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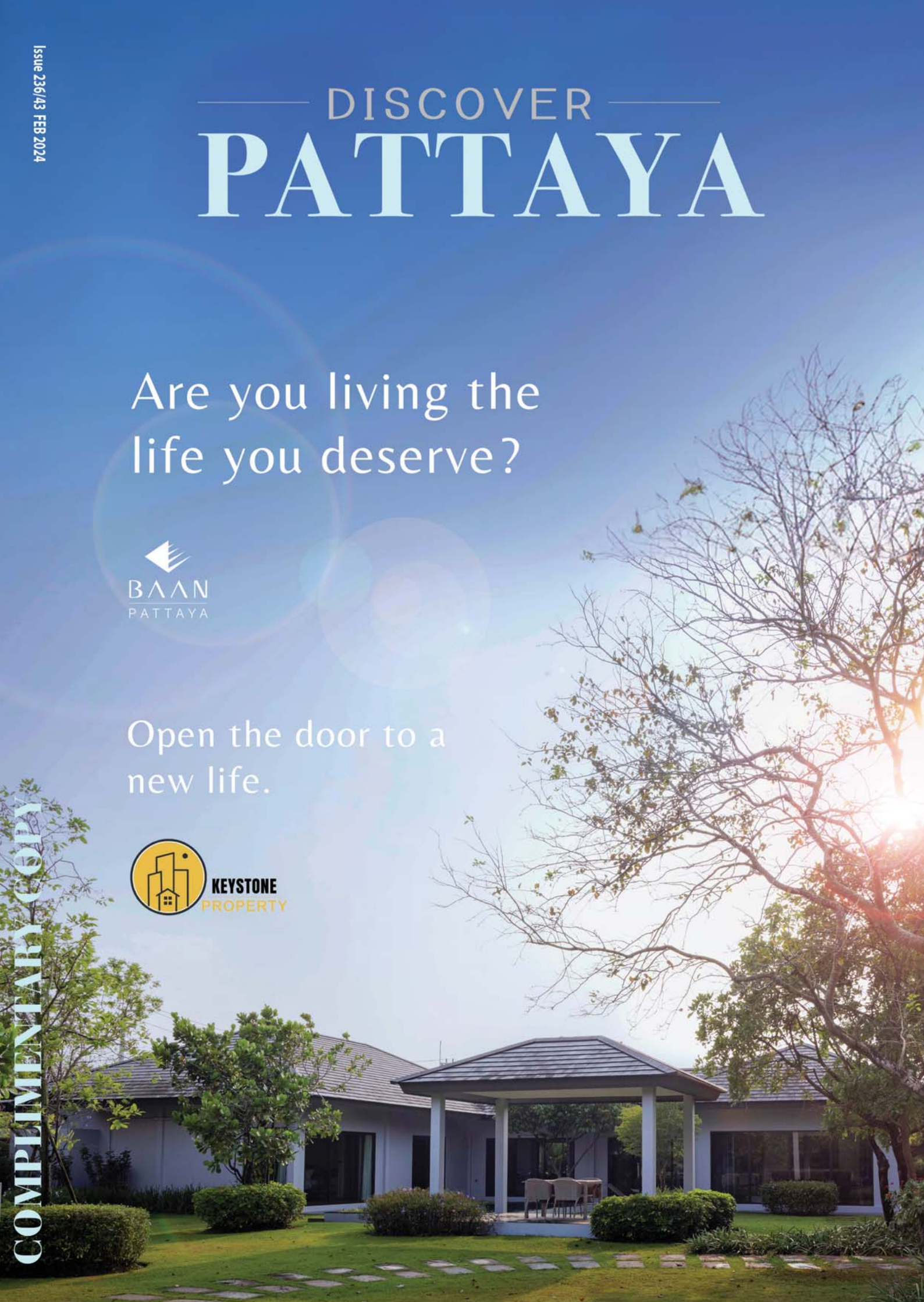
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Keystone Property, a young Real Estate Agency created in early 2022 by Michael from Belgium, with 10 years of Civil Engineering experience in Thailand (before launching Keystone Property). Also his wife Aorawee (Ping) who has now cumulated 8 years of extensive experience as a Real Estate Agent in Pattaya. They are running the Company with a young but highly professional, dedicated and efficient team who you'll be delighted to meet and carry out your real estate researches and transactions with.

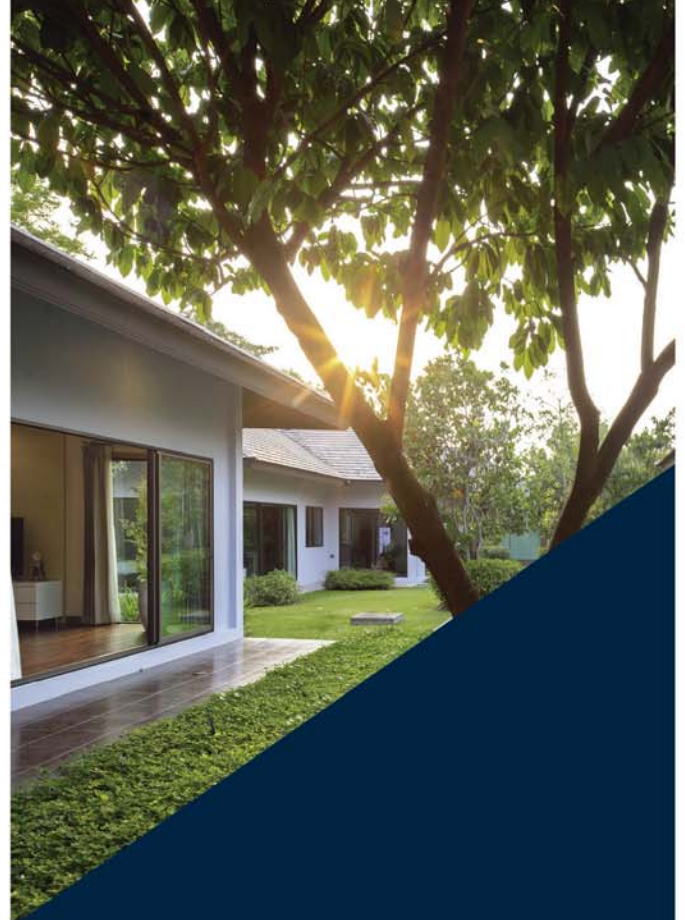


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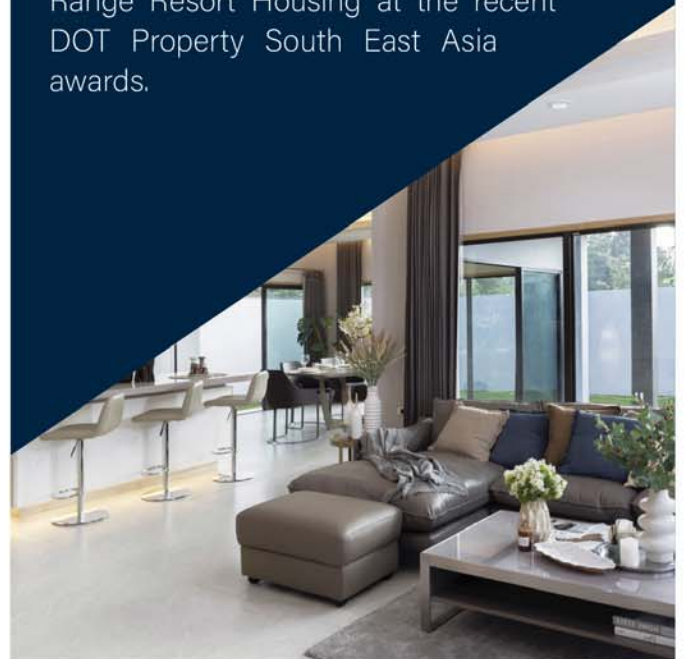
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Besides having managed to make Keystone Property a Best-Selling Real Estate Agency within just two years of its existence, one of the achievements they are especially proud of is to have built a solid and trustful partnership with the well-known and highly respected developer Baan Pattaya. Who have just been awarded Best Developer Mid Range Resort Housing at the recent DOT Property South East Asia awards.



