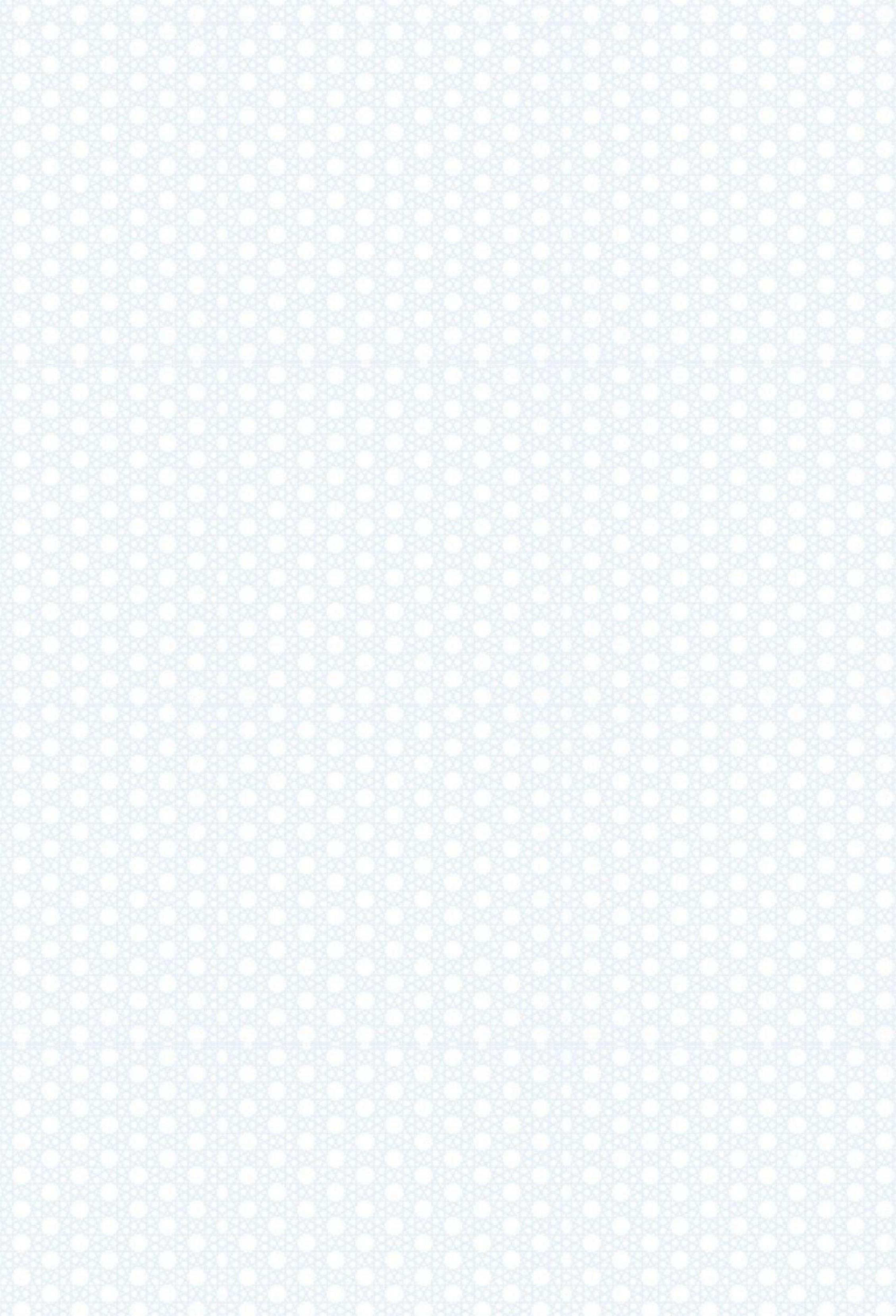
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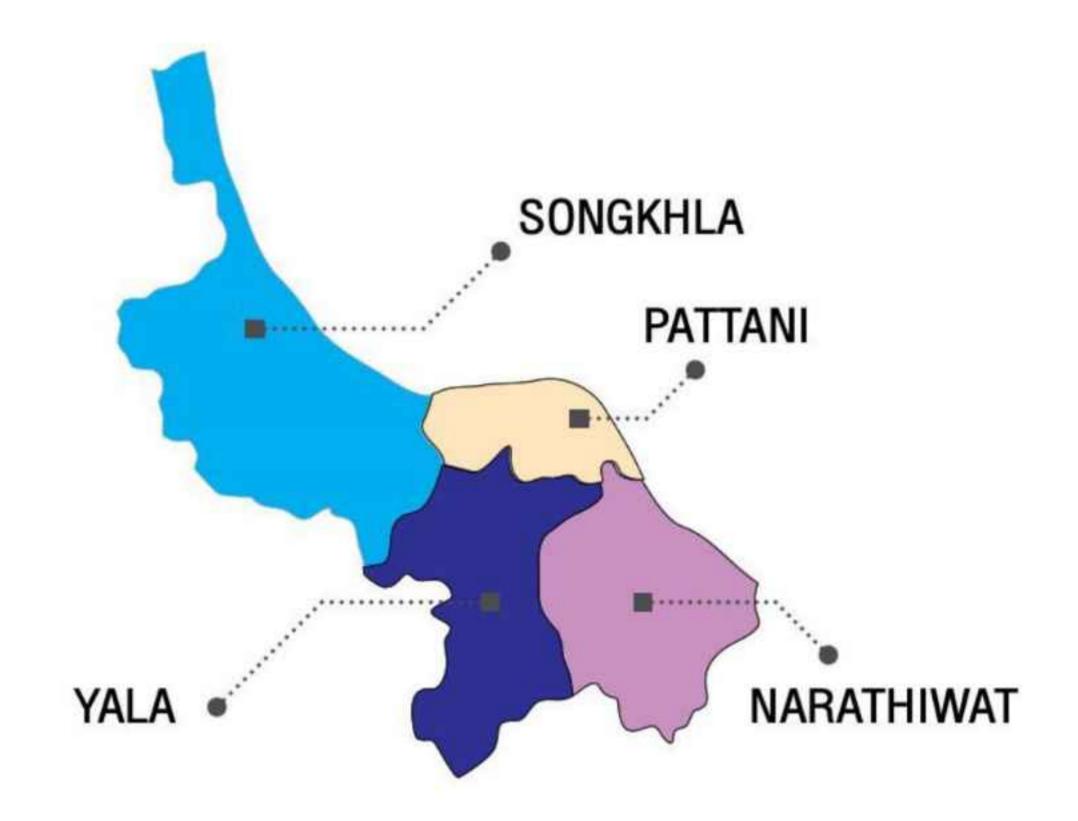
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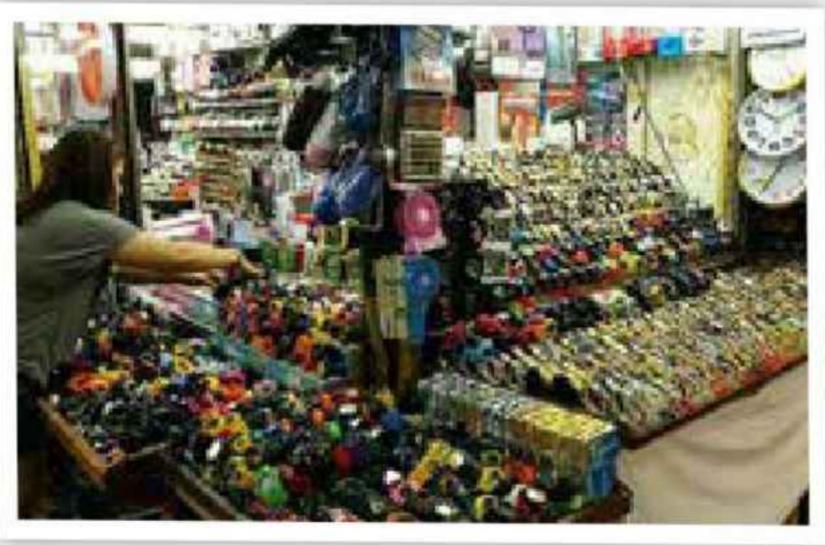
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Southern most Provinces Hat Yai-Pattani

[2 Days/ 1 Night]

