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Land**



TAT KL E-Newsletter

Sawasdee to all readers!

Thank you for reading the e-newsletter of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Kuala Lumpur.

We bring you the highlights of Amazing Thailand.

Happy Reading!

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Events & Festivals

Amazing Celebrations of November

November is one of the magical and much-anticipated months on the Thailand event calendar with the annual Loi Krathong celebrations, Phimai and Boat Race Festival, Pattaya Music and International Fireworks Festival, and Laguna Phuket Triathlon.

Events & Festivals NOVEMBER 2023

Loi Krathong Festival 2023

- Khom Saen Duang Mueang Lamphun**
1-27 November – Lantern and Flower Garden
18 November – Loi Krathong
25 November – Lantern Procession
Wat Phra That Haripunchai
- Loi Krathong and Candle Festival**
18-27 November
Sukhothai Historical Park
- Loi Krathong Sawan**
23-27 November
Wat Phra That Doi Kongmu, Mae Hong Son
- Phrae Loi Krathong and Candle Festival**
25-27 November at Wat Chom Sawan
27 November at Kad Sam Wai
- Si Than Festival "Bun Somma Nak"**
25-27 November
Si Than Lake, Khon Kaen University
- Yi Peng Festival**
26-28 November
Around Chiang Mai Municipal Areas
Chiang Mai
- Somma Nam Khuen Peng Seng Prathip Mueang Roi Et**
26-27 November
Somdet Phra Srinagarindra Park (Bueng Planchai)
- Loi Phra Prathip Royal Krathong Festival**
27 November
Nong Han Lake
Sakon Nakhon
- Pattaya Loi Krathong Festival**
27 November
Central Pattaya Beach
- Samui Loi Krathong Festival**
27 November
Wat Khongkham & Chaweng Lake, Ko Samui
- Bangkok Loi Krathong Festival**
24 November – 3 December
Yodpiman Flower Market & Khlong Phadung Krung Kasem
27 November – Rama VIII Bridge and Wat Arun
- Krabi Loi Krathong Festival**
27 November
Ao Nang and Thara Park
- Loi Krathong Kab Klui Mueang Mae Klong**
28 November
Wat Phummarin Kudi Thong & King Rama II Memorial Park
Samut Songkhram
- Ayutthaya Loi Krathong Festival**
26-27 November – Watsamruan
27 November – Phu Khao Thong Reservoir

Other Events and Festivals

- Mycelium Festival**
3-4 November 2023
Chiang Dao, Chiang Mai
- Lark Phra Across the Sea Festival**
6 November
Pattaya Pier, Hat Suraen, Trang
- Phimai Festival and Boat Race**
8-12 November
Phimai Historical Park, Chakkasit River, Nakhon Phanom
- Laguna Phuket Triathlon**
19 November
Laguna Phuket
- Pattaya Jazz Festival**
10-11 November
Pattaya
- Pattaya International Fireworks Festival**
24-25 November
Pattaya Beach
- Lop Buri Monkey Banquet**
26-27 November
Phu Phang Sun Yat

TAT NEWS

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Amazing Grandeur Loy Krathong

Loy Krathong is an annual festival celebrated throughout Thailand. The festivities are also known as the “Festival of Lights” where Thais pay respect to the Goddess of Water and the Buddha. Today, Loy Krathong is celebrated as marking a fresh start and doing away with misfortune. It is when people take to the waters to release small, decorated, and illuminated boat offerings as a symbol of letting go of anger and bad luck.

Loy Krathong is celebrated as one of Thailand’s biggest festivities, packed with colourful sights and activities. Aside from beautifully illuminated floats, fun activities such as dance and music performances, beauty pageants, krathong, and lantern contests are in for all to enjoy.

Although the festival is celebrated all over Thailand, the historical park of Sukhothai is a trendy place to celebrate Loy Krathong. Chiang Mai is popular with Loy Krathong Yee Peng Festival where hundreds of paper lanterns are displayed and released to the sky to create such an amazing light show.

Come and join us for the amazing joyous celebrations. This 2023, Loy Krathong will be on November 27.

