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Feb 10, LYNDA MILLER,
Scams: Having travelled to Thailand before; we were well versed on the dangers of the gem buying scams, claims of a closed Grand Palace, and Tuk-Tuk detours. One newer scam we noticed to be extremely prevalent this time was Tuk-Tuk drivers waiting around skytrain station entrance stairways and telling unsuspecting tourists on their way to Chatuchak Markets that the skytrain 'doesn't open until 11:30am' and then offering to drive them their personally for 150 – 200Baht. (Totally untrue and a total rip off considering the skytrain is only 35 Baht pp each way!).

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Feb 10, LYNDA MILLER,
Scams: We also found that we had to be extra vigilant in getting some taxi drivers to use their meter; we very quickly learnt to make sure the meter was on before we'd even consider putting our bums on the seats! We found some taxi drivers would try not to use the meter and quote a relatively exorbitant fare (say 150B for a trip we knew was only worth about 50B!) 'because the traffic is very bad'. Most drivers capitulated when we politely told them it was by the meter or we'd find another taxi and we only had one driver who became hostile; this problem is easily fixed, BKK has HEAPS of taxis so it was no problem to just flag down the next one that came along.

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Sep 09
Camera theft in Bangkok: a few weeks ago my friend and i were in a hurry to get to the train station. I was so happy to be leaving the tacky Khao San area. We got into a taxi, one of the taxi drivers (not our driver) helped me put my backpack into the trunk. I stood there for a moment and then got into the taxi, thinking that i was being paranoid to watch until the trunk was shut. I should have watched because the man made off with my digital slr camera! we returned to the area's police station, filed a report, and my driver claimed to know the license number of the driver who had taken my camera. It was Saturday so they weren't able to check the files (apparently people rent taxis for a certain amount of time). I didn't feel like the police would have done anything, however I did feel that it's possible my driver could have been involved. Please advise people to take special care with people "helping out!"



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Feb 11, Jouni Remes,

In the info box on page 109 (and in other places, too) you warn about the locals trying to lure tourists by saying "you can't go there today, it's closed". I'd like to add that even the Tourist Police seems to do it. Last wk in BKK I was wandering towards the Grand Palace and addressed by a guy in Tourist Police jacket; he used exactly the phrase "Grand Palace is closed in the afternoons, you can't go there!" And he was quite stubborn, followed me for ab. 100 meters before giving up. (And I went to the palace :))

Well, naturally I cannot guarantee the guy really WAS a member of the Tourist Police, but at least his jacket told so. It was the same colour than the "normal" police use, it had the text "Tourist Police" in the front and the phone number for the Tourist Police in the back. Anyway, if I could not tell if he was genuine, how could other farangs?

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Jan 11, Michael Falvella,

I have lived here for three and a half years and travel quite often overseas via Suvarnabhumi airport and almost always have taken the metered taxi without any problems. However, I have noticed a worrying trend. The last 2 times I took the metered taxi at the airport taxi stand, the meter has been rigged to give a higher fare (about 50% more than the normal fare). I know this because I have gone to my same apartment many times and know what the fare should be. When these rigged metered taxis leave the airport, at first the meter increases at a normal rate. Later in the trip, it becomes more erratic and increases in fare very quickly. Tourists may not argue with it because even a rigged fare might be cheaper than taxi fares in the US or Europe and they do not have a sense of what the rate should be. In both of my cases, the taxi driver took my complaint form that was given to me by the taxi stand official at the airport. In the 2nd incident when I complained, the driver knew I was onto his scam. He shut the meter off and asked me how much I normally pay and accepted my fare. I have only noticed this



