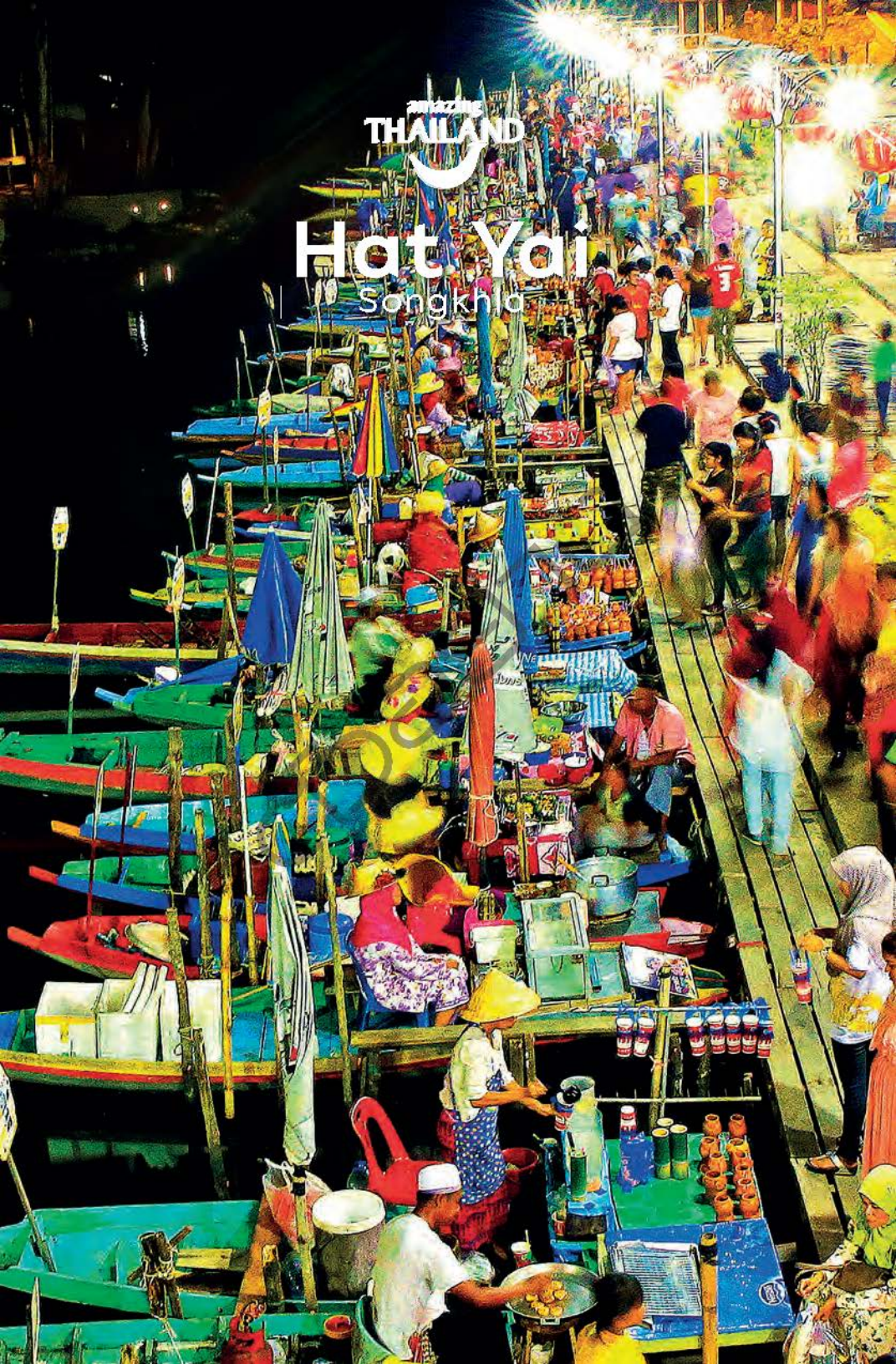


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Songkhla





Central Mosque, Songkhla

