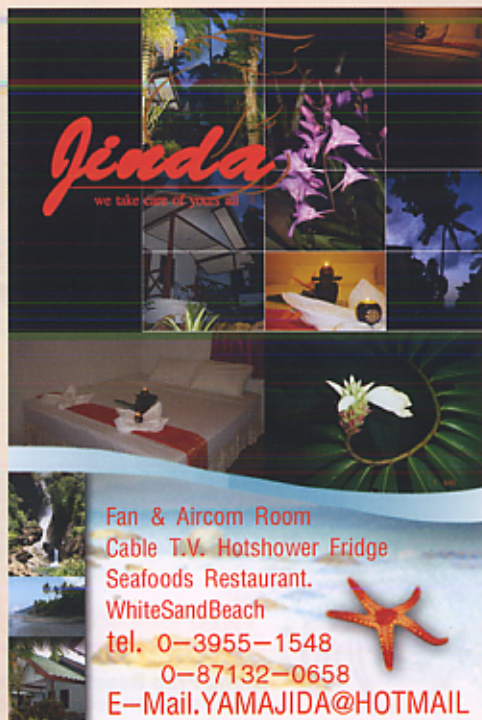
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V.J. Hotel & Spa	<u>D</u>	New resort with over seventy rooms. Also has a Spa and a swimming pool.	Tel. 039 557 163/5 Fax. 039 557 166	
Aana Resort & Spa	<u>D</u>	This recently-completed luxury resort and spa has a variety of rooms with good water views	Tel. 039 551 539 Fax. 039 955 1540	
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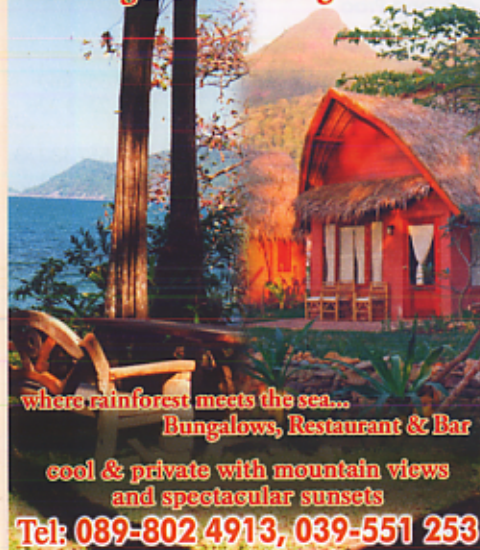
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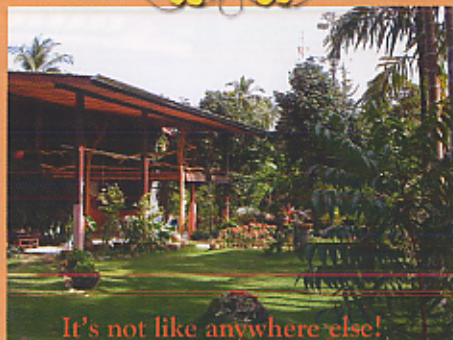


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■ Suvarnabhumi Airport

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White Sands Publications tried out the first commercial flight from Trat to the new airport on the official testing date of July 29th. And everything went fine. The plane landed smoothly on the enormous, crack-free runway and we were safely shuttled and eventually deposited in the world's largest airport terminal. This huge terminal covers over half a million square meters and is a many-armed modernist beast of glass, concrete and metal. It looks quite good really in a giant centipede sort of way.

The airport is located about 25 kilometres east of Bangkok. The name Suvarnabhumi (pronounced su-wan-na-poom) which means "the golden land", was chosen by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

From the opening date all domestic and international flights into Bangkok will arrive here. Transport into the city will, in theory at least be trouble-free, using a new airport link train that will whisk passengers into town in 15 minutes. Sadly this service won't open for at least a year after the airport opens. In the interim a taxi ride into the city will be necessary. Whilst less convenient this is still pretty quick.

Of course if you're flying direct to Koh Chang simply find the Bangkok Airways departure gates in the new airport and your transfer should be straightforward.

However if your plane lands at the old Don Mueang Airport after yet another delay in the opening of Suvarnabhumi then relax and try saying 'Mai Pen Rai' (Never Mind). You're in Thailand.