Types of travel: Family





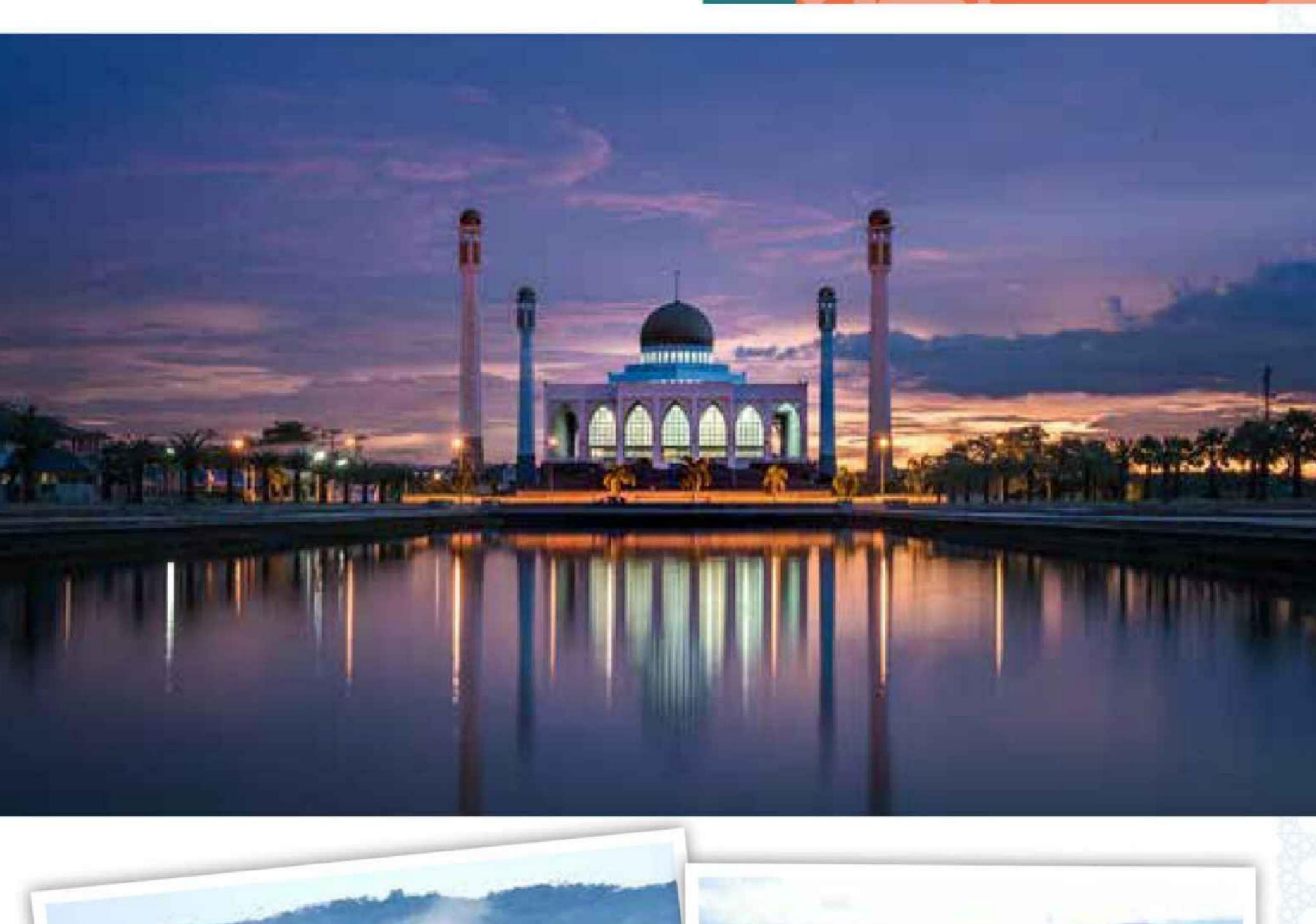


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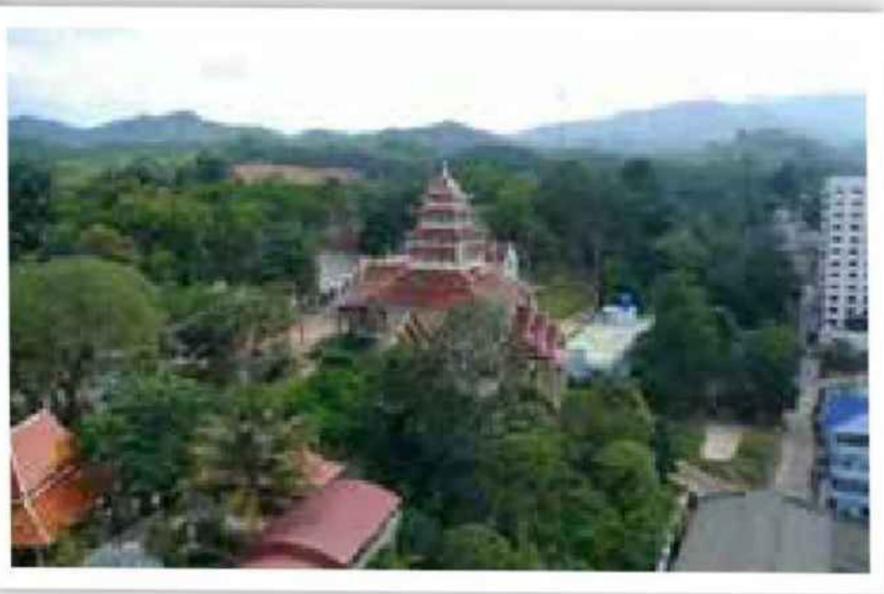
at Yai City in Songkhla Province is a vibrant town 946 Kilometers south of Bangkok. It is the largest city in the province and the south of Thailand, which is why it is often mistaken as the provincial capital. Many Thais and foreigners, especially from neighboring countries, come here to enjoy shopping as there are numerous malls, restaurants and markets such as Suntisook Market on Nipat Uthit Road and Kim Yong Market right in the center of Hat Yai.

Sharing a border with Malaysia, Yala is the southernmost province of Thailand. Its population consists of 75% Muslims and its prominent landmark is the Central Mosque located on Kanchana 1 Road. For some outdoor fun, there is the Yala Waterpark to enjoy cooling off on a hot day, but if you wish to experience unspoiled nature, Betong District is where you want to go.

Betong, the southernmost district of Thailand has a land area of 1,328 sq. km.







and is located 140 km. from Yala city on Sankalakhiri Mountain Range. Its highest point on Khao Luang, is at 1,533 meters above sea level around the border between Betong and Malaysia. Betong is also known as the 'City of Mist' because it is covered in mists year-round during the morning hours, a very attractive quality which has been drawing many visitors to the area.

Another southern province of Thailand with the majority of the population being Muslims, Pattani lies on the Malay Peninsula with the Gulf of Thailand at the north and Sankalakhiri Mountain Range at the south. It is also home to the biggest and most beautiful Masjid, (Pattani Central Masjid) in Thailand. However, there are some nice beaches and waterfalls to visit as well.

Hat Yai's Tone Nga Chang Waterfall/ Klonghae Floating Market/ Suntisook Market/ Kimyong Market



08:00 Hrs. - Tone Nga Chang Waterfall is a majestic seven-tiered waterfall located within Tone Nga Chang Wildlife Sanctuary of Tambol Tungtamsao. Of the seven tiers, the third is the prettiest as the water is separated into two falls, resembling two elephant tusks (Nga Chang). Visitors can enjoy nature trails and hike up one kilometer to reach the top tier.

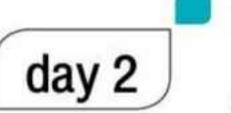
10:30 Hrs. - Klonghae Floating Market is the first floating market of southern Thailand. It has a lovely, traditional Thai atmosphere with more than 400 vendors selling food, local handicrafts, souvenirs, etc. Here, they try to stick to the basics by using coconut shells instead of plates and bamboos trunks instead of cups. Klong Hae Floating Market is located at Klong Hae Temple's Pier in Tambol Klong Hae, Hat Yai.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Hat Yai Holiday Hotel's New York Restaurant on Chivanusorn Road or Hat Yai Paradise Hotel and Resort's Ton Fern Restaurant on Raj Uthit Road

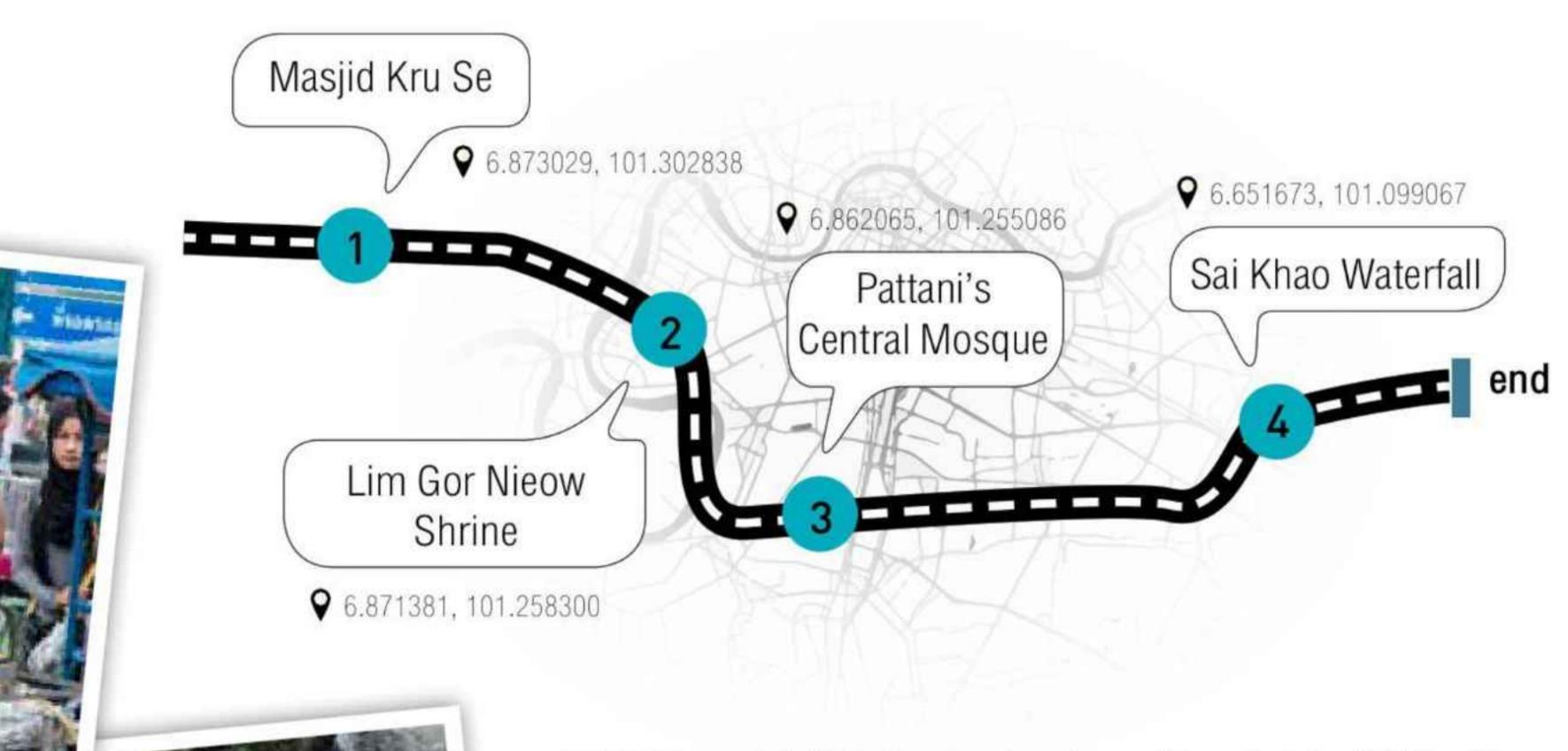
13:30 Hrs. - Browse through Hat Yai's iconic Kim Yong Market on Supasan Road where you can buy clothing, snacks, toys, and local goods.

16:00 Hrs. - continue with more shopping at Suntisook Market on Thammanoon Vithee Road. This is a newer but also very popular market which offers all types of products including makeup, electronic goods, etc.

18:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Hat Yai Rama Hotel's Slub Petch Restaurant on Sripoonwanat Road, Kosit Hotel's Pata Restaurant on Niphat Uthit Road or V.L. Hat Yai Hotel's Benjarong Restaurant on Niphat Uthit 1 Road.



Pattani's Masjid Krue Se/ Pattani Central Masjid/ Lim Gor Nieow Shrine/ Sai Khao Waterfall



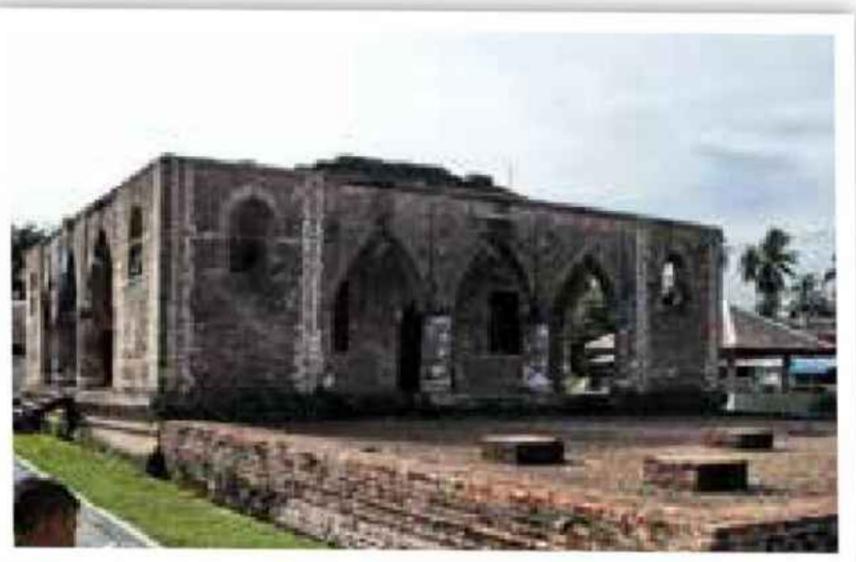
08:00 Hrs. - Visit Pattani's classic and iconic Masjid Kru Se. Its construction began over 200 years ago during the Ayutthaya period and features pointed arch entrance in Gothic style. But for some strange reason, however, it was never completed until today. The masjid is located in Tambol Tanyong Luloh, Amphur Muang.

10:00 Hrs. - Visit the nearby Lim Gor Nieow Shrine with a fascinating story. Lim Gor Niew was a Chinese lady who promised her sick mother that she would come to Siam to find her brother and bring him home. Her brother, who was to look after the construction of Masjid Kru Se, refused to go back so she put a curse on the masjid that it shall never to be completed and killed herself. The shrine is a landmark of Pattani province until today.

13:30 Hrs. - Visit Pattani's Central Mosque, the biggest and most beautiful masjid in Thailand. It was built in 1954 on over three rais of land and took almost nine years to complete. Inspired by the Taj Mahal of India, it features a pond in front and large green dome surrounded by four smaller ones. Pattani Central Mosque is located on Yarang Road.

15:00 Hrs. - For an afternoon amid the forest, go to Sai Khao Waterfall National Park in Amphur Kokepoh. This natural attraction is a 40-meter high waterfall with several tiers whose water originates from Khao Nang Chan. There is a concrete path of about 400 meters leading to the waterfall surrounded by lush green forest that make a nice stroll.







