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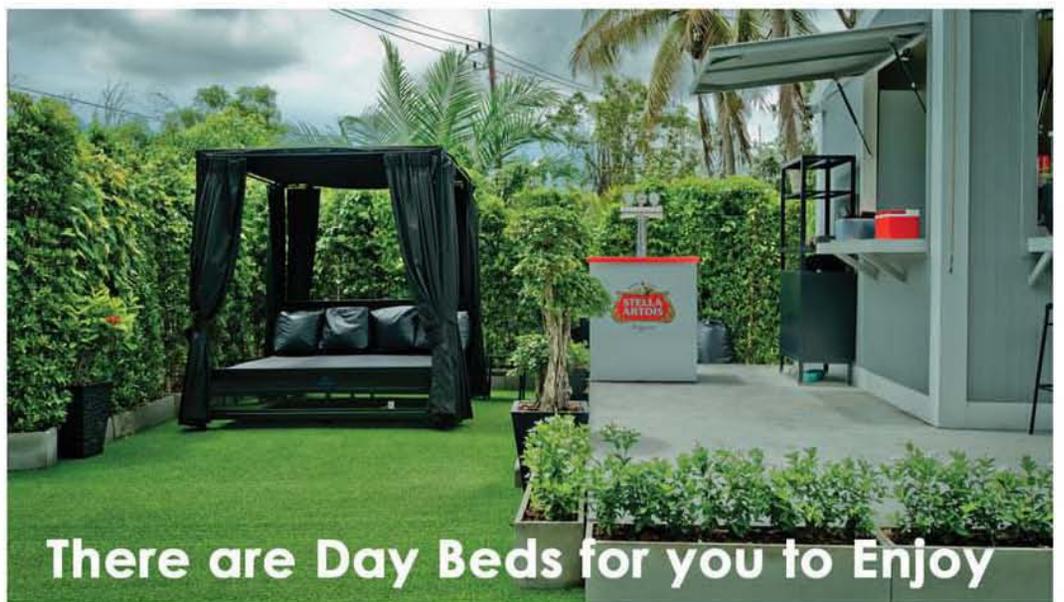
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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone

So whilst in Bangkok last month the talk was very much about torrential downpours and how badly it snarled up the traffic there. In Pattaya we have had a relatively trouble free rainy season so far. People keep telling me "we need some rain" I've rather selfishly always been in the "let it be as dry as possible please" camp. Especially when dirty flood water brings too much Dengue fever and nasty viruses.

However, whilst travelling around Lake Mabprachan I did notice that the lake was not at its prettiest and could do with some more water. Although I was pleased to notice the many great family friendly venues that are around such as Paddy's, the new Hemingways, Lakeside and of course our cover story Magic Cafe. So even if we do see more rain this month there are plenty of places to take the kids. Magic Cafe even has a range of games available to play with both outside and in - it's also a brilliant place to host a party or special event. So go check it out!

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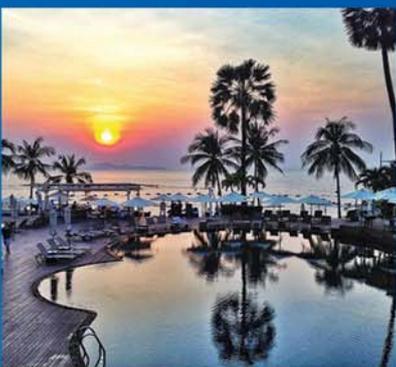
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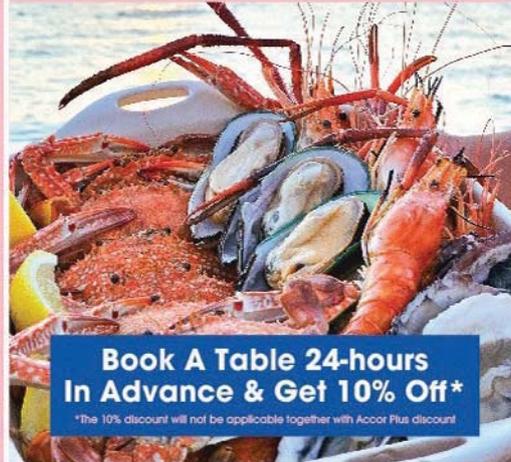
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What is it about Sunday that makes you want to celebrate with a great meal? Nostalgia for our mum's Sunday roast? A need to mark the end of the weekend and prepare for the week ahead? A good old feed up before the diet starts Monday ?- as all diets do. Whatever the reason, having a great meal on a Sunday is a lovely treat and one to be enjoyed earlier than the usual dinner time in order to give you time to relax and digest before going to sleep.

Many restaurants rely on plated offers for Sunday lunch as it may be easier to control the costs. However, The Sportsman has been providing the best carvery in town for so many Sundays that it really has got the whole thing down to perfection. Let me tell you why:

First of all it's the choice of 5 meats and for me personally the fact that includes a choice of beef either well done or pink in the middle - this is a big tick on my list of priorities. Then it's the accompanying extras: the stuffing, roast and mash potatoes, yorkshire puddings and pigs in blanket that charmingly named accompaniment of sausage wrapped in bacon. Also 3 choices of gravy as well as pepper and mushroom sauce

How often do we eat vegetables? Be honest and remember the suggested intake is 5 servings per day. Well at the Sportsman there are at least that many to choose from. On the Sunday Discover Pattaya visited the buffet there were in fact: carrots, brussels sprouts, leeks with bacon bits, green beans, beetroot and of course my personal favourite, not always found around town - Cauliflower Cheese. Also it's not mushy and slushy veg like the famously overcooked offerings in school canteens but fresh, tender and firm.



The price is 495 baht which includes a choice of 2 soups and rolls before the main event and if you have room after a dessert. The carvery starts from 12:30 pm with fresh dishes constantly brought out from the kitchen to take you right up to 8:30 pm. A member of staff is there to carve for you - and don't forget the beauty of a buffet is that you can select more than just 1 meat choice. My choice was the delicious beef and a very tasty honey roast ham.

Another highlight is the additional offer of Steak and Kidney pie worth trying just for the amazing pastry. Also of course the beauty of a carvery is the refill and "All you can eat" option. So my advice would be to come hungry but not over do it and have eyes bigger than your belly - if ever such a thing were possible. Take a selection on the first try and then maybe a second go of your favourites.

The seating is comfortable, the atmosphere convivial but be aware that this is a popular Sunday hang out. You may well find people you know with the same idea eating here on a Sunday so don't leave it too late. Indulge in a delicious Sunday afternoon tradition and then spoil yourself to a good film back at home while you think back to the pleasure of the meal you have just enjoyed.



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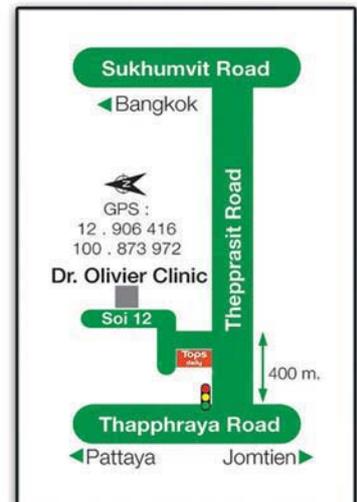
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By Gloria Jones



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James catches up with Bruce Grindlay of Rugby School Thailand

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

Time has flown by and it will be nearly one year since my first visit to Rugby School Thailand. The new school year began with news of remarkable academic successes: 87% of A Level students achieving high passes (A* - C), and an extraordinary 49% of students being awarded A* - A grades. I met with Mr Bruce Grindlay, the Principal, to discuss the school's ongoing progress and their ambitious plans for the future.

I don't get to visit RST as often as I would like, but when I do it is always something I look forward to. As an educator, I find it inspiring to spend time among professionals striving for excellence in surroundings that provide teachers the best of opportunities to achieve that aim. When I met with Mr Grindlay previously, I enjoyed learning about how the school's ethos, 'The Whole Person, The Whole Point', manifests itself in the daily life of the students, and I was keen to see how this had developed over the last year.