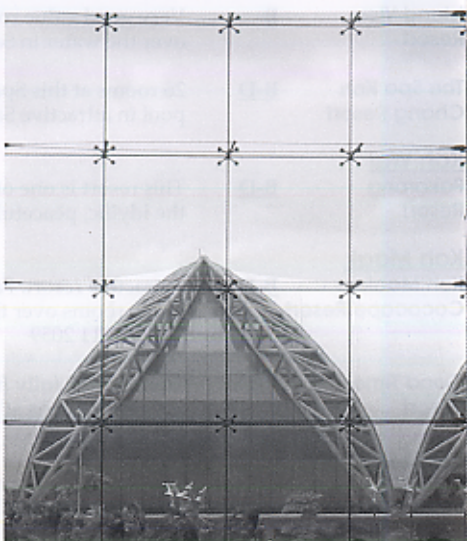
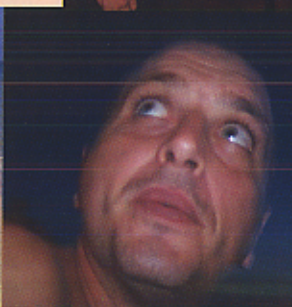


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Thai Food

Thailand has one of the great world cuisines. While you're here you should sample some of the delicious food available. Even though the Thais have only had chillies for four hundred years or so they are one of the key ingredients in Thai food. But if you don't like spicy food don't worry; the Thai chefs on Koh Chang are used to making dishes milder on request and there are also plenty of Thai dishes which aren't too spicy.

Whilst the food is great you may not be familiar with some of the names of the dishes and translations can sometimes be a little confusing. One local restaurant used to have "Fish in That Sauce" on their menu. So to help you to explore Thai food while you are here in Koh Chang the following is a very brief introduction to some Thai dishes you may want to sample. With most meals you can usually choose which meat or seafood you want. *Chicken is Gai, Pork is Moo, Beef is Neu-a, Prawn is Goong, Fish is Pla, Squid is Pla Meuk and Vegetable is Pak.* Enjoy!

Simple Dishes

Thai staple dishes are simple and nourishing and usually revolve around rice or noodles.

Pat Thai - classic Thai fried noodles

Khao Pat - Tasty and filling Egg Fried Rice.

Khao Tom - Peppery and wholesome rice soup.

Khao Man Gai - Garlic rice boiled in chicken stock with boiled chicken & chilli bean sauce

Thai Curries - Gang *spicy, healthy & delicious*

Gang Kieow Wan - creamy green curry with lime leaf, lemon grass and chilli flavours

Gang Kati - creamy red curry soup

Gang Penang - aromatic, creamy, spicy curry

Gang Massaman - rich Indian style curry

Gang Som - sour spicy tamarind curry

Gang Karee - milder yellow creamy curry

Fried Dishes

Pat Gapow - spicy! stir fry with hot basil leaves

Gai Pat Med Ma Muang - chicken and cashew nut in a delicious rich roasted sauce

Pat Nam Man Hoy - Mild oyster sauce dish

Pat Poong Karee - delicious yellow curry dish. usually made with crab and eggs.

Soups

Tom Yam - Nam Kon - spicy hot and sour soup with lemon grass, galangal, mushroom.

condensed milk and, usually, prawn
Tom Yam - Nam See - without condensed milk and usually with more fresh chillies

Tom Kaa - mild, creamy with salad cream taste

Tom Jert - mild soup with pork, tofu & cabbage

Thai Salads - Yam

These salads are sour and can be incredibly spicy. Watch out for small fiery hidden chillies!

Som Tam - Delicious green papaya and lime salad, sometimes comes with raw crab - only for strong stomachs

Yam Goong - prawn and glass noodles salad

Snack Foods

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Gang Panang

This is one of the famous Thai curries. This dish has a rich creamy sauce thickened by coconut milk. You can purchase the curry pastes in most large supermarkets back home, or why not take some home with you as a souvenir of your holiday in Thailand?

Serve with plain boiled rice or as part of a larger Thai meal.

Ingredients

Meat	100gms
Carrot thinly sliced	Quarter
Green Beans: 2cm pieces	50gms
Large Red Chilli chopped	Quarter or to taste
4- 6 Kaffir Lime Leaves torn into large pieces	
Oil for frying	2 Tablespoons
Prik Gang Curry Paste	Teaspoon
Prik Gang Panang Paste	Half tablespoon
Coconut Milk	10-20 millilitres

Preparation

Heat the oil in a wok and add the meat together with the two chilli pastes and fry over a medium heat for about three minutes or until the meat begins to brown.

