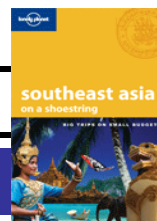




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| 107 | <p>Feb 10, QUENTIN NICAISE,
Another hard bit was when crossing the border to Poipet, scam tour operators do get aggressive when you refuse to climb on the bus with the other tourist and you decide to go see Poipet (which in the end is full of taxis who harass you for you to get on board their taxi. We even had our first taxi stopped by another who "bought us" for 15\$ to the previous taxi so that we would go to Siem Reap with him).</p> |
| 107 | <p>Dec 10, Thibault and Delphine,
About the border crossing and bus service in Poipet. Right after the border a "Free Aggressive Shuttle" picks you up and drops you 15 minutes later in a brand new Tourist Terminal in the middle of nowhere with inflated prices and pretty aggressive taxi drivers. If you don't want to be a part of this official scam here is the solution ! (we wasted a day for it but we found :-)).
We could escape this place (taxi drivers were very aggressive and followed us for a while) and jumped in a local bus to go back to Poipet.
So, right after the border if the "tour operator" are too sticky, just tell them that you have a reservation in a guest house for the night and leave. Continue on the main big avenue and turn left at the 2nd or 3rd x-road to join the parallel street. The local bus terminal is down this street on the left side ! Ask local peoples about it or look for big buses. To Phnom Pen from 7AM to 4:30PM (10\$ but maybe you can ask for less) and to Siem Reap from 7AM to 3PM (no price it was too late).
Leave Bangkok before 8 if you want to take this bus.</p> |
| 119 | <p>Mar 11, Miquel Dalmau,
Angelo's restaurant in Sihanoukville does no longer exist.</p> |
| 126 | <p>Mar 11, Adam Schmidt,
For "getting to vietnam: prek chak to xa xia" box:
I bought a bus ticket from Kampot to Saigon at my guesthouse. After the border crossing, some people (fellow foreign travelers) on the van I was on with and I got dumped at a local bus stop in Ha Tien and were told to get on a pre-vietnam war era local bus. It drove around Ha Tien for an hour, slowly getting packed to the ceiling with locals (I am 186 cm, had a huge bag of bananas thrown on my lap, as well as a very dirty local peasant on top of that bag). I told them to stop the bus after 45 minutes of losing all circulation in my legs. I was in the middle of nowhere. I waited for another local bus, less crowded, came by and paid the fare to take me to Rang Gia, where I stayed the night before getting a long-distance bus to Saigon.</p> <p>The trip was supposed to be 10 hours under good conditions. How anyone could make it for even 1/2 that on this bus is beyond me. It stopped on average every 5 minutes to somehow pick up more people.</p> |



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- 174** Jul 10, cedric,
Jakarta: As of March 2010, the prices at Hotel Margot changed from Rp 170'000.- to currently 240'000.- per room/night.
- 210** Jan 11, Stef Russell,
The entrance fee for Borobudar is 15USD not what is written.
- 245** Nov 09
Nusa Lembongan: Pondok Baruna telephone is 90 000-350 000
- 288** Jan 11, Stef Russell,
Under Lombok in the Nusa Tenggara section:
The bus/ or bemo's from Mataram to Lembar do NOT got from matarams Mandalika station.
They cost 60, 000Rp.
- 355** Jan 11, Stef Russell,
In the Indonesia Directory section you state that a bottle of Bintang (beer) can be bought for between 12,000-15,000Rp. However, the cheapest i found it during a 6week period in Indonesia was 20, 000Rp and the most common price was 30,000Rp.
- 368** Dec 10, James Sabin,
The Australian Embassy Clinic moved to the Australian Embassy on Tha Deua Road in 2008.
- 375** Jan 11, Elisabeth Nielsen,
Vientiane: Café Indochine has moved to just across the street from Full Moon Café, to Th. Francois Nginn
- 386** Mar 11, Thijs van den Burg,
Temples in Luang prabang on the other side of the river are reachable with boat but a bamboo bridge has to be paid for 4000 kip during the dry season.
Wat Chom Phet on top of the hill is not free anymore the entrance fee is 5000 kip.
- 386** Mar 11, Thijs van den Burg,
Bicycles in Luang Prabang are great way to go around but it must be said that a lot of bikes get stolen. I heard more travellers and it happened to myself as well. It looks a bit like a business because the shopkeepers were not that sad about it. Probably the bikes are being sold back to the shops because the names of the shops are on the bikes. Maybe a general warning should be noted in the book. People should make sure that the bikes are inside and locked to something.