To describe the grounds of RST as extensive would be an understatement, and despite a long tour on my last visit there were still areas I was yet to see. This time, I was taken through the Senior School building (aged 13+) into the Performing Arts Centre. While there, Mr Grindlay told me of the school's plans to broaden the A Level curriculum by offering Digital Media and Photography. RST are determined that all students, regardless of where their talents or passions lay, have pathways to success available to them where they can feel valued and challenged.

While visiting the Performing Arts Centre, I was also shown the space where plans for a state of the art, 800 seater auditorium are taking shape. Mr Grindlay, himself an accomplished musician, spoke with vigour about how this new facility will enable the students to put on large scale productions and concerts, as well as provide a space for larger assemblies and events, such as graduation ceremonies. Clearly, Rugby School Thailand remains not only focused on academic rigour within the core subjects of English, maths and science, but also across the arts as well.

Sport has long been an area where RST seeks to excel. Recently, elite academies have been added to the roster of after school activities offered at the school. An already healthy fixture list of matches against Bangkok based schools has been added to with more competitive fixtures against local opposition. While the school has both the facilities and staff to support elite athletes, a wider range of fixtures will provide opportunities for athletes with a range of abilities to get involved and represent their school.

From June 2024, students will be taking part in the school's first exchange programme with their counterparts from Rugby School in the UK. Having seen the impact of such programmes myself, I can say that this will be a life changing experience for the students and will also help to strengthen the bonds between both schools. I was interested to learn that Rugby School Thailand is the only British international school where graduates automatically become members of their UK parent school's alumni association: The Rugbeian Society. This will present Old Rugbians with an unparalleled opportunity to connect with other alumni from around the world.

The ethos of the school remains the same, from my first visit, but it has been fascinating for me to see the school evolve and grow while holding on to its founding principles. Over the last year, there has been a nearly 20% rise in the number of families choosing to take advantage of the school's enviable boarding facilities, be that part, weekly or full boarding. This can only be a sign that Rugby School Thailand are not only offering a great service for their students and their families, but also developing a community where people feel that they belong. RST remains at the upper end of the pricing scale for international schools, which is something potential parents will consider and which will serve and benchmark for their expectations should they choose to educate their children there. To my mind, this is something that Mr Grindlay and his team are acutely aware of and are continually striving to meet and exceed those expectations.

Rugby School Thailand will be holding Open Days for Years 9-12 on Saturday 4th November and for Years 7-8 on Saturday 25th November (although all ages are welcome to attend) Both days begin at 9am and finish at 12pm. I encourage you to take a look at what the school has to offer.

If you would like to read the previous article written by James about Bruce Grindlay of Rugby School Thailand you can view it on the Homepage of our website at pattayatrader.com Ed.





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An Introduction to Lovell International School

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



Lovell International School is an oasis of calm and learning in the heart of busy North Pattaya. I met with the Head of School, Ms. Karen Jones, to find out more about this hidden gem.

Tucked away between glitzy condominiums and five-star hotels, a stone's throw from Wongamat Beach, you will find Lovell International School, an Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage One school that focuses on a child-centred, experiential approach to learning. Even before I walked through the gates, I was struck by the remarkable design and functionality of the buildings. Inspired by treehouses that exist within the natural environment rather than surplanting it, the indoor and outdoor spaces flow from one to another, encouraging learners to explore and interact with their surroundings.

Ms. Karen explained to me that this is no accident. The school offers a British curriculum with a Reggio Emilia approach: this calls for learning spaces to be stimulating and integrated into the student experience, teachers to encourage inquiry based learning led by the children's natural curiosity and for movement, health and an understanding of the environment to be given more prominence within the curriculum than might be the case in more traditional settings.



While impressive, it wasn't the wonderful facilities that stuck with me after my visit. The cooking room, splash pool, family library and dance studio are all beautifully designed, remarkable spaces, but it was the little details that stayed with me: the chickens roaming free in the herb gardens, the runs for squirrels to scamper overhead, the climbing tunnels that the children can use to move between floors and classrooms and the uncluttered, calm that permeated the school.

In my experience, any school with a strong vision requires a Head that lives and breathes it, and Ms. Karen certainly encapsulates the ideals of Lovell International School. She spoke with passion and expertise about experiential learning, about eco-literacy and incorporating nature into the students' daily lives, and about involving the parents on this journey, whether it be through yoga classes, cooking lessons or access to shared spaces like the family library. I left with the sense that I was witnessing the early stages of a genuine community developing with a shared ethos and appreciation for learning.

In recent years, the drive in the UK and among many British international schools has been to move towards a knowledge-rich, more teacher led style of learning, to which Lovell International School offers a welcome counterbalance and contribution to the range of choices available to parents in Pattaya. I look forward to returning to Lovell International School in the near future to see how the school develops and say hello to the chickens again!



The British Learning Centre - What our Parents say.

I feel fortunate to have been a part of the British Learning Centre's journey. When I took over as the Deputy Head of School at the British Learning Centre: Pattaya, the school had already established a strong reputation for excellence, offering tuition to just over 100 students. Now, a little over a year later, we have grown beyond even our most ambitious goals, and I truly feel privileged to be trusted by the parents of nearly 300 students to support their children's learning. As we expand further, I decided to take the time to reflect on our successes and look forward to how we can offer even more value for our students and their families. With this in mind, I reached out to some of our parents to share their thoughts and experiences with us, since our opening in early 2022:

Aleksei - father to two British Learning Centre students.

"Looking back at my one year history with the British Learning Centre, I understand that they have managed to fill a very important gap in the educational market of Thailand, serving as the connection in the chain between potential students from all over the world and the high quality international schools of the Eastern seaboard. Certified native English speakers prepared my daughter for her school admission. Moreover, the British Learning Centre's Senior Leadership Team helped us to find the most appropriate school for her and facilitated the admissions process. During only one year, the number of students at the British Learning Centre has grown considerably. However, the staff have managed to maintain strong relationships with every child, in order to better address their needs. One of my son's teachers decided to continue her career outside of Thailand and she had tears in her eyes when she was saying goodbye to him. Do I need to explain more? I would be happy if I heard that the British Learning Centre had decided to establish a full-time school and I am looking forward to that day."



Peter - father to two British Learning Centre students.

"In addition to the international schools, the British Learning Centre is the best place to provide children with complete English tuition. Before they started at Rugby School Thailand, my children were able to feel a real international school environment at the British Learning Centre. This made them psychologically prepared and adapted to that kind of educational setting before they began; I am very grateful to the British Learning Centre for this. Their teaching team and I have established in-depth communication channels. They are always willing to let me share the requirements and learning content of my children's school teachers with them, so that they can find the most effective way to help my children make progress. They are indeed very professional! At the same time, the British Learning Centre helped to share part of the educational pressure that I felt."

Valentina - mother to a British Learning Centre student.

"My son has been attending the British Learning Centre for over a year now. During this time his English level has improved incredibly, he has gained a lot of new knowledge and met new friends! I am very grateful to the British Learning Centre for the wonderful atmosphere and the high level of professionalism of the teachers! My son enjoys going to the school, loves his teachers and talks enthusiastically about new knowledge he has acquired in classes. As a parent, I like the feedback system from the school, convenient schedule and friendly attitude of the staff."



As a school, there are many things that we have done well and many things that we can do better - it is our commitment to our parents that we will always strive to improve. Personally, to hear the stories of the impact we have made in the lives of so many students, and their families, in such a short time makes the hard work worthwhile and fills me with excitement for the future. If you would like to see how we can help your child achieve their goals, come and visit us.



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AT HOME ON THE WATER

The M8 is the new flagship of Prestige's M-Line of multihull motor yachts and takes luxury real estate on the water to a new level. Designed by longtime Prestige collaborator Camillo Garroni it also features naval architecture by Marc Lombard.