Now add the Green Beans, Chilli, Carrots and Lime Leaves and fry for a minute or two (longer if you prefer the vegetables to be softer).

Add a little water and fry for two more minutes.

Next add the Coconut Milk, Oyster Sauce, Nam Pla, sugar and a little water and boil at a higher heat for about two minutes.

Serve as part of a Thai meal or on its own with rice. A fried egg thrown on top is delicious if your diet allows it.



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Koh Chang - White Sands Beach

Paddy's Palms	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Koh Chang's first Irish Pub is open with Guinness and imported beers A Thai and Western menu is now available.
Oodie's Place	<i>Thai/ French</i>	Blues/Thai/Folk/Rock live music bar. Popular island hangout. Food includes Mongolian barbecue and Steak Lao. French Menu and Pizzas
15 Palms	<i>European /Thai</i>	Comfortable beach restaurant/bar. Good food including full English break -fasts, Pool table. Live sports on a projector screen. Wireless internet access.
Chang Burl Resort and Spa	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Balcony restaurant at this new hotel offering Thai and Western cuisine
Invito	<i>Italian</i>	A popular restaurant offering authentic Italian food in an attractive traditional Thai teak wood house. Call 039 551 326 for pizza deliveries.
Invito Delicatessen	<i>Italian</i>	A new delicatessen offering a huge range of freshly prepared Italian Pastas, Meats, Cheeses, Breads, Sauces etc. as well as high quality imported foods
Star Beach	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Small restaurant on the sand offering simple and economical food

2 ข้าวต้ม THAI Restaurant - See Map P.47

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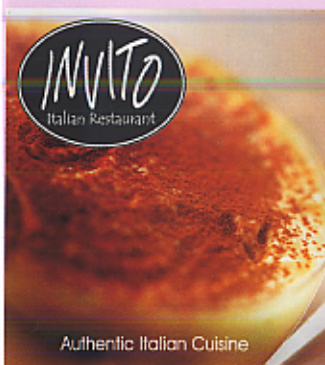
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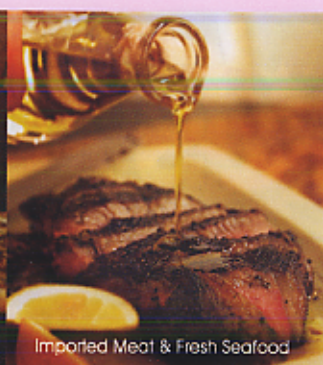
Tantawan	<i>Thai/ European</i>	Beachside bar and restaurant with regular live music
Hells Kitchen	<i>Thai/ European</i>	Restaurant with a large range of sandwiches. Speciality breakfasts. Also has pasta, Thai food, lunch and evening meals.
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Aoun & Phom	<i>Thai</i>	Authentic Thai dishes cooked to order in this reasonably priced restaurant now open opposite Top Resort on the hill



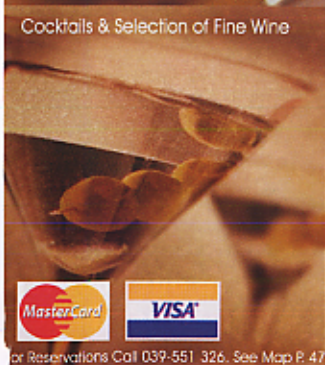
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Khon Thai	<i>Thai/ Issan</i>	Restaurant with Thai food, Issan food (from NE Thailand) and Seafood. There are live Thai singers every night
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Island Filling Station	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	At Island Lodge Resort. Good basic foods, hot and cold drinks and, apparently, "warm women and only fools and horses".
Thor's Palace	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Comfortable beachside restaurant/bar run by the colourful Thor. Excellent Thai curries. Good music.
Tiger's Den	<i>Bar</i>	Friendly and popular beach bar. Cocktails and a happy hour.
Norng Bua #1	<i>Thai</i>	Thai food, snacks and noodle soup in this inexpensive roadside eatery
Norng Bua #2	<i>Chinese/ Western</i>	New restaurant offering Western and Chinese specialities in addition to a full Thai menu. Cocktails are also available.
Beach Tango	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Burgers, Pizzas, Falafel Sandwiches, Thai Curries, Sandwiches and a range of other dishes at this beach restaurant located at Sang Arun resort.

