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Rediscover Southern Thailand

Malaysia has selectively reopened its land border with Thailand on 1st April 2022 with Bukit Kayu Hitam (Kedah) - Sadao (Songkhla) and Wang Kelian (Perlis) – Wang Prachan (Satun) to fully vaccinate travelers after being closed for more than 2 years.

Since then all borders between Malaysia – Thailand gradually opens for tourists whose prefer to travel by land to these southern destinations of Thailand. Malaysia-Thailand land borders are;

1. Wang Kelian, Perlis – Wang Prachan, Satun
2. Padang Besar, Perlis – Pa-dang Besa, Songkhla
3. Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah – Dannok-Sadao, Songkhla
4. Durian Burung (Kota Putra), Kedah – Ban Prakob, Songkhla
5. Pengkalan Hulu, Perak – Betong, Yala
6. Rantau Panjang, Kelantan – Sungai Golok, Narathiwat
7. Bukit Bunga, Kelantan – Buketa, Narathiwat
8. Pengkalan Kubor, Kelantan – Tak Bai, Narathiwat

Let's revisit a few destinations in the Southern part of Thailand.



Land Borders

- **Wang Kelian-Wang Prachan**
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Songkhla

Songkhla is a province in southern Thailand bordering Malaysia and is a unique attraction that is worth visiting. Hat Yai, a district in Songkhla, is easily the Malaysian favorite weekend getaway for food, shopping, relaxation, and more.

Places such as Klong Hae Floating Market, Songkhla Old Town, Ko Yor Lake, Samila Beach, and Kim Yong Market are among the favorite attractions in Songkhla.

Nearest border: Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah-Dannok-Sadao, Songkhla

Hatyai Aerial
City View



Attractions

- **Hatyai City**
- **Kim Yong Market**
- **Samila Beach**
- **Klong Hae Floating Market**
- **Central Songkhla Mosque**
- **Makinta Night Market**



Kim Yong Market



Samila Beach

Klong Hae
Floating
Market



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Satun

Satun is one of the best places to unwind. Situated in the Andaman Sea, Satun possesses almost 100 islands such as the well-known Koh Lipe which can be accessed by ferry and boat services from Langkawi Island in Kedah. Known for its local hospitality, Satun definitely one of the places to mark while visiting southern Thailand.

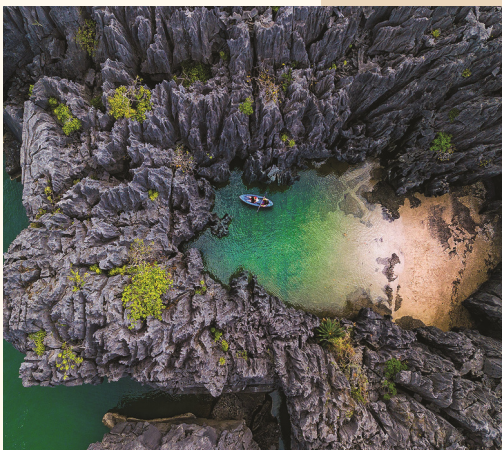
Nearest border: Padang Besar, Perlis-Pa-dang Besa, Satun

Attractions

- **Koh Lipe**
- **Koh Hin Ngam**
- **Prasat Hin Punyod**
- **Satun National Museum**
- **Tarutao National Park**



Koh Lipe



Prasat Hin
Punyod



Koh Hin Ngam

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Trang

Trang is a coastal province located about a 2-hour drive from Songkhla. Trang offers a beautiful shoreline that stretches along the Andaman Sea and magnificent natural beauty.

Trang city is the main hub filled with delicious local food and heavy in a Chinese influence. Local which consists of Buddhists, Muslims, and Catholics are proud of their heritage and are living in harmony. Islands such as Koh Mook, and Koh Kradan are popular for sea activities.