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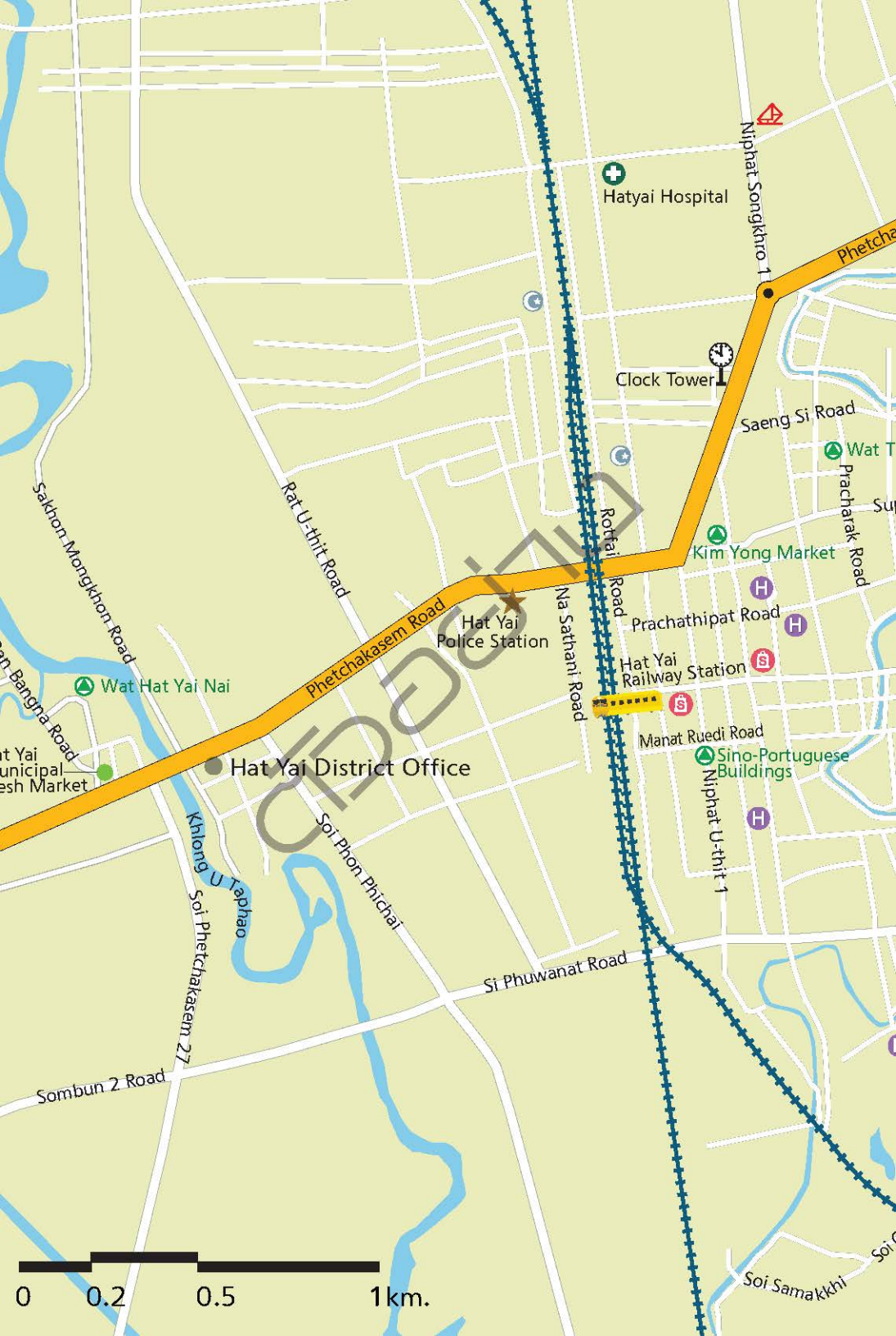
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Saeng Si Road