Koh Chang - Hat Kai Mook (Pearl Beach)

Elephant & Castle	<i>Western</i>	Friendly cafe down the small road next to Dive Supply. English Breakfasts, Roast Dinners, Pies, Curries, Casseroles. Recently moved from Klong Prao.
Paradise Palms	-	Sunset beach bar in a lovely setting at the Paradise Palms Resort



A new bar with Pool Table
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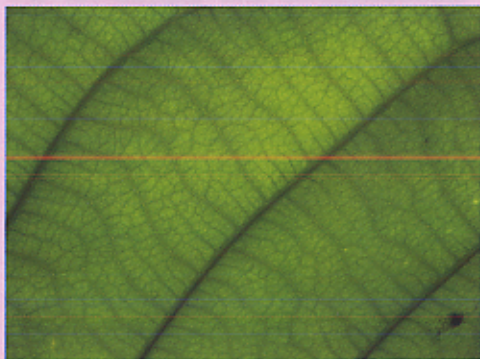
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Northern Lights	<i>Western/ Thai</i>	Sports bar and restaurant with Western & Thai foods including Swedish meatballs with Lingberries. UBC TV showing movies & live sport. Free pool & two dartboards. Pool & dart contests. A good malt whisky selection.
Sunrise	<i>Thai/ German</i>	Restaurant offering a range of Thai and German dishes and fresh home-made bread.
Pennys	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Restaurant with sea views at this resort
Keereeta	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	The restaurant at this resort offers a Thai food and seafood menu from 10a.m to 10p.m. daily
Sanae's	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Restaurant and bar offering Thai & Western food including home-cooked breakfasts with home-made sausages. huge classic DVD selection.
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Sky Bay - Large Thai style nightclub. Open until late nightly. Has live bands and dancers and two pool tables.

Koh Chang - Klong Prao

Blue Lagoon	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Thai and western favourites in this lagoon-side bar & restaurant
Just Thai	<i>Thai</i>	Quality Thai cuisine served in the pleasant surroundings of this well-presented Thai restaurant at Amari Emerald Cove Resort.
Sassi	<i>Italian</i>	This brand new Italian restaurant is on the second floor of Amari Emerald Cove. It serves the best in classic Italian cuisine.
The Taj	<i>Indian</i>	New Indian restaurant offering a range of authentic Indian dishes prepared by experienced Indian chefs
Abella Italian	<i>Italian/ Thai</i>	Italian restaurant at the end of Koh Chang Plaza offering Pizzas, Pasta and Lasagne as well as Thai dishes
Sea Breeze	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Beachside bar and restaurant at Tropicana hotel. Full a la carte Thai and Western menu

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V.J. Hotel & Spa	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Restaurant and bar beside the sea at this new hotel on Klong Prao beach.
Zigamar	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	A bar and art gallery/studio in V.J. Plaza. Good music. And Jazz. Nice.
KA-TI Culinary	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	You can taste a wide range of authentic Thai dishes in this new restaurant and if you like you can take a course to learn how to cook them yourself.
Iyara Seafood	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Seafood restaurant in a picturesque setting on the lagoon with good views of the beach and the mountain
Tabasco	<i>Bar</i>	Comfortable and friendly new bar in V.J. Plaza.
Yello's bar	<i>Bar</i>	The bar at this bungalow resort has live sport on UBC and is a set in a well-tended garden
Yes Bar 1	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	This bar has a pool table and offers free internet access. They also offer western and Thai dishes and a variety of cocktails.
Yes Bar 2	<i>Thai</i>	The new Yes Bar has Thai food, seafood and Issan food. If you call either they will pick you up from your hotel or even the ferry on your arrival.