WHAT TO BUY

-There are many interesting things to buy in Hat Yai's Kim Yong and Suntisook Markets.

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HOW TO GET THERE



By Air: Air Asia, Thai Lion Air and Nok Air operate daily flights between Bangkok's Donmuang Airport and Hat Yai city of Songkhla Province. Thai Smile operates flight to Hat Yai from Suvarnabhumi Airport.



By Bus: Air-conditioned buses from Bangkok's New Southern Bus Terminal (Sai Tai Mai) in Talingchan District to Hat Yai run several times daily and takes about 13 hours and 50 minutes.



By Train: There are trains from Bangkok's Hualumphong Station to Hat Yai which takes 16 hours and 55 minutes.

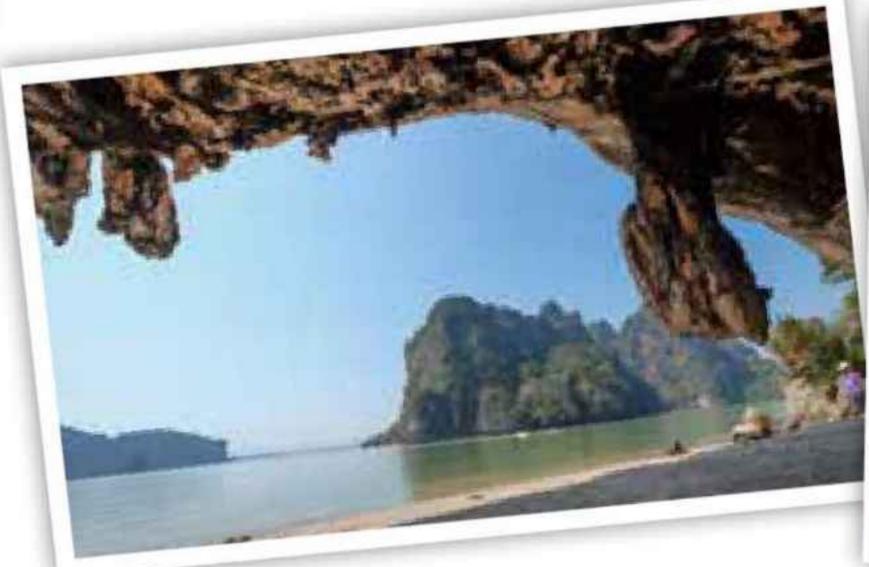


Phang Nga is yet another popular beach destination of Thailand although it is much more laid-back than Phuket. This southern province is 783 kilometers south of Bangkok and is blessed with countless natural attractions like the Similan Islands, Surin Islands, Yao Islands, Phang Nga Bay, Khaolak and so much more unexplored territories. Over 50 percent of its total land area

consists of mangrove forest and tropical rain forest and the city itself is serene and simple.

Krabi is perfect for those who enjoy modern comfort but is looking for a place less touristy than Phuket. There are lots to see and do especially for those who really want to be surrounded by tropical islands and its heavenly water. Ao Nang







is a good base to explore attractions around Krabi and this is where you can find many hotels, shops and restaurants.

Suratthani is located on the Gulf of Thailand and is home to the best attractions on this side of the ocean. Some of these include Samui, Pha Ngan,

Nangyuan and Tao Islands, Angthong Marine National Park and more. But the province is not all about the sea as further inland, there is Khaosok National Park, the largest tropical rain forest of the south, hot springs, waterfalls and more.

Full Day Phang Nga Bay Tour



08:00 Hrs. - Enjoy the verdant sceneries of Phang Nga Bay with its mangrove forest and limestone islands. Among its main attractions, you will find Khao Ma Ju, Tahm Lod Cave, Khao Tapu (James Bond Island), Khao Ping-gan, Ko Panyee. To witness the wonders of Phang Nga Bay, go to the Pier of Provincial Administration located near Tourist Service Center. You can hire the entire boat for less than 2,000 THB. Or join the trip with other tourists.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Panyee Mutiera Restaurant on Panyee Island. Panyee Island is a Muslim village set in the middle of the sea within Phang Nga Bay. The people of Panyee Island are descendants of people who migrated from Indonesia some 200 years ago. For more information, please go to: www.panyeemuteara.com

Krabi's Emerald Pool/ Railay Beach



08:30 Hrs. - Sa Morrakot (Emerald Pool) is a hot pool of water which originated from the hot spring with water temperature ranging from 30-50 degree Celsius. There are three pools here and the water color changes according to the bacteria and algae in the water. You can tell which is which by its color, the hottest being blue, warmer is green and around the edges is brown or white as the temperature is much cooler. The Emerald Pool is located in Baan Bangdiew area in Tambol Klong

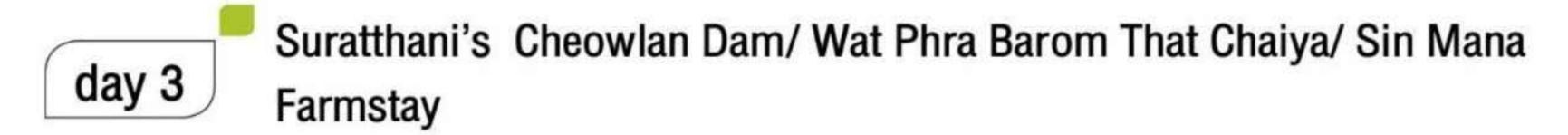
Tom Nua, 28 kilometers from Krabi city center. Once you get to the entrance, you can enjoy an 800 meter trek through beautiful lush jungle filled with a variety of bird species.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Ao Nang Phu Pi Maan Resort and Spa's Dalar Restaurant For more information, please go to: www.aonangphupimaan.com

14:00 Hrs. - Take a 15-minute boat ride to Railay Beach from Ao Nang or. This beach, although not an island, is accessible only by boat. For many, it is among the most beautiful in the world and the atmosphere all around is more like being on an island. You can enjoy watching people climbing the cliff-side, a popular sport of Railay or take a stroll to Phra Nang Cave. There are also long-tail boats for hire if you wish to explore the nearby islands.

19:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Ao Nang Princeville Resort and Spa's White Orchid Restaurant. For more information, please go to: www.aonangprinceville.com











08:00 Hrs. - Located in Khaosok National Park, surrounded by Limestone cliffs and serene water, Cheowlan Dam has been compared to the beauty of Guilin in mainland China. This is the kind of place to enjoy full relaxation, away from the bustling city. It is a place to chill on a raft or canoe in the middle of the misty water.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Bang Adul Fried Chicken located in front of Macro's car park

13:30 Hrs. - Sin Mana Farmstay, located in the middle of the ocean, is a good place to enjoy fresh oyster and cockles. Visitors can also learn about cockle and oyster farming and harvesting method or spend a night as they do



provide accommodation. Baan Don Pier in Baan Don District is about 25 kilometers from the city and the boat ride to the farm is about 30 minutes.

16:00 Hrs. - Visit Suratthani's ancient Buddhist temple, Wat Phra Barom That Chaiya, which houses Buddha's relics. It is the only temple in Thailand with a fully preserved Srivijaya architecture. The temple is estimated to have been built over a thousand years ago during the peak of the Srivijaya kingdom. The temple's pagoda is used as the symbol of Suratthani Province.

18:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Bilmilah Restaurant located near Lampu Island by the Tapee River. Tel: +66 82 532 1117



WHAT TO BUY
-Shrimp Paste, Tao Sor Pastry

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HOW TO GET THERE



By Air: There are flights between Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi and Donmuang Airports to Suratthani and Krabi several times daily (with the latter for low-cost airlines). Flight time is 1 hour and 25 minutes.



By Bus: Air-conditioned buses from Bangkok's Sai Tai Mai Station in Talingchan area (New Southern Bus Terminal) to Phang Nga is 11 hours and 20 minutes while to Krabi, travel time is 12 hours and 25 minutes.



By Train: From Bangkok's Hualumphong Station to Suratthani, travel time is 11 hours and 40 minutes. Then Suratthani - Krabi another 3 hours.

Thailand's Luxurious Hotspots
Phang-Nga, Krabi, Phuket

[4 Days/ 3 Nights]

Types of travel: Family

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PHANG NGA

Highlights:

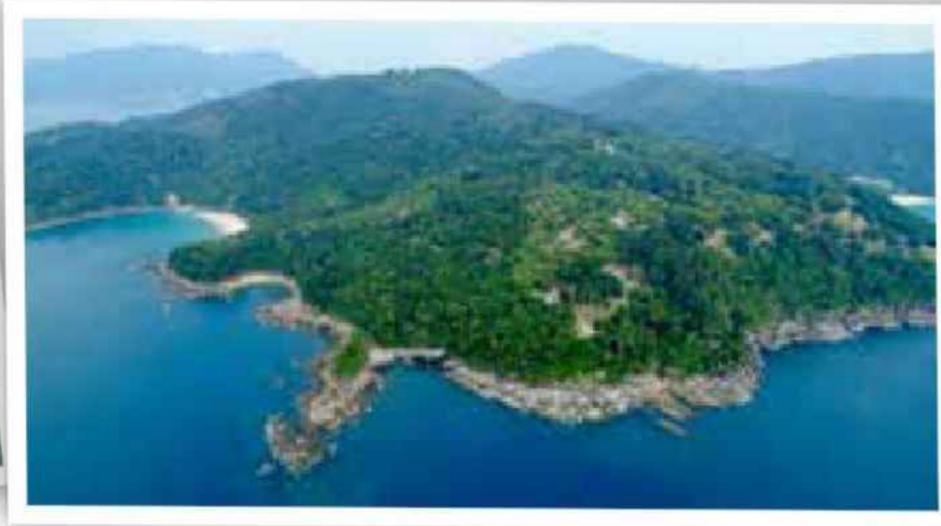
These southern provinces in the Andaman Sea are some of the most beautiful and popular beach destinations in Thailand. They offer premium facilities and services from start to finish, from air transportation, airport pick-up and drop-off, private boats and yachts for hire, five-star accommodations with private pool, car rental to chauffer driven limousines.

If your goal is to visit some of the most beautiful islands on this planet, you will love spending the day at Phang Nga's Similan Islands or the Surin Islands, two of the country's major dive sites. There are also lots to do closer to the mainland like taking a kayak tour around Phang Nga Bay, home to many little islets like the famous James Bond Island. A day tour on a speed boat around the bay and have lunch on Panyee Island, a Muslim fishing village onstilts is also a good choice. Other fine destinations of Krabi also worth checking out include Prathong Island, Yao Noi/ Yao Yai Islands and Khaolak.

South of Phang Nga is Krabi Province, home to more picturesque beaches and islands. Aside from visiting its heavenly islands like Ko Hong, Ko Poda, Ko Kai and others, you might wish to go hiking to Klong Thom, Krabi's hot spring waterfall. Railay Beach is another paradise-like top spot to visit or if you want to do some shopping and find a choice of dining venues, there are some fine local products available along Nopparathara Beach/ Ao Nange area.







Phuket is the largest and arguably the most famous island in Thailand. The many special qualities, both natural and manmade, combined together have made it what it is today — a complete seaside holiday destination. Its beach scenes vary from private and serene to vibrant and lively so it is up to each person whether they prefer a quiet, secluded resort on a cliff over-looking the expansive ocean or

a hotel right in the shopping and dining district. Some of Phuket's famous beaches include Patong, Kamala, Bangtao, Naiton, Naiharn, Surin, Kata, Karon and so on. What's more, its outlying islands like Phi Phi Ley and Phi Phi Don, home to the world-famous Maya Bay, offer some of the most postcard-perfect atmospheres you can imagine.

Surin Islands Tour from Phang Nga



06:30 Hrs. - Pick-up from hotel in Phang Nga to Thaplamu Port (2 hours).

10:15 Hrs. - First stop for snorkeling and swimming at Surin Island. Visit the Mogan's Village, Sea gypsies who are indigenous people of the area.

