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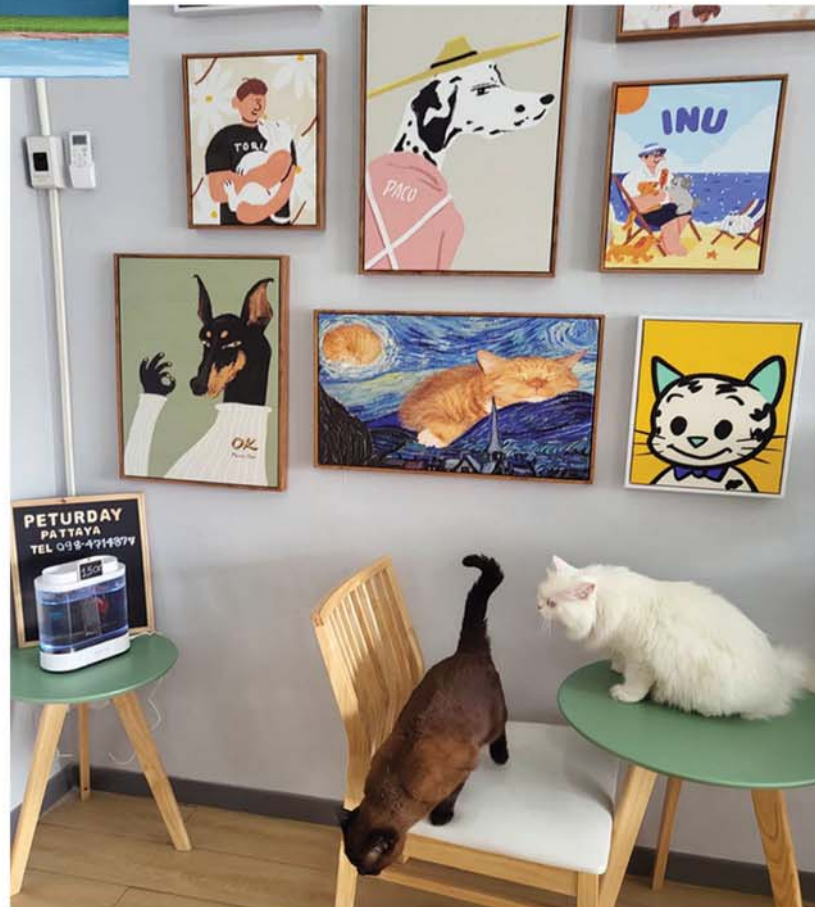
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## *This Month in Discover Pattaya*

Hi Everyone

This month really is a tale of two cities with the team whizzing between Bangkok for the Dot Property Awards and then Pattaya the next evening for Movers and Shakers at the Amari.

It's been a great time to reconnect with friends and customers at all the social and networking events. We must say a big thank you to Cees (KC) of Town/Country Property for gifting Lexi of ess Developments a beautifully framed Cover and Cover story at Movers and Shakers. If you missed seeing her on the cover last month you can still view it online via our Back Issues page at [pattayatrader.com](http://pattayatrader.com)

We've also been to several Rotary club functions as installation season has well and truly been upon us and there will be more fundraising events to follow so subscribe and like Pattaya Trader YouTube channel to see our reviews.

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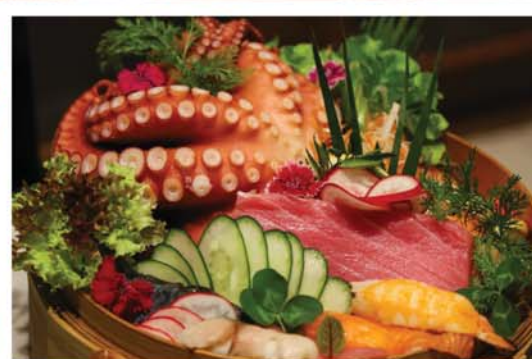
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What impressed us first of all was the stunning resort itself. Andaz, a concept by Hyatt, is located just behind Aquaverse in NaJomtien and extends with sloping lawns and beautiful villas right to the sea and a beautiful beach club - but more of that later.

The buffet starts at 12pm through to 3pm which gives plenty of time for you to enjoy what's there to be had. The cost is 1,990 baht ++ and you can bring 2 kids for free, also, get an early bird discount of 15% when you book 3 days in advance. The price includes a welcome Mimosa and choice from the a la carte menu of either Lobster Benedict or Foie Gras.

The ambience is spot on with a live saxophonist playing at just the right volume to allow you to enjoy your conversation and the waiting staff attentive but never overbearing. Ready to clear your empty plates and refill your water as required, there also have free flow beverage options.







There is an amazing array of food ready to tempt your including Fine de Claire oysters, sushi, fantastic cold cuts, authentic Thai food options, cheese board and spectacular desserts. However, what I really think is impressive here is the amount of food options you have cooked to order. Seafood, Beef and please save some space for the succulent New Zealand lamb chops.

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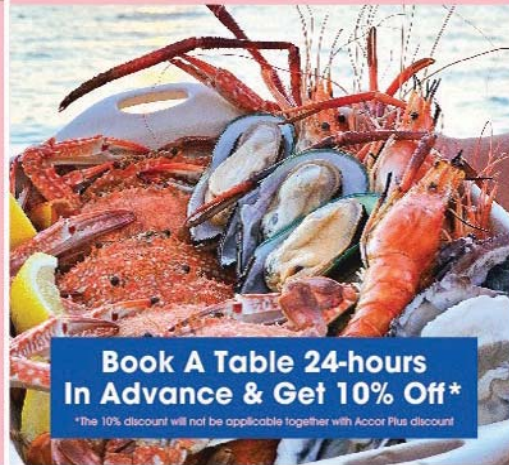
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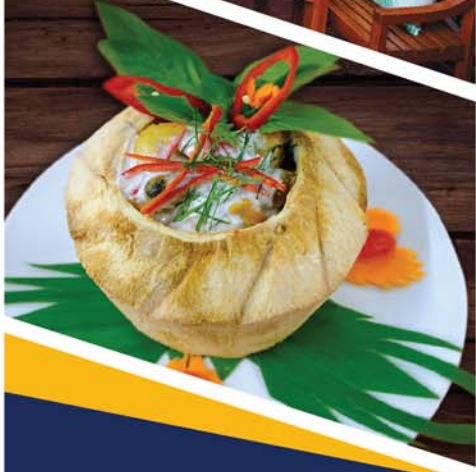
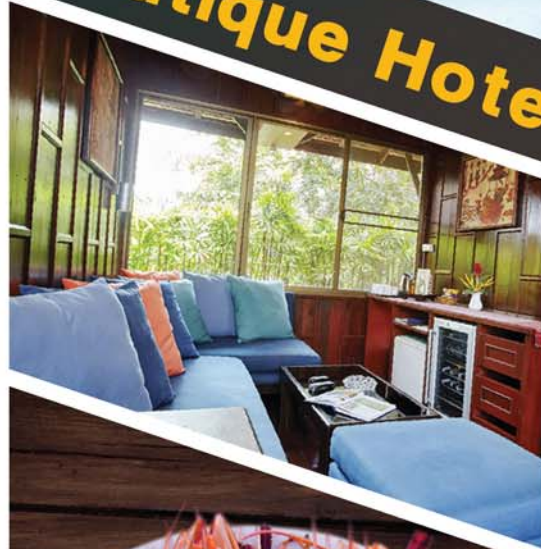
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## A New Addition to Jomtien's Great Dining Scene