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Cinnamon	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Restaurant with waterfront views over the lagoon at Aana resort
Thale Bungalow & Recycle Party	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	This seafront bar and restaurant on Klong Prao beach becomes the centre for the new Recycle Part on the first day of every month.
Barfly	<i>Bar</i>	There is a free pool table and live sports and movies on a cinema screen at this bar in V.J. Plaza
Phu Talay Seafood	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	Seafood restaurant looking over the water where the river meets the sea. They also have Thai gondola trips and offer Chinese and Western dishes.
Traveller Lounge	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Bright and spacious bar in V.J. Plaza with a good pool table.
Brick Bar	<i>Bar/ Indian</i>	Comfortable bar in V.J. Plaza. Good English-style Indian curries
Moos Place	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Pool bar offering Thai and Western food in a large garden in the centre of Klong Prao. Swedish specialities include fresh shrimp sandwiches.
Chai Chet Resort	<i>Thai</i>	Dining over the water in this resort with Thai and Western menu. Seafood is a speciality and views over the beach are excellent

Koh Chang - Kai Bae


Kai Bae Marina	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	This restaurant is noted for its large steaks. It also offers Italian pizza and Thai specialities. Deutsche Küche. Nightly movies on a cinema screen.
The Garden	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Restaurant and Bar with pool table at this new hotel in the middle of Kai Bae village.
Kai Bae Beach Resort	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	Restaurant by the beach with great views out over the islands. Thai and Seafood Barbeques on the menu.
Wine Gallery	<i>Bar</i>	Koh Chang's only bar offering a large range of beers and spirits at wholesale prices. They play Latino-Cuban style music.
Lanna Cafe	<i>Coffee</i>	Relaxed and friendly coffee shop offering Koh Chang's only outlet for ethical and delicious Fair Trade coffees
a 'Lee Bar Bar	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Bar and restaurant with snacks, breakfasts, seafood, western and Thai dishes. Live football is shown.
O'News	<i>Thai/ Issan.</i>	This bar offers a Thai, Western and Issan (Northeastern Thai) menu as well as a cocktail selection, Karaoke and a pool table.
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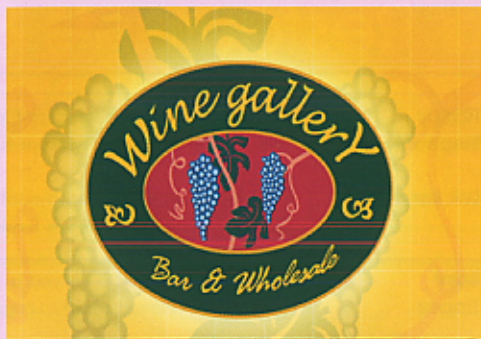
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Happy Elephant	<i>Snacks/ Ices</i>	Drinks, Snacks, Ice-Creams and Breakfasts are on the menu in this new place in the heart of Kai Bae village.
Lek Bar & Diner	<i>Western/ Thai</i>	Large place with pool table, live sports, bar and comfortable seating. The Diner serves fresh seafood and a range of Western and Thai dishes.
Saint Tropez	<i>Bar</i>	Breakfast is served in the morning and then this garden bar reverts to a relaxed place to enjoy a comfortable drink.
Kai Bae Paradise	<i>Music Bar</i>	New wooden bar at the front of Kai Bae Plaza. There is a live band playing nightly and audience participation is encouraged.
PaPa Deli	<i>Western/ Bakery</i>	Comfortable air-con deli with great fresh bread, pastries & cakes. Imported cheese and salami, coffee and a good wine selection.
Kharma	<i>Mexican</i>	Restaurant and bar next to Seven-11 with a Thai menu and a range of special Mexican dishes
Kai Bae Fredo	<i>French</i>	French Restaurant offering quality Mediterranean cuisine using imported ingredients.



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Casamarina	<i>Bar</i>	Friendly bar and guesthouse next to 7-eleven with a pool table and a new upstairs balcony.
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Koh Chang - Hat Ta Nam (Lonely Beach)

Tree House	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Picturesque bar with food on wooden platform over the shore Popular with travellers
Bhumiyama	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Bar and Restaurant in this attractive beachside resort.
Lemon Bar	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Bar and Restaurant with regular Dj's and a chilled out atmosphere. They offer an interesting range of Thai and Western food as well.

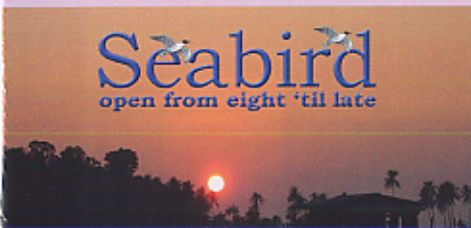
Koh Chang - Bailan Beach

Rock Inn	<i>Thai/</i>	Thai and German specialities at the restaurant. The Bar offers movies on a big screen and look out for live music nights.
Bailan Family Bungalow	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Thai restaurant at this backpacker style place. Offers barbeques in the evening, some western dishes also available.