If luxury real estate could float, it would look and feel like the Prestige M8. Big-city life lived large is the first thing you think when boarding, such is the space and the glam that surrounds you. Or imagine a gleaming penthouse crossed with an ultra-exclusive beach club. Only aboard a multihull motor yacht like the M8 can you mix polished chrome and wide-open views with an easy-going *pieds dans l'eau* lifestyle. This floating home away from home might leave you thinking that you never want to go back to your house again.

Boarding the M8 you feel suspended somewhere between the air and the sea in a space where an abundance of glass and reflective surfaces can almost leave you wondering where you've landed. The Opacmare transformer central platform can be raised to extend the floor space in the aft cockpit and create a suspended balcony over the sea. Lower it at the push of a button and it becomes the central section of a beach platform. Everything is slender, glittering and visually barely there, yet you sense solidity and security underfoot. It's an ideal combination when at sea and there's no shortage of space for conviviality and relaxation.





Accessed by stairs on the port side of the cockpit or a gorgeous see-through staircase on the starboard side of the saloon, the large flybridge has a wet bar and outdoor kitchen. The foredeck's social areas start with a very wide sun pad under the saloon windscreen and a truly fabulous aft-facing, C-shaped couch sunk into the bow, with a smaller sofa opposite. Sitting there, cruising along with only air between you and the sea, is wonderfully relaxing and truly satisfying in a way that only feeling like the master of your little universe can be. The stunning foredeck has a wide sunbathing area and an innovative sunken bow area, with seating on all four sides

The saloon is truly vast, with expansive glazing. Decorated by Valentina Militerno de Romedis with loose furnishings by Pininfarina, the interiors are bright, serene and functional, with sliding side doors. A central staircase leads from the saloon down to the full-beam owner's cabin, a 35 sqm suite that comes complete with a double bed, en-suite bathroom and walk-in wardrobe.

Owners can choose between a variety of layouts and guest sleeping arrangements, such as with or without a galley, a TV room, an extra crew cabin or a VIP suite instead of two guest cabins to port. Regardless of the chosen configuration, the spacious full-beam owner's suite forward is a constant as are two crew cabins fully fore, accessed via hatches in the bow.

While the Prestige team chose space and volume over speed when designing the M8, the boat's performance in terms of efficiency and ease of use is very respectable. Equipped with twin Volvo Penta D8- 600 IPS engines, the boat has a top speed of close to 20 knots, a range of about 350 nm at a cruising speed of 15 knots and turns on a dime. Furthermore, the M8 is also available in a 'silent' version, with solar panels and lithium battery bank. If you find yourself looking fondly at the M8 over your shoulder once you step back on land, you'll see the Garroni-designed exterior and recalling your time aboard, you may well find yourself standing on the ground but walking on air.

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By CLARE MAHON PHOTOS PRESTIGE

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FISHING WITH SHAUN

Reeling in Giants: A Fishing Adventure at Jurassic Mountain Resort and Jurassic Saltwater

In the heart of Cha-am, amidst the lush landscape, lies the angler's paradise - Jurassic Mountain Resort and Fishing Park. This 2-day excursion promised unforgettable moments and colossal catches. Day one commenced with anticipation and a sense of excitement, ready to cast our lines into the waters teeming with mystery.



DAY ONE: JURASSIC MOUNTAIN RESORT

As the sun broke through the morning mist, we set out for Jurassic Mountain Resort. The setting was serene, with towering peaks embracing the fishing grounds. The air buzzed with the promise of a remarkable day of fishing. The Giant Siamese Carp, an icon of these waters, beckoned. Our journey began with vigor as we cast our lines into the pristine lake. The Giant Siamese Carp welcomed us, testing our skills and determination. The first day's catch was nothing short of extraordinary - a Giant Siamese Carp weighing 55lb, followed by a 65lb beauty, and an astonishing 85lb heavyweight. The day unfolded with continuous action, rewarding our efforts with a 50lb and an Asian Redtail weighing 25lb. But the apex of the day was a fierce battle with an 80lb Giant Siamese Carp and another impressive 55lb specimen. The crescendo came as the day waned, and the sun painted the sky in hues of orange and pink. In a triumphant moment, with the last of my bait in the water, I reeled in the catch of a lifetime - a colossal Giant Siamese Carp, boasting a staggering 110lb, shattering my previous record set 18 months ago at this very lake.

DAY TWO: JURASSIC SALTWATER

Embracing a new day, we ventured to the brand new saltwater lake, eager to explore the depths and diversity it held. The morning was adorned with lure fishing, capturing a variety of barramundi and the exquisite camouflaged Hybrid groupers. The lake whispered tales of adventure, as we immersed ourselves in the thrill of the chase. The climax of the day arrived with a slam dunk - a massive 55lb Goliath grouper, demonstrating the immense potential of the saltwater lake. This beautiful and pristine lake held promise for future angling expeditions, captivating our hearts and igniting the desire for more adventures on these waters. Both lakes, Jurassic Mountain Resort and the brand new saltwater lake, offered an exceptional angling experience. The presence of skilled assistance and the availability of refreshments enhanced the overall journey. Jurassic Mountain Resort and Jurassic Saltwater proved to be the perfect backdrop for reeling in giants and creating lasting memories in the realm of angling.

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Sports Update

For October by Steve Wade

As the Formula 1 world recovers from Red Bull and Max Verstappen NOT winning in Singapore, the travelling circus pitches up in Qatar on the 8th of the month and then goes over to the USA for one of the showcase events of the season on the 22nd before moving on to Mexico at the end of the month.

The Rugby World Cup continues throughout October with the final bringing the whole sporting month to a climax on the 28th. With the blanket TV coverage and the popularity of the live matches in France this event has now taken its place as one of the greatest sporting shows on earth. It certainly makes for great TV and there are a host of matches to look forward to leading up to the final at the end of the month. Rugby fans are in for a treat!

The Premier League rolls on, but there is a break for International fixtures between the 8th and 21st of the month. The table is starting to look familiar again this year with Manchester City winning five from five at the time of writing. A couple of interesting fixtures to make a note of are when the aforementioned City visit Arsenal at the Emirates on the 8th and Manchester United at Old Trafford on the 29th.

The ODI Cricket World Cup starts in October. Hosted by India, the tournament's first match is between New Zealand and England on the 5th and goes right through the month and into November before the final on the 19th. The great thing about this event is that the timings are perfect for all cricket fans in the Kingdom as virtually every match starts at 3.30 in the afternoon local time. Perfect for all those cricket fans in town (and there are plenty of them) who can enjoy that late afternoon/early evening cold beer as they watch.

It's good to see those sports that are not football, taking centre stage at this time of the year and I'm sure that the Rugby and Cricket World Cups will provide plenty of exciting viewing. Get along to watch at your local bar or sports lounge, have a beer, and support our local businesses. Good viewing everyone.



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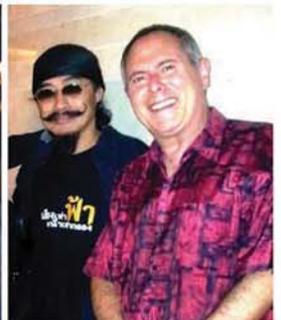
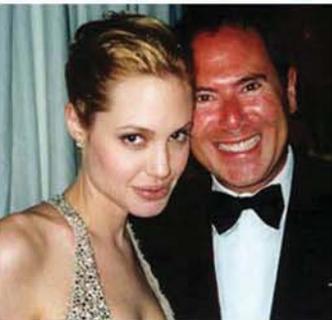
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SETTING UP A FOUNDATION IN THAILAND

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A foundation in Thailand is a non-profit organization governed by the Civil and Commercial Code and Articles of Association promoting public welfare, education, religion, art, and culture. It operates independently and aims to make a positive impact on society through charitable endeavors. To be recognized as a legal foundation, organizations must meet specific requirements and register with government authorities.