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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone

Are you looking forward to Chinese New Year and the year of the Dragon? In Chinese astrology, the Dragon stands out as a majestic and mystical creature. Those born in the Year of the Dragon are seen as ambitious, courageous, and passionate. It is also said to be a symbol of strength, fortune, and transformation for the rest of us, amplifying the potential for significant career advancements and financial opportunities -so here's hoping!

We've also Valentine's day to look forward to and great films to watch in the run up to the Oscars. For those of us out and about the Jazz Pit are having an evening to celebrate their anniversary of 4 years at their Sun Sabella home in Jomtien and of course there will be the Pink Polo always a great day out! I look forward to seeing you

Have a great month and make the most of the extra day!
 Gloria x

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Off the Grill

SUNDAY LUNCH

Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach presents the exquisite Sunday Buffet
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MEXICAN MONDAY

The Sportsman just keeps going from strength to strength. Arguably best known for its Sunday carvery, which in our opinion is not at all arguably the best in town, it is good to see many others share our opinion. On the day Discover Pattaya were at The Sportsman David and his team were reeling from an exceptionally busy Sunday-their most successful since records began! But we were not there for the carvery, which we reviewed recently (still available to read online at pattayatrader.com.) No, we were there for Mexican Monday!

It was pleasing to note that they have gone for a Monday rather than usual Taco Tuesday Mexican evening. With a recently renewed menu available throughout the week, on Mondays you get a 10% discount on all 6 dishes plus a Margarita is only 99 Baht - heaven!

With so many years of experience not just with their Sunday Carvery, general pub grub and catered party food, the Sportsman team can really turn their hands to anything. However, they will only publicise new ventures once they are absolutely sure they have got it right as is the case with their Mexican food that the Discover Pattaya Team were delighted to try

Quesadillas crispy on the outside and juicy, melt in the mouth inside. These were delicious!

Chilli Con Carne another star - has some heat to it but most importantly the red kidney beans are soft not hard and indigestible as can sometimes be the case

Sizzling Fajitas succulent Chicken with tasty peppers served with Plenty of sour cream, Guacamole is soft and tasty not just hard and cubed as has sometimes been the case with Mexican food in Pattaya

Tortillas these mouth watering beauties are nice and soft and loaded with plenty of Chicken and cheese.



Fiesta salad has chicken that is generously coated with Cajun spice and interesting salad not bland but full of crunchy vegetables and well coated in dressing - great portion size as with all the dishes

The Loaded Nachos are apparently already a best seller and they are loaded! The melted cheese, onions and salsa veg + Jalapenos, and sour cream don't just sit on the top but are right the way through.

Margaritas no great Mexican meal would be the same without being complimented by a great beer or Margaita. Often my favourite drink for the occasion and along with some traditional South American folk music these beauties really brighten my day.

Often when you find cocktails at a reduced price the quality suffers, but I'm happy to say that at the Sportman their mixologist does an excellent job at creating a both pleasing and reasonably strong version. Served to us by a friendly member of staff we felt very welcomed.

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Tortillas

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Chilli Con Carne

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Loaded Nachos

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One great thing about living in Pattaya is that the city offers a wide range of price options for many of the activities it has to offer. For example, when it comes to massage, if you just want to try a simple foot massage for an hour, there are many places offering these from as little as 200 baht. You may then feel brave enough to don the cotton pyjamas and step up to a Thai massage - with let's face it differing success depending on who you use. Then there are oil massages using mattresses on the floor, on massage beds or even by the sea. Many options and many price points. Therefore if a hotel spa is offering you a massage at significantly more than the basic option it really has to provide something special and the Amburaya Spa at the Intercontinental Resort in Pattaya really does.



First of all let's talk about the location and how lovely the sea view is from the hotel lobby. Then there's the friendliness of the staff. From the receptionist who personally escorts you to the spa, to all the lovely ladies looking after you once you are there. The premises itself is charming and newly renovated (just 6 months ago). It includes six private treatment suites (3 for couples and 3 for individual customers), a sauna and some wonderful spaces in which to relax before and after your treatment with a refreshing drink and then a warming, post massage tea.





So on to the massage and I have to say that one of the perks of a proper massage bed with a hole for your head, is that as you lie face down you don't get the annoying neck ache that happens on a flat mattress. Also a nice touch is the floral display underneath so you are not staring down at floor tiles! However, that is only a part of what makes this massage from the Amburaya Spa so good. The skill of the therapist is the game changer. Ladies here may look slight and delicate, but believe me they have power in their hands and forearms that they use to find and work on all those annoying patches of stress and built up muscular knots.

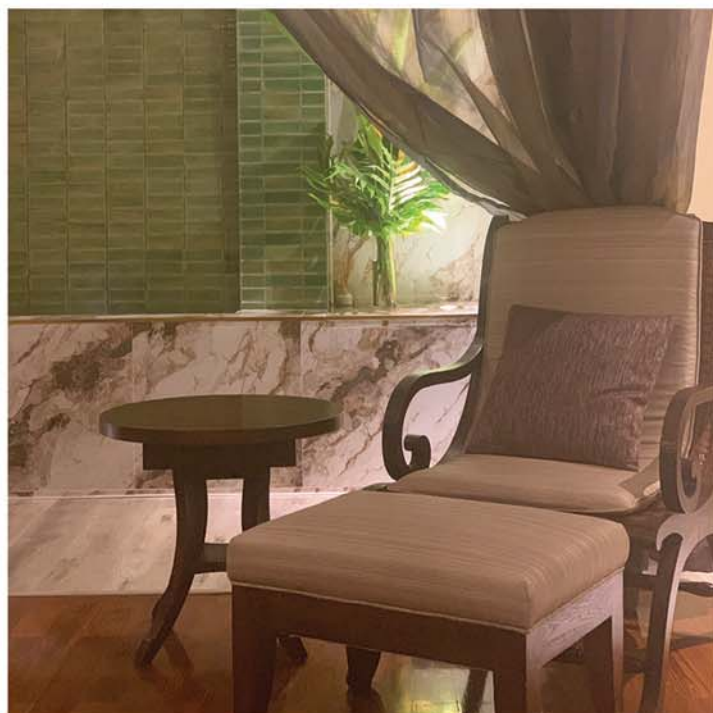


In a very efficient manner you are guided through the treatments on offer to see what suits you best. I went for the Signature massage because it also incorporates Swedish and Thai techniques during the 90 minutes. You can select a massage with or without oil but as there was a choice of four lovely aromatic scents to choose from I opted for "Tropical". The other choices include lavender, basil, and peppermint combinations which you might go for depending on whether you want relaxing or invigorating aromatherapy.

After choosing my oil I was presented with an ice cold Rosella drink. Very pleasant to taste, it is traditionally made from dried Roselle flowers and is a natural antioxidant as well as being anti-inflammatory and containing a high dose of vitamin C. This was accompanied by a peppermint infused white flannel which has now become one of my favourite things. My shoes were then taken to be replaced by soft white slippers as I was led into a private room to change. After this my feet were washed in lukewarm, rose petal water with my heels and soles being scrubbed with salt.