Nearest borders: Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah-Sadao, Songkhla & Padang Besar, Perlis-Pa-dang Besa, Satun



Koh Mook

Attractions

- Koh Mook
- Trang Railway Station
- Trang Clock Tower
- Tham Morakot
- Koh Kradan



Trang Clock Tower



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Phatthalung

Just an hour's drive from Songkhla, Phatthalung has been selected as Thailand's wetland offers beyond natural attractions such as Thale Noi Waterfowl Lake, visitors can learn more from its historical and ancient temples and monuments.

Nearest border: Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah-Sadao, Songkhla



Thale Noi Waterfowl

Attractions

- **Ban Pak Pra**
- **Thale Noi Waterfowl**
- **Napo Kae**
- **Chaloem Phra Kiat 80 Phansa Bridge**



Chaloem Phra Kiat 80 Phansa Bridge



Ban Pak Pra

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Nakhon Sri Thammarat

Located in the seaside city of southern Thailand, Nakhon Sri Thammarat is also known as the Buddhist land of Thailand. The province is rich with culture and history and is home to one of the sacred temples in Thailand. Nakhon Sri Thammarat is a small and elegant city that offers a different experience each time you visit.

Nearest border: Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah-Sadao, Songkhla



Pink Dolphin

Attractions

- Pink Dolphin
- Wat Phra Mahathat
- Ban Kiriwong
- Khanom Beach



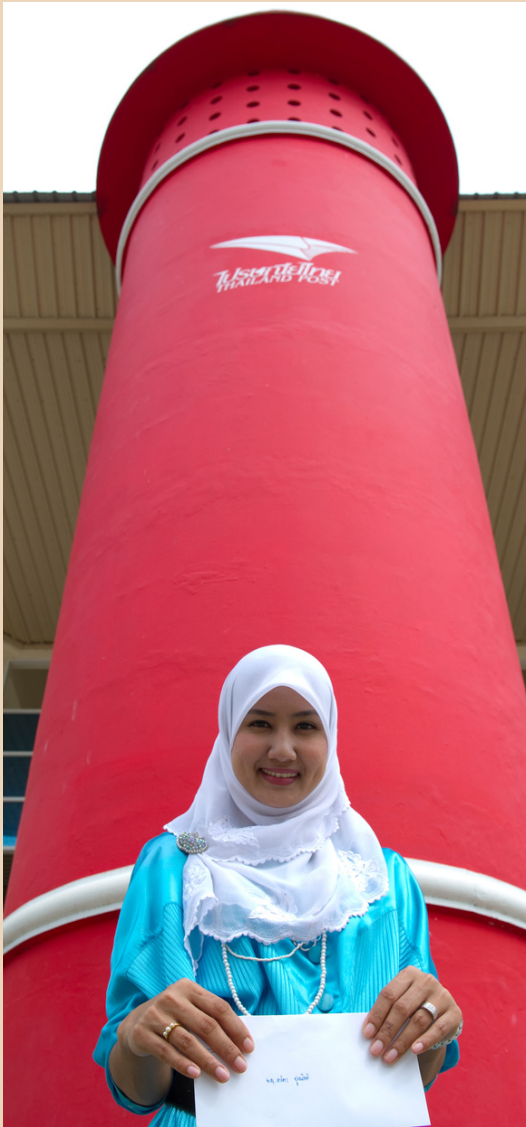
Shadow Puppet



Wat Phra
Mahathat

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Betong, Yala

Betong is the southernmost district of Yala province near the Malaysia border. Betong is surrounded by mountains which results in a cool climate. Some of the attractions to visit while in Betong are the misty Ai Yer Weng, Piyamit Tunnel, and the relaxed town of Betong.