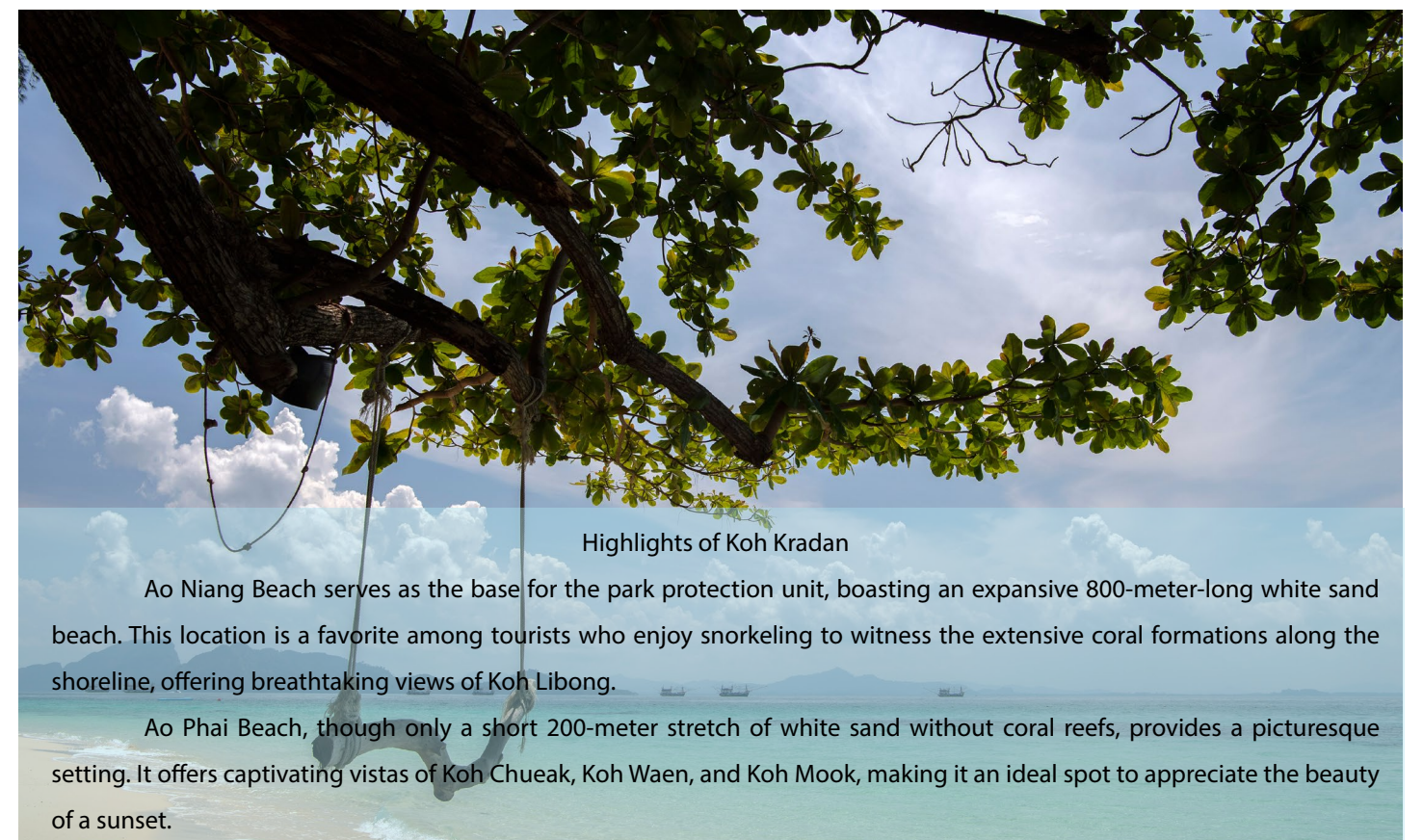
PEEK INTO AMAZING THAILAND

Jewel of Thailand – Koh Kradan

In 2023, Koh Kradan, situated in Trang, Thailand, clinched the top spot on the World Beach Guide website’s list of the world’s best beaches. This pristine island hosts the Chao Mai National Park Protection Unit and boasts exquisite white sand beaches bordered by crystal-clear seawater. The surrounding waters feature extensive shallow coral reefs, showcasing a variety of marine life, including brain coral, staghorn coral, red thorn soft coral, and sea fans that adorn the island’s coastline. Koh Kradan stands out as an idyllic destination for diving enthusiasts, offering one of the most stunning snorkeling and coral-viewing experiences in Trang.



The beachfront offers a charming and breathtaking point sunrise, with panoramic views of Ko Mook, Ko Waen, Ko Chueak, Ko Ma, and Ko Hai. Koh Kradan boasts multiple pristine beaches, such as Ao Niang Beach, Ao Phai Beach, and Ao Chong Lom Beach. Each of these locations provides distinct perspectives to marvel at the splendor of nature.