An occupational hazard of spending so long at the computer is that I keep a lot of stress in my neck and shoulders. Plus carrying heavy magazines pretty much everywhere I go, can cause pain and strain. So it was great to literally hear the cracks and pops of my body at first resisting the power of the therapist and then finally giving way when these awkward areas were worked on and eventually smoothed out. Finally feeling more relaxed than I have for a long time I was led back outside to enjoy some tea and take in the amazing aromas of the scented air in the waiting room. It won't be long before I am back to sample the delights of the Amburaya Spa again!



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Gloria Chats to Dr. Ramin of Deutsche Dental Clinic

G: Hello Dr. Ramin, great to have you in our magazine. Please introduce yourself to our readers

R: Great to be here. I am Dr. Ramin, dental and implant surgeon from Germany, practising in my dental clinic, the Deutsche Dental Clinic, located in Soi 12, Theprasit Road.

G: I thought it is prohibited for foreign doctors and dentists to practise in Thailand?

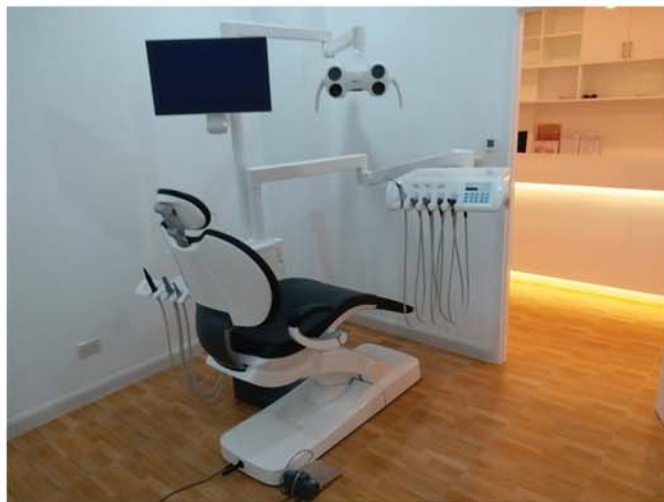
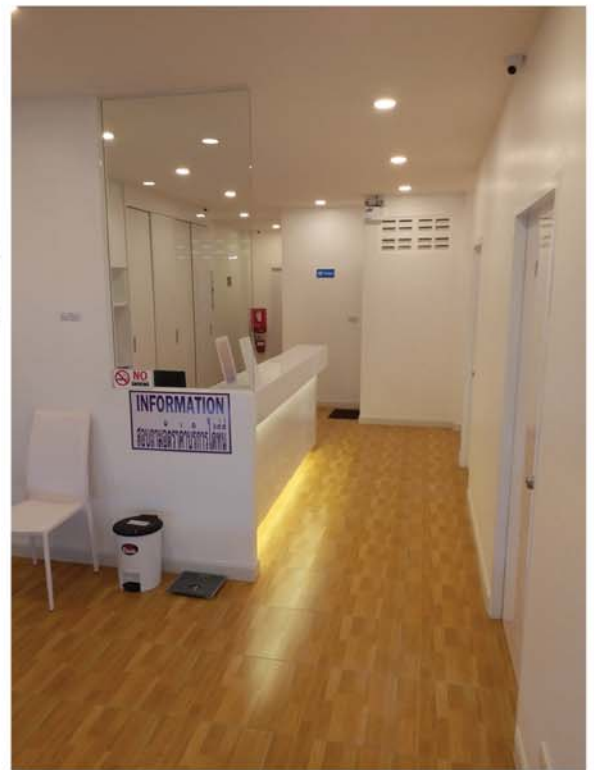
R: Not forbidden but extremely difficult to get the license. You must pass the complete Thai dental board exam, which is in Thai language and to be admitted to that exam at all, you must obtain the permanent residency first.

G: Sounds like quite an ordeal.

R: Maybe that's why I'm the only licensed foreign dentist in Thailand.

G: Why should a patient come to your place?

R: Most cases of unsatisfied or even disappointed patients are not the result of poorly performed dental work but more likely of poor communication. If the practitioner fails to explain his treatment plan comprehensibly, he is planning to fail. English, German, and Thai speaking patients can expect a **free of misunderstanding consultation, which is free of charge too**. Another interesting point is my **minimally invasive surgery technique**.



The most applied surgical procedure for inserting implants is to perform longitudinal and transversal incisions, then separate the gum from the jawbone with a raspatory to get a good visibility of the operation area. After the implant insertion the gum flaps are repositioned with stitches resulting in a massive surgical wound with painful swelling. I simply use a round punch with the same diameter as the implant and insert my implant resulting in no wound, no swelling, and no pain.

Another specialty of our clinic is a special kind of partial denture, **the telescopic denture**. Most partial dentures have metallic clasps attached to the teeth, not really holding the denture firmly, not to mention the poor aesthetic, and metal bars under the tongue or on the palate which are visible, may cause discomfort or even a gagging reflex and in most cases retain food rests. The telescopic denture is without metallic clasps and sublingual / palatal bars more filigree and does not only feel like your own teeth, but it also stays in its place tightly like them.

Finally, I'd like to say a few words about the Deutsche Dental Clinic.

Nothing wrong with saving some money or looking for a good deal but when it comes to medical or dental treatment, I give you my word, you only get what you pay for.

We only use **high quality materials** (gold, ceramics, composites) imported from Germany, which are liable to the German MPG; Medizin Produkte Gesetz) and therefore pose no risk to your health.

My clinic and my dental laboratory are both **exclusively equipped with medical devices from Germany**, which underlie the German law for medical equipment (MedGv, medizinische Geräteverordnung).

G: Well, if quality is your mantra, you have come to the right place to advertise your clinic.

R: As I said before, great to be here.



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HAIR REMOVAL AT NICHA CLINIC.

Hair removal can be an annoying procedure usually involving shaving, tweezing or waxing. Also, when you live in a warm country you tend to expose your skin more rather than cover it up so hair removal is a procedure you need to keep on top of. I went to the Nicha Clinic to see how it felt to try laser hair removal as an alternative to the usual methods. I had a treatment on my under arm area but the clinic also treats both men and women for hair removal on legs, face, bikini area, chest and back areas...

Nicha clinic uses xeo® as they are pioneers of laser hair removal technology, and provide maximum comfort and efficiency with just a few treatments. As hair grows in phases, it's necessary to repeat the treatments at periodic intervals in order to achieve maximum hair reduction. The laser works by means of its concentrated beam of light which selectively targets the hair roots. The light being converted to heat will damage hair follicles and stop the hair growing - this is usually done over 2-6 sessions. Also the treatment is quick as each pulse of the laser takes just a fraction of a second.



Regardless of skin colour (fair to tanned) or of hair type (fine to course), both women and men can enjoy long-lasting hair removal in minimal time. I found the procedure comfortable with very little pain, literally just the feel of a tiny, warm pin prick each time the laser was used. It was also fast, the entire procedure for both underarm areas performed in just 30 minutes. This exceptional technology can treat your whole body including underarms, legs, bikini area, arms, chest and back.

Afterwards the skin felt extremely soft and I experienced no allergic reaction or redness. I also found the regrowth much lighter and slower to appear as compared to the more traditional hair removal methods. So to get to the root of unwanted hair - go to Nicha clinic.



