

BANGKOK TOURIST BUREAU

BANGKOK TOURIST BUREAU is old name of TAT (Tourism Authority of Thailand). It is easy to find because *BANGKOK TOURIST BUREAU* is located Phra Athit Road in Bangkok. The tourists can get the information. There is an officer which can give you the information about the tourist attractions in Thailand. If you lost, you can go to *BANGKOK TOURIST BUREAU* to ask the right way which lead to your destination. The officer will explain the destination that the tourists want to go and the method how you go there? You have to take a taxi or a bus. Here has the information that the tourists want.

The Bangkok Tourist Bureau has organised a guided tour every Saturday evening to landmarks around Bangkok including Sanam Luang, Wat Pho, Wat Suthat, the Giant Swing and the Democracy Monument. The cost is 290 Baht per person including bicycle hire, a guide, snack, beverage and insurance. Alternatively, if you have more time, the bureau recommends a one-day cycling tour to explore Thon Buri, located on the other side of the Chao Phraya River. Stops include Sala Dhammasop Train Station, Maha Sawat Canal and Taling Chan Floating Market. The tour runs every first Sunday of the month. At 650 Baht per person, the fee includes bicycle hire, a guide, two meals with snacks and beverages and insurance.

It's open everyday at 9AM – 7PM. For more details, call 02-255-7612-4, fax: 02-225-7616,



Bangkok Tourist Bureau

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) was established on March 18, 1960, the first organization in Thailand to be responsible specifically for the promotion of tourism. TAT supplies information and data on tourist areas to the public, publicizes Thailand so as to encourage Thai and international tourists to travel in Thailand, conducts studies to set development plans for tourist areas, and co-operates with and supports the production and development of personnel in the field of tourism.

Since the inception of the first local office of TAT in Chiang Mai in 1968, there are now 22 local offices throughout Thailand. TAT has also established many overseas offices the first being the New York office in 1965. TAT has since established 15 more offices in different parts of the world during the past 30 years.





Chao Phraya River

River, Thailand. Flowing south from the highlands on the country's northern border to the head of the Gulf of Thailand near Bangkok, it is some 225 mi (365 km) long and is Thailand's principal river. It is important for the transport of the country's exports. It also forms a highly productive agricultural valley. The name strictly applies only to the river's lower course, which begins at the confluence of the Nan and Ping rivers and is 140 mi (225 km) long.

The **Chao Phraya** (Thai: แม่น้ำเจ้าพระยา) is a major river in Thailand, with its low alluvial river plain marking the mainland of the country. It begins at the confluence of the Ping and Yom river at Nakhon Sawan (also called Pak Nam Pho) in the Nakhon Sawan province. The Yom and its biggest confluent, the Nan River, flow nearly parallel from Phitsanulok till Chumsaeng in the north of Nakhon Sawan province. The biggest confluent of the Ping is the Wang River which enters near Wang Chin. The Chao Phraya system drains an area of approximately 160,000 km^2 , of which the largest contribution is the Ping with 35,000 km^2 .

The Chao Phraya runs from north to south for 372 km from the central plains to Bangkok and the Gulf of Thailand. However in Chainat the river splits into the main river course and the Tha Chin river, which then flows parallel to the main river and exits to Gulf of Thailand the about 35 km west of Bangkok in Samut Sakhon. In the low alluvial plain which begins below the Chainat dam many small canals (*khlong*) split off from the main river, used for the irrigation of the rice paddies. The cities along the river are Nakhon Sawan, Uthai Thani, Chainat, Singburi, Ang Thong, Ayutthaya, Pathum Thani, Nonthaburi, Bangkok and Samut Prakan relatively. On old maps the river is named as *Menam* or *Mae Nam*, the Thai word for river. The name Chao Phraya is also a Thai feudal title, which can be translated as *General*. In the English-language media in Thailand the name is often translated as 'river of kings'.

Notable Bridge

- Rama VI, rail-road bridge of the southern line
- Phra Pin-khao, near Grand Palace
- Rama VIII, semi-symmetric cable-stayed bridge
- Rama IX, a single tower asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge

Transportation

In Bangkok, the Chao Phraya is a major transportation artery for a vast network of ferries and water taxis.