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Nirvana

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Western* Quality dining at this resort restaurant with great views over Bang Bao bay

Sea Bird

*Thai/
Western* This popular Bang Bao restaurant with a fun family atmosphere offers live seafood cooked to order with great views over the bay.

Buddha View

*Thai/
Western* Seafood and Thai restaurant near to the end of the pier with live seafood and excellent views

**View Talay
Kitchen**

*Thai/
Western* This restaurant at Home Stay Beach Resort doubles as a cooking school where you can learn how to cook Thai food actually on the beach.

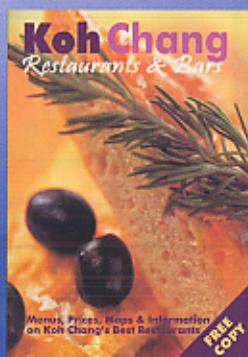
Little Havana

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Cocktails* This Cuban restaurant and bar offers a variety of Tapas and many cocktails in a quiet setting down a small bridge off the main Bang Bao pier



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Koh Chang - Klong Son

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Jungle Way *Thai/Western* Relaxed place by a stream in the midst of nature up a valley a long way from the bustle of the tourist centres


Koh Chang - East Coast

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Sunset Dinners *Thai/Seafood* This romantic idea involves being punted across Salak Khok bay whilst the sun sets dining on a Thai and Seafood banquet in specially-made boats


Island View Resort *Thai/Seafood* Delicious fresh seafood over the water at this restaurant sitting at the end of a pier offering fantastic views of Salak Phet bay.

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This can be tricky: Thai has sounds you probably haven't heard before and is a tonal language so the same sound can mean different things. For example Mai mai mai mai mai, said with the correct tones, means "The new wood doesn't burn does it?". But don't be put off, a few basic Thai words and phrases can get you a long way. Below are a few of these basics.

To be polite men say **Krap** and women say **Ka** at the end of any sentence.

Hello.....	Sawat Di Krap/Ka
Goodbye.....	Lar Gorn
Thank you.....	Korp Kun Krap / Ka
Yes.....	Shai
No.....	Mai
<i>Thai doesn't have literal words for yes or no but you'll be understood if you use the words above.</i>	
One.....	Neung
Two.....	Sawng
Three.....	Sam
Four.....	See
Five.....	Har
Six.....	Hok
Seven.....	Jet
Eight (difficult!).....	Bpet
Nine.....	Gao
Ten.....	Sip
Twenty.....	Yee Sip
Thirty.....	Sam Sip
One Hundred.....	Neung Roy

One Thousand.....	Neung Pan
How Much?.....	Tao Rai
Expensive.....	Paeng
Cheap.....	Took
Attractive/Beautiful.....	Sa-Why
Handsome.....	Lor
Delicious.....	Arroy
<i>Most Thais use the letter 'L' instead of 'R' so, for example, arroy above becomes alloy in speech.</i>	
Hot (Heat).....	Rawn
Hot (Spicy food).....	Pet
Police.....	Tamruat
Hospital.....	Long Payar Barn
This.....	Nee
Day.....	Wan
Today.....	Wan Nee
Tomorrow.....	Ploong Nee
Yesterday.....	Mer Wan
Second.....	Wee Natee
Minute.....	Natee
Hour.....	Chuangong
Fun.....	Sanuk
Good / Bad.....	Dee / Mai Dee
Big / Small.....	Yai / Lek
Come / Go.....	Mar / Bai
Where are you going?.....	Bai Nai?
What?.....	A Rai?
Where?.....	Tee Nai?
When?.....	Meu Rai?
How?.....	Yanglai?
Why?.....	Tammai?
Can you help me?.....	Chuay Dai Mai?
A Burden to the nation.....	Nak Pen Din
<i>(Literally "Heavy on the land")</i>	
Between a Rock and a Hard Place.....	Seuk
<i>Neua Seu-a Tai (Literally "War to the North, a Tiger to the South")</i>	



If you find all this interesting and you want to learn more about the Thai language during your stay on Koh Chang then you may like to take a basic Thai course with Anchana Language School on White Sand Beach. They have several Thai courses as well as offering tuition in English for Thais and computing courses. They can be contacted on 081-450-6268.