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Feb 10, Yung Fierens,
 New Scam at China Embassy Bangkok! This might be of interest for those who need or want to apply for a Chinese visa at this embassy! Lately there are guys wandering outside the embassy who pick up tourists (mainly westerners) who are walking towards the embassy. After guiding you to a backyard of the embassy grounds, they tell you they work for the embassy and you can not enter the embassy yourself to apply for a visa. It seems they work in a group, when one fills in your "collect and pay receipt" another one is already gone with your passport. After your passport is out of sight you find out those guys charge you 35% more of the official visa rates! After sensing there was something strange about this whole thing (which embassy handles visa applications in their courtyard???) I called the guy back and demanded for my passport to return. (I threatened by going to the police instantly) . I applied for my visa myself inside the embassy without any problems. I want to warn all those who apply for their visa for this scam since I saw a whole pile of passports (norwegian, Korean, Canadian ...) lying there, so I think th

119

Apr 10, Thomas A. Mayes,
 Perhaps add the Silom branch of the post office, near Soi 3.

125

Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 The City Air Terminal is called Makkasan BTS station. Not to be confused with the Makkasan station on the regular train line.
 The station called Phetburi on the map is in fact called Petchaburi.

131

Nov 09
 Bangkok: Wat Arun: You quote an admission of 20B but now it is 50B

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Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 Royal Barges National Museum. We did not manage to find a single taxi driver who knew where the museum was located. This in spite of the Thai spelling of the name of the museum and the phonetic description of the name. Therefore, please advise your readers to take a longtail boat taxi.

143

Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
 Bar/restaurant Deck is not (anymore) located at the location you are giving. Though there is another facility at that location with excellent view on the What Arun it is not called Deck and we do not now the correct name anymore.

146

Oct 10
 We are on behalf of Siam Ocean World. We got complaint from our customer who misunderstood about the admission price you mentioned in the book that adult is at 350 baht and child is at 250 baht, which are not correct. Our package for tourist is started at 900 baht for adult and 700 baht for child, which included admission fee and 2 activities: glass bottom boat ride and Happy Fish Happy Feet.



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146	<p>Aug 11, Carl Danzig , Bangkok: Siam Ocean World; The book lists the entrance price at 350 baht per adult. They are actually charging a whopping 900 baht per adult! I showed them the Lonely Planet, and they responded that the 350B price is for locals.</p>
171	<p>Nov 09 Bangkok - Sheraton Grande Jazz (Living Room): Always starts at 9:30pm, I was told. When I visited it finished at 10:30pm.</p>
177	<p>Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk, The Kinokuniya bookshop in the Siam Paragon shopping center is located on the third floor, not on the fifth floor.</p>
182	<p>Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk, One-Two-Go is being renamed as Orient Thai Airlines.</p>
196	<p>May 11, Andrea Fisher, Ayuthaya: The map on p196 and the text (eg p201) refers to Soi 2, but the only Soi we could find (staying at Baan Lotus Guest House) was labelled "Soi 5".</p>
196	<p>Oct 11, Owen Davies, When approaching Soi 2 from the north (Th Pamaphrao) it isn't signed as Soi 2, it's a Soi with some other number, I forget which. It's a little confusing and pretty hot if you're carrying a backpack and looking for your guest house!</p>
199	<p>Oct 09, GUUS PETERS, Ayuthaya: When we visited the Wat Phanan Choeng there was no admission so it was free.</p>
201	<p>Nov 09 Two weeks ago one of our guests came to visit Ayutthaya and used the info from Lonely Planet Book to find us (Ayutthaya Boat & Travel). Regarding to our guest mention on his feed back report as the following; "Note that my guidebook (Lonely Planet) indicated that they were located just across the street from the Ayutthaya train station. I could find no evidence of this - perhaps they only set up shop there during high season. Simply calling them proved to be the most effective way of finding their main location about a kilometer or so west and south of the railway." Please be informed that we moved from the old location where was closing to the the Ayutthaya railway station to the new location since June 2009. For the map please visit this link http://www.ayutthaya-boat.com/html/journey.php</p>
203	<p>May 11, Andrea Fisher, Ayuthaya: You say that tour companies run boats along the river to Bangkok; however we were told that that the boats do not run in April - I think they may only run during the main tourist season. We got the train instead.</p>



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Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 The map shows the Chung Kai Allied War Cemetary to be off the map. In fact it is on the map in square B6.