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Mar 11, Thijs van den Burg,
 Tham Pha tok cave. There is a new sign at the right-hand side of the road so it is easier to find. They were building a new entrance but I don't know when this was going to be finished. Unfortunately it's going to be a concrete stairs so it takes away the 'natural' side of it. There was no entrance fee but there were some young boys (13 14 year old) who had made a paper sign (buy ticket) and let people pay 5000 kip. But this is a scam because they were not able to give a ticket. And they were not showing us around. So we did not pay them. People have to watch out for them. Of course we paid our little guide who showed us the cave itself.

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Jan 11
 Gibbon experience; The price, sadly, went up to \$290 for a three day trip

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Mar 11, Thijs van den Burg,
 Zipping in Neverland. The Gibbon Experience has become more expensive. Instead of the 160 Euro it has already gone up to 220 Euro (220.000 kip). Prices really went up there.

407

Dec 10, James Sabin,
 In the book it says that Inthapanya Guesthouse is on the west side of town (Ban Khoun Kham). It is actually on the EAST side of town. Many people look for the guest house but never find it.

470

Mar 11, Thomas Cahill,
 The book says there are no ATMs in Patai Cenang. I found 2 near Underwater world.

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Jan 10, LAN HONG,
 There is no riverboat from Kuala Tahan to Kuala Terengganu. In <Southeast Asia> it said "Nusa Camp's floating information centre in Kuala Tahan runs scheduled riverboat (also called riverbus) services along the river to Bumbun Blau/Bumbun Yong (RM15 one way three daily), the Canopy Walkway (RM10 one way two daily), Gua Telinga (RM10 one way, four daily), Kuala Tembeling (RM25 one way, one daily) and Kuala Trenggan (RM30 one way, two daily)." But I contacted an agent for Nusa, he said Nusa don't have riverboat from Kuala Tahan to Kuala Terengganu, he had confirmed from Nusa. I think the book has made a mistake.

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Feb 10
 To receive a visa for Myanmar there are no longer agencies that can get them for you in Bangkok or Ventienne. You have to go to the embassy yourself.



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| 615 | <p>Feb 11, Robert L.,
 Taxi drivers in Manila also follow the usual path of scam, especially at night. For picking up a friend from the airport for a midnight flight I first encountered a taxi with tampered taximeter, giving 30km for a 10km distance.
 Second - following your advice for airport - I picked up a taxi at arrival. Instead of fetching a normal metered taxi, I ended up in a "meter taxi" instead, which immediately started driving and just then told me that the fixed price starts from 500PHP.</p> |
| 731 | <p>Dec 10, Thibault and Delphine,
 The bus terminal to leave Bangkok is called Chatuchak Bus terminal (like the market) and is at the end of the bus line number 3.
 It's 7 bath and about 30-45 minutes from Banglamphu - Th Phra Athit. Just ask the bus to stop on the road to jump in. The Mo Chit bus station (the one with the escalators) is not very far but it's not this one.</p> |
| 744 | <p>Feb 11, Thibault and Delphine,
 Sukhothai Historical Park: They don't sell the 350 baht global day pass anymore. It's 100 baht/site (multiple entry ticket for one day), there are 2 free sites (south and west on your map in the guide but not very interesting and in a bad shape) and 3 non free ones.</p> |
| 773 | <p>Feb 10, QUENTIN NICAISE,
 We lost ourselves in Khao Yai national park (got stuck 24 hours in the jungle). We did not believe a guide would really be necessary but it turned out that the tracks are really badly indicated (one red ribbon on a tree every 20 meters, if by chance the tree was still standing since they did the trails), and in the end we were confused by elephant tracks which we believed to be hiking tracks. Maybe Lonely Planet should insist on recommending people to hire a guide (or even better, include a survival section in case one does not). In the end we had to burn the Laos and Yunnan section of our guide to start a fire for the night.</p> |
| 795 | <p>Mar 11
 Ko Pha-Ngan; The price that is quoted for the Chill House for a dorm is 100B in the Lonely Planet when in fact after i had trekked about 15mins up the hill i was told it was actually 1000 and 1500 with a/c. I know prices are something that change fairly quickly but to go from 100 to 1000 i think it must be quoted wrong.</p> |