By Gloria

Just across the road from one of our favourite restaurants Natans and a few places up from a favourite bar: Hemingways, there's a new restaurant for us to enjoy. Yes, Sharples traditional fish and chips can now be found not only in Soi New Plaza but also on Thappraya Road, Jomtien.

We had to discover whether the great reviews we'd read about Sharples were justified and so decided to go take a look. Upon entering, the first thing that struck us was the tremendous attention to detail Sharples gives with all its branding. From the standout logo that of course appears on the front of the shop but also throughout the interior. It can be found on the beer coolers, the menu placemats, the staff uniforms, the glass on the front door and even on the fridge.

I prefer this location to Soi New Plaza as there's more seating, great lighting and I particularly like the nice touch of having USB charging stations in the wall at every table. As someone who is always running out of battery charge on my mobile phone, this is a nice and very welcome touch.



Prices are good. The Atlantic Cod, Chips, Side and Sauce was just 299 baht with the same price for Haddock, and no cheap Dory substitutes. Of course, the choice had to be mushy peas and tartar sauce. For those of you who have a thing about sauces touching your food don't worry both were served on the plate within their bowls! The cod was white flaky with surrounding batter delicious and don't even get me started on the homemade chips! I challenge you to finish the extremely generous accompanying thick cut portion. Although it was given a good go with a generous sprinkling of Sarsons Malt vinegar.

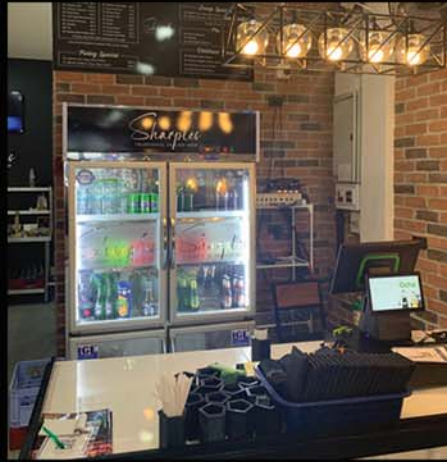


The other dish we'd heard about was the Salmon Fish Cake 99 baht with chips priced separately at just 99 baht for the same huge helping. I was initially surprised that it was just the one fish cake but there's a reason for that as it's a thick, chunky fish cake and one is certainly all you need - especially with all those chips. Cut so thick they're almost potato wedges and as someone who hates thin french fries as you can probably tell I was very keen!

It would have been great to try the saveloy - just for the nostalgia, but the evening we were there they were out - still a good reason to return. They also have pies, jumbo sausage, steak pudding and a great selection on the kids' menu.







The staff are all really friendly and keen to please. I even had a tour of the kitchen to find the potato peeler getting on with peeling huge potatoes. Apparently, there's a state-of-the-art machine that would do all that for her but she just likes the satisfaction of getting through all those spuds

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Ranging in price from US\$5,830-\$7,490, the AquaDart Nano series includes the 450 Sport, 520 Explorer and 620 Max. Nano models are 50 percent lighter than their competitors, and easily transportable, all without compromising on their excellent performance.The market's lightest sea scooter, the Nano weighs in at just 22 kg due to its patented Dual-Jet technology.This allows it to glide through the water effortlessly whilst delivering outstanding performance, reaching 20 km h in just three seconds.Nanos are easy and safe to use, with single-operation control triggers and a bright five-inch display that's visible even in strong sunlight.

Front and rear lights on all the Nano models allow for risk-free and enjoyable night-time riding, and it has a system that intelligently manages the power level so it's capable of delivering an excellent performance in any depth up to 45m without the fear of being caught out with a flat battery. It can also be used for scuba diving with weight belts to counteract buoyancy. With a run time of up to 100 minutes (depending on the model), the Nano models can be used anytime, anywhere and by anyone.



ISO, what did the testers say about the AquaDart Nano range? “Much lighter and smaller” ... “Very user friendly” ... “The battery life is super impressive” ... “I felt much comfortable moving it around the rocks”. It proved stable and secure for users enjoying the scooter without equipment, regardless of experience. Once mastered, it adds a whole new dimension to diving and offers a range of advantages for users, such as being able to go against the current without getting tired and being able to swim alongside mantas, dolphins and shoals of fish.

#### AQUADART NANO 620 MAX

The standout product in the Aquadart Nano series is the AquaDart Nano 620 Max. Cheaper than similar underwater scooters on the market, this toy is great value for money. While it's light and easy to transport at just 22kg. It can also be fully charged in just 50 minutes with the AquaDart Fast Charger.

