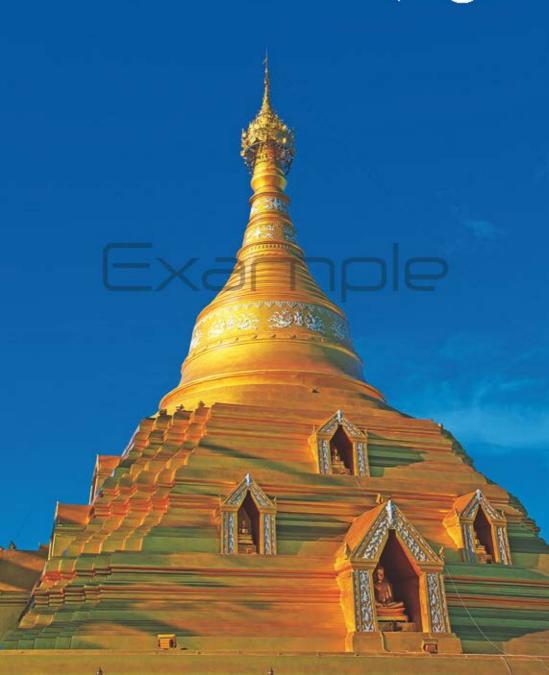
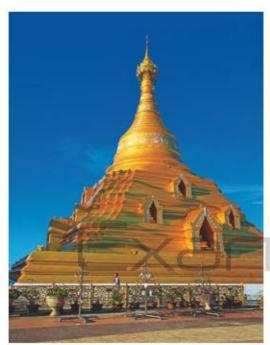
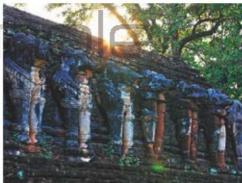
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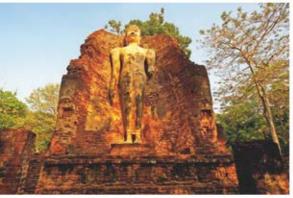


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#### **Thai Term Glossary**

Amphoe: District

Ban: Village

Chedi: Stupa or Pagoda Doi or Phu or Khao: Moutain

Khlong: Canal Ko: Island

Maenam: River

Mueang: Town or City Namtok: Waterfall Tambon: Sub-district

Tham: cave

Ubosot or Bot: Ordination hall in a temple Wihan or Viharn: Image hall in a temple

Wat: Temple

Note: English Spelling here has given tries to approximate Thai pronunciation. Post signs may be spelled differently. When seeking help from a Thai for directions, point to the Thai spellings given sfter each place name.

#### Kamphaeng Phet

Kamphaeng Phet is a location of an ancient city that existed in Thai history at least 700 years ago. As an important strategic outpost of the Sukhothai Kingdom, the city was strongly fortified with walls and battlements. which still remain to be seen. According to historical evidence, two towns known as Chakangrao and Nakhon Chum had existed on the left and right banks, respectively, of the Ping River before the emergence of Kamphaeng Phet. The latter is located opposite the old Kamphaeng Phet town, and therefore, is of historical as well as cultural importance. Kamphaeng Phet Historical Park was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1991. The province also offers

several natural attractions with verdant forests abundant with flora, fauna, and various kinds of birds, such as Mae Wong National Park, Khlong Lan National Park, and Khlong Wang Chao National Park.

Situated in the Lower North of Thailand, Kamphaeng Phet boasts the topography of plains in the north and south, with undulating mountains in the west, which are the origin of the province's streams and tributaries. Among these are Khlong Suan Mak, Khlong Wang Chao, Khlong Khlung, and Khlong Khayaeng, all flowing into the Ping River, the province's life vein that meanders from north to south across the province.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Kamphaeng Phet is administratively divided into 11 districts; namely, Amphoe Mueang Kamphaeng Phet, Amphoe Khlong Khlung, Amphoe Khlong Lan, Amphoe Sai Ngam, Amphoe Khanu Woralaksaburi, Amphoe Phran Kratai, Amphoe Lan Krabue, Amphoe Pang Sila Thong, Amphoe Sai Thong Watthana, Amphoe Bueng Samakkhi, and Amphoe Kosamphi Nakhon.

#### **BOUNDERY**

Kamphaeng Phet is located approximately 358 kilometres from Bangkok, covering a total area of some 8,607.5 square kilometres.

North : borders Amphoe Mueang Tak, Tak Province, and AMphoe Khiri Mat,

Sukhothai Province.

South: borders Amphoe Banphot Phisai, Nakhon Sawan Province.

East : borders Amphoe Bang Rakam,

Phitsanulok Province, Amphoe Pho Thale and Amphoe Sam Ngam, Phichit Province.

West : borders Amphoe Umphang, Tak Province.

#### **HOW TO GET THERE**

By car: From Bangkok, take Highway No. 32 via Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Ang Thong, Sing Buri, Chai Nat, and Nakhon Sawan, Then turn onto Highway No. 1 to Kamphaeng Phet. The total distance is 360 kilometres.

By bus: There are first-class air-conditioned buses leaving the Northern Bus Terminal (Chatuchak) to Kamphaeng Phet daily, contact the Transport Co., Ltd., Tel. 1490 www.transport.co.th Sombat Tour Tel. 0 2936 2841-48, 0 2936 3670, 08 9906 2179 www. sombattour.com, Sukhothai Win Tour Tel. 0 2936 3753-4, 0 5561 1039, 1215 Kamphaeng Phet Bus Terminal Tel. 0 5573 8385

#### **Local Transportation**

There are various modes of local transportation for visitors to choose from:

- Song Thaeo, a local form of transport running around the provincial town, available at community areas like Nakhon Chum Market, Kamphaeng Phet Terminal, and Ton Pho Circle. - Motor tricycle and taxi motorcycle running within downtown Kamphaeng Phet, with starting points at the Kamphaeng Phet Bus Terminal, Rim Ping Market, and Ton Pho Circle. The fare can be either agreed by distance or chartered.

#### **Distances from Amphoe Mueang Kamphaeng Phet to Other Districts** and Minor Districts

Amphoe Phran Kratai	25	kilometres
Amphoe Kosamphi Nakhon	30	kilometres
Amphoe Khlong Khlung	42	kilometres
Amphoe Sai Ngam	42	kilometres
Amphoe Khlong Lan	52	kilometres
Amphoe Sai Thong Watthana	53	kilometres
Amphoe Lan Krabue	59	kilometres
Amphoe Pang Sila Thong	70	kilometres
Amphoe Khanu Woralaksaburi	70	kilometres
Amphoe Bueng Samakkhi	90	kilometres

#### Distances from Kamphaeng Phet to **Nearby Provinces**

Tak	68	kilometres
Sukhothai	77	kilometres
Phichit	90	kilometres
Phitsanulok	103	kilometres
Nakhon Sawan	117	kilometres
Chiang Mai	337	kilometres

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

### Amphoe Mueang Kamphaeng Phet

Kamphaeng Phet Historical Park (อุทยาน

ประวัติศาสตร์กำแพงเพชร)

The entrance to the Park is approximately 5 kilometres off Kamphaeng Phet town at Km. 360 on the left of the Kampheang Phet-Phran Kratai route. The Kamphaeng Phet Historical Park comprises ancient monuments built of different materials on the east and west banks of the Ping River. The remains on the east bank where Kamphaeng Phet town is located were built from laterite and were of large scales while those on the west bank