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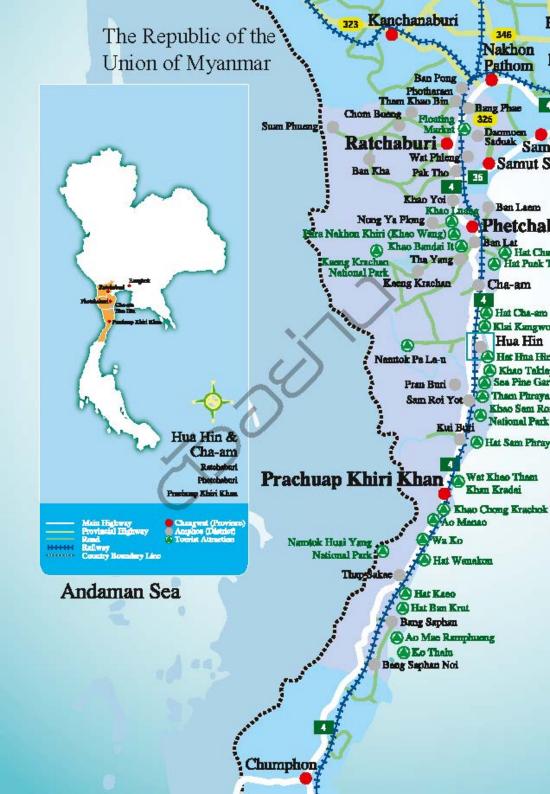
















Hat Hua Hin HUA HIN

Hua Hin is one of Thailand's most popular seaside resorts among overseas visitors as well as Thais. Hua Hin, is located 281 kiometres south of Bangkok or around three-hour for driving a cartogothere. It is renowned as Thailand's most traditional beach resort with many seafood restaurants, and a splendid sandy beach which starts from a rocky headland next to the port and curves gently for some 3 kilometres to its southern point where Buddhist temples surmount hilltops.

It was here, in the 1920's that King Rama VII built a summer palace, thus creating a vogue among high society for Hua Hin as a favourite retreat from Bangkok's summer heat. Today the Royal Family continues to reside at Hua Hin for part of the year. Hua Hin is a well-established beach destination, with full facilties. In contrast to Pattaya, the long-established resort on the opposite shore of the Gulf, Hua Hin provides a quiet, relaxed retreat amid surroundings which preserve a typical Thai ambience. Hua Hin is thus well suited for families or those who wish simply to escape the city bustle.

CITY ATTRACTIONS

Panee Butterfly Farm

Located opposite Klai Kangwon Palace, this is the first butterfly and herbal garden in Hua Hin. Surrounded by diverse local plants from all over Thailand, it features varied species of butterflies, birds, orchids, flowers and herbal plants. It opens everyday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Hat Hua Hin

Hat Hua Hin is a 5-kilometre white sandy beach lined with a wide range of accommodations, from bungalows to five-star hotels and resorts. Located at the sunrise side of the city, the beach

runs from a rocky headland which separates from a tiny fishing pier, and gently curves for some three kilometres to the south where the Giant Standing Buddha Sculpture is located at the foot of Khao Takiap. While offering a tranquil atmosphere, the beach is also the place for funfilled activities ranging from jogging, walking, sun bathing, horse riding, kite boarding, and other kinds of water sports.

Hat Khao Tao

This small beach at the foot of Khao Tao Hill lies about 10 kilometres south of Hua Hin and 1 kilometre along an access road. It is located on a pine-fringed beach and is more secluded than Hua Hin. The signature of the place is a large Buddha image which faces out to the sea. Bungalow accommodations are available.

Hua Hin Arts and Crafts Centre

Situated in an old-styled house on Naepkhehat Road, the centre features a private collection of contemporary works of many Thai artists; such as, paintings, sculptures and local handicrafts, as well as old furniture and many pictures about Hua Hin in the past.

Baan Silapin Hua Hin (Artist Village)

Found in 1998, Baan Sillapin is situated on Pa La-u road (route 3218), only 4 kilometres west of the town center. It is the residence of Tawee Kesangam, the most renowned artist of Hua Hin, and home to the Hua Hin Artists Group.

The site also houses fine galleries of arts and antiques, artist studios, a gift shop, a cozy coffee corner, classes for popular painting and sculpture lessons, plus special occasional exhibitions. Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. For more information, call. +66 3282 7155 or +66 8 7047 7125.