The Nano 620 Max is unlike anything else currently on the market. With significant speeds and its advantageous size, it's no surprise this sea scooter has taken the crown. So, what did the testers say about the AquaDart Nano 620 Max? “The battery life is super impressive” ... “It was amazing, I felt like a fish!” ... “Very easy to use as it's much lighter and smaller” ... “It's super agile and easy to manoeuvre. I went really close to the rocks without touching

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# Preparing Your Child for a Successful Academic Year: Expert Tips for Parents

by James Kemp Head of School The British Learning Centre - Bang Kapi

As the long holiday begins to wane, a new academic year dawns upon us. For parents and children alike, this is a time of anticipation, excitement, and perhaps a touch of trepidation. As your young scholars embark on another year of learning, growth, and exploration, it falls upon parents, to provide the foundation upon which their educational journey shall flourish. Here a few tips to help ensure a successful year ahead:



## 1. Foster a Positive Mindset

The journey of education is a marathon, not a sprint. Instilling a positive attitude in your child can be the bedrock of their academic success. Encourage them to approach challenges with a growth mindset, where failures are seen as opportunities for learning and improvement. Celebrate their effort and progress, rather than focusing on results, and remind them that learning takes time and perseverance.

## 2. Establish a Structured Routine

Children thrive on routine, and a well-structured daily schedule can provide them with the stability needed to excel in their studies. Set consistent wake-up and bedtime hours to ensure they are well-rested, ready to engage with their lessons. Allocate dedicated time for homework, leisure, and extracurricular activities. This routine will not only aid their academic performance but also teach them valuable time management skills. I have always encouraged my students to understand that a good morning routine starts the night before: making sure that their school bag is organised, PE kit is ready and that any letters or forms are signed and ready to hand-in, will all make those difficult mornings a little easier.

## 3. Create a Supportive Study Environment

A conducive study environment is essential for productive learning. Designate a quiet and clutter-free space where your child can focus on their studies without distractions - try to avoid having mobile phones or tablets nearby, unless absolutely necessary. Ensure adequate lighting and provide necessary supplies like stationery, textbooks, and reference materials. A comfortable chair and desk height are also crucial to maintaining good posture during study sessions.

## 4. Open Lines of Communication

Maintaining open lines of communication between you and your child can foster a strong sense of trust and support. Regularly inquire about their school experiences, assignments, and any challenges they might be facing. Offer a listening ear and provide guidance without overwhelming them. This dialogue will not only help you stay updated but also demonstrate your unwavering interest in their education.



## 5. Encourage Extracurricular Pursuits

While academics are pivotal, encouraging your child to participate in extracurricular activities can provide a well-rounded education. These pursuits foster creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills. Whether it's joining a sports team, engaging in music or arts, or participating in a school club, these experiences can enrich their lives and contribute to their personal development.



## 6. Set Realistic Goals

Goal-setting is a powerful tool that can drive academic success. Sit down with your child and help them set realistic and achievable goals for the year ahead: SMART goal setting is a great way to do this. These objectives can be related to grades, personal growth, or specific skills they wish to acquire. Break down these goals into smaller milestones, and celebrate their accomplishments along the way.



## 7. Promote Healthy Habits

A healthy body supports a healthy mind. Encourage your child to engage in regular physical activity and maintain a balanced diet. Adequate exercise and proper nutrition contribute to better concentration, mood stability, and overall well-being. Ensure they have a nutritious breakfast before heading off to school, as it fuels their energy and cognitive functions for the day. Avoiding too much sugar and caffeine will also help your child to get better sleep and avoid energy slumps.

## 8. Teach Time Management

Time management is a skill that serves one throughout their life. Assist your child in creating to-do lists, prioritising tasks, and allocating time for various activities. This skill not only aids their academic pursuits but also equips them to handle future responsibilities with efficiency. I always teach my students that on time is late, you need to be there early and ready to go!

## 9. Collaborate with Educators

Teachers are your allies in your child's educational journey. Attend parent-teacher conferences and engage in regular communication with educators to understand your child's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Working together ensures a holistic approach to their education and provides them with a strong support network. Make sure you understand how the school will communicate progress or any issues with you. When are parent consultations? When are reports sent out? Many schools now use apps to update parents, does your child's school do this?

## 10. Cultivate a Love for Learning

Above all, instil in your child a genuine love for learning. Curiosity is the driving force behind academic achievement. Encourage them to explore subjects beyond the classroom, visit museums, read books for pleasure, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. Fostering a lifelong passion for learning will serve them well in both their academic and personal endeavours



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# MARK LLOYD - TWO PASSIONS, MANY DREAMS

## So, what came first, Teaching or Acting?

Acting whilst still at school and around 11/12 years old, I found I was really interested in using my imagination, pretending and immersing myself in acting. When I left school, I went on to perform in community theatre before going to University, where I graduated with 1st class degree honours in Applied Drama. I then created my own theatre company whilst still supporting myself through teaching, which I have continued to do since coming to Thailand 7 years ago.

## I know you have a one-man show. Can you tell us about it?

"Every Brilliant Thing" is about a young boy who writes a list of everything he finds brilliant with things as diverse as roller coasters through to the colour yellow. He writes the list as a gift for his mother who has tried to take her own life to show her what is still brilliant about life. The play then evolves from the child's gift to his parent to his own journey dealing with mental health issues and finishing ultimately with an expression of hope



## I believe you have performed this here in Pattaya.

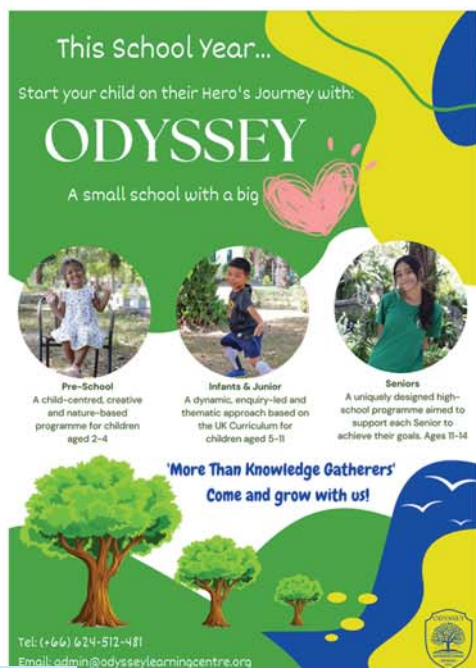
Yes, back in 2019, I performed it at Rabbit Resort and Ben's Theatre in Jomtien. Also at Dorothy's Jomtien and Ekkolo Theatre in Bangkok. This year, St Andrews International School Green Valley asked me to revive it as part of their arts festival. I will be taking it to Bang Saray later this month and even have plans to perform it in Cambodia

## Do you find your acting skills useful when teaching and running a school?

Yes, because teaching is very much like performing. You have to keep your class attentive and entertained and of course, being good at public speaking is good for talking to both pupils and parents alike.

