

## Suggested attractions & activities for Pattaya and Nearby

With less than 2 hours' drive from Bangkok, Pattaya has always been one of the most popular holiday destinations for both the locals and tourists. The city offers a wide range of recreational activities, cultural, sight-seeing and natural attractions. Pattaya is also home to several world-class golf courses, some of Thailand's best sailing clubs and Muay Thai training schools.

### Beaches & Islands

**Pattaya Beach** is the main beach here. It is divided into 3 parts – the north, the central and the south, all of which are packed with accommodations, restaurants and shops. **Jomtien Beach** is popular for windsurfing, kite surfing, parasailing as well as other water sports. There are also plenty of accommodations along this beach. **Wong Phra Chan Beach** and **Wong Amat Beach** are relatively quiet, hence suitable for those looking for a relaxing swimming, jogging or simply sunbathing.

Islands near Pattaya include **Ko Lan**, **Ko Sak** and **Ko Phai**. All of them offer beautiful sandy beaches, snorkelling sites and are close enough for a half day or 1-day tour. Ko Phai is one of the most outstanding scuba diving sites in this part of Thailand.

**Sailing** is a year-round sport in Pattaya with the Royal Varuna Yacht Club offering sailing classes and yacht rent.



### Waterparks & Themed Parks

Pattaya also has several waterparks for family members of all ages e.g. Thailand's biggest waterpark - **Ramayana Water Park**, The world's first Cartoon Network themed waterpark - **Cartoon Network Amazone, Pattaya Park**.

**Mini Siam** is a miniature city with the models of famous sights in Thailand as well as overseas. **Pattaya Floating Market** is a themed riverside attraction that showcases the beautiful ancient Thai riverside village lifestyle. Here you'll find cultural products and souvenirs on sale from the four major regions of Thailand, all at an affordable price. The experience is often referred to as a 'Travelling Through Thailand in One Day'. **Nong Nooch Tropical Garden** is a beautifully landscaped recreational park with themed gardens, daily

cultural shows, restaurants and accommodation. Highlights include species-specific gardens, such as cactus and succulent plants, orchid nurseries, tropical palm gardens, bonsai and topiary garden and dinosaur garden.



### **The Sanctuary of Truth**

Located on North Pattaya Beach, this one-of-a-kind giant wooden construction is a truly awe-inspiring sanctuary which illustrates the Ancient Vision of Earth, Ancient Knowledge, and Eastern Philosophy.

### **Markets**

**Nong Mon Market** is the best place to sample local street food. Stretching over several blocks on Sukhumvit Road about 45 minutes' drive from Pattaya, the market has a remarkable array of local fresh, preserved and ready to eat produce. Must-try local delicacies include Hor Mok (steamed spicy fish curry), Hoi Cho (deep fried crab meat cake), Khao Lam (sweetened glutinous rice roasted in bamboo) and Khanom Chak (sweetened sticky rice flour mixed with shredded coconut and roasted in palm leaves).

**(The Old) Ang Sila Market** is a popular weekend market where locals and visitors come to enjoy shopping in the ambience of Ang Sila's old days. The market features a wide variety of produce ranging from fresh and processed seafood to desserts and the famous granite mortars of Ang Sila.

### **Other suggested attractions & activities**

Other activities for action enthusiasts include Muay Thai, horse riding, zip-lining, and golf.

**Horseshoe Point Resort** is home to one of Thailand's best horse riding schools offering classes to all levels of proficiency and Tree Top Adventure Park where visitors can challenge themselves by zipping, flying, crawling and swinging their ways through treetop obstacles. Other zip-line park near Pattaya is **Flight of the Gibbon**.

While many big resorts offer leisure Muay Thai classes for their guests, visitors who are interested to learn more may do so at **Fairtex Muay Thai Pattaya** or **Sityodtong Muay Thai Camp**.

For golf lovers, there are several **excellent golf courses** in Pattaya and nearby, from 9-hole miniature golf courses to 18-hole golf courses with challenging terrains.