BENEFITS

Establishing a foundation in Thailand offers numerous benefits for both the organization and the communities it serves. These include social impact, tax benefits, legitimacy and credibility, access to funding, limited liability, flexibility in objectives, longevity and continuity, and network and collaboration. Registration with the appropriate government authority benefits a foundation by allowing it to legally enter contracts with local organizations, enabling it to partner with civic groups and raise funds effectively. Furthermore, registered foundations in Thailand can benefit from tax exemptions or reduced rates, while also ensuring the foundation's reputation and trust among donors, beneficiaries, and stakeholders. However, establishing and running a foundation requires dedication, proper management, and compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

- The foundation's objectives and purpose must be clearly defined and aligned with public welfare, education, religion, art, culture, or other charitable activities.
- The foundation's activities must be lawful and should benefit the society.
- The foundation's Articles of Association must be well-drafted and in compliance with Thai law, outlining its objectives, management structure, rules, and other details.
- It must have a minimum of three founders and three trustees, with at least one Thai national trustee residing in Thailand.

- The foundation must have a registered office address in Thailand.
- Financial capacity and tax compliance are also required, along with supporting documents such as identification documents, a list of proposed activities, proof of initial capital, and other paperwork.
- A Foundation's entire assets in Thailand must be valued at 500,000 baht, with at least 250,000 baht deposited in cash. Some foundations with specific objectives require 250,000 baht in assets and 100,000 baht in cash.
- The foundation must be non-profit and must be politically neutral.

OBLIGATIONS

Foundations in Thailand must fulfill various obligations to maintain their legal status and comply with the law. These include:

- Fulfilling the foundation's objectives
- Submitting annual financial reports
- Maintaining transparent financial management,
- Fulfilling tax obligations
- Donor reporting
- Having a proper governance structure
- Focusing on public benefit activities
- Subjecting foundations to periodic checks and audits by government authorities

Is it possible for a foreigner to create a foundation in Thailand?

Yes, foreigners can establish a foundation in Thailand, but they must comply with the laws and regulations governing the establishment of foundations. It is best to get legal counsel to verify that all criteria are met.

The specific requirements and criteria for foundation approval may vary based on the foundation's activities and objectives, so it is recommended to consult with legal professionals or government authorities for accurate information on establishing a foundation in Thailand.



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What's on The Small Screen



The Gilded Age Season 2

Bertha seeks a place in Society while George Russel faces problems at his steel plant



Lupin Part 3

Still in hiding Lupin returns to Paris with a radical proposal for his family.



Loki Season 2

Loki is stranded in a dimension with a more dangerous version of He Who Remains.



Lessons in Chemistry

Brilliant chemist Elizabeth Zott becomes a television chef now that she is a single mother.



Frasier

Frasier moves back to Boston to catch up with his Son Freddy.



The Fall of the House of Usher

When his children start dying in mysterious and violent ways Roderick Usher faces his questionable past.



What's on The Big Screen



Last Voyage of the Demeter

Corey Hawkins, Aisling Franciosi, Liam Cunningham

The merchant ship Demeter sets sail from Carpathia to London to deliver a cargo of 50 unmarked wooden crates. Soon they discover they're not alone.



Killers of the Flower Moon

Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro, Ernest Burkhart

Set in Oklahoma during the 1920s the FBI investigates the murder of a Native American tribe.



Freelance

John Cena, Alice Eve, Alison Brie

Fed up with his dead-end job a former special forces operative reluctantly decides to take on a freelance contract.



Paw Patrol the Mighty Movie

Kristen Bell, James Marsden, Mckenna Grace

After a meteor strikes Adventure City the Paw Patrol Pups discover they have magically gained superpowers.



The Marsh Kings Daughter

Ben Mendelsohn, Daisy Ridley, Brooklynn Prince

Helena Pelletier's traumatic past resurfaces when she hears that her criminal father has escaped from prison.



Dumb Money

Paul Dano, Seth Rogen, Sebastian Stan

True story about ordinary people who plan to get rich by taking down one of the biggest hedge funds on Wall Street.



iphone 15 Pro Max

The iPhone 15 Pro Max boasts a titanium frame for durability and lighter weight. It's powered by the A17 Pro chip, with a 6-core GPU for top-notch gaming and ray tracing.

An Action button simplifies camera access and call muting. USB-C charging at 10 Gbps facilitates fast transfers. The 48MP main camera offers improved low-light performance with a Photonic engine. The iPhone 15 Pro has a 3x telephoto, while the Pro Max offers 5x optical zoom and enhanced sensor separation. Lastly, the iPhone 15 Pro can create 3D Spatial Videos, compatible with the Apple Vision headset coming soon.



Apple Watch Ultra

The Apple Watch Ultra boasts an IP6X dust resistance rating. Please note that the Blood Oxygen app's measurements are not intended for medical purposes, such as self-diagnosis or consulting with a physician, and are solely intended for general fitness and wellness purposes. Additionally, the Apple Watch Ultra is water-resistant up to 100 meters according to the ISO standard 22810.

LG's Rollable OLED TV

The World's first and only foldable TV LG SIGNATURE OLED R redefines design possibilities with its ultra-slim, rollable display, thanks to self-lit pixels. Unlike LED TVs constrained by backlights, this self-luminous display technology enhances your viewing experience, delivering sharper, incredibly realistic pictures.



GoPro Camera HERO 11



The GoPro HERO11 Black stands out as the ultimate action camera for capturing dynamic POV video up to 5.3K60, thanks to enhanced digital features, a 27MP image sensor, and Wi-Fi capabilities. Its upgraded image sensor excels at capturing 27MP still photos and effortlessly handles 5.3K60 and 2.7K240 video recording.



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MUSIC IS THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR LIFE - Barry Upton

I am completely sold on the idea that the music you grew up with, especially in your teens, shapes, not only your personality, but also is a big factor on the way your life will evolve.

Music has the extraordinary power to touch our souls, evoke emotions and transcend boundaries.

It's a universal language that speaks to every individual, resonating with experiences, memories and moments that guide our lives, capturing the essence of who we are.

The soundtrack to our lives not only reflects our experiences but also shapes our personal growth and can inspire us to pursue our dreams.

As a teen in the late sixties, I was completely absorbed by the creative music that came out of my radio including The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Tamla Motown and the 'love & peace' hippie style harmonious content that filled my mind and, then, on to my life.

I firmly believe that the positive vibes I absorbed from that time have kept me in good stead, shaping my attitude towards the world and my activities.

So, I decided to write a song about it – well, I would - no surprises there then!

The resulting track 'Music Is The Soundtrack To Your Life' (snappy title eh?), I produced with the help of no-one. In fact I selfishly didn't let anyone else play any instruments or join me on vocals because of a) the personal nature of the song and b) it's much cheaper and efficient to do it all by yourself with the only person to have musical differences with being yourself.

The intro is pure Beach Boys style harmonies and the rest Beatle-ish but with an occasional cameo from those Beach Boys. The outro is my jovial take on man's first steps on the moon in 1969 with Neil Armstrong citing 'one small step for man...one giant eap for Barry Upton' as his classic speech. OK, I did use some technical wizardry to doctor the original.

I approached the accompanying video the same way as I did the track, not allowing anyone but myself to appear performing all of the musicians and singers parts on screen.

Being the producer, filmographer and video editor, this task was accomplished with no one, not surprisingly, complaining about any exclusion. My recent interest in the many video editing tutorials on YouTube helped me greatly to achieve the look I was aiming for, relating my message as described earlier.

See for yourself the final result on my YouTube channel **FAB BAZ MUSIC TV – Music Is The Soundtrack To Your Life.**

As we journey through life, music can serve as a faithful companion. I wonder if you too can remember the music that inspired you in your formative years and can relate the message and emotions that may have lived with you throughout your life, shaping your individual personality in some way. I'd be very interested to know your thoughts.

So, let the melodies continue to guide us as we dance to the rythm of our very own soundtrack.