## How has your Odyssey school developed in the last couple of years?

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Yes, it's beautiful here with horse riding and nature trails. Quite often we will start a lesson in the classroom and then take it outside to sit by the trees. I find being outside amongst nature is really beneficial for the children.

## What are your plans for the future?

I never want to see the school become too big and lose its family feel. Instead, I would rather develop several campuses so we can keep small class sizes and continue to give the children the personal attention they enjoy at the moment. I'd like to have a Thai school modelled on our English-speaking one. A vocational school for adults where their children could also attend the nearby Thai school - lots of plans - lots of dreams.





# FISHING WITH SHAUN

## Memorable Family Fishing Expedition at Freddie's Fishing Park, Pattaya

Nestled in the heart of Pattaya, Freddie's Fishing Park stands as a time-honored sanctuary for anglers, boasting a rich 30-year history. A recent escape saw me, Shaun, accompanied by my dear family visiting from Mallorca - my sister Lindsay Jamieson, brother-in-law Neil, and the energetic duo of nephews, Mauri and Raphy.

As the sun began its ascent, the tranquil waters of the park beckoned us. Neil, with his angling prowess, commenced proceedings with a triumphant catch - a vibrant striped catfish. Not to be outdone, young Mauri showcased his skills next, reeling in a resplendent, multicolored carp that gleamed like a gem under the sun's caress. Following suit, Raphy, the youngest angler amongst us, exuded sheer determination and was rewarded with a striped catfish of his own. Neil continued his winning streak, adding another brilliantly hued carp to his tally. Meanwhile, I played the waiting game, my patience finally yielding a gratifying result - a prized Amazon redtail catfish, a true testament to the allure of fishing's unpredictability.

With Lindsay luxuriating in the warm embrace of sunlight, we collectively savored a moment of tranquility. The camaraderie shared over chilled beers was a testament to the bonding power of nature and family. The park's amenities played their part in elevating our experience, offering a quaint, rustic restaurant where the aroma of local cuisine danced in the air, and a refreshing on-site swimming pool that offered respite from the midday sun. Freddie's Fishing Park was a recommendation we gratefully embraced, especially considering the presence of the younger anglers in our party. The park's commitment to ensuring a fulfilling experience was evident in the well-structured instructions and guidance provided by the affable Irish host, John. The day began with an early rendezvous with John, who imparted his wisdom and insights, arming us with the tools to conquer the watery realm.

For our family from Mallorca, Freddie's Fishing Park became a cherished memory etched in our hearts. The park's timeless charm, combined with the thrill of angling victories and serene moments by the water's edge, rendered our visit truly unforgettable. As we bid farewell to this haven, we carried with us the echoes of laughter, the taste of victory, and the joy of quality time spent together.

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# VENICE SHOWS POTENTIAL

Attracting many of the world's leading yacht builders, the five-day Venice Boat Show featured 300 boats and 30,000 visitors, showing the potential for yachting in the Upper Adriatic region.

Over 30,000 people from 30 countries attended the fourth Venice Boat Show, according to organiser Vela, which said the visitors to the historic city on Italy's northeast coast came from "all over the Adriatic basin and eastern Europe". Vela organised the five-day event in the Venetian Arsenal district on behalf of the City of Venice and in cooperation with the Italian Navy. Luigi Brugnaro, Mayor of Venice, said: "The Arsenal has confirmed itself as the home of the peoples of the sea, which includes not only those who strolled the piers searching for their ideal boat but also many dedicated workers, researchers and politicians. We've seen great interest around the vessels presented and equally great satisfaction from the participating shipyards."

The show featured 240 boats in the water and another 60 on land. The 220 exhibitors were dominated by 180 from Italy, led by Ferretti. Alberto Galassi, CEO of Ferretti Group, said: "This year's Venice Boat Show brought us great satisfaction, while highlighting the opportunity for sea travel and the economic benefits of tourism in this region. I'm increasingly convinced the Upper Adriatic and Venice can become our own French Riviera, due to the area's beauty and the unparalleled year-round draw of Venice itself."

Italian motor yacht builders also included Absolute, Rizzardi, Pardo, FIM (Fabbrica Italiana Motoscafi) and Explorer by Luxury Ocean Yachts (LOY), while Invictus, Solaris Power and Rio Yachts were first-time exhibitors in Venice. British builder Sunseeker displayed its new Superhawk 55 alongside a Manhattan 55 and Manhattan 68. A Fontaine Pajot Power 67 catamaran was among yachts from French builders, which included Prestige and Beneteau of Groupe Beneteau.





Meanwhile, displays of sailing yachts increased 50 per cent and featured the 100ft *Whimsea* by CNB and a *Swan 65*. Substantial growth was also evident in the electric sector, with exhibitors including Greenline, Candela, X Shore, Alfastreet Marine, FAP (Falegnameria Artigianale Pesce) and Rand Boats, Mayor Brugnaro concluded: "These five days have affirmed the will to transform this exhibition into a central event not only for our city but also for the eastern Mediterranean. The show has demonstrated it has all the requirements to become another international show to help the development and the economic growth of Italy. This year's Venice Boat Show was beautiful, but the next one will be even better. We await all visitors who wish to return and repeat this incredible experience with us." The fifth Venice Boat Show will be held from May 29-June 2, 2024.

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# Records Smashed by Women's World Cup

by Steve Wade

I don't think that anybody can argue that the recently completed Women's World Cup was anything other than a resounding success. Nearly two million fans attended the matches this time, an increase of almost 600,000 on the previous record with the average attendance reaching over 30,000. The finals in New Zealand and Australia attracted 700,000 of that number with the final featuring Spain and England had a sell-out crowd of over 75,000. Not only was it a success in terms of attendance, the global television audience was massive compared to previous editions of the tournament and the social media interest was off the scale.



This success, in spite of some pre-tournament controversy, can only be a good thing in terms of encouraging young girls to participate in the sport and that indeed seems to be the case with the UK and most other countries that played in the finals reporting a huge uptake in people wanting to get started in the sport.