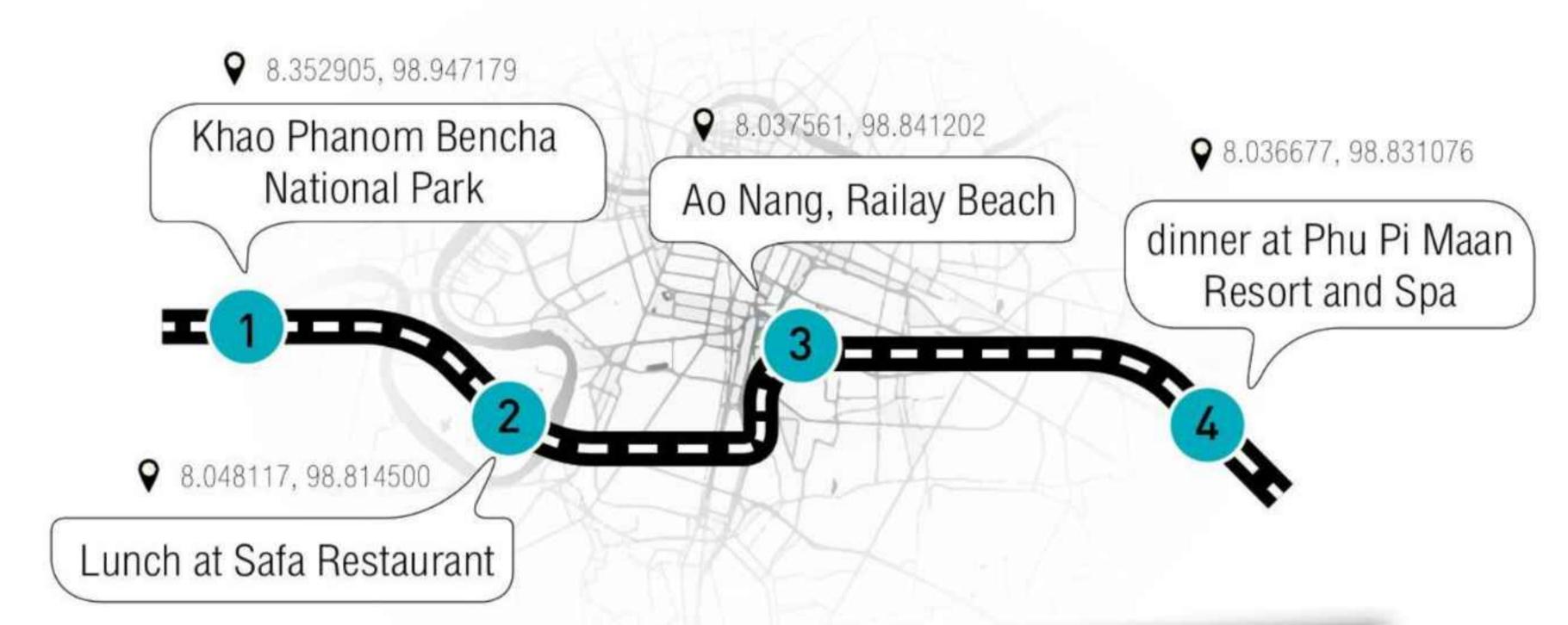
12:00 Hrs. - Lunch on Surin's North Island.

13:15 Hrs. - Relax on the beach then continue to the second and third stops around the island.

16:30 Hrs. - Arrive at Thaplamu Port in PhangNga.

20:00 Hrs. - Arrive at hotel.

Krabi's Khao Panom Bencha National Park/ Ao Nang/ Railay Beach







08:00 Hrs. - Morning trek through Krabi's lush jungle on an elephant at Khao Phanom Bencha National Park or Nosey Parker's Elephant Camp in Nong Thalay, Muang District.

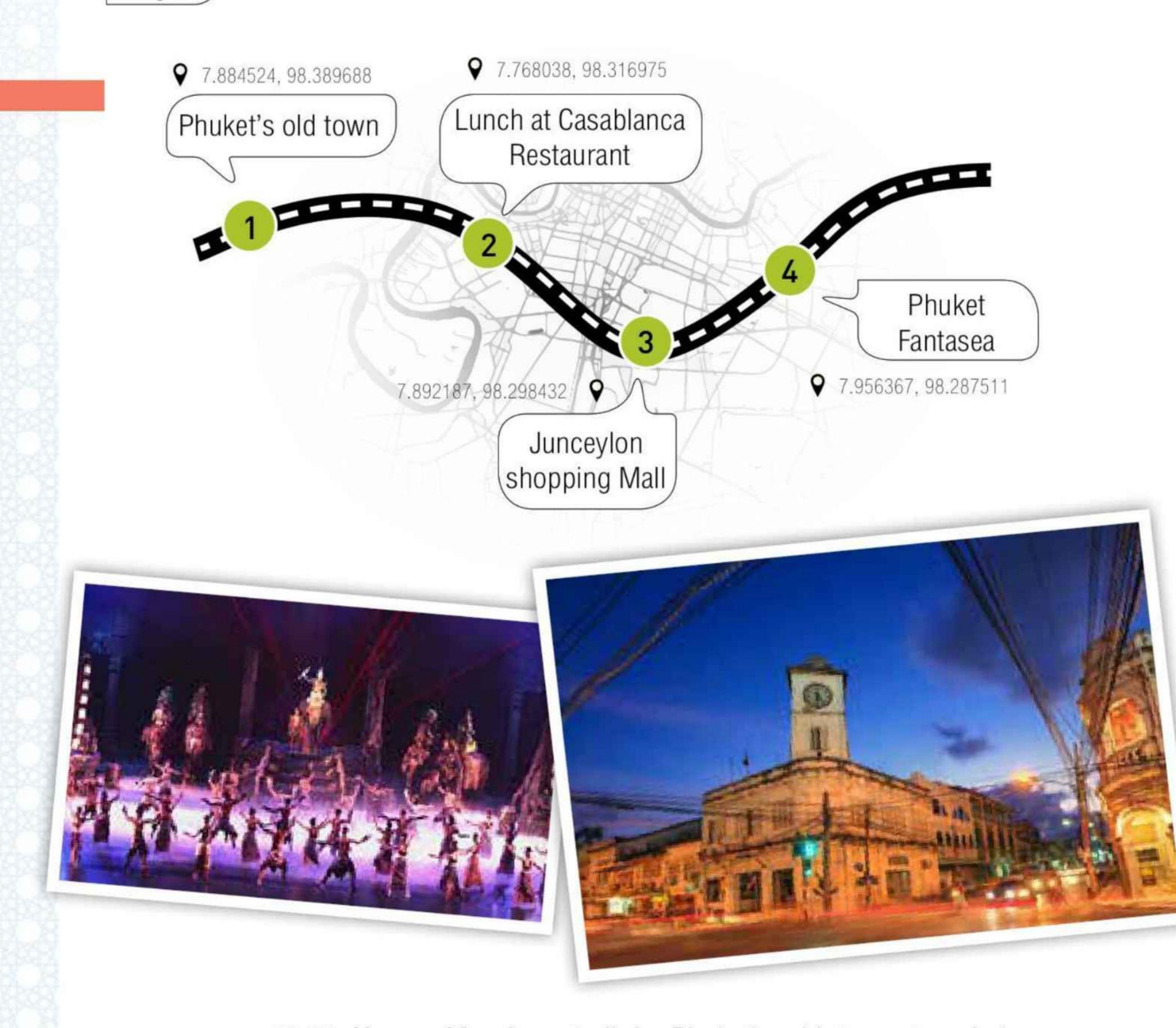
12:00 Hrs. - Enjoy lunch in one of the many restaurants on Ao Nang Beach like Sunrise Restaurant at Sunrise Tropical Resort, Safa Restaurant at Sunda Resort or Railay Village Resort and Spa's Beachfront Restaurant.

13:30 Hrs. - Take a 15-minute boat ride to Railay Beach from Ao Nang. Enjoy one of the most spectacular views Krabi has to offer and take a stroll to Phra Nang Cave.

15:00 Hrs. - Try Railay Beach's popular activity, rock climbing or hire a long-tail boat for a tour around the area.

18:00 Hrs. - Sip a tropical drink and watch the beautiful sunset followed by dinner at Phu Pi Maan Resort and Spa in Ao Nang.

Phuket Old Town/ Junceylon/ Patong Beach/ Phuket Fantasea



09:30 Hrs. - Morning stroll in Phuket's old town to admire Sino-Portuguese buildings which were constructed during Phuket's prosperous tin mining era.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Casablanca Restaurant at the Royal Paradise Hotel and Spa, Patong Beach.

14:00 Hrs. - Go on a shopping spree at Phuket's largest shopping Mall, Junceylon then check out little shop-houses lining Patong Beach which sell all sorts of goods.

18:00 Hrs. - Enjoy dinner and an evening of spectacular cultural live show at Phuket Fantasea located on Kamala Beach.

Day Tour to Phi Phi and Khai Islands







07:00 Hrs. - Pick up from your hotel.

08:30 Hrs. - Departure to Phi Phi Island by speedboat.

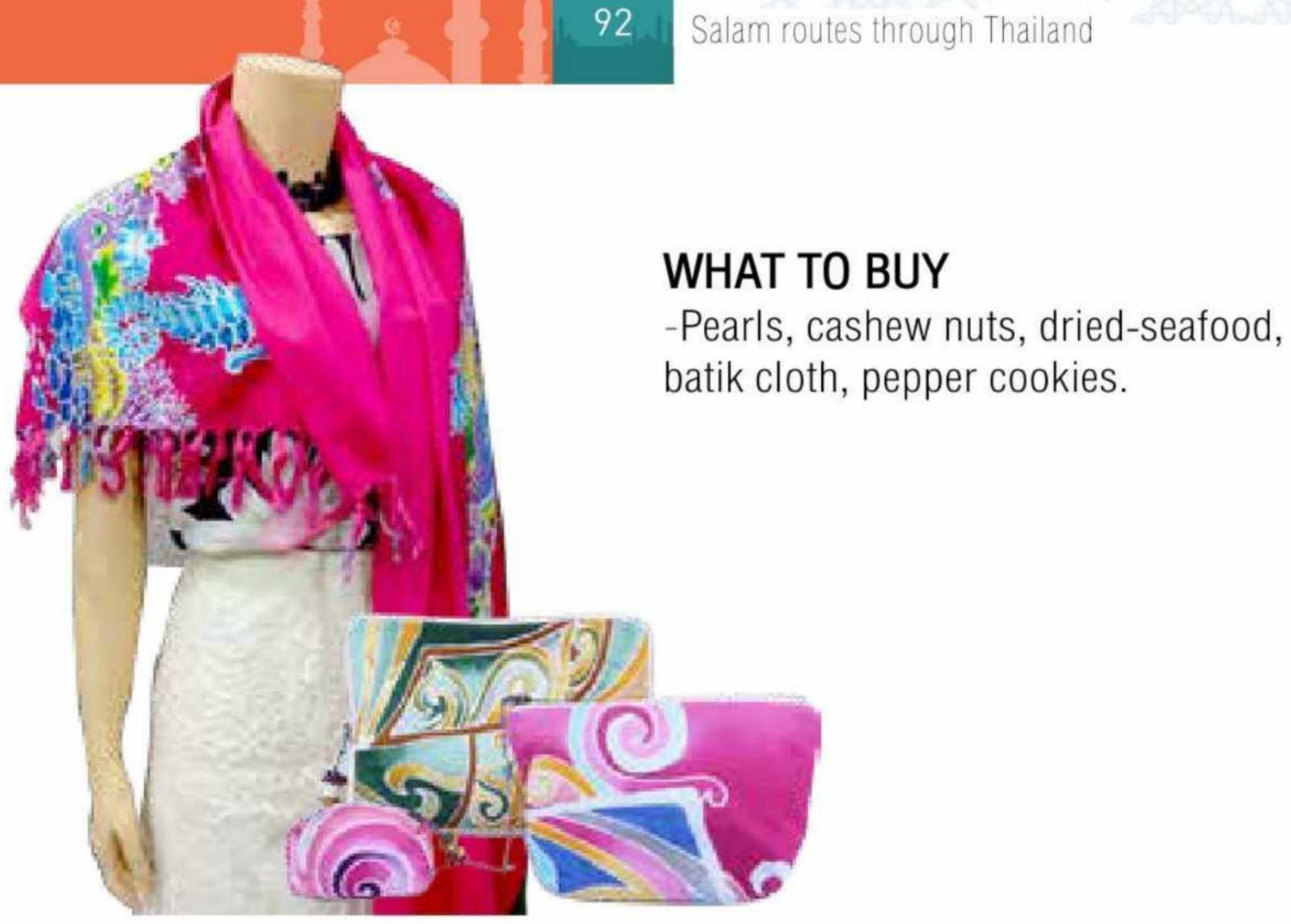
09:30 Hrs. - Arrive in Phi Phi Leh and go snorkeling at Loh Samah Bay, Maya Bay, Pileh Lagoon. Visit Viking Cave, Phi Phi Don, Monkey beach.