Nearest border: Pengkalan Hulu, Perak-Betong, Yala

Attractions

- **World Biggest Mail Box**
- **Ai Yer Weng Skywalk**
- **Betong Clock Tower**
- **Piyamit Tunnel**



Betong Clock Tower



Ai Yer Weng
Skywalk

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Thailand Muslim Friendly Destination

Muslims made up about 5 percent of the population in Thailand. Islam is the largest religious minority and is concentrated mostly in the southernmost provinces of Thailand. Most cities within Thailand have access to halal features such as halal-certified restaurants and prayer rooms within hotels, airports, shopping malls, and mosques all over Thailand. When traveling to Thailand, southern destinations are the main places to find all the halal needs. However you can travel beyond the southern to enjoy Thailand while not overlook halal requirements.



Thailand Muslim Friendly Destination

PATTANI

Pattani, a southern province in Thailand contains two major rivers, the Tani and Sai Buri, and covers a relatively flat region with a long coastline that runs 170 kilometers along the Gulf of Thailand. It is a Muslim dominant population with its uniqueness in language as people there speak Pattani-Malay. Which sounds and is very similar to our Kelantanese Dialect.

VISIT THE KRUE SE MOSQUE AND PATTANI CENTRAL MOSQUE



The Krue Se Mosque is built with Middle Eastern influence and built during the reign of King Naresuan the Great (1578-1593). The uniqueness about this mosque is that its most important part, the big dome roof was never completed. The Pattani Central Mosque is built with architectural design similar to the Taj Mahal in India and makes it one of the biggest and most beautiful mosque in Thailand.

VISIT BAN PASEYAWO

A famous fisherman village in Pattani, producing the best budu fish sauce in the area. But what makes it more famous is a fisherman's boat called the Kolaie boat. This type of boat has been used by the fishermen of Pattani and Narathiwat for centuries. The distinctive characteristics of the Kolaieboat include the narrowing of both the bow and the stern and its colorful decoration. Besides the life-size boats, the villagers of Ban Paseyawa also make miniature versions as souvenirs.



KAO MOK

Known also as the Thai yellow briyani, this food is synonymous with Muslim Thai food. The rice can be matched with many different ingredients such as seafood and the more famous one, Chicken (Gai). Be sure not to miss it.

Thailand Muslim Friendly Destination

TRAT

The allure of this Eastern province lies in its archipelago of 52 islands within the Mu Ko Chang National Park. The quiet provincial capital of Trat on the other hand is famous for its gemstone markets both in and out of the town. This combination allows a few local communities to be built which should be experienced by travelers.



EXPLORE THE FAMOUS ISLAND AROUND ITS ARCHIPELAGO

The islands provide beautiful, pristine emerald seas with their idyllic sandy beaches. A lot of islands to choose from like Ko Chang, Ko Kut, Ko Mak, Ko Kham, Ko Rang, Ko Kradat, etc. This island in hand provides many sea activities such as snorkeling, scuba diving, and more.

VISIT LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The local communities there are known for their two-religion and three-culture community. Originally, Thai Buddhists, due to trade in the past and also because of the war, the Chinese and also the Khmer Muslims settled down along the canals there. Two communities that you should visit are Ban Nam Chiao and Ban Laem Makham.



SEAFOOD, SEAFOOD, AND SEAFOOD

Seafood is abundant here at Trat, especially on the islands. Savor tasty kinds of seafood, like grilled cuttlefish to Thai dishes such as steamed fish in chili lime sauce. So many choices.

Thailand Muslim Friendly Destination

AYUTTHAYA

Ayutthaya is the second capital of the Siamese Kingdom and the birthplace of King Rama I, the founder of Bangkok. Located about 65km or an hour's drive from Bangkok, this destination is great for a day trip or maybe to spend one night in. Ayutthaya does have its Muslim communities there which will definitely ease your travel to find Halal Food and also facilities.



AYUTTHAYA HISTORICAL PARK

This historical park covers the ruins of the old city of Ayutthaya. Among the famous landmarks are the Wat Chaiwatthanaram and Wat Mahathat.

BANG PA IN PALACE

Also known as the Summer Palace, and was used by former Thai Kings



ROTI SAI MAI

Thai candy, consists of sweet roti and candy floss, which you have to wrap up together.