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Feb 10, vallee audree,
 We had a really bad experience in Kanchanaburi with an elephant tourI'm writing to you guys because i can't stop thinking about this poor elephant that was hit with a stick and a hook ...the poor beast was bleeding and screaming ...his ears were all messed up from the the thail that was kicking the elephant to get it to walk foward... we totally ask the guide to stop the ride and we'd walk back . I would like to spread the word to all travellers to not encourage those tours in kanchanaburithey all go to the same place for the elephant tour...I encourage you to go to lampang ..there is an hospital for elephant ..you do see the elephant and touch them and go on their back but they dont hurt them!!...and all the money goes to charity ..handicapped and sick elephants.

216

Jan 11, Annelies Heeman,
 Kanchanaburi: Apple and Noi moved their hotel to the other side of the river, just across the bridge (near Thai Garden Inn). Their name now is : Apple's Retreat (by Apple and Noi). The Guesthouse still exists under the same name but is not run by Apple and Noi anymore.

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Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
 Kanchanaburi: Busses from Ekamai (eastern Bus terminal Bangkok) take 2hrs to the Bus terminal of Kanchanaburi and costs 99B per person, single trip.

219

Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
 The busses from Erawan Waterfall to Kanchanaburi costs 50B per person, single way. It takes about 2 hrs. Within low-season the bus leaves to Kanchanaburi somewhere around noon, and at 2pm and 4pm. So it will not depart every hour!!

220

Nov 09, ANNIKA PEDERSEN,
 Tiger Temple: the information you have in the latest Lonely planet about our opening hrs. is not correct. We're open for tourists 12.30-15.30pm. Thais all day, as its a temple.

220

Sep 09
 The Tiger Temple - I was going to visit on the books recommendation luckily someone showed me the Care For The Wild leaflet! I think this information should be in the next edition.
http://www.cwiftp.co.uk/web_files/TigerTemplereport08_final_v11.pdf



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| 220 | <p>Jan 10
In Thailand there is a popular temple to visit with live tigers. I hope this is not in your books based on the following report that the temple is selling the tigers and participating in the illegal wildlife trade:
http://www.careforthewild.com/projects.asp?detail=true&I_ID=580&mypage=Reports</p> |
| 225 | <p>Mar 10
We went to Three Pagodas Pass in March 2010 in order to get into Burmese town of Payathonzu, but the border was closed and it looked like if it was closed for longer time. The whole Sangkhlaburi area felt dead and abandoned, so we didn't find it was worth the long trip up there.</p> |
| 232 | <p>Sep 09
Ko Si Chang: this past month I was in Thailand and found the Tham Yai Prik Monastery on Ko Si Chang (off the coast of Sri Racha) from the Lonely Planet Guidebook. I called them before hand with the published number, but the man who answered did not speak english. I ended up spending two days at the monastery and got to know the one woman there who did speak english. She asked me if I could contact lonely planet and have them update the phone number listed in the guidebook for the monastery, so that it lists her mobile number first and then the previously published number as a second option. She said that in the past they've had people call the main line and just hang up when they realized they weren't talking to an english speaker. But if they call her mobile, people will be able to get the information they wish because she will be able to speak to them. The mobile number that the monastery would like to have published in front of the old number is: 085-3880059. Her name is Maneewan Weerasilpa (she goes by Pui).</p> |
| 239 | <p>Sep 09
The Elephant Mahout Project: We are featured in your guide book for Thailand in the Pattaya section, under volunteering. Our details have now changed: Project Office address: 88/10 Mubaan Kunsook 1 Bangsaray Sattahip Thailand 20180. http://theelephantmahoutproject.com/. Email: info@theelephantmahoutproject.com. Tel: +66 845 61 8873. UK office tel: 01484 854990</p> |