I have personally never taken much interest in the women's game, like many others I suspect, but the sheer scale of the event and the media coverage, including a host of live matches, made me sit up and take notice. I must say that I found some aspects of the games refreshing, including players not going to ground as if shot every time someone tackled them, the lack of histrionics and the great atmosphere that the fans created. I also think its a good thing that young girls and women of all ages have the opportunity to attend football matches and enjoy the same sort of experience that boys and men have for generations.

Football has been a largely male-dominated sport ever since the first ball was kicked in anger and to see girls from clubs and organizations of all kinds either attend the matches or get together and enjoy the live matches on TV and big screens everywhere was a pleasure that they have long been denied, certainly on this scale.

I cannot see any circumstances where the women's game will recede now, with thousands of new players coming through and the continued media interest. This world cup was as well covered, certainly in the UK, as any major men's tournament and in the current climate it can only get bigger. There have been nine previous Women's World Cups but this is the one that really registered around the world and people are already talking about the next tournament in 2027, which I think will be a massive event on a par with the men's version. Sell the stadiums out, get the prime-time TV coverage to attract big business and you'll make it one of the biggest sporting events on the planet.



I know I'm writing about this tournament as if it was the first one ever played, but for me and I suspect many millions of others it was. The current social climate has allowed it to get the sort of coverage it was due and that can only be a good thing. Long may it continue.



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# Sports Update

## For September by Steve Wade

It's a busy month for sports, with the main event being the Rugby World Cup, which is being held in France, starts on the 8th and runs right through until the 28th of October. New Zealand and the home team share favoritism with Ireland and South Africa also well fancied. Kick-off times vary but there is plenty to look forward to for Rugby Union fans in Pattaya with only the 2am local time starts being unavailable to the bars in the city.

Another huge event on the calendar is the Ryder Cup, which takes place at the Marco Simone Golf and Country Club just outside Rome and runs over the weekend starting on the 30th of the month. Europe got a drubbing in the USA in the last outing and will be hoping for better this time. The odds suggest that Team USA are still favourites but Europe will be hoping that it's a much closer run thing in Rome with the team being headed up by the likes of Jon Rahm, Victor Hovland and Rory McIlroy. As the event is in Europe viewing times should be Ideal for us golf fans here in the Kingdom.

Formula 1 has a busy month too with three events being staged, starting with the iconic Italian Grand Prix on the 3rd which is then followed by the Singapore race on the 17th and the Japanese leg which gets underway on the 24th.

The Premier League is in full swing and still has four full matchdays throughout the month despite there being a weekend off for Cup football. Another major event coming in September is the Australian AFL season finals, which conclude with the Grand Final on the afternoon of the 30th at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

So as you can see, it's a full month of top-class action, especially for fans of Rugby under both codes. I'm looking forward to Europe putting up a much better showing in the Ryder Cup this time and will be glued to the screen throughout that weekend for sure! happy viewing everyone.







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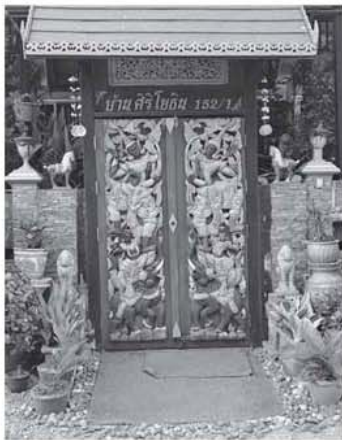
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There are 2 choices for midyear book closing procedure. The first is midyear book closing with CPA review that is mandatory for Public Company (listed companies in stock market). For general company and limited partnership, it shall be only the alternative way. In general, just a year-end profit estimate shall be made without any midyear book closing. Then estimated profit shall be divided by 2 and pay for CIT by a certain tax rate. For small enterprises or SME by RD definition that have revenue less than Baht 30 million with registered capital less than Baht 5 million, the first Baht 300,000 profit is exempt from CIT, more than this amount, tax rate shall be 15% for Baht 300,001 to 3 million and 20% for over Baht 3 million. Those that have more than Baht 30 million revenue and Baht 5 million registered capital shall pay CIT at 20% for all profit. In the next issue, we are going to talk about the taxable and nontaxable expenses and the difference between taxable profit and accounting profit with adjustment for CIT calculation.

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# What's on The Small Screen



## The Wheel of Time: Season 2

A farm boy learns that he is the Dragon Reborn and is destined to save the world.



## Welcome to Wrexham Season 2

Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds teamed up to purchase the fifth tier Red Dragons.



## The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon: Season 1

After leaving the Commonwealth Daryl washes up ashore in France.



## The Morning Show: Season 3

Exploring the lives of the people who work on America's wake up morning show.



## Gen V

Superhero spin-off from The Boys explores the first superheroes who find out about Compound V.



## Power Book IV: Force Season 2

Tommy Egan sets out to avenge the death of Liliana and take over the Chicago drug world.





# What's on The Big Screen



## The Three Musketeers

**François Civil, Vincent Cassel, Romain Duris, Pio Marmai**  
A Young D'Artagnan travels to Paris to find his attackers who left him for dead.



## Retribution

**Liam Neeson, Matthew Modine, Arian Moayed, Jack Champion**  
Whilst driving his kids to school a bank executive receives a bomb threat that his car will explode unless he follows a series of orders.



## The Piper

**Julian Sands, Charlotte Hope, Oliver Savell, Kate Nichols**  
A composer sets out to finish her late mentor's concerto but finds out that playing the music has deadly consequences.



## The Nun 2

**Taissa Farmiga, Bonnie Aarons, Storm Reid, Anna Popplewell**  
Set in 1956 France, Sister Irene has to once again struggle with a demonic presence after a priest is murdered.



## A Haunting in Venice

**Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh, Jamie Dornan, Emma Laird**  
Hercule Poirot investigates a murder that occurs during a Halloween séance at a haunted palazzo in Venice Italy.



## Quicksand

**Carolina Gaitan, Allan Hawco, Sebastian Eslava, Andrés Castañeda**  
When hiking through a rainforest in Colombia a married couple becomes trapped in quicksand.



# WHY?

Technology gone too far you decide if these are good ideas or maybe a waste of everyone's time?

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## Levitating Plant Pot

The latest craze, floating pots for home and office, unique and eye catching a sound investment. Apparently the manufacturer says they are calming and relaxing, silent and fun, unique and eye catching therefore making it the perfect gift.