Rat U-thit Road

Sakhon-Mongkhon Road

Phetchakasem Road

Hat Yai Police Station

Wat Hat Yai Nai

Hat Yai Municipal Fish Market

Hat Yai District Office

Rattai Road

Na Sathani Road

Kim Yong Market

Prachathipat Road

Hat Yai Railway Station

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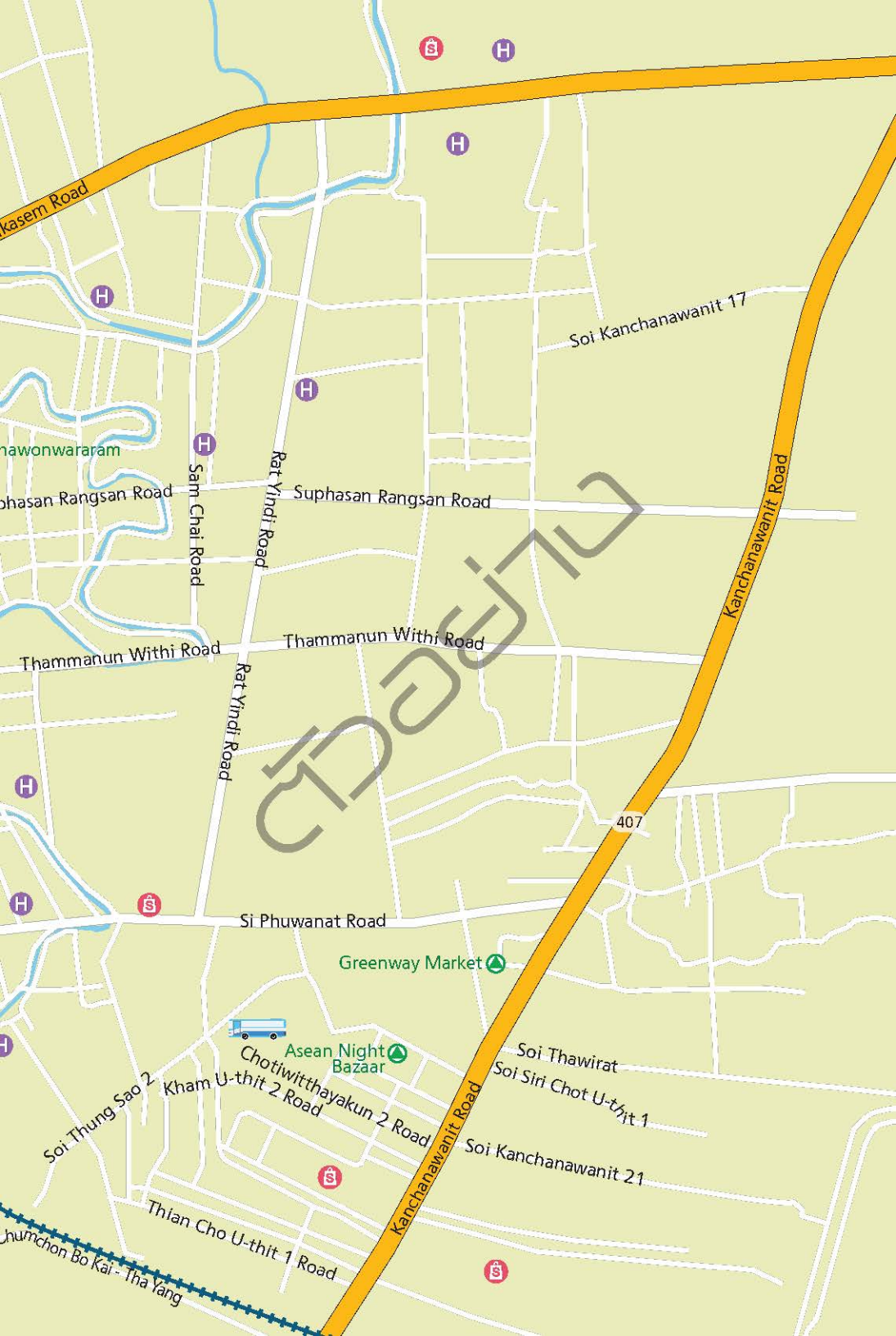
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Kanchanawarit Road



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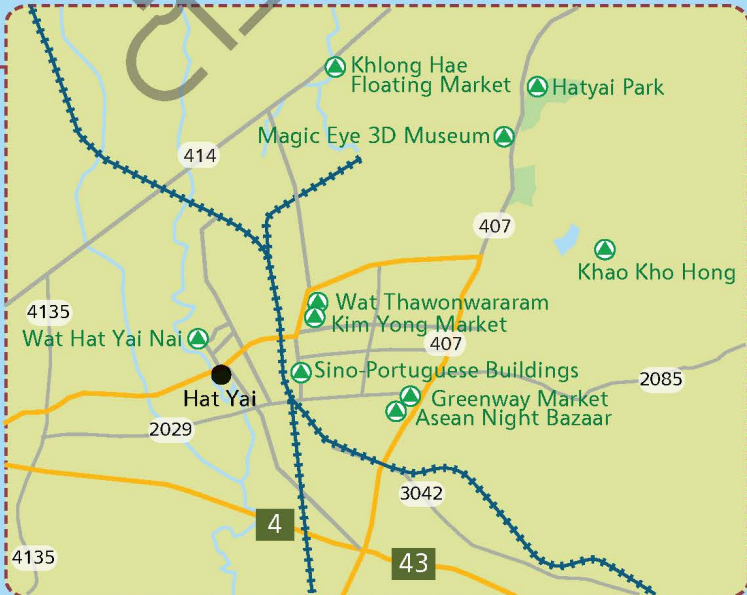
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SONGKHLA



HAT YAI





Phra Phuttha Mongkhon Maharat

Hat Yai

One can feel, hear, see, and experience the bustling vibe of this busy commercial hub of southern Thailand on the first minute they arrive in Hat Yai. Although Hat Yai is a part of Songkhla province, it is the largest city in southern Thailand and is Thailand's fourth largest city, and therefore it is big and special enough for it to deserve a mention on its own.