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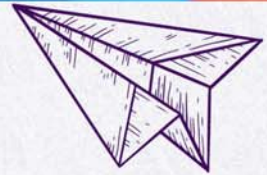
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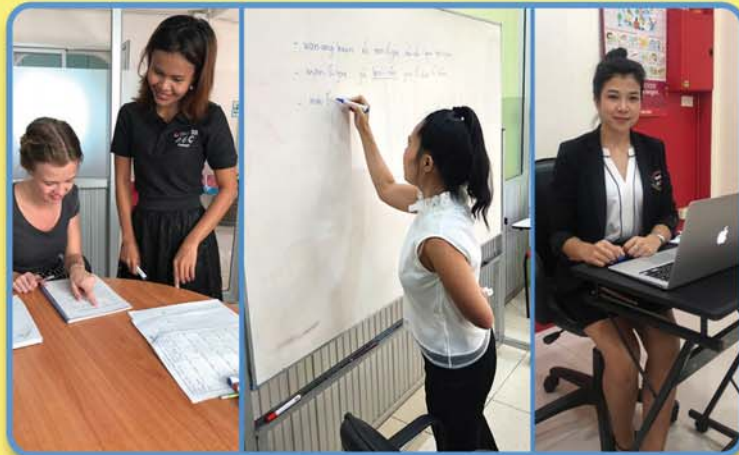
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Ocean Marina Jomtien scores win with “Best Marina Berth Facilities in Thailand” award



Pattaya, Thailand, 25 January 2024 – Pioneering the marine lifestyle in the Gulf of Thailand for more than 30 years, Ocean Marina Jomtien, located on Thailand’s east coast, was recently recognised with the “Best Marina Berth Facilities in Thailand” award at the prestigious Robb Report Thailand Best Of The Best Yachting Awards.

Known for its world-class facilities, Ocean Marina Jomtien’s development and expansion trajectory over the past decade has been in part to cater to a growing number of visiting yachts who wish to explore the stunning cruising grounds of the Gulf of Thailand. Ocean Marina Jomtien also identified the rapid growth of Thai boat ownership early on and aligned their expansion to meet these demands. Today, Ocean Marina Jomtien has become the marina of choice for Thai boat owners on Thailand’s eastern seaboard.

“It’s an honour to receive this prestigious award for Ocean Marina Jomtien. This award is recognition for all the hard work of the marina team and their ongoing innovation and service to our customers. Launched in 1989, Ocean Marina Jomtien is a key economic driver of Thailand’s marine industry and remains a leader in marine services and facilities, catering for yachts of all sizes and owners and crews from around the world,” said Napong Paripontpochanapisuti, Managing Director of Ocean Property Co. Ltd.

Starting in 2012, Ocean Marina Jomtien implemented a strategic development programme of its berthing facilities which included the replacement of berths, upgrades to power infrastructure and water supply, as well as increasing the number of berths. From a capacity of 200 berths in 2011, the marina has added 255 more berths making it the largest marina in Southeast Asia today with a total of 455 wet berths, 100 trailer boat berths and hardstand capacity for 30 boats.

“Our primary focus at Ocean Marina Jomtien is to provide the best facilities for our customers and the highest standard of service. We have invested considerably in the marina’s facilities and expansion over the last decade which has been well received by local and international visiting yachts,” added Scott Finsten, Harbour Master of Ocean Marina Jomtien.

“In addition to visiting international yachts, over the past decade we have seen an exponential increase in Thais who are buying boats, enjoying the marine lifestyle and basing themselves at Ocean Marina Jomtien. And we’ve also seen a steady increase in superyachts visiting the area - in fact 2023 was our biggest year yet welcoming a record number of superyachts to Ocean Marina Jomtien.”

In recognition of Jomtien as a premium leisure destination in Pattaya, Ocean Marina Yacht Club rebranded to Ocean Marina Jomtien earlier this year. In addition to the marina’s expansion, the onshore facilities have also undergone a redevelopment with a renovation and expansion of the popular marina front resort which has now reopened as Ocean Marina Resort Pattaya Jomtien, together with upgrades to F&B outlets and the reimagined marina-front RIVA Restaurant & Bar.

Strategically positioned, Ocean Marina Jomtien is the gateway to the Gulf of Thailand with some of the best yachting experiences on its doorstep. With a number of idyllic and largely undeveloped islands just a short boat ride away, the Gulf of Thailand boasts clear waters, white sand beaches, year-round cruising and a kaleidoscope of marine wildlife all waiting to be explored.

For more information about Ocean Marina Jomtien, visit www.oceanmarinajomtien.com and keep up-to-date at the following social media channels:

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SOUTHEAST ASIA YACHT SALES RISE

Boat Lagoon Yachting has reported that sales of 50-120 ft motor yachts in Southeast Asia have increased by 40 per cent compared to last year, with new and pre-owned vessels from 75-95ft among the best sellers.

The regional dealer recently staged the Asia premiere of the Princess Y95 at ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove in Singapore (see Events). A Princess dealer since it was founded in 1994, Boat Lagoon Yachting is the market leader in Southeast Asia for new and used motor yachts from 75-95ft. Operating in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Maldives, the company is one of the region's longest established and largest luxury yacht importation, distribution and after sales organisations, also representing Jeanneau and Sacs. Vrit Yongsakul, Group Managing Director, said sales last year and this year resulted largely from a base of loyal customers upgrading to bigger boats, along with referrals of friends seeking the service assurance of a long-standing local dealership.

"Sixty per cent of our customers are repeat buyers, who trust our fully integrated services. We provide a complete yachting experience programme, which includes dedicated service and aftersales with key factory-trained staff and an experienced team. In addition, we offer international-standard yacht management and charter operations through to unique customer care and VIP services. Some clients have upgraded from a 50-footer to Princess's flagship 95-footers, a size that's becoming popular in Southeast Asia. We're thrilled to have hull one of the Princess Y95 superyacht in Singapore for the model's Asia debut. In addition, we were proud to display another unit of our own Princess Y95 for its show debut in the Cannes Yachting Festival and another is due to arrive in our region in 2024."

Boat Lagoon Yachting also announced that it has sold eight Princess Y85 models this year, making the 85 ft flybridge motor yacht the most popular model of its class in Southeast Asia. Having represented Princess for almost three decades, Boat Lagoon Yachting works closely with the Plymouth shipyard and provides complete support to clients from pre-purchase through to purchase and after-sales.

“The Princess range is particularly suitable for cruising in this region. Along with luxury, the models offer a choice of space configurations, onboard accommodation, cruising range and performance,” Vrit said. “Owners of the top-end models, 85ft and 95ft, find they can entertain a large number of guests on an elegant yacht that cuts an unmistakable profile out on the water.”

Boat Lagoon Yachting’s full-service approach to Southeast Asian yachting has been instrumental in achieving a premier position in yacht sales, after-sales, management and maintenance. The group owns the international-standard Phuket Boat Lagoon marina, which has 180 wet berths, 144 hardstand spaces, 12 drystack bays, and a complete service centre featuring specialised technicians and engineers, ensuring clients benefit from full repair and maintenance services. Boat Lagoon Yachting’s qualified international-standard yacht management team is headed by a group of ex-superyacht captains, while it also has an extensive network of brokers and a full range of charter services that includes crew, catering and itineraries.

Customer care and VIP services are offered at every level, for owners of smaller motor boats up to superyachts. As well as featuring several of the region’s most advanced marinas, Phuket is one of Asia’s yachting hubs, offering an enormous variety of cruising grounds ideal for day trips to exploring for weeks or months.