11:30 Hrs. - Lunch at Tonsia Bay.

13:00 Hrs. - Continue over to Khai Island and enjoy swimming and snorkeling in the sparkling water.

17:00 Hrs. - Arrive back at your hotel.

19:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Sunset Restaurant in Phuket Graceland Resort and Spa on Patong Beach.

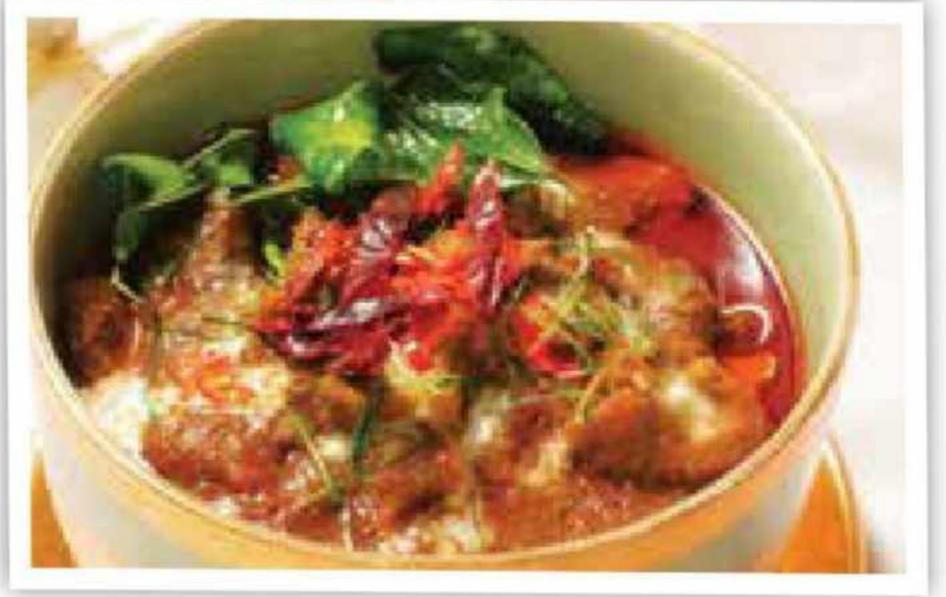


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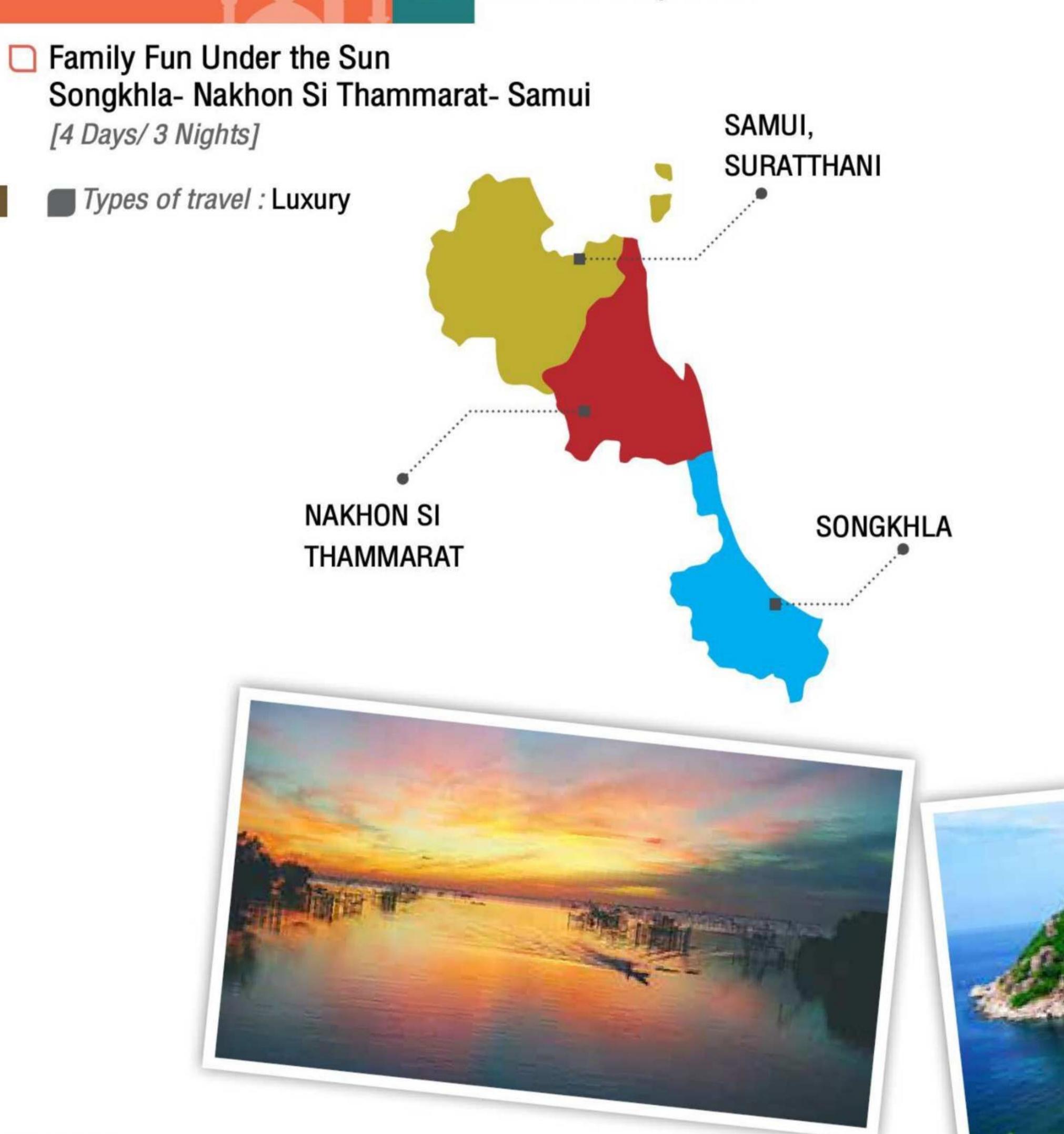
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By Bus: Air-conditioned buses from Bangkok's Sai Tai Mai Station in Talingchan area (New Southern Bus Terminal) to Krabi, travel time is 12 hours and 25 minutes. Air-conditioned buses from Bangkok's Mochit Bus Station in Chatuchak District to Phuket, travel time is 12 hours.



By Train: From Bangkok's Hualumphong Station to Suratthani, travel time is 11 hours and 40 minutes. Then Suratthani - Krabi another 3 hours or Suratthani - Phuket another 4 hours.



Highlights:

Songkhla Province shares a border with Malaysia at the south and has a population of approximately 75% Buddhists and 25% Muslims. North of the province is Songkhla Lake, the largest natural lake in Thailand where Irrawaddy dolphins can be found. Although Hat Yai City (the largest in the province) is located in Songkhla, it is not the capital of the province.

Nakhon Si Thammarat, 610 kilometers south of Bangkok, is one of the ancient cities of Thailand. It is the most densely populated city and has the second largest land area in the South. A former kingdom of Ligor when King Srivijaya established the city in the year 775, evidence of its history can be traced back even longer to the Stone Age and Bronze Age.







Samui, the second largest island in Thailand, is a very popular beach destination in the Gulf. There are many beaches ranging from lively like in Chaweng to the more quiet ones like Lamai, Bophut and Maenam. Its soft, sandy shorelines draw visitors from around the world and there are day excursions to nearby Islands like

Ko Tao, Ko Nangyuan and Angthong Marine National Park for a marvelous snorkeling day tour. It is a favorite holiday destination for many because it has everything to offer from fine dining, premium hotels and resorts, shopping, a variety of comforting facilities and natural attractions especially its heavenly beaches.

Songkhla's Cape Simila/ Khao Tang Kuan/ Ko Yor/ Wat Matchimawat



09:00 Hrs. - Cape Samila Beach with the mermaid statue is the most popular beach of Songkhla. It has white sands and is lined with pine trees. From here, Cat and Mouse Islands can be seen. According to legend, a cat, mouse and dog were traveling on a ship together. As they swam to shore, the cat and mouse drowned and their bodies turned into two islands. The dog who made it to the shore also died and became Tang Kuan Mountain.

10:30 Hrs. - Tang Kuan Mountain has a height of 2,000 ft. above sea level where, from the top, you can see panoramic views of Songkhla city. It is also home to the Prathat Chedi of Songkhla built during the Nakhon Si Thammarat Empire in Tawarawadee architectural style.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Rim Haad Restaurant at Haad Kaew Resort. Add: 163 Moo 1, Chiang Kao, Sing Nakhon. Tel: +6674 331 058-67

13:30 Hrs. - Yor Island on Songkhla Lake can be reached via Tinsulanond Bridge, the longest concrete bridge in Thailand with total length of 2,640 meters. Hand woven cloth of Yor Island is reputed to be of good quality and has unique design patterns.

16:00 Hrs. - Visit the most important Buddhist temple of the province, Wat Matchimawat (also known as Wat Klang), located on Saiburi Road in Songkhla city.

day 2

Nakhon Si Thammarat's Wat Phra Mahathat Voramahavihan/ Kiriwong Village/ Krung Ching Waterfall/ Khaoluang National Park



09:00 Hrs. - Visit Phra Mahathat Voramahavihan Temple, the most prominent temple of Nakhon Si Thammarat which houses a tooth relic of Buddha. It is located on Ratchadamnoen Road in Muang District and was first constructed almost two thousand years ago.

10:00 Hrs. - Visit Kiriwong Village in Lanska District at the foothill of Khao Luang. Here, the villagers still live a simple life like in the old days. They tend to their fruit orchards, herb gardens, weaving and making handicrafts from coconut shells.

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Nanjing Chinese Restaurant in Twin Lotus Hotel. For more information, please visit www.twin-lotushotel.net

13:30 Hrs. - Khao Luang National Park is set on a mountain which makes a great place to enjoy hiking. There are over 300 species of wild orchids in the forest, a must for orchid lovers.



15:00 Hrs. - Stop by Krung Ching Waterfall in Khaoluang National Park. It has seven tiers of water gushing down year-round. To get there, you must hike 3.7 kilometer on foot.

19:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Phatummard Coffee Shop at Twin Lotus Hotel. www.twinlotushotel.net

day 3

Samui Island: Angthong Marine National Park/ Tao and Nangyuan Island

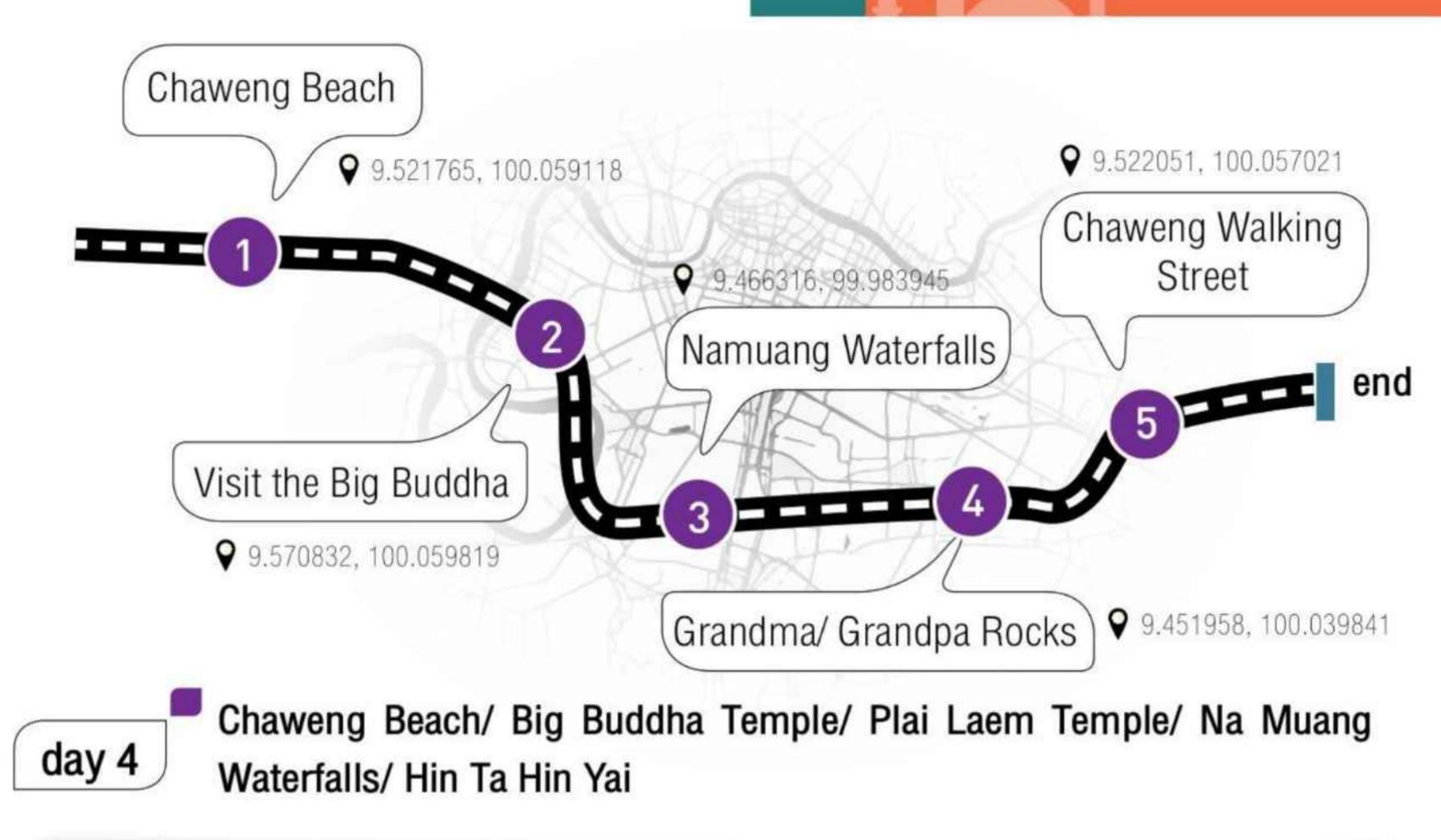


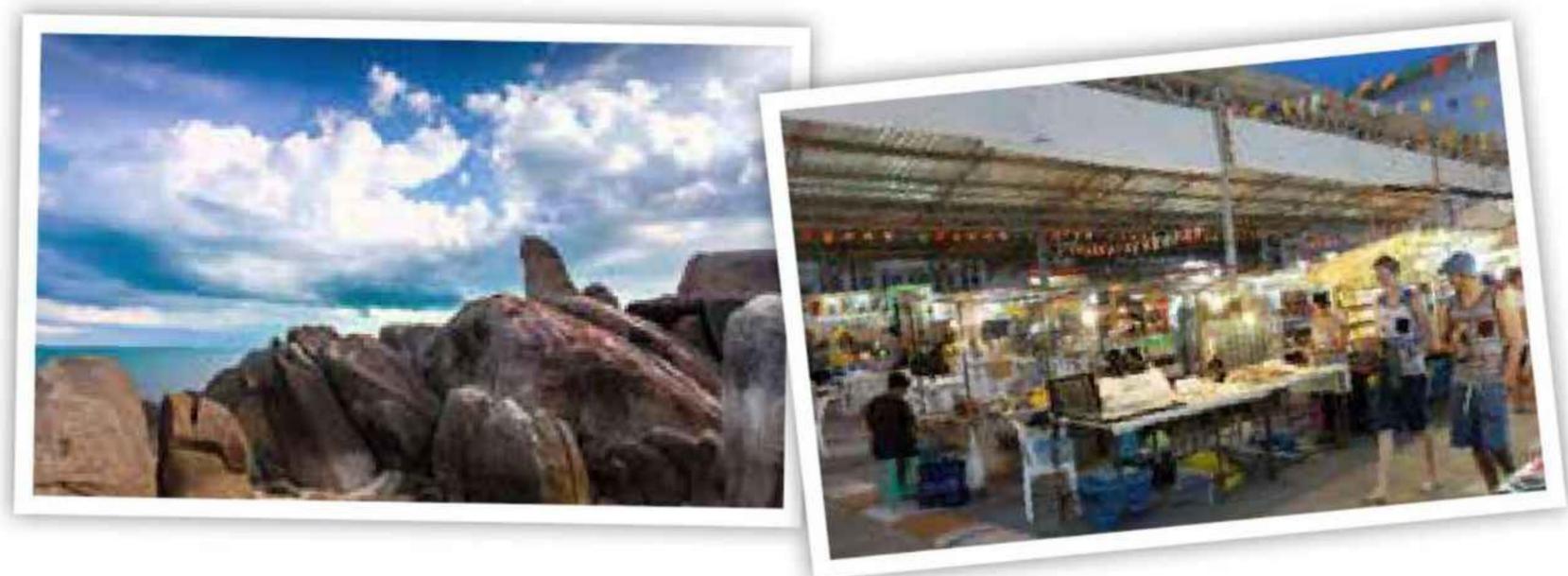
Full Day:

Day tour to Angthong Marine National Park, a gorgeous archipelago of 42 islands. It takes an hour boat ride from Bangrak Pier to Angthong Islands. Visitors can go kayaking, snorkeling and take in the breath-taking sceneries. Tour includes hotel pick-up and drop-off, lunch, tour and snorkeling equipment.

Or Day tour to Tao and Nangyuan Islands.







09:00 Hrs. - Relaxing on Chaweng Beach, the most popular area on Samui Island.

10:00 Hrs. - Visit the Big Buddha Beach at the north of Samui. The 12-meter-high golden Buddha statue is one of Samui's most famous landmarks and can be seen several kilometers away.

11:00 Hrs. - Not far from Big Buddha Temple is Plai Laem Temple with the huge image of the Guan Im, Goddess of Mercy and Compassion.

14:00 Hrs. - The two Namuang Waterfalls are located 12 kilometers inland southeast of Nathon Bay. They are the most majestic waterfalls on Samui Island.

16:00 Hrs. - Grandma/ Grandpa Rocks (Hin Ta/ Hin Yai) located near the traditional Muslim Fishing Village Hua Thanon are two natural rock formations located close to each other. The part which makes them stand out is that they are in the shape of the male and female genitalia.

18:00 Hrs. - Take a stroll around Chaweng Walking Street and enjoy shopping, dining and basically enjoy the relaxing ambiance.



WHAT TO BUY

-Jampada (similar to Jackfruit), Hand-woven fabric of Yo Island, local handicrafts and processed fruits of Kiriwong Village

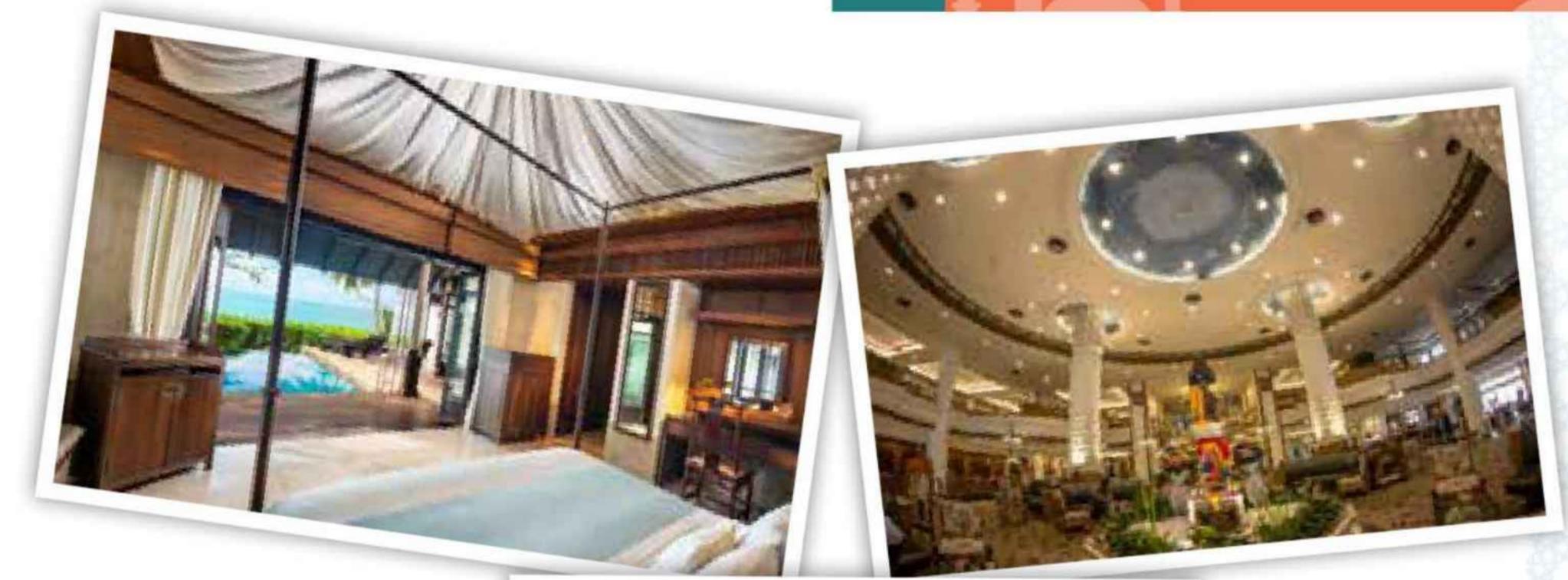
RESTAURANTS : Rim Haad Restaurant

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Phatummard Coffee Shop

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Twin Lotus Hotel

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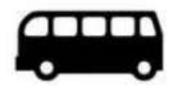
Le Meridien Koh Samui Resort & Spa

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HOW TO GET THERE



By Air: From Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok Airways and Thai Airways operate daily flights to and from Samui Island. Air Asia operates daily flights between Bangkok's Donmuang Airport and Hat Yai city of Songkhla Province.



By Bus: Air-conditioned buses from Bangkok's New Southern Bus Terminal (Sai Tai Mai) in Talingchan District to Nakhon Si Thammarat run several times daily and takes about 11 hours and 30 minutes.