# The Selfie Toaster

Another essential purchase or the case of an inventor with too much time on their hands. But if you must insert your own crafted steel insert created from your selfie or image and let the heating element brown your likeness onto the sides of your toast



# Temperature Control Smart Mug 2



App controlled hated Coffee Mug. Keep your Coffee between 120-145 degrees for up to 80 mins or all day if seated on its charging coaster. It enters sleep mode when inactive and comes back on when it senses movement. Apparently a better idea then just pouring out a fresh cup the conventional app free way. st pouring out a fresh cup the conventional app free way.

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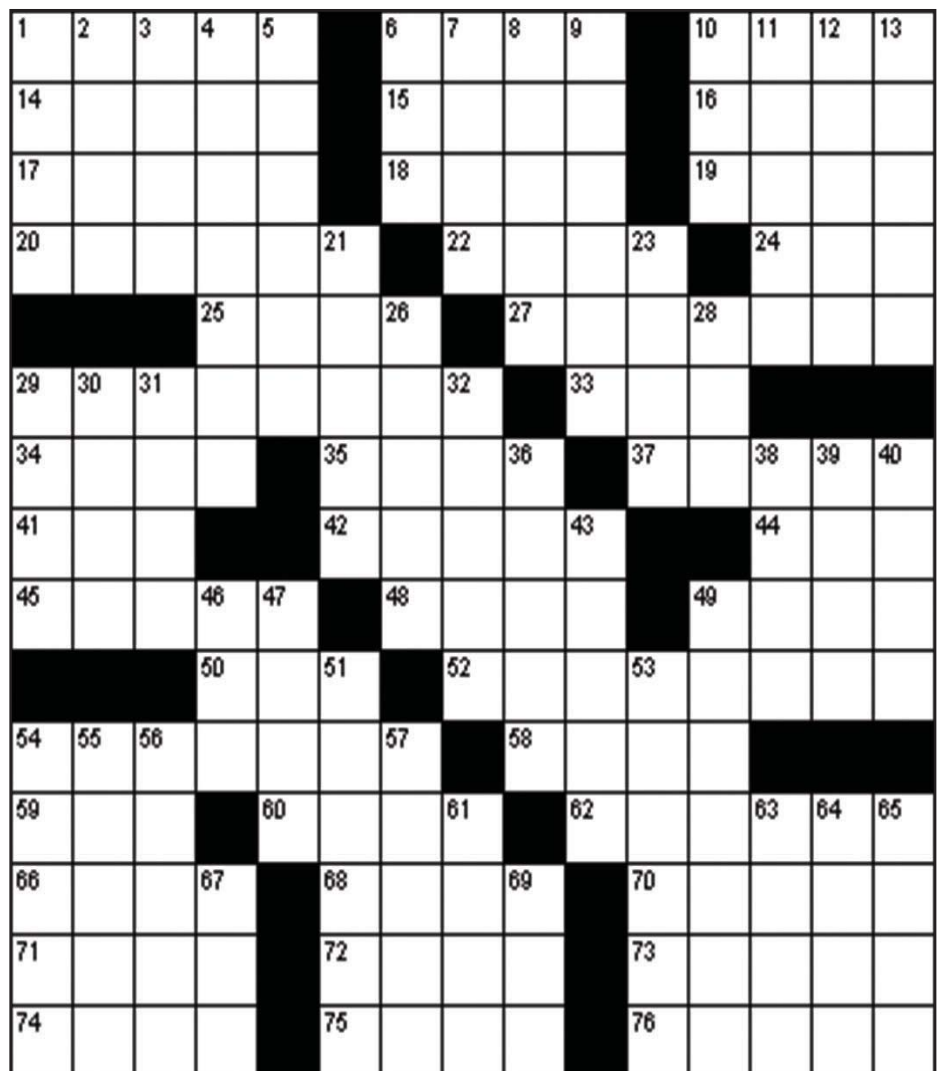
# CROSS WORD SEPTMBER 2023

## Across

1. Poplar tree
6. Louts
10. Yore
14. Left-hand page
15. Flutter
16. Singing voice
17. Construct
18. Vertical surface of a cliff
19. Predatory animal
20. Mend
22. Furniture item
24. Large
25. Syndicate
27. Climatic zone
29. East of occidental
33. Body of water
34. Beneficial
35. Musical work
37. Mops
41. Rodent
42. Right-hand page
44. Flying insect
45. Decree
48. Stead
49. Food
50. Tatter
52. Debris
54. Ancient paper
58. Sediment
59. In the past
60. Small cut
62. Rogue
66. Roofing slab
68. Hard work
70. Military blockade
71. Tribe
72. Against
73. Of time long past
74. Group of animals
75. Used in a woodwind instrument
76. Requirements

## Down

1. Affirm
2. Withered
3. Homework, in short
4. Got away
5. Idea
6. Not on
7. Unfortunately
8. Aspect
9. Lances
10. Friend
11. Legal excuse
12. Unemotional person
13. Gripping device
21. Part of a helicopter
23. Digits
26. Part of a coat
28. Animal foot
29. Fiend
30. Horse description
31. Scintilla
32. Coherent
36. Alloy of iron and carbon
38. Assist in a crime
39. Boyfriend
40. Becomes solid
43. On the outside
46. Weep
47. Mountain lake
49. Projectile
51. Stringed instrument
53. Rationality
54. Small area of ground
55. Nimble
56. Cold region
57. Griddlecake
61. Small hawk
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69. Cover



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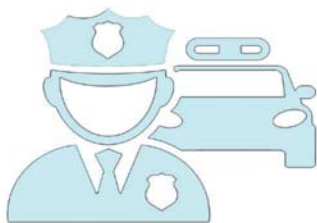
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 PhoneTel: 038-259-999. 0-3825-9911  
 Pattaya Memorial Hospital  
 PhoneTel: 038 488 777. 038-429 422

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 Fire Brigade Pattaya  
 PhoneTel: 038-425-943,  
 Fire Brigade Naklua  
 PhoneTel: 038-221-000,

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# 9 unmissable things to do near Lancaster Bangkok:

By Kristin Mariano

Travel Daily Media had the pleasure to stay in Lancaster Bangkok and spoke to its general manager Martin Hurley and he revealed some of the fun things to do near his property.