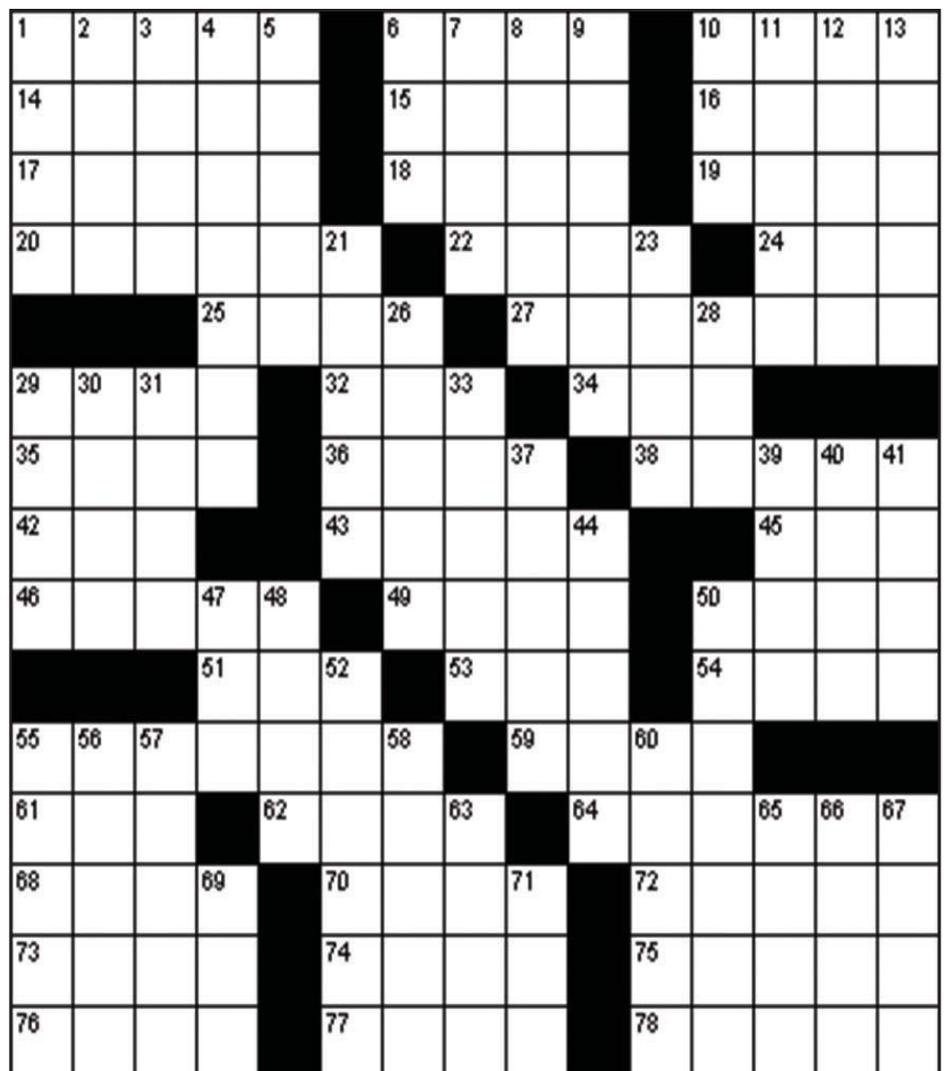
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Across

1. Barter
6. Type of wood
10. Turns litmus paper red
14. Sanctuary
15. Wheel shaft
16. Impersonate
17. Force out
18. Profit
19. Compass direction
20. Series of songs in one composition
22. Repair
24. Actor's prompt
25. Region
27. Not one or the other
29. Scorch
32. To the rear of a ship
34. Sheltered side
35. Woven fabric
36. Type of poker
38. Sully
42. Tree
43. Religious doctrine
45. Female deer
46. Older than 12, younger than 20
49. Ice crystals
50. Arithmetic operation
51. Moose
53. Drinking container
54. Let for money
55. Dried grape
59. Travel by horse
61. Athlete who plays for pay
62. Invoice
64. Autocrat
68. Lie adjacent to another
70. Slick
72. Keyboard instrument
73. Reckless
74. Dwelling
75. Abhorrence
76. Leg joint
77. Sort
78. Taut or rigid

Down

1. Those people
2. Rant
3. Eager
4. Announce
5. Go in
6. Label
7. Test
8. Unknown
9. Dog house
10. Simian
11. Private instructor
12. Publish
13. Dissuade
21. Used to raise dough
23. Prescribed selection of foods
26. Following
28. Beverage
29. Thin strip
30. Facilitate
31. Dull pain
33. Loose fitting cloak
37. Except
39. Not working
40. Can be common or proper
41. Trial
44. Lukewarm
47. Mesh
48. Block
50. Command
52. Chess piece
55. Flicker
56. Relating to the city
57. Parasitic insect
58. Mixture of metals
60. Terminus
63. Hobble
65. Symptom of injury
66. Burden
67. Large scholarly book
69. Definite article
71. Insect



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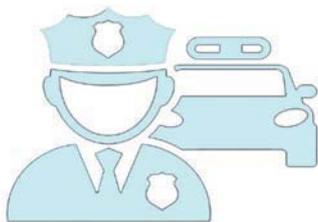
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 Pattaya Police Station: Soi 9 Pattaya
 Phone: 038 420- 802, 038-420 805 0-3842-9325
 Banglamung Police Station, Sukhumvit Highway)
 Phone: 038 221 800, 038 221 331
 Tourist Police: Phratamnak Road
 Emergency Hotline: 1155
 Phone 03841 4669, 03842 5937,

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

FIRE

Emergency Phone: 199
 Fire Brigade Pattaya
 PhoneTel: 038-425-943,
 Fire Brigade Naklua
 PhoneTel: 038-221-000,

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Marine Police
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 Sea Rescue
 Phone 038-488 134

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Electricity Pattaya
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 Electricity Banglamung
 Phone 0-3822-1007

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MY RIVIERA ESCAPADE

By Mandy Supa-arpha Itthikaiwan



The French Riviera, with its sun-kissed beaches, azure Mediterranean waters, and glamorous cities, has always been a magnet for travelers seeking relaxation and sophistication. Join me now on a captivating journey as I offer a glimpse into the heart of the Côte d'Azur and my discovery of the delight of traveling by train from Nice to Marseille,



NICE

My adventure began in the picturesque city of Nice which effortlessly combines the charm of old-world France with a vibrant ambiance. Strolling along the Promenade des Anglais, I enjoyed breathtaking views of the Mediterranean and the iconic blue chairs lining the shore. Nice is also home to a charming Old Town, known as Vieux Nice, where narrow cobblestone streets lead to lively markets and quaint cafes.

For first-time visitors, I recommend exploring on foot and stopping at attractions like Nice Cathedral, the Fine Arts Museum, Marc Chagall Museum, and the Old Port of Nice or Port Lympia. Also the highlight of my stay in Nice was spending a slow morning in the flower market (Le Marche aux fleurs) and food market in the old town. Here, you can savor local food, seasonal produce like olive oil, Provençal herbs, and specialties.



STAY: Chose the Anantara Plaza Nice, a hotel located in a historic building with a Belle Epoque façade inaugurated in 1848. It has recently been completely renovated and is conveniently situated in the city center on Av. De Verdun. Surrounded by luxury fashion brands like Hermes, Cartier, Louis Vuitton, and Tiffany & Co. it's also close to the main square, Place Masséna, Ave. Jean Medecin, the beach Promenade des Anglaise, and old town.



DINING: **Chez Acchiardo**, 38 Rue Droite, 06300 Nice. Nicoise cuisine with grilled meat and good wine list in a stonewalled dining room. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

Seen Rooftop Bar, Anantara Plaza Nice. Great selection of cocktails and bar bites with a panoramic view of Nice.

THE TRAIN JOURNEY FROM NICE TO MARSEILLE

I bid farewell to Nice to catch a train to Marseille. The train journey is not just a means of transportation but a mesmerizing experience in itself. I was treated to picturesque views of the Mediterranean coastline as the train took me through charming coastal villages, vineyards, and olive groves, offering a genuine taste of Provençal countryside. A delightful way to appreciate the natural beauty of the Côte d'Azur, it is often considered one of the most scenic train routes in France. It takes around 2.5 hours and costs about EUR 41 (<https://www.sncf-connect.com>).

