

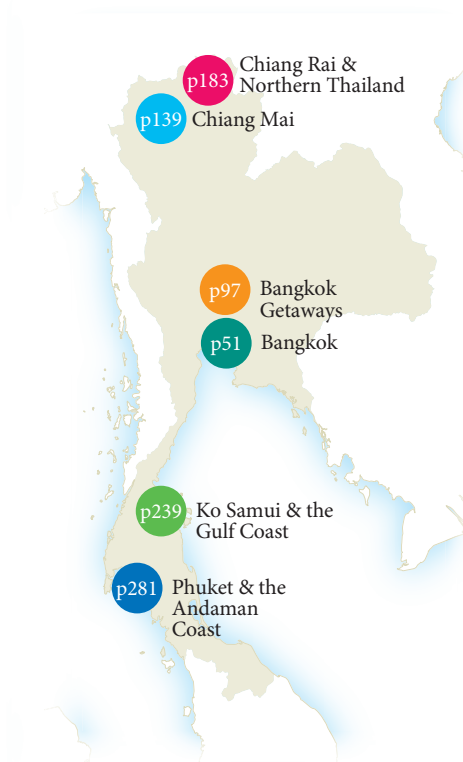


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This Is Thailand

Thailand is blessed: exotic and mysterious yet approachable and hospitable, it has the looks and personality to entice the world to its shores.

Bangkok, the kingdom's capital, is an adrenalin rush. The pace is fast, the spaces cramped and the sights and smells dizzying. It is a bit disorienting at first but addictive for urban junkies.

In contrast, the tranquil southern coast will soothe modern worries. The waters are clear, the diving is spectacular and the pace is akin to an afternoon nap. Thailand's famous islands and beaches specialise in having fun, from beach parties to casual dining. Along the Andaman Coast dramatic limestone mountains cluster like prehistoric monuments.

Beyond the beach scene, Thailand's culture trail educates and enlightens. Witness intense displays of religious devotion and tangible fragments of historic eras. Bangkok, the centre of the Thai universe and the seat of religion and monarchy, boasts flamboyant and revered temples. Further north, the ancient capitals of Ayuthaya and Sukhothai are peppered with gravity-ravaged monuments and serene Buddha figures.

Northern Thailand is all lush mountains, historic cities and border intrigue. The gateway to the region, Chiang Mai, has a well-preserved old city and university atmosphere. In higher altitudes, minority hill tribes preserve a cultural identity that defies modern borders.

In every corner of the kingdom, Thais concoct flavourful feasts from simple ingredients. Travelling from region to region becomes an edible buffet, from fresh coconut curries in southern Thailand to steamy bowls of noodles in Bangkok and hearty stews in Chiang Mai.

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