A gateway to Malaysia and Singapore and a popular travel destination amongst the holidaymakers from these two countries, Hat Yai is a vibrant city with a mix of Southern Thai, Thai-Chinese, and Thai Muslim influences, and is filled with an eclectic mix of everything. Strolling the streets in Hat Yai downtown and you will see the perfect combination of Thai and Chinese culture embedded in the life of the city, as a large part of the population in Hat Yai is a Thai-Chinese community. The sweet fragrance of burning incenses coming out from the Chinese shrines and the Buddhist temples, the mouth-watering mix of Chinese cuisines and Thai delicacies, and the local people speaking in Thai and Chinese, are just a few examples of what you will encounter here.

Aside from the unique culture and traditions, Hat Yai is also a place that people come for a shopping and eating extravaganza, whether it is at the famous Talat Kim Yong, the floating markets, or the night markets. Hat Yai not only has the hustle and bustle of a city, but is also filled with plenty of other attractions, serenity of nature, and several interesting annual events. You are invited to come and discover what makes Hat Yai a unique and fascinating place.

Feel at Peace and Gain Spiritual Energy

Wat Hat Yai Nai

It is almost impossible for anyone to stand in front of the open-air Wihan (image hall) at Wat Mahattamangkharam, which is also known widely as Wat Hat Yai Nai, and not be in awe at one of the biggest reclining Buddha images in the world. Constructed over 40 years ago and measuring 35 metres long, 15 metres high, and 10 metres wide, the reclining Buddha is named Phra Phuttha Mahattamongkhon and is the most revered Buddha image of Hat Yai. From the outside of the Wihan, you can see the face of the Buddha image, but you need to get inside the Wihan to be able to get a full view of the whole Buddha image. Take the time to pay homage, absorb the energy, and receive the blessing from the reclining Buddha, before taking the time to walk around the Buddha image to admire the skill of the local craftsmen who created this amazing work of art.

Location: Tambon Khuan Lang, Amphoe Hat Yai, Songkhla

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Wat Thawonwararam

Entering the perimeter of Wat Thawonwararam and one can smell the smoky scent of the burned incense sticks and hear the sound of devotees praying in front of the Buddha statues, as well as the sound of the Chinese Buddhist monk teaching several novices. Located in a small alley in the middle of Hat Yai, Wat Thawonwararam is a Chinese Buddhist temple of the Vietnamese sect that is popular amongst locals and tourists. The building compound is spectacular inside and out, with several buildings and rooms connecting to one

another. Make your way around the temple to pray and place the burned incense sticks in the huge incense burners that are placed in front of the extensive collection of Buddha images and Chinese deities. A wonderful place of worship, Wat Thawonwararam is a place where people can easily lose track of time, as they spend time walking around to pray and be fascinated by the large amounts of the beautiful statues that are spread in different rooms.

Location: Tambon Hat Yai, Amphoe Hat Yai, Songkhla

GPS: N07°00.606' E100°28.378'

More Than Just Incredible Nature

Hat Yai Park and Khao Kho Hong

From the first moment one enters the gate of the expansive Hat Yai Park, it is clear that anyone could easily spend several hours exploring its many fascinating sights. The **vast pond and shady park** greet you as you make your way inside the park, and this is where you can join the local lovebirds pedaling the swan boat around the pond or enjoy a picnic in the shade while watching the locals cycling around the park. Make your way up **Khao Kho Hong**, a hill that makes up most of the Hat Yai Park's area, and stop mid-way before reaching the peak to pay homage to the magnificent **statue of Guan Yin** (the Chinese Goddess of Mercy), as well as several statues of other Chinese deities, including the Laughing Buddha (which is believed to bring good luck and abundance in one's life), Sanxing (the gods of prosperity, status, and longevity), and the Jade Emperor (the supreme deity of the Chinese pantheon).

Continue the journey up to the hilltop, where the standing Buddha and cable car station is located. Hop on the **cable car** and enjoy the beautiful scenery of lush forest down below, before arriving at **Thao Maha Phrom (the Great Brahma) Shrine**. Pay respect to the Lord Brahma or the Four-faced Buddha as well as the other deities, before taking the cable car back. Take a moment to admire the spectacular 19.90-metre-high standing Buddha called **Phra Phuttha Mongkhon Maharat** and pay homage to the Buddha image for luck and auspiciousness.