“From the Andaman Sea to the Gulf of Thailand, there’s no better place to experience life on a yacht,” Vrit said. “The karst towers of Phang Nga Bay, the countless tropical beaches and bays of the remote Similan Islands, and beyond that to the virtually untouched Andaman Islands, all offer picture-perfect scenery and archipelagos, beautiful expanses of calm waters and opportunities for exploring local food.”

The dealer’s offerings for clients and their family and friends include the annual Boat Lagoon Yachting Phuket Rendezvous, held since 2011. Thailand’s biggest and longest-running overnight yachting lifestyle event, the Phuket Rendezvous combines cruising around picturesque islands on luxury yachts with enjoying jetskis and water toys, beach barbecues, parties and entertainment.

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Sports Update



by Steve Wade

The month starts with a bang for all rugby fans because the six nations is with us again. France and Ireland, both well fancied to win the recently played World Cup, start proceedings with a fantastic match up at the Orange Velodrome in Marseilles on Friday the 2nd. This is followed by Italy v England and Wales v Scotland on the 3rd and there are two more match days in February, with the tournament running right through until mid march.

The Africa cup of nations football tournament, which started in mid January, continues until the 11th and is being played in Ivory Coast. A lot of familiar faces from the European leagues will be playing and it promises to be a highly entertaining event.

The Champions League resumes in February with some fascinating clashes being played over two legs starting on the 13th. I don't think you can call any game easy at this stage but the draw indicates that the favourites in the competition look like they have every chance to advance to the quarter finals.

The other major event that starts in February is the Formula One grand prix season. The multi billion pound circus is due to leave the grid in Bahrain on the 29th, it's a leap year remember, with the race itself due off on the 2nd of March. It's clear when you are out and about in Pattaya when a F1 race is on how popular the sport is with the expat community here and I'm sure they will be looking forward to the new season.

The Premier League continues looking more open at the top than it has for some time. A very interesting fixture comes up on the 4th of the month when Liverpool, who are heading the table at time of writing, travel to Arsenal, who lost a couple of fixtures over the Christmas period they were expected to win. They'll want to re-establish themselves as genuine contenders and this match looks crucial for them. That's about it for this month people, happy viewing.

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Polo is an equestrian sport associated with luxury and royalty. Its origins can be traced back to the vast plains of Central Asia and to Persia where it served as a cavalry training exercise, later becoming a national sport. In the 19th century the arrival of European colonial powers marked a new chapter for polo when British officers stationed in India were captivated by the game. The sport's popularity quickly soared across Europe and it became a favourite pastime among the aristocracy. The Hurlingham Polo Club, founded in London in 1869, set the standard for international polo and codified the modern rules of the game. Now right here in Pattaya we can enjoy the "sport of kings" whilst enjoying a wonderful day out and raising money for a very worthy cause.



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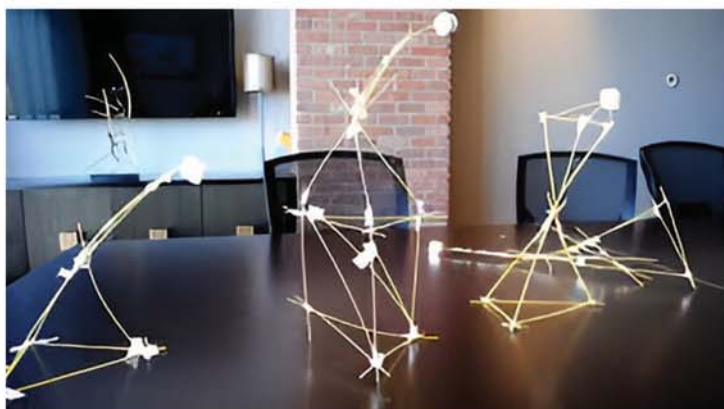


Breaking the Ice: Fun Games and Activities for Social Gatherings

Social gatherings can be a great way to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and have fun. However, it can be challenging to break the ice and get people to feel comfortable. Fortunately, there are many fun games and activities that can help people get to know each other and feel more at ease.

Two Truths and a Lie

One popular game that can help break the ice is Two Truths and a Lie. In this game, each person takes turns sharing three statements about themselves. Two of the statements are true, and one is a lie. The other players have to guess which statement is the lie. This game is a great way to learn interesting facts about people and to get people laughing.



The Marshmallow Challenge

Another fun activity that can help break the ice is the Marshmallow Challenge. In this activity, teams of people compete to build the tallest structure they can using only spaghetti, tape, and a marshmallow. This activity is a great way to get people working together and to encourage creativity.

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

If you're looking for an activity that can be done remotely, consider a Virtual Scavenger Hunt. In this game, each person has to find items around their house that match a list of clues. The first person to find all the items on the list wins. This game is a great way to get people moving and to encourage friendly competition.



Charades

Charades is a classic game that is always a hit at social gatherings. In this game, one person acts out a word or phrase without speaking, and the other players have to guess what it is. This game is a great way to get people laughing and to encourage creativity.



Pictionary

Pictionary is another fun game that can help break the ice. In this game, one person draws a picture, and the other players have to guess what it is. This game is a great way to get people working together and to encourage friendly competition.

Karaoke

Karaoke is a fun activity that can help people let loose and have fun. You can set up a karaoke machine or use a karaoke app on your phone. This activity is a great way to get people singing and dancing.



Board Games

Board games are a great way to get people working together and having fun. You can choose from classic games like Monopoly and Scrabble, or try something new like Settlers of Catan or Ticket to Ride. Board games are a great way to get people talking and to encourage friendly competition.

Breaking the ice at social gatherings can be challenging, but it doesn't have to be. There are many fun games and activities that can help people get to know each other and feel more comfortable. From classic games like Two Truths and a Lie and Pictionary to more creative activities like The Marshmallow Challenge and Virtual Scavenger Hunt, there are plenty of options to choose from.



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GENERAL LEGAL ADVICE FOR GETTING MARRIED IN THAILAND

By: Magna Carta Law Firm

Getting married in Thailand involves cultural as well as legal concerns. While the points below give general legal advice in getting married in Thailand, it is essential to seek legal advice from local authorities or a qualified Thai lawyer who can help you familiarize yourself with Thai marriage laws.

Legal Requirements and Documentations

Make sure you understand and follow Thailand's legal marriage requirements. Obtaining an Affirmation of Freedom to Marry from your respective embassy in Thailand, translating it into Thai, and registering it with Thai officials are all part of this process. Each embassy may have specific requirements. Therefore, it is important to contact your embassy ahead of time. Prepare all relevant documents, such as passports, birth certificates, and, if needed, divorce or death certificates. These documents must be translated into Thai and authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Visa and Immigration Requirements

If you're a foreign national marrying a Thai national, it's crucial to consider visa and immigration requirements. It's advisable to apply for a single-entry tourist visa from a Thai embassy or consulate before traveling to Thailand. This visa allows up to 60 days of stay, with the option to extend it for an additional 30 days. If you want to stay in Thailand for a long period of time after marriage, you may need to report to Thai immigration to extend your stay or convert your visa to a longer-term visa based on marriage.

Engagement and Dowry

Marriage dowry (Sin Sod) is still an integral part of modern Thai marriage customs. Traditionally, the groom will be expected to

pay a dowry to the family as a gesture of goodwill and to express gratitude for raising and caring for their daughter. However, participation in the Sin Sod tradition is not a legal requirement and can be voluntary, and couples may choose not to follow or negotiate an amount.