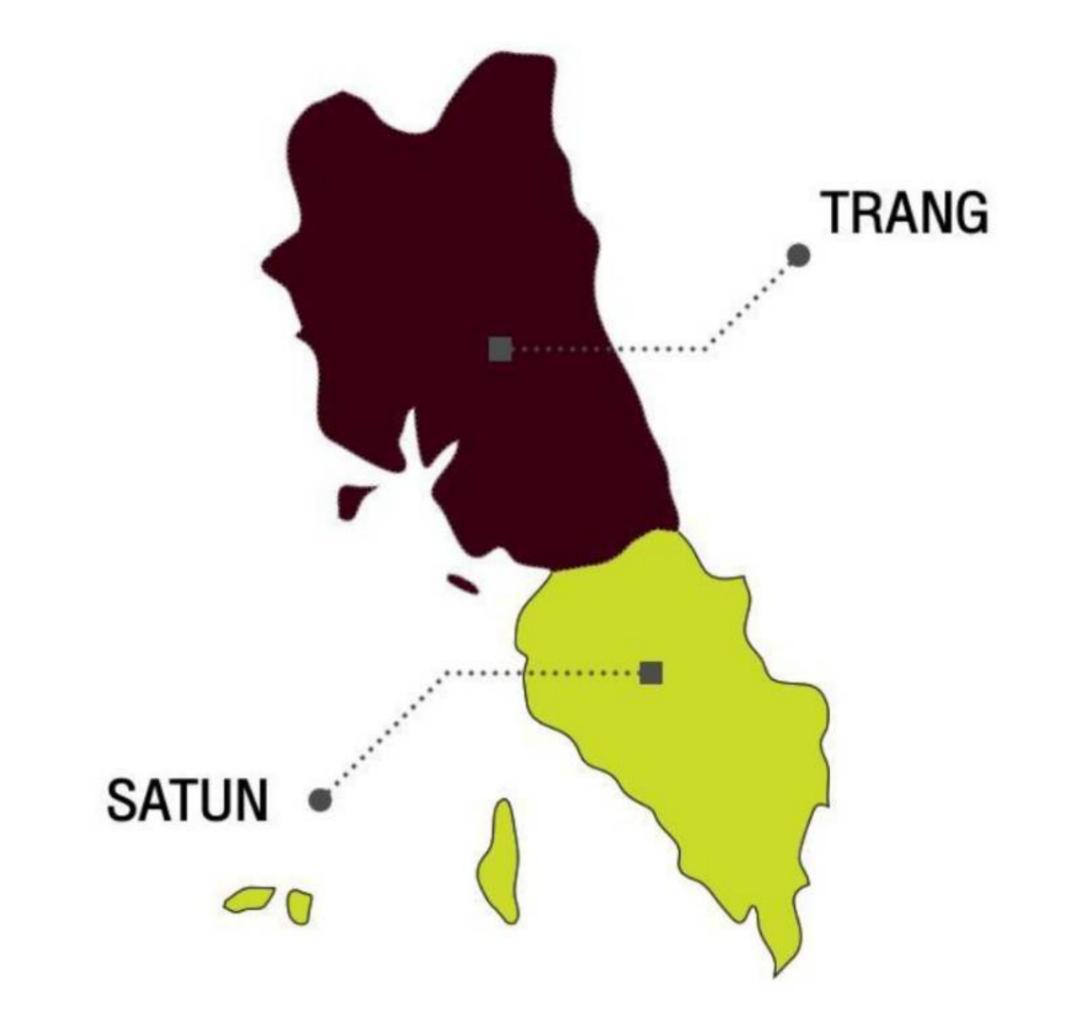


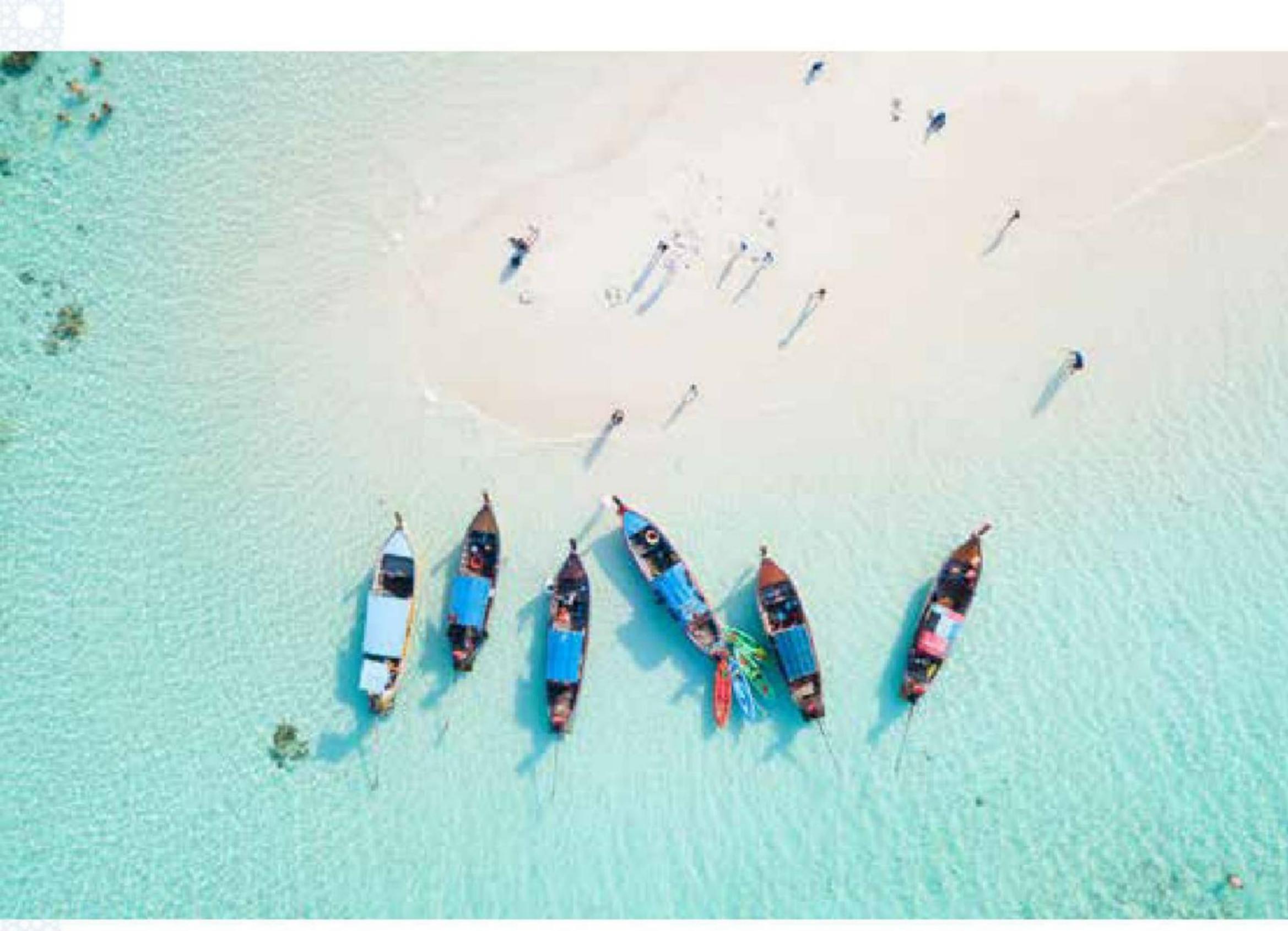
By Train: There are trains from Bangkok's Hualumphong Station to Nakhon Si Thammarat which takes 16 hours and 20 minutes.

Serene Southern Provinces Trang-Satun

[4 Days/ 3 Nights]

Types of travel: Family









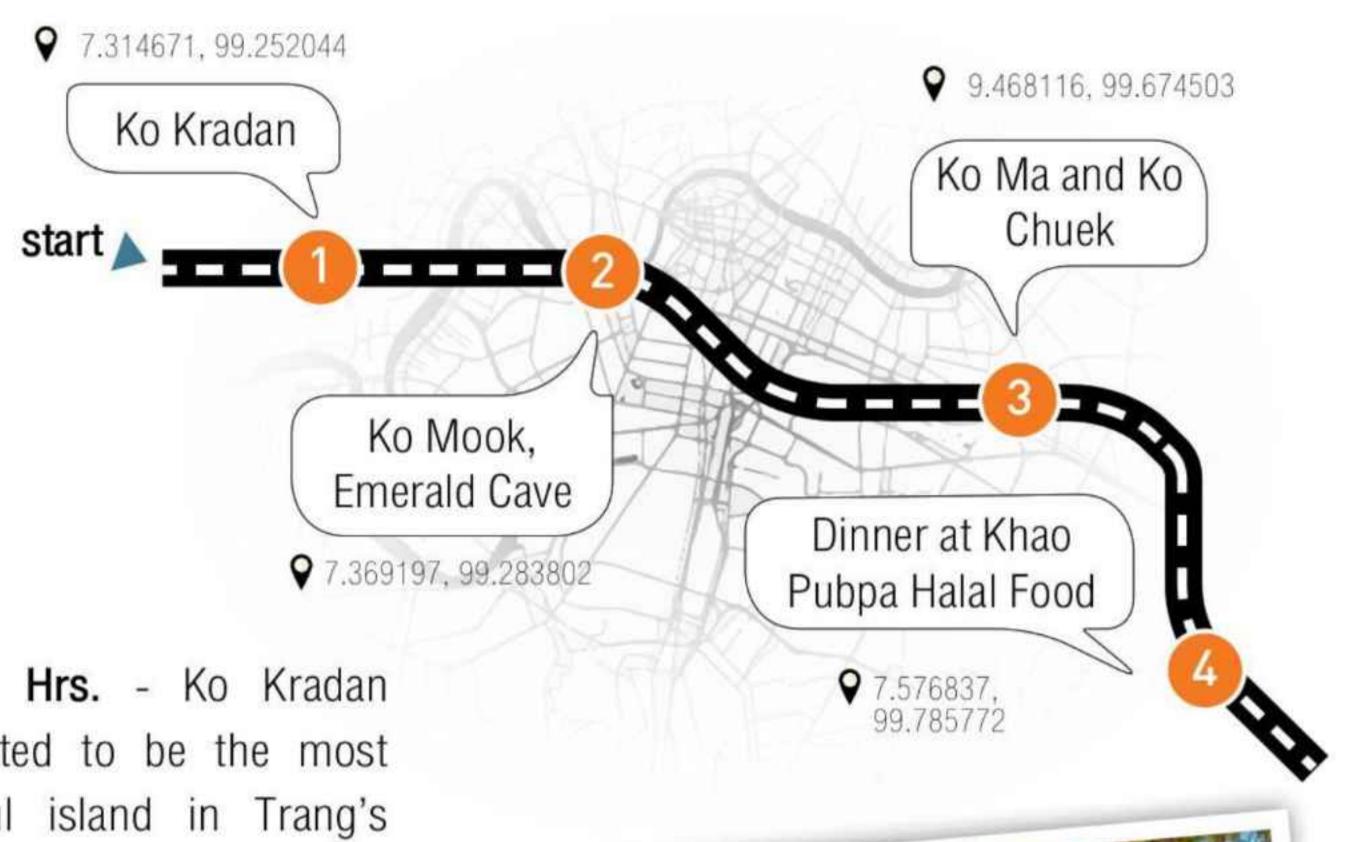


Highlights:

Trang Province is home to 46 islands and was an important trading post in the past. Beautiful Sino-Portuguese architecture from the bygone era can still be seen in the old parts of town and the last train station on the Andaman side, Kantang, is also located in the province. Trang is also home to the first rubber tree in Thailand which was brought over from Indonesia over a hundred years ago.

Satun is located south of Trang and is the southernmost province on the Andaman side. It is a small and quiet province with a lot of beautiful islands off its coast. Some of these include Lipe Island, Tarutao Marine National Park, Kai Island, Adang-Rawi Islands, Petra Island and more.

Trang's Tham Morrakot/ Ko Mook/ Ko Kradan/ Ko Rok/ Ko Chuek/Ko Ma



o9:00 Hrs. - Ko Kradan is reputed to be the most beautiful island in Trang's water. The island has powdery sand and shallow, clear water where coral reefs and colorful fish can be seen.

10:30 Hrs. - Ko Mook is home to the Emerald Cave (Tham Morrakot), a beautiful cave with tiny entrance which can only be entered or exited by swimming through during

low tide. Once inside, you have to follow the person in front closely through 80 meters of total darkness to reach an open lagoon surrounded by limestone cliffs. The cave got its name because the whole entrance area would light up like sparkling green emerald when sunlight shines through. Tham Morrakot is 40 minutes by boat from Pak Meng Pier.