As the afternoon comes to a close, spend time enjoying the view of Hat Yai city and the mountains far away at the **viewpoint** located just a few steps away from the standing Buddha. This viewpoint is also a popular spot among the locals, and seeing the sun slowly sinking down behind the cityscape with your own eyes is truly breathtaking. Finish the trip to Hat Yai Park by exploring the wonders of astronomy and unlocking the secrets of the universe at the **Hat Yai Observatory**, which is located not far from the standing Buddha and the viewpoint.

Location: Tambon Kho Hong, Amphoe Hat Yai, Songkhla

GPS: N07°02.596' E100°30.229'

Operating Hours: Every day 6.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Hat Yai Park's operating hours)

Monday – Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. (Cable car's operating hours)

Friday - Sunday 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. (Cable car's operating hours)

Every day 9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Hat Yai Observatory's operating hours)

Website: www.hatyaipark.com

Contact Information: Tel. +66 7421 1898

*Entrance Fee: 200 Baht (for the cable car ride)
20 Baht (for Hat Yai Observatory)*

Namtok Ton Nga Chang

Feel the excitement of yourself and those around you as you walk past the first tier of the waterfall, which are full of locals chilling out in the pool of water. Continue your journey passing the second tier that has a small bridge spanning across the stream of water for one to walk over and snap a few photos, because the main purpose of a visit to Namtok Ton Nga Chang is the third tier. Hiking up the steep and slippery incline of boulders and tree roots with the help of overhanging vines, the challenging climb is finally over and straight ahead is the third tier of the waterfall, which is what makes this seven-tiered waterfall one of the most beautiful waterfalls in southern Thailand. At the third tier, the waterfall separates into two streams and plunge down to the pools of clear water. The two streams resemble a pair

of elephant's tusks, leading to the waterfall being named 'Namtok Ton Nga Chang' or the 'Elephant's Tusks Waterfall'. Spend time relaxing and frolicking in the pool of water and take in the amazing beauty of nature while breathing in oxygen-rich air and smelling the fresh fragrance of the surrounding trees and plants. Wake up the adventurous side of you and challenge yourself to go up to the third tier of Namtok Ton Nga Chang, because without the strenuous walks and climbs, you will not be able to see the mesmerising creation of nature with your own eyes.

Location: Tambon Thung Tam Sao, Amphoe Hat Yai, Songkhla

GPS: N06° 56.610 ' E100° 15.040 '

Operating Hours: Everyday 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Entrance Fee: 200 Baht for adults and 100 Baht for children



Namtok Ton Nga Chang



Sino-Portuguese Buildings

Hot Spots for Unique Photo Opportunities

Sino-Portuguese Buildings

Walking along the Niphat Uthit 1 Road in the middle of Hat Yai city centre and one's eyes would be struck by the candy-coloured buildings that are built in Sino-Portuguese architectural style. Standing on the opposite side of the road and you can feel the wealth and history of the people living here in the past exuding from the beautiful ancient structures. Built by a Hokkien man from Malaysia, this cluster of 8 buildings is amongst the first group of buildings in Hat Yai that are built with concrete and are also some of the last ancient Sino-Portuguese buildings left in Hat Yai today. Although the buildings are centuries old, the colours that

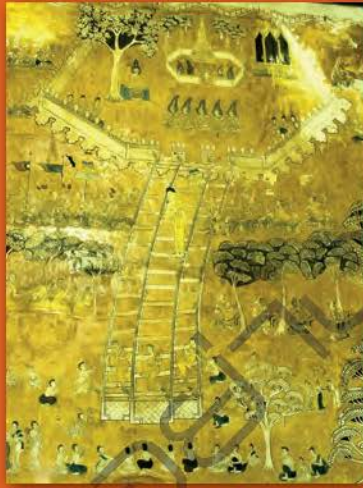
have recently been painted bring life back to these buildings as well as the surroundings. Spend time marvelling at the beautiful design of the buildings, particularly the arch windows, which are different for each building, before strolling along the road to spot some other ancient buildings that dotted the area.

Location: Tambon Hat Yai, Amphoe Hat Yai, Songkhla

GPS: N07° 00.209' E100° 28.170'

Magic Eye 3D Museum

Have you ever wanted to climb the bamboo tree alongside a cute and fluffy panda, sit on a glowing crescent moon, or be on the cover of the National Geographic magazine? You can do that and much more at the Magic Eye 3D



Mural Painting, Wat Cha Thing Phra



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