MARSEILLE

Marseille is a dynamic port city that blends history, culture, and a vibrant culinary scene. The Old Port (Vieux-Port) is the heart of Marseille, lined with colorful fishing boats and surrounded by lively cafes and markets. I took leisurely strolls along the quayside, sampled fresh seafood, and simply soaked in the bustling atmosphere.

Marseille is also home to some remarkable historical sites, including the Basilique Notre-Dame de la Garde, a basilica perched atop a hill that offers panoramic views of the city. The Old Town (Le Panier) is a maze of narrow streets adorned with street art, making it an excellent place for exploring and getting lost.



CHATEAU D'IF

A highlight and probably what I was looking forward to the most during my Marseille getaway was visiting Chateau D'If. A short ferry ride from the bustling shores of Marseille lies the mystical Chateau D'If, an historic fortress perched atop a rugged island in the Mediterranean. This iconic monument, known worldwide as the setting for Alexandre Dumas' "The Count of Monte Cristo," offers a captivating glimpse into history and fiction. I first heard of Alexandre Dumas from "The Shawshank Redemption," a 1994 film starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, and later saw a film adaptation of "The Count of Monte Cristo."



As I explored its ancient stone walls, eerie dungeons, and panoramic vistas of the azure sea, I was transported to a world of intrigue, adventure, and the timeless allure of the Cote D'Azur. Chateau D'If is a must-visit gem for history buffs and literature enthusiasts like me, adding a touch of mystery and romance to any journey along the French Riviera.

STAY: I stayed in an apartment located in the city walking distance to Le Panier, the old port, and the subway. You can check www.airbnb.com or www.booking.com for plenty of apartments. Or if you prefer a hotel, NH Collection Marseille is a convenient choice

DINING: **Eggplant**, 2 Quai du Port, 13002 Marseille. A vegan eatery with outdoor and indoor seating right at the old port. I had lunch here before taking a ferry to Chateau d'If, and it was surprisingly great! **les Grandes Halles du Vieux-Port**, 30 Cr Honoré d'Estienne d'Orves, 13001 Marseille. Good for casual dining as it is a food hall with different options, including fresh seafood, grilled meat, Asian corners, and beverages. **Entre Terre & Mer**, 13 Rue du Panier, 13002 Marseille. A casual restaurant for dinner in Le Panier. I had a fresh seafood platter and it was satisfying!



IN CONCLUSION

The French Riviera and the scenic train ride from Nice to Marseille offer an enchanting blend of natural beauty, culture, and sophistication. So, pack your bags, hop on that train, and let the beauty of this region steal your heart.

TD EXPERT TIPS ON DEALING WITH DREADED

By Kanchan Nath

In the wake of cancelled flights and flight delays travellers have been facing due to failure of air traffic control systems, strikes etc. here are some recommendations to navigate any upcoming flight delays:

1. **Stay informed:** Keep track of the latest news and updates regarding the strike action. You can do this by setting up Google alerts for flight or strike related keywords, and you'll receive an email alert whenever new information is published. Connect with the airline or the relevant airport: check both the news section of the website and their social media channels, which are often the first port of call for updates.

2. **Plan ahead:** Don't wait until after you've arrived at the airport to monitor the situation. Visit news websites to see a list of upcoming strikes, and if you're travelling to or from the airport by train, check to see whether any planned rail strikes might also impact your journey. Even if you're not travelling to a country experiencing problems, be aware that if your flight crosses into their airspace you could be affected.

3. **Allow extra time:** Plan for the worst case scenario and allow time for long queues at check in or heavy traffic on the way to the airport. Even if your airline is not directly affected there may be lengthy queues at customs due to the backlog caused by delays associated with other airlines. Arriving early will ensure that you have sufficient time to deal with any unexpected circumstances should they arise.

4. **Contact the airline:** True, there may be many other customers waiting to speak to a customer services representative, but speaking to the airline directly is the best way to ascertain precisely what all the available options are. The airline might be able to rebook you onto another flight or provide alternative transport. Remember that airline representatives are likely to be speaking with many disgruntled passengers and politeness goes a long way.

5. **Explore alternate routes** for example if in the UK if Heathrow Airport has problems why not consider Gatwick, City, Stansted, or Luton airports instead? Also study airline route maps, because different airports may use different routes.

6. **Consider accommodation options:** If you're travelling with a young family, sleeping on the airport floor isn't really a viable option. So keep in mind that if your flight is subject to a long delay or cancellation, you may need to find accommodation for the night. Check with the airline to see if you're entitled to assistance or compensation for lodging. Alternatively, look up nearby hotels and make your own arrangements and be sure to keep receipts for a claim on your travel insurance.

7. **Keep essential items with you:** It is useful to have a carry-on bag filled with essential items in case you are stuck at the airport for an extended period. This becomes even more of a necessity if you're travelling with babies or young children. You may wish to fill the bag with toiletries, medication, a change of clothes and enough nappies and baby milk for an extended period. Distractions such as a tablet or colouring books can help alleviate boredom and frustration amongst the younger passengers too.

8. **Be aware of your rights:** Familiarise yourself with the passenger rights regulations in the relevant country or region. Depending on the circumstances, you may be entitled to compensation or assistance from the airline, such as meals or accommodations.

9. **Stay calm and patient:** Remember that the problem is beyond your control and also that of the airline customer representative. Getting upset won't solve the situation faster and staff members have likely been dealing with fractious customers all day. Instead maintain a calm demeanour and treat airline staff and fellow passengers with respect. Kindness and understanding can go a long way in a challenging situation.

10. **Consider travel insurance:** Whether you are a frequent traveller or just worried about potential disruptions during your trip it's worth investing in comprehensive travel insurance before making your booking. Look for policies that cover trip interruptions, cancellations, or delays caused by strikes or labour disputes. Make sure you read the policy carefully to understand the extent of your coverage and any exclusions. Stay flexible, keep a positive attitude, and make the best of the situation while prioritising your safety and well-being.



TD TOP 'FIT FOR TRAVEL' TIPS

By Kanchan Nath

Tips for dealing with travel sickness

Travel sickness can be unpleasant, but there are many simple strategies to help prevent or relieve motion sickness symptoms, for example:

- Sit in the front seats of cars or buses.
- Sit in window seats on planes and trains.
- Close your eyes, sleep, or, if you have the space, try lying down.
- Stay hydrated.
- Eat small amounts of food frequently.
- Distract yourself with music.

Tips for preventing and dealing with bug bites

Bug bites are typically encountered when travelling outdoors, or during activities such as camping. To minimise bug bites consider:

- Using EPA-registered insect repellents and remember to apply after sunscreen.
- Dressing in clothing that covers your arms and legs to cover your skin.
- Making sure when you book your hotel that it has air conditioning and window and door screens. If your accommodation doesn't have these, or you are sleeping outside, sleep in a mosquito net.

- If the worst happens and you are bitten by a mosquito, avoid scratching the bites and apply anti-itch or antihistamine cream.

Tips for dealing with travel anxiety

Travel anxiety can make planning and going on trips difficult, but there are some best practice strategies that can help you overcome it, for example:

- If you're concerned about any "what if" scenarios, like missing your plane or getting on the wrong train, thoroughly planning ahead can be a great way to put you at ease. You won't be able to prepare for everything, but making sure you have all the time you need and have a good idea of where you're going can give you a sense of security.

- If your mode of transportation has you worried – bring something to keep you busy! This can be anything from a great book, downloaded films or TV, crosswords and puzzles.

Tips for ensuring you are drinking safe water

Drinking dirty water could make you ill and potentially expose you to serious infections such as typhoid and malaria. To ensure you are drinking safe water consider:

- Sticking to bottled water.
- Avoid having ice in your drinks, as it will likely also have been made using tap water.
- Avoid brushing your teeth with tap water you are not sure is safe.
- You can find the full list of destinations with safe and unsafe drinking water from the CDC.