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| 242 | <p>Mar 10
Getting from Pattaya to Koh Chang for 200B (as stated) is virtually impossible. The only option we found after asking more than 5 travel agents (including those mentioned in the guide book) seems to be the minibus service operated by Ko Chang Travel. The price is at least 600B per person, sometimes even more expensive.</p> <p>It leaves only once a day between 7.30am and 8am, so it's easy to get stuck at Pattaya if you don't get up early enough. As this price is really steep you should state alternative travel directions from Pattaya to the Ko Chang pier. I guess you can go to Chonburi by public bus and change to another public bus which is heading to Trat or straight to the Ko Chang pier.</p> |
| 256 | <p>Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
In low season buses do not leave every hour from Trat and do not depart with the same frequency from Bangkok, this wrong info can costs you half a day waiting for the bus.</p> |
| 256 | <p>Feb 10
Getting from Trat Airport: On our Thailand vacation we were flying into Trat airport (TDX). Your guidebook mentions that "taxis and minibuses meet the flights". In fact the only way to leave the airport is by a absolutely overpriced minibus service: 300 Baht per person to Ao Thammachat Pier 470 Baht per person to Ko Chang (incl ferry). No way to get a "normal" taxi. This is a ripp-off! On our way back to the airport we took a taxi in Trat, the taxi dropped us at the airport and left right away (usually those taxis wait for customers to take them back into town). It looks like a taxi mafia.</p> |
| 262 | <p>Nov 09
Tan Trekking in Ko Chang: Please note that his contact details are not correct in the Thailand guide. His correct details are: Tan Trekking.
tantrekking@hotmail.com. tel: 089-6452019 or 089-8322531.</p> |
| 269 | <p>Aug 09
wanted to tell you that the Monkey Island Guest House doesn't exist anymore. Apparently it was flooded 2 years ago. I just wanted to let you know in case you will reprint the guide in the next years.</p> |
| 270 | <p>Nov 11, Joana Correia and Murat Mirata,
the phone number for Good Feeling, at Ko Wai island, which is in the guidebook is wrong. the correct phone number is: 08 1850 3410</p> |



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281	<p>Aug 10 In Chiang Mai we've encountered the following scam: around the temples, some Thai people came to have a nice chat with us. 'We're you're from? For how long have you been in Thailand?' e.d. Two of them told they were also tourists in Chiang Mai (living in Bangkok or so) visiting the temples and just booked a really nice tour at the nearest small tourist office, giving us directions. That was more or less the end of the conversation. Two days later, however, one of the same guys repeats the exact conversation with us. (Probably didn't recognize us - we did recognize him though.) Anyway, not a really big thing but I really think they are some scouts for one of the many tour organizing offices in Chiang Mai. Just feels kind of silly to think these people are really nice and interested in your story...</p>
300	<p>Dec 09 Just found out today that the restaurant "The Wok" in Chiang-Mai does not exist anymore. (listed under 'Chiang Mai Thai Cookery School')</p>
308	<p>Aug 09 Baan Say-La Guesthouse there is no noise from the nightclub "Fine thanks" because this place was moved to another area.</p>
308	<p>Aug 09 Baan Say-La Guesthouse we have just modified the 2 rooms of the rooms with shared bathroom by built up a small balcony with street view. We also have a communal balcony on the top floor for people to relax and lay down.</p>
311	<p>Nov 09, DAVID ARRIZON, A restaurant in Chiang Mai, Kuautiaw Kai Tun Coke, is sadly no more. The chicken soaked in spices and Coke over night sounded amazing. Too bad I'll never get to try it.</p>
311	<p>Aug 10 Aomngurn; We headed to this place, couldn't find it so asked around. The placed closed some six months ago.</p>
311	<p>Aug 10, Kent Jakobsen, Amazing Sandwich is no longer a place to visit. The shop/restaurant doesn't exist anymore.</p>
311	<p>Jul 10 Chiang Mai: address of Amazing Sandwich has changed: 20/2 Huey Kaew Road Chiang Mai 50300. Tel: 053-404174. Open monday to saturday 9am - 6pm</p>
314	<p>Mar 11, Paul LOMBART, Huan Soontaree : She performs ON EVERY DAY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS</p>
318	<p>Oct 09, CHRISTOF ENGL, Thailand: Chiang Mai, entertainment - Warm-up is closed</p>