When you're staying at Lancaster Bangkok, you're in for a treat beyond the comforts of the hotel itself. From night markets to authentic Thai cuisine and vibrant bars, this guide has you covered for an unforgettable adventure. Many of these attractions and dining options are within walking distance of the hotel. Alternatively, you can utilize the hotel shuttle service for a seamless journey to your chosen destination.



**Martin Hurley**

## Experience Bangkok's night market at Jodd Fairs

For those craving a more bustling and vibrant night market experience, Jodd Fairs is the perfect destination. Less than 1.5km away from Lancaster Bangkok, this dynamic market offers an exhilarating atmosphere filled with food stalls, live music, and a plethora of shopping opportunities. Easily accessible via a quick ten-minute taxi ride or a single stop on the MRT underground, Jodd Fairs brings together an assortment of local delicacies and international flavors, creating an unforgettable sensory adventure after dark.

## Central Rama IX: A shopper's paradise

A mere hop away from Lancaster Bangkok via the MRT underground, Central Rama IX is a shopaholic's paradise that beckons with its extensive selection of shops and restaurants. This colossal international shopping mall showcases a blend of local and international brands, catering to diverse tastes and preferences. From fashion to electronics, and from delectable cuisine to charming cafes, Central Rama IX offers a comprehensive shopping and dining experience that promises to delight all who visit.



## Terminal 21: A global shopping expedition

Located just one stop away from Lancaster Bangkok on the MRT underground, Terminal 21 stands as a unique and intriguing shopping destination. This shopping mall takes the concept of shopping to new heights, with its creatively designed floors themed after different world-famous cities. As you explore the diverse levels, you'll encounter an eclectic mix of shops, boutiques, and international dining options that reflect the spirit of each city. Embark on a global shopping expedition right in the heart of Bangkok at Terminal 21.





## Taste some craft beer and Korean delicacies at Changwon Express

Within a mere 5-minute walk from the hotel, Changwon Express awaits with open doors and tantalizing aromas. Owned by Koreans, this craft beer bar is a haven for those seeking a unique culinary experience. Their Korean fried chicken boasts a crispy exterior and tender meat, perfectly complemented by homemade kimchi. A wide selection of craft beers from Thailand, Vietnam, and beyond add to the lively atmosphere, making it a must-visit spot.



## Have a musical soiree at Moon Bar

Moon Bar, a local live music venue, beckons you for an evening of musical delights. Renowned for its affordable local beers, fiery North Eastern Thai cuisine, and live bands playing a fusion of Thai and Western classics, Moon Bar offers an unforgettable night out. Join the locals and revel in the enchanting ambiance.

## Embark on authentic Thai culinary journey at Ruen Petch

Savor the flavors of traditional Thai cuisine at Ruen Petch, a Bangkok tradition since 1968. Their Sukiyaki, an Asian hotpot where you choose your ingredients and add them to the flavorful broth, is a must-try. Amidst a spread of traditional Chinese dishes, you'll witness multi-generational Thai families gathering around long tables to indulge in this hot pot experience.

## Tum Nak and spicy Isaan delights

For those with a taste for bold and spicy flavors, Tum Nak is a culinary haven specializing in Isaan food from the northeastern region of Thailand. Delve into dishes such as Som Tam (papaya salad), Larb (spicy minced meat with herbs), and Nam Tok (sliced meat with mint and rice powder), all served with generous portions of sticky rice. Get a true taste of beloved Thai cuisine as locals enjoy it.



## Cruise Bangkok's waterways

Having a greater number of canals than even Venice, it's a wonderful experience to journey through Bangkok's Old Town in the manner of a local by taking a canal boat. The Prasarnmit Canal Pier, located just a 5-minute stroll from Lancaster Bangkok, serves as a starting point. Along the way, you can make stops at various places such as Central World Mall, Jim Thompson's House renowned for Thai silks, and the elevated temple, Golden Mount, situated on a hill. This approach offers a fresh and traffic-free outlook to discover Bangkok from an entirely novel vantage point.

## The Singha Building: A unique culinary destination

Right across the street from Lancaster Bangkok stands the Singha Building, home to Thailand's oldest brewery. Inside, you'll discover a fantastic food mall housing 16 branded restaurants, offering diverse cuisines like Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and even Bangkok's only Moomin café. This is your opportunity to explore a world of flavors and enjoy delightful meals in an extraordinary setting.

Immerse yourself in the rich culture and flavors of Bangkok while enjoying a memorable stay at Lancaster Bangkok. From vibrant night markets to international shopping malls, from craft beer and live music to authentic Thai culinary journeys, the options are diverse and captivating. Whether you're a food enthusiast, a shopaholic, a music lover, or a cultural explorer, the treasures near Lancaster Bangkok await your discovery. So, pack your curiosity and appetite – a world of adventure is just steps away from your hotel room.





# ROTARY CLUB INSTALLATIONS

The installation evenings for Pattaya's Rotary Clubs kicked off with a joint Installation of 4 clubs held at the Siam Bayshore Resort. In attendance were Rotarian members and friends from many Rotary Clubs across Thailand.







The newly formed Rotary Club of Pattaya Center International RCPCI also held a lavish evening at The Hilton in Pattaya.



Masks were donned, food and entertainment were excellent and a good time was had by all.



# WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) | #EndPolio



October the 24th is World Polio Day, an annual event that concentrates the minds of people all over the world to come together and help with the eradication of a terrible, disabling disease. Dr Olivier, known to most of us in Pattaya, allowed me some time in his Jomtien clinic to tell me more about this horrible virus.

Cases of polio have been recorded as far back as some 3,500 years ago. Although not hereditary, it is a highly contagious virus that spreads through the oral and faecal routes. Therefore, it can be contracted by drinking tainted water and expelling through faeces. 95% of people with this infection will be asymptomatic, 5% experience flu like symptoms and 0.1%, i.e. one case in 1000, will get paralytic polio. Paralytic polio usually affects the legs and results in the tell tale sign of the "Golf club foot". However it can sometimes spread to the arms and chest. In days gone by this led to sufferers having to spend long periods of time being treated in "iron lungs". Most sufferers are children under five years of age, and there is no cure, only supportive treatment. However during the 1950s incredible breakthroughs were made first by Dr Jonas Salk with the first injection administered vaccine. Then by another American doctor Dr Albert Sabin who made an oral vaccine. This is the most effective way of taking the vaccine as it follows the same route as the virus and consists of only two drops. Immediately after this tremendous work, cases dropped dramatically.