14:00 Hrs. - Ko Ma and Ko Chuek located between Ko Mook and Ko Ngai are the best places to go snorkeling and scuba diving as they have the most beautiful coral reefs in Trang. There are no beaches on the two islands and the current is quite strong so you have to hold on to the ropes (Cheuk in Thai language) which is how it got its name.

18:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Khao Pubpa Halal Food with magnificent mountain view. The restaurant is located on the main road on the way to Trang in Khao Pubpa area. Add: 89 Moo 7, Trang-Pattalung, Chong, Na Yong, Trang.

Sino-Portuguese Architectures in Old Trang Town/ Tham Le Khao Kob/ Kantang Train Station





09:30 Hrs. - Explore Trang city and see Sino Portuguese architecture scattered around Trang Municipality. These buildings are the perfect combination of East Meets West and are excellent proof of the city's prosperous past.

11:00 Hrs. - Kantang Train Station located on Nah Khai Road in Kantang District features a classic yellow-brown wooden building. It was first opened in 1913 and is the last southern train station on the Andaman side.

12:00 Hrs. - lunch at Koh Libong Restaurant Add: 93/7 Sri Trang Road, Khok Lo, Muang Trang. Tel: +66 83 522 1898

14:00 Hrs. - Tham Lay Khao Kob is located 8 kilometers from Huay Yod District. To enter this fascinating cave, you need to ride on a flat boat as it is a water cave. The inside is filled with beautiful stalagmites and stalactites and there are a total of 23 chambers but only 3 are open to visitors.

18:30 Hrs. - Dinner at Krua Khanitta. Add: 133 Moo 7, Trang-Pattalung Road, Nayong Nua

day 3 Full Day Tour to Tarutao Islands



09:00 Hrs. - Hire a ride to Pak Bara Pier. **10:30 Hrs.** - From Pak Bara Pier, enjoy an hour and forty five minute boat ride to Tarutao Island. Tarutao's travel season is from December to April.

13:00 Hrs. - Catch a boat back to Pak Bara Pier.

18:30 Hrs. - Dinner at Rim Le Kitchen near Pak Bara. Add: 407 Moo 2, Pak Nam, La-ngu. Tel: +66 83 1957844 visit www.facebook.com/Rimlekitchen





day 4 Satun Central Masjid/ Kuden Mansion/ Tham Phu Pha Petch



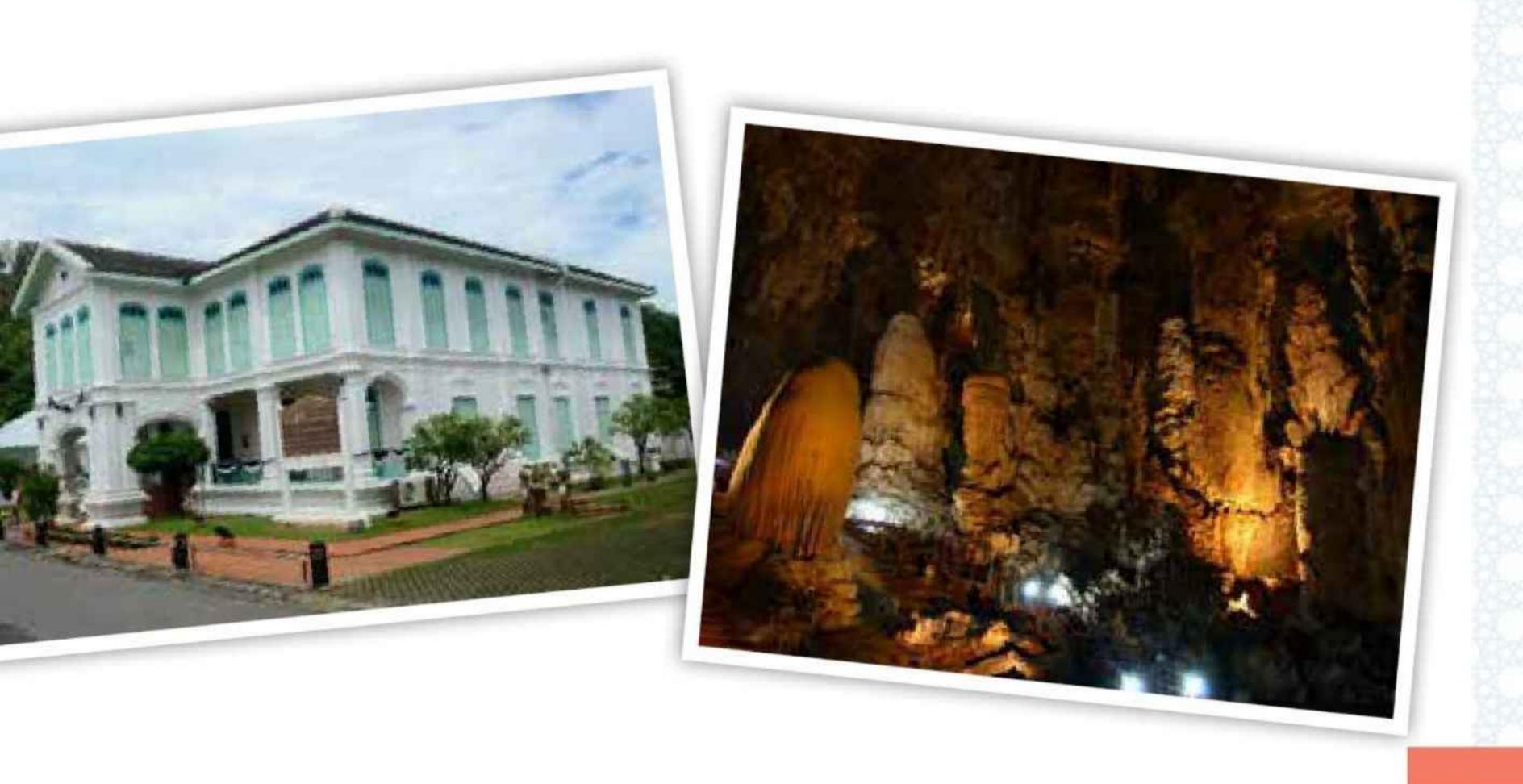
09:00 Hrs. - Visit Satun Central Mosque or Masjid Mambang located on Buri Wanit Road. It is a beautiful masjid built in modern Islamic style in 1979 as the original masjid made of wood has deteriorated.

11:00 Hrs. - Kuden Mansion (Satun National Museum) is a classic two-storey building built by Phraya Phuminatphakdi who was governor of Satun in 1902. It served as city hall for a while but today, it is a

12:00 Hrs. - Lunch at Sirada Kitchen in Kuan Don District. Add: 353 Moo 8, Chalung, Muang. Tel: +6686 956 0102 or Fahat Coffee and Restaurant located close to the Central Masjid. Add: 12/7 Buriwanich Road, Piman, Muang. Tel: +6686 498 2642

13:30 Hrs. - Tham Phu Pha Petch is a huge cave (biggest in Thailand and fourth largest in the world) with beautiful stalagmites and stalactites. Evidence such as bones and ancient utensils show that it was inhabited by prehistoric cave men some 3,000 years ago but the cave itself existed approximately 450 million years ago. There are 15 chambers in this cave and it got this name (Diamond Mountain) because when light hits, the interior of the cave would light up like brilliant diamonds. Phu Pha Petch Cave is located in Manang District of Satun.

19:00 Hrs. - Dinner at Suchada Halal Food on Yatra Sawasdee Road, Piman, Muang. Tel: +66 81 898 8481 or Nergara Restaurant on Salit Phuminart Road. Add: 2/1 Salit Phuminart Road, Piman, Muang. Tel: +66 87 292 8798 www.facebook.com/Nergara





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HOW TO GET THERE



By Air: Air Asia and Nok Air operate flights between Bangkok's Donmuang Airport and Trang. Flight time is one hour and twenty minutes.



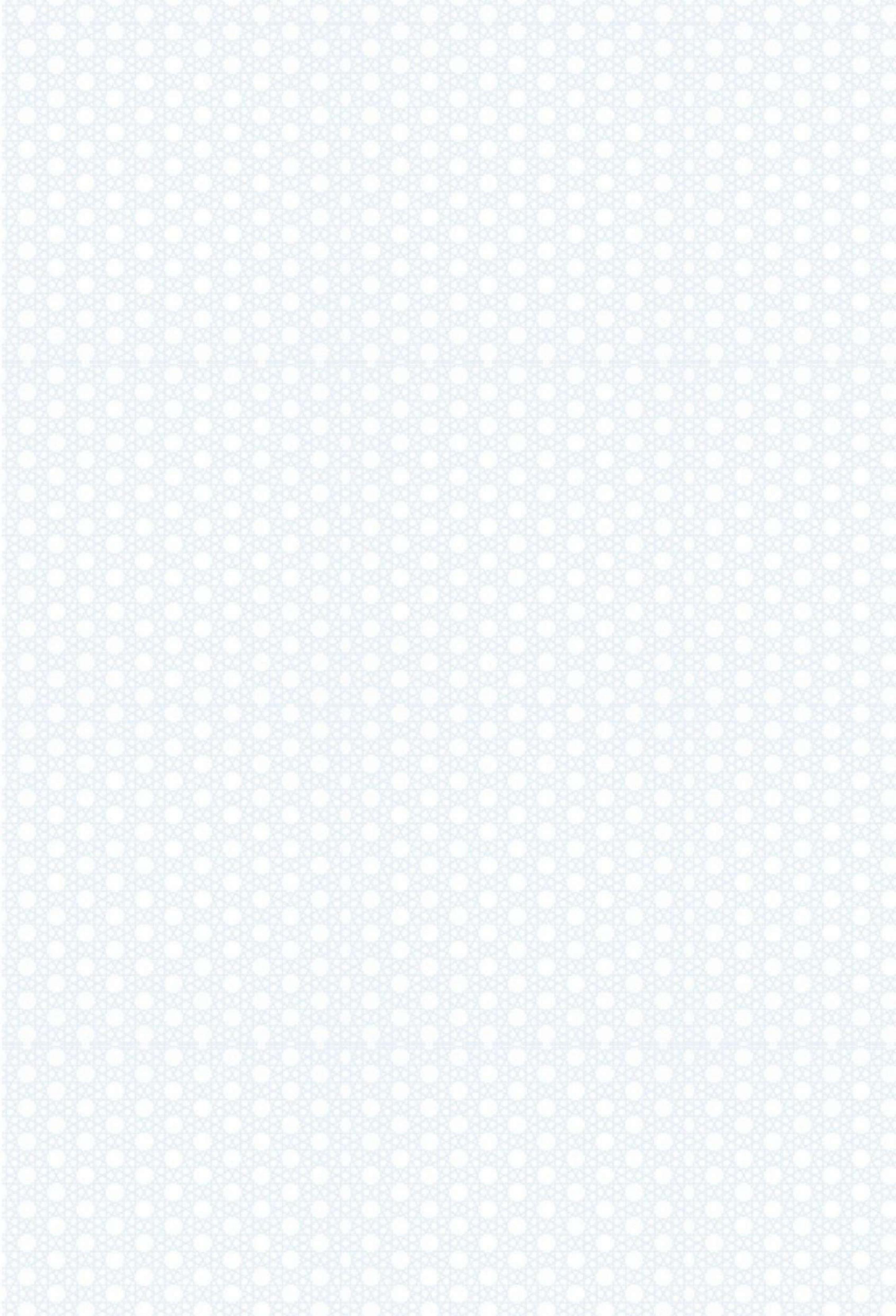
By Bus: From the Southern Bus Terminal in Bangkok, Trang can be reached by air-conditioned bus in 11-12 hours while Satun takes about 13 hours.



By Train: The train ride from Bangkok's Hualumphong Station to Trang takes 15 hours.









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