Prenuptial Agreement

You may want to consider a prenuptial agreement before getting married. A prenuptial agreement is a legal document that outlines the rights and obligations of both parties to a marriage, including property ownership, financial management, and property rights in case of termination. While most couples may not openly discuss these matters, these agreements are common and essential for those with real assets, stocks, inheritances, or collectibles they want to keep as separate property. They can be drafted before marriage and can be a crucial document in ensuring a smooth and respectful marriage.

Property and Finances

In Thailand, marital property refers to all assets acquired by a couple during their marriage, including shelter, transportation, household, education, recreational, and social purposes. Any property which belonged to one spouse before marriage, is considered non-marital property (Sin Suan Tua). Increased non-marital property value during marriage may be considered marital property. Joint marital obligations include debts incurred during the marriage. In the event of divorce, the property is divided equally between spouses. However, the Civil and Commercial Code allows for a different property management system through a prenuptial agreement.



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Get Ready for The Oscars



Members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will be casting their ballots to select the best films and performances from 2023.

Since the results for Golden Globes and Critics Choices have weighed in with their winners “Oppenheimer” has been a heavy favourite. Other titles to consider for Best Movie and by association Best Director are “Killers of the Flower Moon” “Poor Things” “The Holdovers” and “Anatomy of a Fall”.

Certainly there is a real appetite for watching award shows with reports that Golden Globes Ratings were up 50% 9.4 Million Viewers watched it on CBS - and that’s even without Ricky Gervais hosting!

There is no separate Comedy category at the Oscars, as with the Golden Globes where “Barbie” scored well. This may affect the film’s ability to compete as well against the contenders of more serious subject matter. However, the film should certainly do well in the music category as Dua Lipa and Billie Eilish have both been doing their red carpet struts in support of their respective songs.



They will also be amongst the performers on : “Dance the Night” by Caroline Ailin, Dua Lipa, Mark Ronson and Andrew Wyatt “What Was I Made For?” by Billie Eilish, Finneas O’Connell And Mark Ronson’s “I’m Just Ken” winning the Critic’s choice best song.



Certainly there will be plenty of glitz and glamour at the entrance to the Dolby Theatre before Jimmy Kimmel hosts the 96th Academy Awards on Sunday, March 10th. - Due to the 15 hours time difference between ourselves and Los Angeles that means Monday morning, our time. It’s always interesting to watch the red carpet interviews and “who wore who” reports.

Before then, what you can do right now is start watching as many of the nominated films as possible to decide your own preferences. Then it’s great fun to cheer on your favourites in each category.

As well as the previously mentioned big hitters here are some others for your consideration American Fiction- May December- Maestro-Napoleon-Past Lives -The Zone of Interest

Just to let you know I will be cheering for Robert de Niro, Emily Blunt and Timothee Chalamet even though Wonka won’t have enough gravitas I suspect for the voting members.



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What's on The Big Screen



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Madame Web

Sydney Sweeney, Isabela Merced, Emma Roberts

A clairvoyant woman known as Madame Web can see inside the spider world.



Dune Part 2

Timothée Chalamet, Rebecca Ferguson, Josh Brolin

Paul Atreides unites with the Fremen to get his revenge and prevent a dark future.



White Bird a Wonder

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MY FAVOURITE SHOW TOUR

Barry Upton

As I approach the grand old age of seventy years old this month, two things come to mind. Firstly, since childhood, I have always been proud of the fact that I share my birthday with Beatle George Harrison on February 25th. Secondly, the experiences I have had in the last fifty years have been beyond my imagination or expectations when growing up in a humble insignificant family.

A time when the realization struck that I had actually already achieved more than I could have wished for was in the early eighties when I leapt from playing in professional regular cover bands to the dizzy heights of being in a 'top of the bill' and 'top of the charts' act as Eurovision song contest winners 'Brotherhood Of Man' asked me to replace one of their frontline members who wanted to leave for family reasons. This elevated me to becoming a disciplined performer whilst enjoying writing and recording with seasoned professionals whom I learned so much from.



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BROTHERHOOD OF MAN



One of the first tasks I had to undertake after rigorously learning the 'Brotherhood' stage act was to go on an extensive tour of the U.K. alongside Hollywood actor and chart topper David Soul who sadly passed away last month. After the first few gigs of the tour, suddenly David let his guarded film star persona down and he felt very comfortable with us. Well, we were likeable people and fun to be around. So, the tour became a right royal shindig of enjoyment and we became good friends.

Practical jokes were played, including us getting a police woman friend to arrive at the stage door posing as drugs squad, wishing to interview David about substances found in his previous dressing rooms. After around thirty minutes of uncomfortable police interrogation, together with his band and crew gathered outside his dressing room door, he emerged to suddenly delightfully realize it was a prank and his career would still be intact. Luckily, he had a good sense of humor and instructed his crew to get us back by replacing our microphones with bananas in our stands as we unwittingly took to the stage. So much fun was had on that tour that David's next engagement was a regular TV show for the BBC and he requested we join him on it singing and acting with him.

During that tour, whilst sound checking, we learned that in a couple of days' time we would be performing a concert for The Pope in Canterbury during his visit to the cathedral there. After initially thinking that this was a prank, we went and played as top billing and actually got thanked and blessed by his Holiness despite a rather irreverent impromptu performance from us of 'Oh When The Pope Goes Marching In' as we got the thousands gathered in the park to join in singing. The incident was shown on U.K.s 'News At Ten' that evening with the newscaster stating that 'on The Pope's return to Victoria Park, the music wasn't quite so holy', but The Pope seemed to enjoy it all the same'.



If you wish to read more stories like this (and there are many from my amazing life in showbusiness), then please avail yourself of my book which is hosted by my friends here at Discover Pattaya – 'Confessions Of A Pop Tart'
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Gloria chats with Esther Kaufmann Owner of My Office 4 Travel

Esther Kaufmann is known to many for her years as a travel agent and advisor at My Office 4 Travel. Back in 2005 the office was located on Walking Street and then in 2007 it moved to Jomtien Soi 5, close to the busy immigration office. Due to her proximity with immigration and her knowledge of speaking German, English and (a little) Thai Esther soon found that she was called upon to help many expats coming in and out of the country. This experience and her excellent reputation led to her being the newly appointed Honorary Consul of Switzerland for Chonburi and in fact all 4 of the Eastern provinces.

I met up with her in her elegant new offices now much larger and just 50 metres behind the previous one within View Talay Residence 4, Jomtien Soi 5. At this time of the year she finds herself extremely busy organising flights and holidays for residents who have guests visiting and who want to take them around the country. This is usually to Koh Samui, Phuket and Chiang Mai. Another destination she finds very popular with tourists coming to Thailand is Vietnam.

Since the pandemic there has been an increase in people using the services of travel agencies. Esther has certainly noticed that when people have had bad experiences or been let down with their online bookings they have returned to the security of having an agent and a human voice at the end of the phone. "People appreciate service and having someone to talk to" she tells me "I particularly find busy, business people not wanting to go through the problems of making bookings, checking itineraries and ensuring they have all the correct documentation for the countries they are travelling to."





Her team are also all personally trained by Esther and have been with her many years. One from the time of the Walking street office, the other two from the move to Jomtien. They all speak English and help with flights, accommodation bookings and reservations. They can also arrange for transportation and airport pick ups.



Now with her responsibilities as consul Esther advises people wishing to visit her in this capacity to please make an appointment to avoid delay or disappointment. She can be reached on her mobile number 081 815 1718. This is already known to many in Pattaya as it is the same one she has had since 1995 and since that time many customers have become friends and friends customers. Esther is also very active in many charity and networking societies and enjoys playing golf on many of the beautiful courses we have around Pattaya.