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Dec 09, JOHN SMITH,
Phuket Dangers and Annoyances: English men and women on scooters who nab white travellers off the sidewalk, give them two tickets and then pretend that they've won a special prize. To claim the prize you must first waste three hours of your time listening to a sales pitch for a hotel club called PPL Thailand (DAE). They don't tell you the price until the end, and for good reason, as it's in the tens of thousands of dollars. The special prize ends up to be useless unless you plan on returning to Phuket within the next two years (not very likely since you're already there) -- a free week (+ \$50 admin fee) at an affiliated hotel in Phuket.

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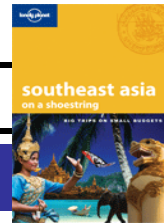
Jun 10
Hanoi: The Especen Hotel was fine, but the book should mention that it is indirectly involved in a common scam. Taxi drivers and mini-buses allow scam artists to direct travelers to a another hotel that has "Especen" on their door. The line is that "the main Especen location is full, but we will bring you to their second location." This other location tries to charge you the same Especen price, but for a lower quality hotel. The owner of this location becomes verbally and physically aggressive once you realize that you have been tricked and try to leave. When recommending the real Especen hotel (which we liked) the guidebook should clearly mention this scam and direct travelers on how to avoid it.

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Nov 10
HCMC: The Underground bar in the Dong Khoi area has closed

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Jan 11, Damon Horrell,
Hi, just a warning to other travellers. I bought a bus ticket to Hanoi at the Dien Bien Phu bus station for 300000 dong and paid with a 500000 dong note. The 200000 dong note that I was given as change was counterfeit. Fortunately for me I tried to use it in Dien Bien Phu before I got on the bus and the cafe refused to accept it. I then confirmed with a bank that it was definitely a fake. I got them to write down the word for fake and went back to the bus station and they eventually agreed to swap it after I said the word for police several times and started attracting lots of attention. I have been to the police station in Hanoi and reported this but I don't know if they will do anything about it, plus other places may do this too. For the rest of my trip I will be exchanging big bills for smaller ones at banks. Presumably they target tourists with this scam and I would think that bus stations would be the ideal place to do it because most people won't discover until they are far away.



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Jan 10

Renting a Motorbike- I think that it's extremely important to alert travelers of the dangers of renting a motorbike. We were the victims of a scam involving motorbikes on Ko Phangan Thailand. To make a long story short we put a few scratches on the bike and they charged us US\$600 to get our passports back. Some of the damage had already been there. After talking to more people at our bungalow, we were told that this happens at LEAST 3 times a week to travelers. The police can do nothing and the embassy can do nothing...trust me we tried. This is only on Haad Salad Beach, one part of the island. I can't even begin to imagine how many other people this happens to. If Lonely Planet would alert travelers by telling them about these kinds of scams, and how much money it could potentially cost them, I think that these situations could be avoided. Not only is there the money issue but leaving Ko Phangan we saw TONS of travelers with scrapes, cuts, broken arms and broken foots. All from motorbikes.

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Oct 10, Morgan Tipper,

Under the Train subsection on this page it says that "Trains also serve Nong Khai, on the Thailand-Cambodia border, and Aranya Prathet, on the Thailand-Laos border." Unfortunately it is the other way around, ie Nong Khai is on the Thailand-Laos border.