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Thailand –The tourist paradise.

I can not imagine a country that has so much to offer a family for such a reasonable amount of money. The food is fantastic and the prices are really low. The people are friendly and most of the people you meet speak fairly good English. The best weather is from September to May. During our two weeks stay in Thailand it rained about four or five days. Well we consider our self lucky, since we visited the country during the rain season. There are a lot of nice places you can visit in Thailand. Koh Samui, Phi Phi Island, Krabi, Phuket, Koh Phangan and Koh Samet.

Things to and see in Bangkok

A city with a unique mix of old temples and modern shopping malls.

I do not recommend to rent a car here, the taxi fares are cheap and the traffic is hectic.

You might want to try the even cheaper three wheeled motorcycle taxis called tuk tuk. As the drivers in Thailand think that everything already is decided by god, they do not take traffic rules very seriously. Beware that many of the drivers works on commission from tailors and stores. For serious shopping you go to Siam. If you are in Bangkok during Saturday or Sunday, do not miss the Chatuchak Weekend Market.

Except from shopping Bangkok offers a lot to see. The golden Buddha, The sleeping Buddha, Grand Palace, Temple of dawn, floating market, boat trip along Chao Phraya river, Dusit zoo and a lot more. Both our girls liked to visit the temples, just make sure to take breaks regularly and bring a lot of water.

Koh Samet

This island is located about three hours drive from Bangkok. During weekends the island is crowded not only by tourist but also Thai people. Since the island is a national park everyone who enters have to pay a small fee. We planned to take divers licences during our stay at Koh Samet but the sight in sea was no more than a meter during the time we where





there, August. The first week we stayed at the west side and Ao-Prao resort, which was very luxurious. After that we moved across the island to the east side and lived in a smaller bungalow for a fifth of the costs.

Depending on when you go to Koh Samet the prices varies and it might be hard to get a place to stay. Book at least the first days in advance and then go find a new place to stay when you are on the island.

Even though it is very touristy it is worth going here. The sand makes a noise for each step you take, eating in the restaurants along the beach is the greatest restaurant experience we ever had. Your table is about 30 centimetres high and you sit on cushions directly on the beach and the stars shining bright over you. In most of the restaurants the food is really good. The girls loved to spend the days in the waves.



Thailand Facts:

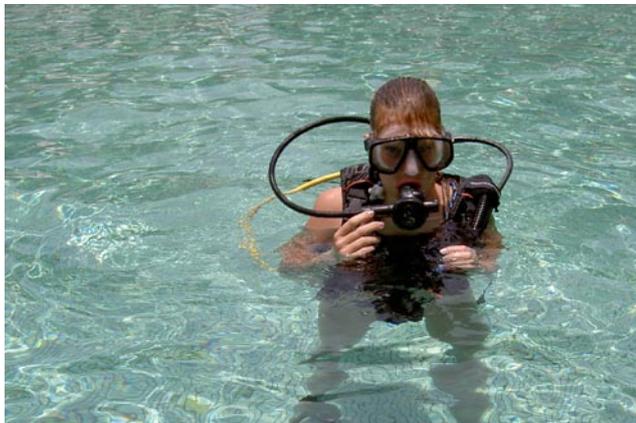
Climate: Average annual temperature is 35 degree C / 95 degree F

Local time: GMT +7 hours

Currency: 1 Bath

Language: Thai

Population: About 65 millions



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