Tips for preventing and dealing with sunburn

Getting a golden tan can be a highlight of a trip. However, getting too much sun or not protecting yourself correctly can lead to sunburn. To avoid sunburn don't forget:

- Wearing sunscreen with a minimum of SPF 15 is recommended.
- Sunscreens should also be liberally applied at least 20 minutes before sun exposure and every 2 hours while exposed to sunlight.
- Wearing dark, tightly woven clothing can help to prevent sunburn.
- Remember to drink plenty of water.

Tips for dealing with Jet lag

Jet lag is often experienced when visiting far distances from your home (usually three or more time zones). Essentially, jet lag is a mismatch between your normal sleep rhythm and a different time zone, but there are steps you can take to reduce your the feelings of jet lag:

- Follow the sleep and wake schedule of your destination and avoid sleeping during the day or going to bed too early when you arrive.
- You may also consider preparing your body for the new time zone before you travel. You can then adjust your sleep pattern to get used to the time change you'll experience when you arrive.



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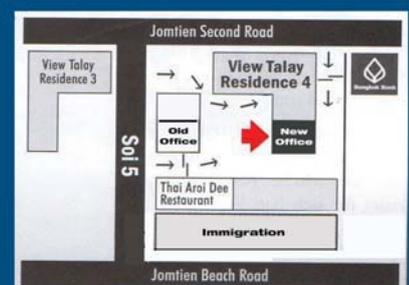
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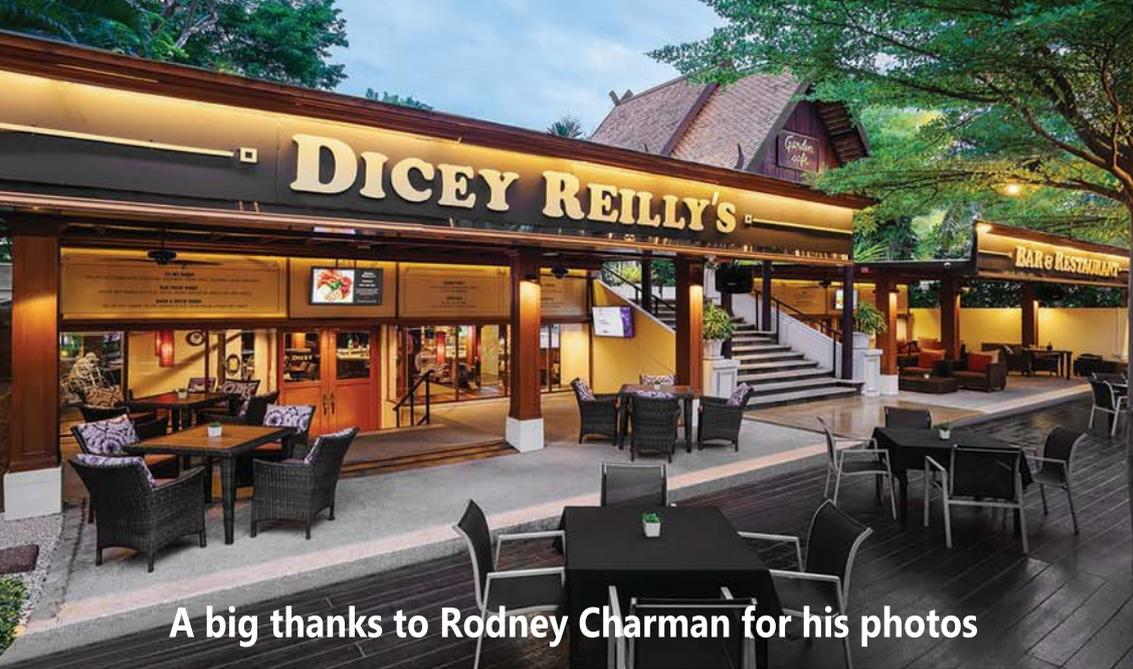
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Multi Chambers Networking at Avani

Another great Multi Chamber Event was recently held at Avani. Pattaya Resort. First of all with an informative update on Tax and BOI matters in the Orchid Garden suite and then at the ever popular Dicey Reilly's for the networking event. Resident chef Khun Pongpisit Executive Chef and all the Avani team ensured everything ran smoothly and tasted delicious. Especially the succulent turkey - is this the first or many more to come in the next few months - I think so!





Tiny Treasures:

Maximizing Space in Small Kitchens

By Erin Heart - Images by hungelingdesign.com

In a world where space is a luxury, the heart of the home often finds itself confined within the constraints of compact kitchens. But fear not, for within these snug dimensions lie endless culinary possibilities waiting to be discovered. When focusing on small kitchen design, an essential aspect that demands special emphasis is the installation of kitchen cabinets. The layout holds paramount importance, and the meticulous execution of kitchen cabinet installation plays a vital role. Opt for designs that facilitate a seamless workflow, such as the galley layout or the L-shaped arrangement. These configurations ensure that essential work zones—preparation, cooking, and cleaning—flow effortlessly. However, the success of your design vision ultimately relies on the expertise of the company you choose, select a skilled and reputable company to guarantee a harmonious layout and a flawlessly executed installation.



The Magic of Multipurpose Furnishings: Furniture That Works Overtime

In small kitchens, every piece of furniture needs to earn its keep. Enter multipurpose furnishings: foldable dining tables that double as prep surfaces, kitchen islands with built-in storage, and bar stools that tuck neatly under countertops. These adaptable pieces save space and add versatility to your culinary haven. For example slide-out pantry shelves can work wonders for small kitchens with narrow gaps between appliances or walls. These slim pull-out units can store many staples while keeping your dry goods organized and accessible..



The Open Shelving Trend: Stylish Display and Functionality

Open shelving has emerged as a popular trend in small kitchen design. When executed thoughtfully, it can be both stylish and functional. Display your most frequently used items for easy access while adding a touch of personality to your kitchen's aesthetics. However, maintaining order is crucial—too much clutter on open shelves can look unsightly. You can also attach magnetic containers to your refrigerator or any metal surface, keeping your spices within easy reach while freeing up cabinet space. This creative storage method optimizes space and adds a decorative touch to your kitchen.

Reflective Surfaces and Light Play: Creating Illusions of Space

Visual spaciousness can make a world of difference in a small kitchen. Incorporate reflective surfaces like glass backsplashes and mirrored cabinet panels to bounce light and give the illusion of depth. Choose light, neutral colors for cabinets, walls, and countertops, further enhancing the perception of a larger space. Strategic lighting, both natural and artificial, also plays a pivotal role in creating an airy atmosphere.



Over-the-Sink Cutting Board, Racks and Appliances.

An over-the-sink cutting board creates an additional workspace and doubles as a space-saving drying rack for washed dishes. Some cutting boards have a built-in colander, streamlining your food preparation and cleanup processes. From slim-profile dishwashers to under-counter refrigerators and built-in microwaves, tech-savvy innovations help streamline your kitchen while keeping up with modern convenience.

Pegboards, Wall Storage and Streamlined Container Solutions

Pegboards are a versatile and customizable storage solution for small kitchens. Mount a pegboard on a wall to hang utensils, cutting boards, and even small pots and pans. The beauty of pegboards lies in their adaptability. Also instead of too many tupperware and food storage containers that can quickly become chaotic in small kitchens. Invest in stackable, nesting containers that take up less space. Consider drawer dividers and keep your food storage tidy.



Greenery and Personal Touches: Infusing Warmth into Limited Spaces

Amid the quest for efficiency, don't forget the emotional aspect of your small kitchen. Add a touch of greenery with small potted plants or fresh herbs on window sills. Personal touches like colorful artwork, decorative kitchen tools, and charming light fixtures can infuse warmth and personality. Creativity and adaptability can turn constraints into opportunities where efficiency and style harmonize.