Baan Sillapin Hua Hin

Hua Hin Night Market

A must for every visitor. This is the most colourful spot in Hua Hin during the night where the market offers a wide variety of food, drinks, desserts, memorable souvenirs. The famous freshly-prepared dishes are Phat Thai, Hoi Thot, fresh seafood, Indian roti bread. coconut ice cream, just to name a few. This market will delight visitors wishing to savour the real taste of Hua Hin.

Hua Hin PlearnWan

From the starting point of love and yearning for Hua Hin in the past, PlearnWan is originated as a new travel destination for Hua Hin residents and visitors. PlearnWan is "centre of joy and happiness... stop the past in order to tell the various tales of Hua Hin in the past ... toward present". Located at Soi Mu Ban Bo Fai,

the venue is open for the visitors to enjoy 7 days a week from 9.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday, 9.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, For further information please contact Tel. +66 3252 0311

Hua Hin Railway Station

Built in the reign of King Rama VI in gingerbreadstyle, the station is one of Thailand's oldest railway stations. In addition, it is one of the country's most beautiful train stations of which the local people are very proud. With its unique and outstanding characteristic, its most striking feature is the splendid Royal Waiting Room constructed in the Thai architectural style. The room was relocated from Sanam Chan Palace in Nakhon Pathom Province during the reign of King Rama VI.



Hua Hin Railway Station



Hua Hin Night Market

Khao Takiap

Situated at the southern end of Hua Hin, only 4 kilometres from the town, this hill can be easily reached by local minibus. Visitors can go up the hilltop to enjoy a bird's eye view of Hua Hin, which is one of the delightful views either during the day or night. There is a temple or call Wat Khao Takiap situated on the top of the hill with the giant golden Buddha Statue standing against the cliff, which becomes a landmark of Khao Takiap. The nearby Khao Takiap Beach offers mostly bungalow accommodations.

Cicada Market

An art-inspired flea market on an outdoor area with a tropical ambiance, Cicada Marekt is a place where visitors can find all kind of artists performing their talents; such as, singing, dancing, and performing arts, as well as selling their handmade products, one of a kind accessories and creative crafts. Located near Khao Takiap, the market is open on Friday to Sunday from 4.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. contact Tel. +66 3253 6606, +66 9 9669 7161 or visit www.cicadamarket.com.

Klai Kangwon Palace

In Thai, the name of the palace literally means 'far from worries'. This summer palace, consisting of 3 Spanish style mansions facing the sea, was constructed to the north of Hua Hin under the royal command of King Rama VII in 1926. Today, it is the permanent residence of the King. Open everyday from 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. For more information, please contact Tel. +66 3251 1115.

Namtok Pa La-u

This beautiful 11-tiered rock waterfall is located in the densely verdant forest in the area of

Kaeng Krachan National Park where various kinds of birds and butterflies are found, especially in the morning. Some levels of the waterfall can be reached along a trekking trail parallel to the stream. The best time to watch butterflies is from 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. In addition, visitors may be able to spot wild animals and several species of rare birds. The best time to visit the fall is from November to April when the fall is at its most beautiful. The waterfall can be reached by local transportation from Hua Hin for a distance of 63 kilometres.

For more information, please contact the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation at Tel. +66 2562 0760 or visit www.dnp.go.th or Kaeng Krachan National Park at Tel. +66 3245 9293, +66 3245 9291.

Suan Son Pradiphat or Sea Pine Garden

This beachside area belongs to the Army Welfare Office and is open to the public. It is Km. 241, around 8 kilometres south of Hua Hin. This is a tranquil and relaxing place to visit with various restaurants and accommodations in the form of guesthouses, hotels and self-catering bungalows. Tel. +66 3265 5985-7

Hua Hin Hills Vineyard

The first and only vineyard in Hua Hin, this vineyard grow a wide range of grapes; such as, shiraz, Chenin Blanc, Colombard, Tempranillo, Sangiovese, and Black Muscat. Visitors can tour around the vineyard on the back of an elephant, or enjoy the wine tasting and wine and food pairing session, as well as the delicious cuisine. Located about 40 kiometres from Hua Hin, this vineyard is best visited during February to March. Open everyday from 9.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. Contact Tel. +66 8 1701 0222, +66 8 1701 0444 or visit www. monsoonvalley.com for more information.



Hua Hin Hills Vineyard



Cicada Market





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