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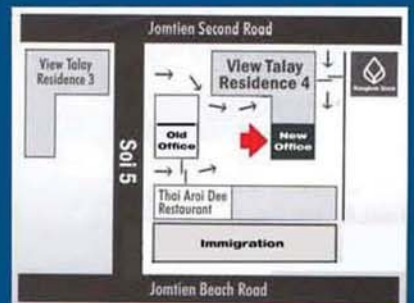
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In a new series of articles we look at what is here or literally on our doorstep that we have yet to do or see. To start, an absolute must: a visit to Angkor Wat. Why? Because it holds the Guinness World Record for the largest religious structure in the world and last year defeated Pompeii to become the eighth Wonder of the World. It also only takes one hour 10 minutes to fly to Siem Reap from Don Mueang airport to Siem Reap.

Sure, there are all the irritating immigration hoops you'll need to jump through. Getting a reentry permit before you go to protect your visa, paying \$30 dollars at the airport for your Cambodian visa stamp. Then frustratingly having to go back to immigration and present a TM30 when you return - but it's all worth it. On recommendation of a friend, we decided to hire a Cambodian guide who picked us up early from our hotel to purchase a pass to cover all the temples we would be visiting. Then we set off to get our best spot for one of the most iconic experiences - witnessing sunrise over Angkor Wat.



Built in the 12th century by the Khmer King Suryavarman II, the sprawling temple complex wasn't just a place of worship – it was the beating heart of a vast empire. Unfortunately by the 15th century Angkor Wat's decline mirrored that of the empire itself as the jungle slowly reclaimed the once-thriving city. Yet, unlike many forgotten ruins, local people continued to revere the temple, leaving offerings and tending its grounds. So when in the 19th century, Western explorers stumbled upon the site, it sparked renewed interest and conservation efforts began.

Originally conceived as a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Vishnu, there are intricate carvings everywhere depicting celestial dancers, fearsome warriors, and mythical beasts from Hindu epics. Long galleries hold details of Kurukshetra battles with commanders riding horses, elephants and carriages. But as the Khmer Empire shifted toward Buddhism, the temple gradually adapted to include Buddhist iconography like the serene Buddhas that replaced former fierce temple guardians.



It is important to dress respectfully when you visit with no shoulders or knees shown. Especially if you wish to ascend the steps that the worshippers from a bygone era dared to build as a stairway to the heavens. From the top, there are some excellent views looking out at the silent, enduring grandeur of Angkor Wat, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing millions of visitors each year.

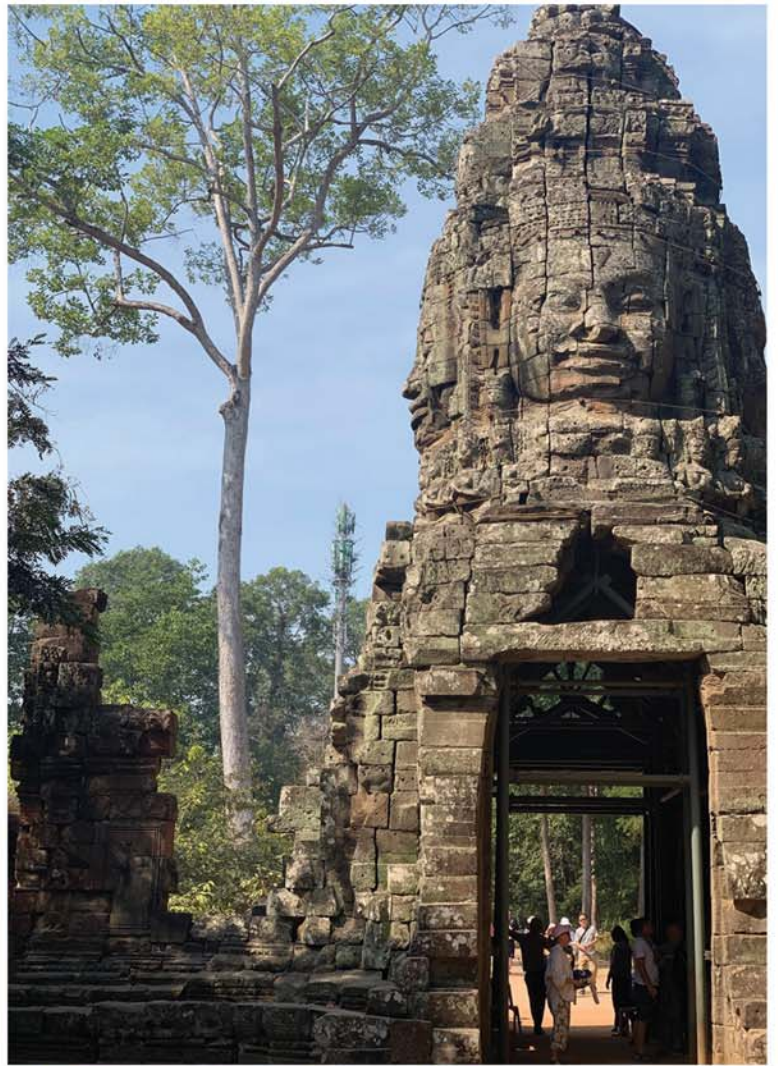


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Don't limit yourself to simply visiting Angkor Wat. Cambodia's rich Khmer past beckons with many more temples. Each one invites you to discover the country's past through time and stone with labyrinthine halls, hidden courtyards and crumbling chambers. Buttresses and metal supporting frames ensure the ruins are safe to explore, conservation and preservation being an ongoing undertaking.

Not far from Angkor Wat is King Jayavarman VII's capital Angkor Thom. At its centre, reached by the Avenue of Victory Gate, is the stunning Bayon temple. Its towers are adorned with hundreds of serene smiling Buddhist faces and intricate reliefs depicting scenes from battles and daily life.

Other temples you may simply come across when walking along paths through the forest. We were quite surprised at just how green and lush Cambodia is. The government is actively planting new trees and grass around the historic sites to ensure they are a pleasure to visit. Which is just as well because you will need your walking shoes on, but everything is easy to find with paths leading in from the outer perimeters North, south, east and west gates.



Venture further into the jungle to encounter Ta Prohm, an atmospheric ruin embraced by towering trees. Sunlight filters through the gnarled limbs, stones are simply piled up, and there is moss and lichen everywhere carpeting the ancient walls. You may even recognise locations used in the early Tomb Raider movie. Or head across the vast lake to discover more hidden treasures. The Cambodians are very proud of their clear lake water, many go to fish there and legend has it that when the water dries up Angkor Wat will fall.

The beauty of having your own tour driver such as Sokcheat Than is that they will recommend temples you may not have thought of. Such as the ladies temple built of pink sandstone with tiny doors and monkey statues guarding the entrances. This was some ten kilometres away but from the airy comfort of our tuk tuk we were afforded great views of the countryside. During this trip we also came across the Cambodian Landmine museum, where we asked to stop and take in a visit. Aki Ra, who founded the museum, became a child soldier with the Khmer Rouge when they kidnapped him after killing his parents. At the age of ten he was given his first gun and taught about landmines. After defecting from the Khmer Rouge and fighting against them with the Cambodian National Army, he worked for the United Nations and in 1993 was trained as a deminer. Over the years, he has cleared tens of thousands of mines and UXOs, some examples of which can be seen at the museum.



So it really is essential to grab yourself a good tour driver when you go to Cambodia . Wander off the beaten track and discover what awaits beyond Angkor Wat's shadow as there are many historic places to take in.

