



Thailand Beach Tips:

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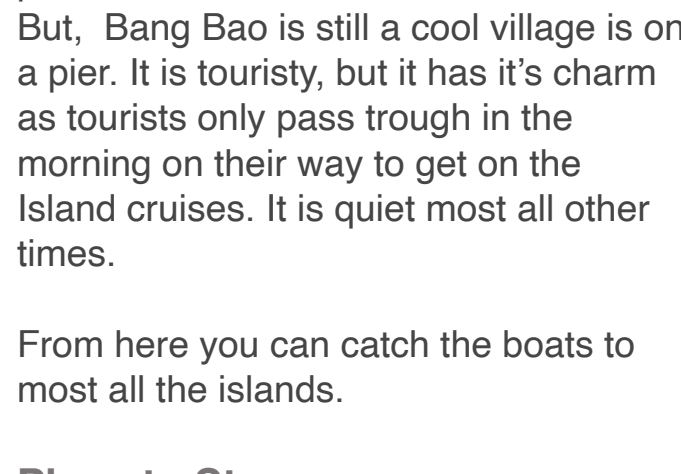
Fancy beach resort town, 3 hrs from Bangkok. OK, but not a fantastic beach. Good food and good shopping. Very good resorts. Easy to get to from Bangkok via Train or Bus.

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Place to Stay:

Escape Hua Hin Resort

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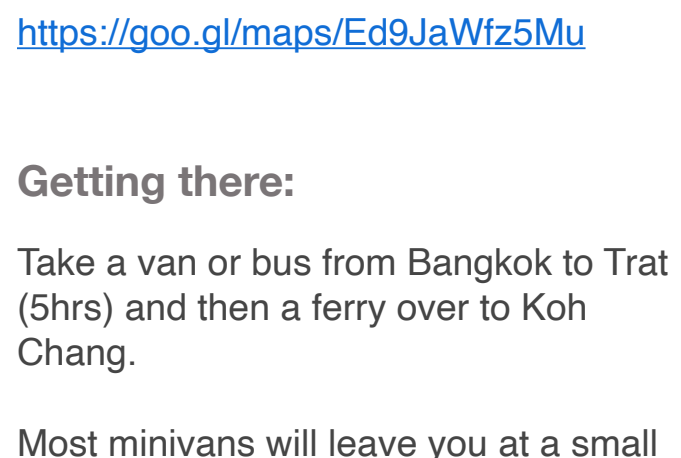


Eat:

Chaolay Seafood Huahin

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Bang Bao



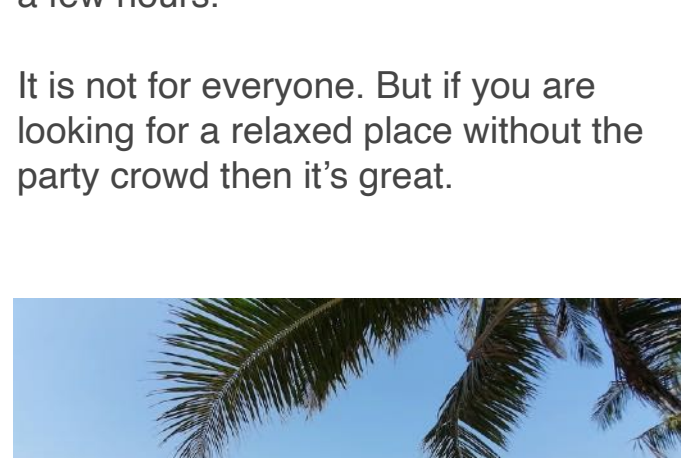
Whilst all of Koh Chang once was paradise... it now is a tourist hell!!

But, Bang Bao is still a cool village is on a pier. It is touristy, but it has it's charm as tourists only pass through in the morning on their way to get on the Island cruises. It is quiet most all other times.

From here you can catch the boats to most all the islands.

Place to Stay:

Buddha View Resort



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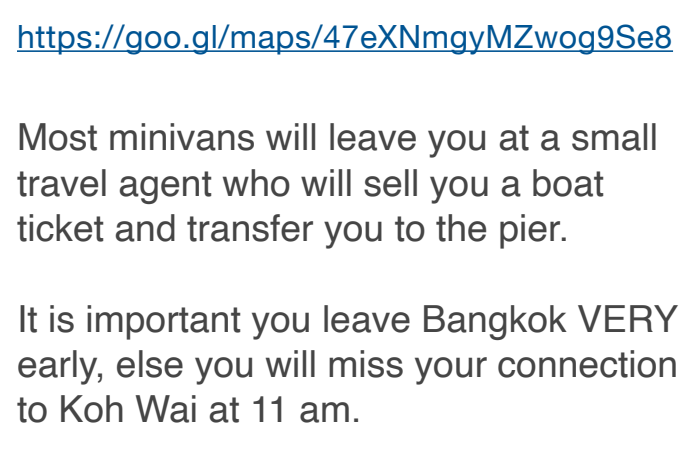
Getting there:

Take a van or bus from Bangkok to Trat (5hrs) and then a ferry over to Koh Chang.

Most minivans will leave you at a small travel agent about 10 km before Trat. They will sell you a boat ticket and transfer you to the pier.