Highlights of Koh Kradan

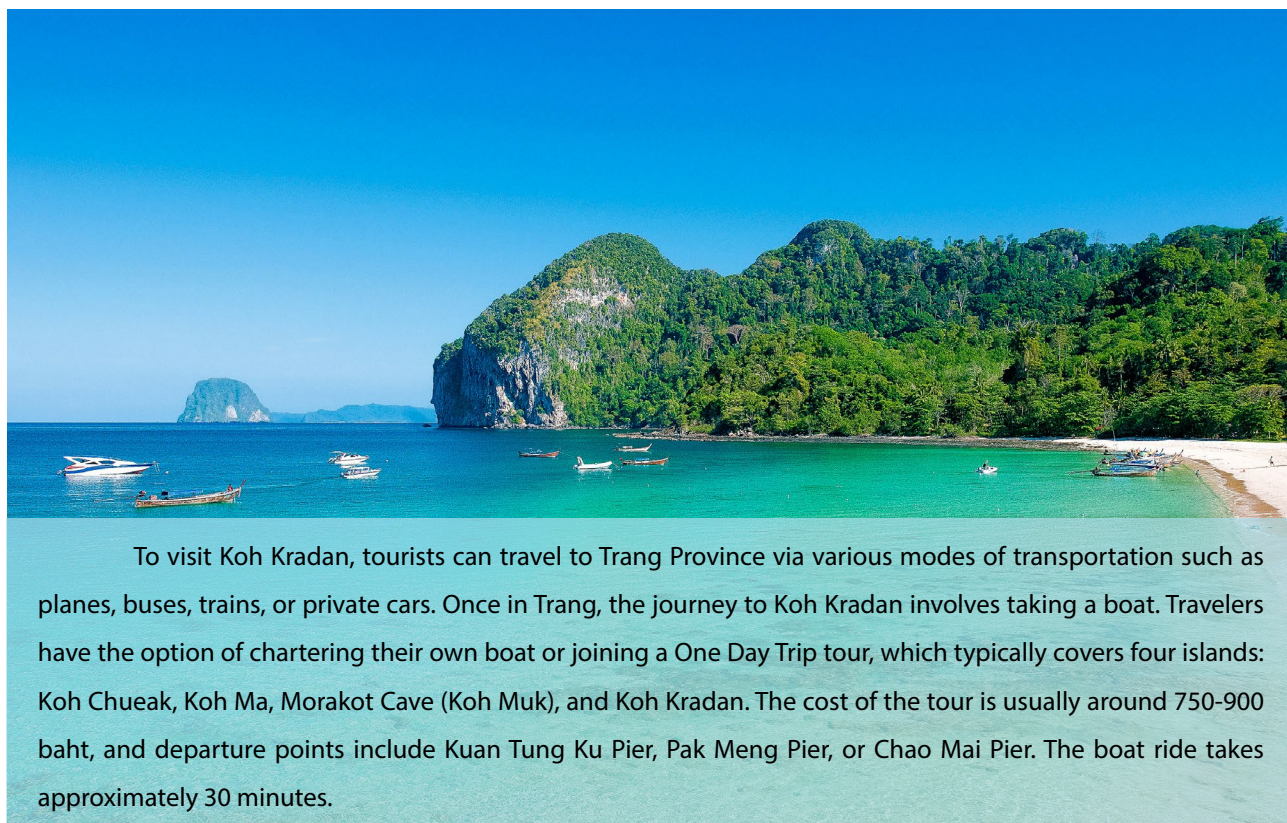
Ao Niang Beach serves as the base for the park protection unit, boasting an expansive 800-meter-long white sand beach. This location is a favorite among tourists who enjoy snorkeling to witness the extensive coral formations along the shoreline, offering breathtaking views of Koh Libong.

Ao Phai Beach, though only a short 200-meter stretch of white sand without coral reefs, provides a picturesque setting. It offers captivating vistas of Koh Chueak, Koh Waen, and Koh Mook, making it an ideal spot to appreciate the beauty of a sunset.

Highlight of Koh Kradan

Nestled within Hat Chao Mai National Park, Ao Chong Lom on Ko Kradan is another excellent vantage point for sunset enthusiasts. This small beach, featuring fine sand and striking brown rocks that create a visually stunning contrast, provides clear views of Koh Rok. The unique beauty of the landscape makes it a perfect location for capturing memorable photographs.