TAX CORNER

CORPORATE INCOME TAX (CIT)

As the deadline for submission of 2023 Financial Report and CIT Tax Return Form will be the end of May 2024, it is necessary to present you with some case studies that we have found from bookkeeping. There are some misunderstandings in the category of expenses that might cause wrong calculations of taxable profit. So, case studies shall be presented in form of Question & Answer as follows:

Q: Some companies recorded birthday gifts and parties for individual employees that are not the same as each other as entertainment expenses. Right or Wrong?

A: Entertainment Expenses must be only for the company's customers as a special favour to keep their relationship to the business. These expenses can be booked as actual payment, but the amount must not be over 0.5% of annual sales. The exceeding amount shall be regarded as a non-taxable expense that must be added back to the accounting net profit for CIT calculation. Employee costs regarding any meal party or present for employees, must be under the condition that this practice is applicable to all employees and be a part of company's employment regulations such as staff new year party. Any individual meal and gift for staff on a special occasion must be equal to others without discrimination or special favour with the related amount not more than appropriate limit in general practice and must be included in employment regulation. Otherwise, it shall be regarded as non-taxable expenses and be an indirect benefit to the individual that must be added to their income other than salary.

Q: Donation: 1. Buying a patrol motorbike for police. 2. Supporting Government's charity events are such donations tax deductible or not ?

A: Donations that are tax deductible are only donations to government agencies such as government hospitals, Thai Red Cross Society, temples, and other foundations under lists stipulated to the Revenue Code. All donation expenses must not be over 2% of net profit. A motorbike for the police is only a favour for special protection of the company's property. Also a donation for a Government special event is out of the donation list of Revenue Code. Both cases are not regarded as donations.

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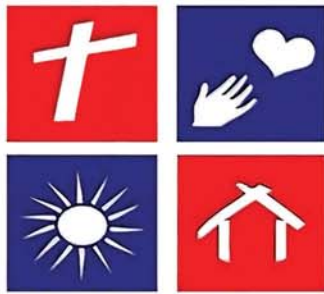
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Exterior Design Trends for 2024

Looking to renovate your home this year? Here's some inspiration for exterior design styles that will be popular in 2024. They include some ideas to elevate your exterior space so it truly functions as part of the home. Perhaps with the inclusion of a barbecue area with an entertaining space large or small? You could also add automated lighting and even a sound system. If you wish to cut down on the gardening think about using shingle, stone or even permeable synthetic turf which takes much less labour to maintain.

Adding to the Outdoor Space

Well-designed outdoor spaces have been highly desirable for years now, but it's no longer enough to have just a deck with a grill or a fire pit in your backyard. Today's homeowner wants an outdoor living space that's customised to their specific needs and lifestyle. That could include pickleball courts, tree houses, even a boat dock



Water Features

The addition of water features such as inground pools, fountains, and small ponds are predicted to be one of the hottest trends in 2024. This is particularly true of features such as natural pools, which filter themselves using plants, and which can enhance your landscaping as well as your use of the yard. Plunge pools or splash pools are also an alternative to traditional pools, so they're perfect for homeowners with limited outdoor space. Plus whilst being more economical and easier to maintain can still provide all the fun and benefits of a normal sized pool.



Artificial Grass

As previously mentioned in our introductions artificial grass is trending in exterior home design due to its low maintenance needs. It offers a year-round green aesthetic without the need for mowing, watering, or fertilising and can be an eco-friendly option that conserves water, as well as being durable and versatile, in challenging environments where natural grass can't thrive.

Gazebos and Pergolas

Gazebos and Pergolas for outdoor living spaces have been taking off for the last several years. Driven largely by first-time home buying Millennials who want to make the most of their properties. And this means creating some indoor/outdoor living spaces or adding shelters and roofs to existing patios. This has led to a huge surge of gazebos being added to decks and pergolas to backyards and patio spaces, giving people some shade and allowing greater use of the outdoors.



Mixing Textures

Your home exterior doesn't have to be all brick, all stone or all wood. Mixing up materials lends visual interest. You might also consider board and batten, metal roofs or metal awnings. Or consider the use of colour for wood accents such as eave brackets, window accent brackets, and porch headers. Of course the easiest change can be a change of door colour and when it comes to the hottest front door colour, blue doors in all shades and hues are beginning to pop up everywhere.



Geometric Windows

Another emerging trend is to opt for no trim on windows, which yields an incredibly clean look. People are adding larger sized windows where typically they were built much smaller, to create a larger, sleeker, cleaner look. Additionally, geometric shapes, from ovals and octagons to half moon shapes are being used instead of the usual squares and rectangles. Also from full walls of glass to floor-to-ceiling windows and mostly glass doors. As people continue to prioritize good indoor-outdoor flow and a strong connection to nature, glass will grow in popularity as a building material. Homes that are designed to support the health and wellness of the people that live in them are very important. When remodelling or carrying out any sort of work on your existing home don't be afraid to make inspiration boards, grab paint swatches, and go out to see the materials for yourself.



DECIDING WHERE TO LIVE IN PATTAYA - HUAY YAI

To continue our series on where to live in Pattaya, we take a short journey from the city to the town and district of Huay Yai, which is a few kilometres south of Jomtien. This is a rapidly developing area and has access to much the same facilities as you would find anywhere else outside the city centre. You have easy access to the beautiful beaches of Na Jomtien and the seaside town of Bang Saray, famous for its seafood restaurants and easy going ambience. On a practical level, the area has plenty going for it, especially since the opening of the motorway extension that comes from Bangkok directly to this part of Chonburi without having to go into central Pattaya, cutting the journey time from the capital quite substantially.

Let's take a look at the advantages and disadvantages of deciding on Huay Yai as a place to live and settle for the long term expat. We're talking retirees or perhaps the younger family with children who have relocated for work or business purposes:

For healthcare, you will have access to the same hospitals and clinics that are available to any other area of Pattaya. The main Sukhumvit road that runs into the city will take you to the best hospital facilities available in the province, including the Bangkok Pattaya and Pattaya International. And for those niggling health issues, as always in Thailand, you will find a host of smaller clinics ready to see you immediately.

As far as schools are concerned, you will have a wide choice of places for children of all ages. International schools with worldwide reputations are nearby including Saint Andrews, Rugby, MIS and Regents. Whatever your choice, there will be a wide range of schools to suit all ages and budgets so some detailed research of what's available will be necessary.

As you can probably gather by the above, a family car is essential to get the most from living in Huay Yai. To be fair this is true of all the residential choices outside of the city centre and it should be an important part of your plans, although as you will find throughout Thailand there will be plenty of local convenience stores around.

For your leisure time, you'll be spoilt for choice as to what you want to do. The excellent beaches of both Na Jomtien and Bang Saray are close by and you will find a variety of excellent eateries right along the beachfront road which serve whichever dishes you prefer. If you're a lover of seafood you're in for a treat! You will also discover many smaller stalls and restaurants in the area which serve the most delicious Thai food and which will become your own personal favourites. There are plentiful high quality golf courses throughout the area including the first class Phoenix Gold Golf and Country Club. Of course you are also only 15 minutes away from the city itself for those special evenings out.

Going onto housing, there are several projects scattered throughout the area which offer real value and quality to the buyer. One company that has vast experience of building in Thailand and is based in the region is Baan Pattaya, who's website is at baanpattaya.com. You will find a wide variety of homes to suit families or retirees on their website in beautifully landscaped, secure estates and as with most of the property here, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the value offered, especially if you're coming from Europe or the USA.



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