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Koh Chang is perhaps Thailand's fastest growing tourist destination. The island is developing rapidly and there are many opportunities for those seeking to live or to make a business on the island. This section of the magazine lets potential buyers know about some of the land and business opportunities that are currently available. Since the magazine is widely read by the Koh Chang community and also reaches worldwide tourists and ex-pats from all over Thailand, it is the perfect place to advertise.

If you have a plot of land, a property or a business that you wish to sell then let us help you to find a buyer. Also if you are interested in buying into land or a business on Koh Chang then contact us and we can list your requirements in the form of a wanted advert. You can contact us on **081-919-8219 - English** or **089-936-5621 - Thai**



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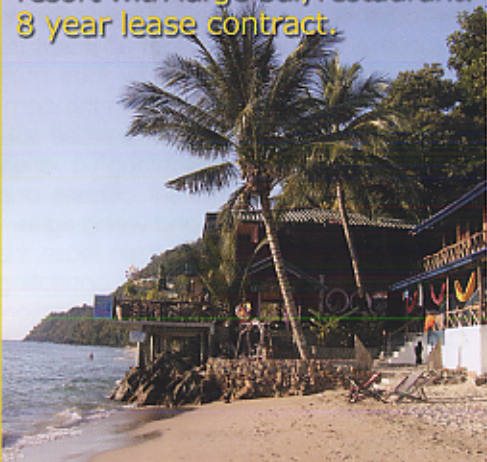


Star Beach Resort

White Sand Beach, beach bar and restaurant area with 10 bungalows. 9 year lease contract.

Rock Sand Resort

White Sand Beach, 30 Room resort with large bar/restaurant. 8 year lease contract.



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Buying Land and Properties in Thailand

The laws and regulations regarding purchase of land and properties can be confusing to a foreign investor. The following are a few ideas to get you started in figuring out how things work over here. Remember that this is only a very broad overview and you should do further research.

Legal Representation

Basically the best thing that you can do is get a good lawyer with experience in helping foreign investors purchase property. What may seem a high fee in the short term can save you a fortune and a lot of trouble later on. We recommend that you consult a legal firm in Bangkok or Pattaya: there are many in Pattaya who specialise in foreign real estate deals. Since they have a lot of experience they are probably a good choice. Alternatively if you are dealing with a good real estate agency they should be able to recommend good legal representation to you.

Foreign Ownership of Thai Land

Foreign nationals can purchase and own apartments entirely in their own name. In the case of land, however, they need to establish a Thai company that will purchase and possess the land. By law they must remain a minority shareholder in this company but in reality they can exercise sole control over the company through a variety of directorship appointment clauses and different types of shares and voting rights. The individual investor can then lease the land and buildings from the controlling company as a further level of protection. Consult your lawyer for details.

Types of Land Title

Chanote

The best and most secure of Thai land title deeds. The boundary markers of this land are measured by GPS and it provides a certificate of ownership of the land.

Nor Sor Sam Gor

The boundaries of land with this title deed are still fairly clear, being defined with reference to aerial surveys.

Nor Sor Sam

The land boundaries for Nor Sor Sam are defined relative to those of neighbouring plots and errors are common. However it is still an assured title of land possession.

Por Bor Tor/Sor Kor

These are effectively squatters land titles.

Whilst a lot of land with these title deeds on Koh Chang has in fact been developed the development is all, strictly speaking, illegal.

NB - Occasionally it is possible to apply to have one of these less secure forms of land title upgraded to Chanote. In practice this can take years and may never happen. If someone tells you that 'their' land will be upgraded then wait until it has been and you have seen all the paperwork before going any further. It is not uncommon for the ownership of land with Por Bor Tor or Sor Kor title to be disputed. It is probably best to only consider land with Chanote, Nor Sor Sam Gor or, at a pinch, Nor Sor Sam land title.

Thai Land Measures

In Thailand Land is measured in Rai, Ngan and Wah which are:

1 Rai	=	1,600 sq.m
1 Ngan	=	400 sq.m
1 Wah	=	4 sq.m

Equivalents

1 Acre	=	2.53 Rai
1 Hectare	=	6.25 Rai