Forward to 1985, when the rotary foundation in association with the World Health Organisation and UNICEF teamed together for the eradication of polio worldwide. The Rotary foundation providing funds and logistics for this incredible task. The total cost for the completion of this, estimated to be \$17 billion and, so far approximately \$11 billion has been spent. The total number of polio cases (combined wild and circulating vaccine-derived) have dropped 97.5% from 35,251 (reported) in 1988 to 894 (confirmed) in 2022. (Google) Now, only 2 countries worldwide remain with indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1): Afghanistan and Pakistan. In these countries the population is often difficult to access and some people refuse to take the vaccine. There are also occasional breakout cases which show that the battle goes on and vaccines have to continuously be administered to stop polio resurfacing. So to remind us of this, the 24th of October is annual World Polio Day.

To support World Polio Day Rotary clubs internationally organise information, seminars, and meetings to inform communities about polio and raise funds. All the collected funds are strictly monitored and for the past 11 years the Rotary foundation has been awarded five stars which is the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator. This is an independent agency which monitors the transparency and efficiency of charitable foundations.

## A BIG EVENT IS COMING. YOU CAN DO YOUR BIT TO HELP!



Here in Pattaya some big events are taking place on the 21st, the Saturday before. A golf tournament organised by the Pattaya Sports Club and a wonderful evening to be held at the Royal Cliff hotel. There will be entertainment, information from Dr Olivier about polio, a sumptuous buffet, lots of fun and lots of prizes. With of course a raffle to help raise funds for this tremendous cause.

Cost of admission, including sumptuous buffet will be 2,000 baht with three bottles of wine per table (10 people) and free flow, beer and soft drinks. Proceeds from the golf tournament, donations, sponsorships, auction and raffles will go towards the Rotary foundation to help with fundraising.

Please contact Dr Olivier by email line or telephone for any further information to discuss sponsorship options or to book a table. All reservations must be made in advance, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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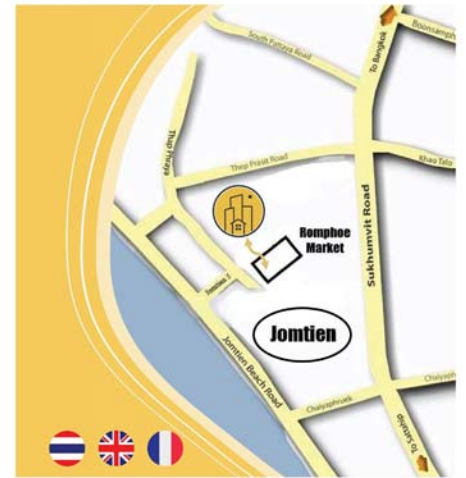


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See more about the event from Gloria and Barry's on Pattaya Trader YouTube channel. Subscribe and like to be kept up to date with all our reviews!





# SPARKLING @AMARI MOVERS AND SHAKERS

At The Amari Pattaya Hotel.

Words and Photos - Rodney James Charman

What a fantastic networking night attended by many and it was so nice to see so many friends and enjoy fantastic entertainment. A great evening with wine, beer and lovely food. Well done to Gavin and team ess Developments the main sponsor and congratulations to Cees and his team and the hotel staff for another memorable Movers & Shakers











# WHERE TO CHOOSE, PATTAYA OR BANGKOK?

If you're thinking of relocating to Thailand, the first name that springs to mind is inevitably Bangkok, one of the most famous cities on earth and visited by millions every year. But would it be the right choice for you? In this article we'll take a look at the advantages and disadvantages both Bangkok and Pattaya have for the new to Thailand expat and what they can offer you.

For me personally, the choice is easy. Having lived in Pattaya for many years and being a frequent visitor to Bangkok, the seaside city wins hands down. Let's go through the reasons why I say this here and it may help you to decide that Pattaya is the place for you. Of course if work or business dictate that Bangkok is the option, then Bangkok it is. But for retirees, families who relocate for work and others, Pattaya has mostly everything Bangkok has and some that it doesn't, so let's get started.

First things first, and the most important difference if you're buying or renting a property, is what you get for your money. You will find that a property that may be out of reach in the capital will be well within reach in Pattaya, and the choice is wider because of it. It could be a single unit condo or a four bedroom family villa, you will find the price much more to your liking in Pattaya and your budget will go much further.

If you're relocating here with children, of equal importance is the standard of education that is available to you and Pattaya has a great choice of International schools, many of which are branches of schools available in Bangkok. Even people that work in Bangkok are deciding to live outside the capital and send their children to these schools, not least because they can at least get the children to school on time and plan the journey in. Something that is very difficult in Bangkok because of the horrendous traffic problems, which is something else you should consider before you live there.

For bars, restaurants, shopping and general entertainment, Bangkok is the best. You will need to become familiar with the place, which takes time, but the choices are almost unlimited once you know them. That's not to say that Pattaya is short of options, as it has world class shopping malls of its own, including Terminal 21 and Central Festival and the restaurant scene is alive with hundreds of choices, from the world famous Thai street food to five star hotels serving up world class cuisine.

Where Pattaya scores heavily is its variety of mainland beaches and the proximity of some beautiful island getaways, including Koh Samet, which is an hours drive and a world away from the hustle and bustle of any city. Koh Larn is the nearest island and you can get a ferry from the local Bali Hai pier at any time and enjoy a delightful day on a beautiful beach there.


If you're a golfer, both Bangkok and Pattaya will have plenty of choice for you as far as courses are concerned, but Pattaya has the most variety and by far the best value! There are currently around 30 courses within an hour of the city, including some world class venues. Some quality tournaments are being played in Thailand too now and the chance to see some world class players close up is terrific, with comfortable viewing and excellent value admission prices. The LPGA Honda Classic, played every year at the Siam Country Club springs to mind.

So, as you can clearly see, I much prefer Pattaya as a place to live and work in. Don't get me wrong, I have friends who live in Bangkok who absolutely love it, but it's usually people who have spent a long time there and have finally gotten to know it and all its wrinkles. With Pattaya, because of the light and space and having so much to do, you can get out and about immediately and start to get the benefits of living by the beach. Don't forget though, research everything. Visas, health insurance, property and anything else that may concern you. The main thing is to do plenty of research yourself and make a clear decision.

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