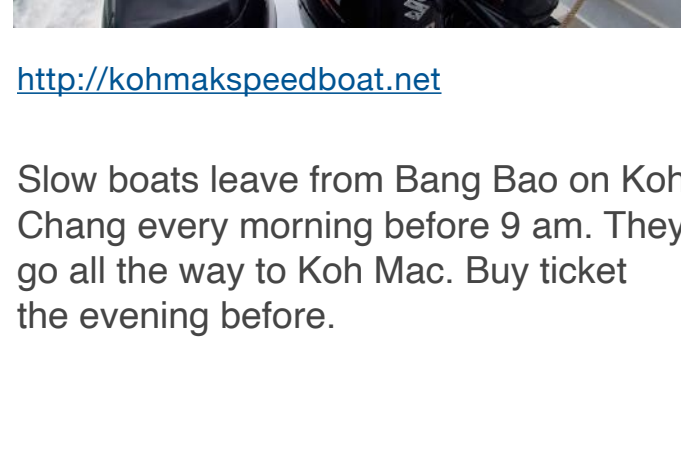
Islands:

Koh Wai



30 minute sail from Koh Chang or Trat. Rustic old style cabins on the beach. It's like Koh Chang was 20 years ago - no roads and no electricity, only at night for a few hours.

It is not for everyone. But if you are looking for a relaxed place without the party crowd then it's great.

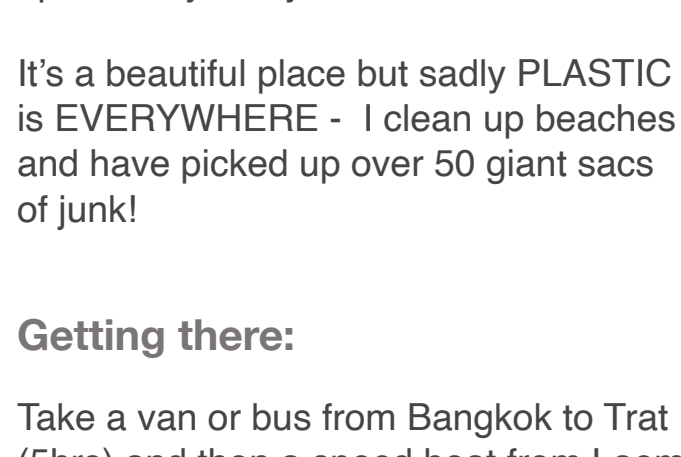


The island is not open year round, and it tends to get booked out as there are few places to stay. So double check before you go!

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Place to Stay:

Paradise Beach Resort



Old style rustic cabins on the beach. Shared bathrooms.

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Take a van or bus from Bangkok to Trat (5hrs) and then a speed boat from Laem Ngop (30 min).

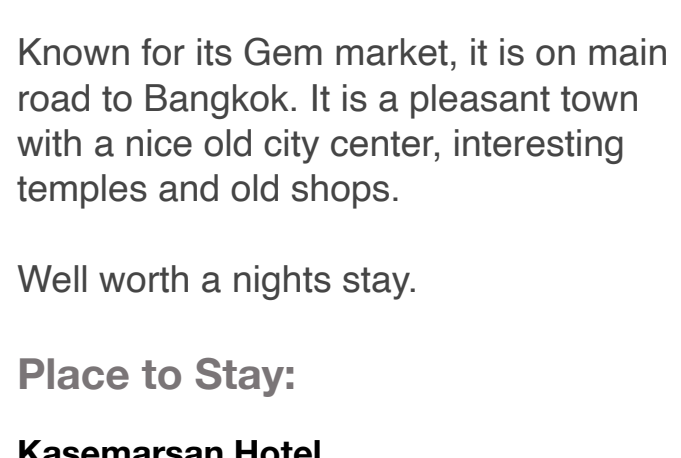
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It is important you leave Bangkok VERY early, else you will miss your connection to Koh Wai at 11 am.

If you don't make it, you have two options. Stay in Trat overnight or go to Bang Bao and leave the next morning on the wooden boat.

SeaTales Speed Boats



<http://kohmakspeedboat.net>

Slow boats leave from Bang Bao on Koh Chang every morning before 9 am. They go all the way to Koh Mac. Buy ticket the evening before.

Koh Mac

Island close to Koh Chang - Nice and quiet - one road - electricity all day and night.

Place to Stay:

Koh Mak Cococape Resort

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WARNING: Koh Mac has lots of Sand Flies on the beach, you will get eaten up alive if you lay on the beach!!!

It's a beautiful place but sadly PLASTIC is EVERYWHERE - I clean up beaches and have picked up over 50 giant sacs of junk!

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It is important you leave Bangkok VERY early, else you will miss your connection to Koh Wai. Koh Mac usually has a second boat in the afternoon.

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Chanthaburi

If you leave Bangkok or the Islands late, and do not want to overnight in Trat then Chanthaburi is a nice stop over.

Known for its Gem market, it is on main road to Bangkok. It is a pleasant town with a nice old city center, interesting temples and old shops.

Well worth a nights stay.

Place to Stay:

Kasemarsan Hotel

Very cool mid century modern hotel, with nice balcony rooms.

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Luan Rajamaitry Historic Inn

Classic inn right on the river. Get a room on the river side as the street rooms are loud!

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Place to Eat:

Great Thai restaurant next to Kasemarsan Hotel

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If you have any questions or need travel tips for other places email me

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