The primary activities for tourists visiting Koh Kradan include swimming in the sea, snorkeling to explore coral reefs, paddleboarding/stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), kayaking, and enjoying the numerous sunrise and sunset viewing points on the island.



To visit Koh Kradan, tourists can travel to Trang Province via various modes of transportation such as planes, buses, trains, or private cars. Once in Trang, the journey to Koh Kradan involves taking a boat. Travelers have the option of chartering their own boat or joining a One Day Trip tour, which typically covers four islands: Koh Chueak, Koh Ma, Morakot Cave (Koh Muk), and Koh Kradan. The cost of the tour is usually around 750-900 baht, and departure points include Kuan Tung Ku Pier, Pak Meng Pier, or Chao Mai Pier. The boat ride takes approximately 30 minutes.



Amazing GO GREEN – Amazing Green Destination

Four Thai towns – Hua Hin, Mueang Kao Sukhothai, Khlong Thom, and Nan Old City – have been listed in the ‘2023 Green Destination Top 100 Stories’ for showcasing exemplary destination management practices toward a responsible future for tourism.

The stories of Khlong Thom, Nan Old City, and Hua Hin were listed in the Environment and Climate category, while the story of Mueang Kao Sukhothai” was listed in the Nature and Scenery category.

Amazing Green Destination

Hua Hin, Prachuab Khiri Khan

A city that is a 22 km long coast along the edge of the Gulf of Thailand, which has incredible beaches, mountains, viewpoints, temples, night markets, water parks, and fine diners that can be enjoyed at any time of the year. Hua Hin has taken the initiative of the crab bank which is a sustainable crab conservation project that involves the local fishermen's village and that is supported by the municipality and local university to maintain and conserve the blue crab population in Hua Hin.



Khlong Thom, Krabi

Located in Krabi Province in the southern region of Thailand. Khlong Thom is a famous tourism town in the south with many important tourism attractions such as Maya Bay, Nang Bay, Railay Beach, Lanta Island, Phi Phi Island, Emerald Pool, saline hot spring, hot spring waterfall, and other important attractions attract a lot of tourists to Krabi Province.

The sustainable initiative taken by this town is to face off issue of invasion and pollution from upstream due to agricultural projects. The stakeholders in the town have come out with a model that will not only help protect the upstream areas but also focus on reforestation and sustainable practices of agricultural projects.



Nan Old City, Nan

Nan Old City, often branded as Nan Living Old City, is a part of the provincial administrative centre of Nan province, located in northern part of Thailand bordering to Lao PDR. Well-known due to its values of culture, tradition, religion, and history, inherited from generation to generation.

Due to the development of tourism to support locals, Nan faces two problems of huge amount of waste and no facilities to handle it. To handle it, the municipality implements more sustainable methods such as reusable utensils, better waste separation method and also employ the elderly while providing with income to manage waste on their own time.



Mueang Kao, Sukhothai

Mueang Kao Sukhothai (which means the old city of Sukhothai) is a tourist destination that has the Sukhothai Historical Park, a UNESCO world heritage site inscribed in 1991, as a main tourism attraction. Sukhothai was the capital of Thailand in the 13th and 14th centuries. It represents a masterpiece of the first distinctive Thai architectural style.

The DMO of Mueang Kao has published a manual called "Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development in Mueang Kao Sukhothai" as a tool for monitoring the impact and for protection on habitats, flora, and fauna, and ecosystem. The manual was adopted according to the principle of Convention on Biological Diversity or CBD which provides guidelines, measurements, and steps to manage related issues in tourism destinations. This is to fight the invasive species of catfish and also birds.



Thai Turfs: 10 Of Thailand's Best Golf Courses & Their Charms



Thailand, also known as the 'Land of Smiles', is one of the world's favourite holiday destinations. It offers a heady mix of beaches, islands, tropical forests, mountains, cultures, sensational shopping, and appealing resorts.

Golf is one of the reasons that tourists travel to Thailand, with some travelling there specifically to play several rounds, while others find time for a game between all their holiday activities.

While every golfer will have their favourite golf courses, I've selected ten courses offering various degrees of difficulty, ease of access, and rewarding exercise in a tropical setting.

Read more of writer, [David Bowden's](#) recommendation to experience golf to the fullest in Thailand.

AMAZING DEALS

Visama Lodges Mae Chan, A Luxury Tented Camp, Chiang Rai

As part of VHG Hospitality Asia, Visama Lodges Mae Chan is a visionary luxury tented camp on a mission to uncover and develop stunning, sustainable sites in Asia that offer exceptional returns to all stakeholders, including our planet.

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