The Benefits of Native Language Speaking Agents

By Gloria Jones

Talking to many of our expert property agents here in Pattaya it seems that International buyers are now happier to converse in English than they once were. This is certainly due to Globalization and the fact that English is the lingua franca of international business. So as a result, more and more people are learning English as a second language. Also with economic growth many developing countries have a growing middle class with disposable income. They are increasingly looking to purchase property abroad and English is the most common language of communication in the global real estate market.

Pattaya is very much a melting pot of many different nationalities and cultures and as such has a wealth of property agents available to speak in the native language of their customers. Being able to communicate in a client's native language can help to build trust and rapport. This is important in any business relationship but especially important in the real estate market where large sums of money are involved. So we thought we would ask some of the city's best loved agencies their views on this topic..

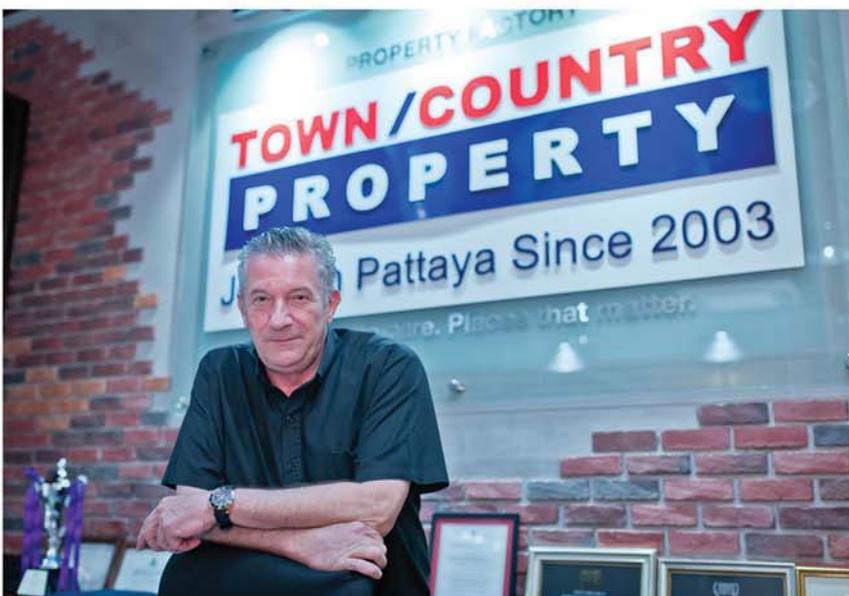
PATRICK OF PATTAYA PRESTIGE PROPERTIES

It is now more than eight years that I have been in Pattaya, a long time after my first two years of working experience in Bangkok in the 90s. My team is proficient in French, English, Thai, and Polish, and we have associates who speak Russian or Chinese.

International buyers are usually happy to speak in English, but besides the advantage of speaking their mother tongue, the clients will value that you know their culture and the financial and legal environment of their country of origin.



CEES (KC) OF TOWN COUNTRY PROPERTY -PATTAYA REAL ESTATE



How long have you been in Pattaya Cees?

-27 years

What languages are your team proficient in?

-Dutch, English, German and of course Thai. We have support staff for Chinese and Russian speakers.

For those comfortable with the English language, talking in English is no issue. Most of our contracts are written in English.

However, I find that most clients from The Netherlands are very appreciative if we communicate in Dutch. It feels like a comfort zone to them.

MATS AND NAREE OF GUSTAF REAL ESTATE

We moved to Pattaya in Oct 2018 and the languages we speak are English, Thai and Swedish. Over our time working from our two offices in Jomtien we have found that there are many Scandinavian expats and long term residents who enjoy meeting others from the same countries.

They like the food and drink from their homeland and talking in their own language to relax and enjoy time with friends. So for us there is a social as well as business benefit to understanding and conversing in most of the Scandinavian languages.



JO STETTEN OF EXCLUSIVE SERVICE PARTNERS

Been here in Pattaya since late 1999 – 23 years
Formed our company in 2011 – 12 years ago Our team speaks German, English, French and Thai.

In general the majority of our customers know how to communicate in English, besides their mother tongue. when it comes to finalization of the details of a contract. However, the accuracy of deals are in general discussed in the client's mother tongue and we have found it has been helpful in most cases to be bi-lingual.

IN CONCLUSION

Property agents can help their clients understand the Thai real estate and rental markets. With their Thai national staff they can help negotiate with Thai sellers and navigate the Thai legal system. In addition native language speaking agents can provide clearer communication, cultural understanding, and trust. This is why many real estate companies here in Pattaya have a diverse workforce that can speak multiple languages.



EDWIN OF MY PATTAYA REAL ESTATE

I have been living and working here in real estate for over 13 years in Pattaya. My team can speak Lithuanian, Russian, English, Thai, German, and Polish which allows us to provide our clients with the highest level of service, regardless of their nationality or native language.

As a real estate agent in Pattaya, I have noticed that international buyers are now happier to converse in English than they once were. However, we have found Russians are very keen on working with Russian speaking agents, not necessarily Russian nationals, as long as the language is clear to understand.





Property Sales in Pattaya and Jomtien: A Comparative Analysis of 2023 and 2022

Pattaya, the vibrant coastal city of Thailand, has long been a favoured destination for real estate investors and holidaymakers alike. The year 2023 has brought about many significant changes in the global landscape, impacting various sectors, including real estate. In this article, I will delve into the performance of property sales within the Pattaya and Jomtien areas during the 2023 period compared to the same period in 2022.

A Year of Recovery and Growth:

The real estate market in Pattaya experienced a tumultuous period in 2020 and early 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as the world is gradually recovering, the market in Pattaya and Jomtien is witnessing a resurgence. 2022 marked a significant turning point, as property sales started to pick up momentum.

2022: A Promising Year:

In 2022, the Pattaya and Jomtien property market showcased signs of recovery and growth. With the demand for residential properties, including condominiums and houses, surged as both local and international buyers took advantage of favourable market conditions. Pattaya's reputation as a sought-after tourist destination and its proximity to Bangkok continued to attract investors. The covid pandemic led to a shift in preferences, with buyers showing a major interest in spacious properties with outdoor spaces, private pools, and recreational facilities. As a result, properties in gated communities and high-end developments experienced increased demand. The market also witnessed a rise in off-plan purchases, as buyers sought to secure properties at pre-construction prices.

2023: A Year of Transition:

As we move into the 2023 period, the property market in Pattaya has undergone further changes. The dynamics have shifted due to evolving market conditions and new factors influencing the behaviour of buyers and investors. A notable trend has been the growing interest and sales within affordable housing options. The economic impact of the pandemic has led buyers to seek value-for-money properties, resulting in increased demand for mid-range condominiums and townhouses. Developers have responded by launching projects catering to this segment of buyers, offering flexible payment plans and attractive pricing. Notably the brand new project from The Empire Dynasty Co. Ltd. Called Empire Tower, located a few hundred metres from our office. Additionally, the rise of remote work and digital nomadism has had an impact on the property market. Pattaya has become an attractive destination for professionals seeking a work-life balance, leading to a surge in demand for properties with dedicated home office spaces and reliable internet connectivity.

Comparative Analysis:

Whilst comparing the property sales in the Pattaya area between 2023 and 2022, several notable observations can be made. While there was a period of recovery and growth in 2022, the market in 2023 has shown resilience and adaptability in the face of changing circumstances. The sales volume in 2023, particularly in the affordable housing segment, has seen a strong increase compared to that of 2022. The shift in buyer preferences towards mid-range properties reflects the changing market dynamics and the need for more affordable options.

Overall property sales in the Pattaya and Jomtien area have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability during the 2023 period. The market has responded to changing buyer preferences, with increased demand for affordable housing options and properties suitable for remote work. As the world continues to evolve through uncertain times, Pattaya's property market remains as it has for many years an attractive investment opportunity. Located within the Eastern Seaboard with its beautiful coastline, vibrant lifestyle and evolving market conditions, Pattaya continues to captivate both local and international buyers alike.



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