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330	Feb 10, RAMIN ASSEMI, Fang & Tha Ton: you talk about a meditation retreat in Wat Tha Ton. However this retreat is closed according to their official website.
330	Feb 10, Ramin Assemi, Fang & Tha Ton: you talk about a meditation retreat in Wat Tha Ton. However, this retreat is closed according to their official website.
331	Aug 11, Lonely Planet staff, Thaton Garden Riverside: change the telephone No. from 053459286 to 053053686
357	Mar 11, Arie van Oosterwijk, Chiang Rai now has a big new bus station out of town. The bus station in the center of town is now called bus station number 1.
370	Jun 10, Ed Wright, In relation to "Hall of Opium" museum, the text on p70 suggests this is 1km south of Sop Ruak. In fact, I am pretty sure it is 1km NORTH of Sop Ruak. We visited it in May 2010 and agree with the other comments in the book. (NB I am not confusing it with House of Opium which is of course a different place).
372	Jul 11, Nidhi Akkaravivat, Rai Saeng Arun; Please update the following information: 1. Address: 2 Moo 3 Baan Pakhub;Suburb: Tambon Rimkhong, Chiangkhong 2. Telephone contact number: 0819004300 3. Opening hours: (07:00 AM) to (17:00 PM) (Front office opens until 19:00PM everyday, but the owner advised guests to arrive before 17:00PM because it area gets very dark after sun set.)
390	Jun 09 Phitsanulok: Wat Phra Si Ratana Mahathat charges B40 entry for foreigners.
393	Feb 10 Phitsanulok: Grand Riverside Hotel - The book says they are building a pool and spa. Actually, this was not built in the hotel but in a new facility a couple of kilometers away from this hotel. They are a sister facility. Also the hotel provided a free shuttle to the bus station (probably would have picked us up as well if we had called them).
396	Jun 09 Phu Hin Rong: There are no longer songtheaws running regular services between Nakorn Thai and Phu Hin Rong Kla National Park. The only way to get there is to arrange for a vehicle charter at the Nakorn Thai bus terminal. The rate is B600 one way or B1200 return. The rates you quote from Golden horse travel in Phitsanulok are still current.



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Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
 Sukhotai: On the map Poo Restaurant is wrongly located: it is next to the "Sorng-
 taa-ou to Sukhotai Historical Park" nr 31. In the text it is correct, but the map gives
 wrong information. The distances on this map cannot be correct, where it says that
 the lineal is 200mtr it should be around 400mtr. Or the location of the bus terminal
 is wrongly located on the map.

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Oct 09, GUUS PETERS,
 Sukhotai The ruins are still devided in 5 zones, but nowadays you only pay for
 three zones, two are free. You still pay 100B per person for zones Central, North
 and West.

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Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 The ruins are now divided in FOUR zones: West, North, Central and the rest.
 Tickets to the western, northern and central zone cost 100 B each and are valid for
 one day only. The other areas can be visited free of charge. There is no
 comprehensive ticket available any more.

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Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 1.The map shows an Archeology Centre in C1. It is now the 6th regional office of
 the fine arts department of Sukhothai.
 2. More significantly, the road running north past 14 now continues north and
 connects with Highway 12.
 3. 21 is just a bit north of 19, not south as indicated on the map.

402

Mar 10, Nelson Chen,
 I tried to look for the Kuaytiaw Thai Sukhothai using the map Lonely Planet
 provided and even searching surrounding areas. Unfortunately, I couldn't find it
 and locals have never heard of it, leading me to believe that the place is no longer
 in business.

405

Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 The map shows number 2, the Si Satchanalai Centre for Study & Preservation of
 Sangkalok Kilns. It is not there any more. It has become a museum and is located
 just south of the Sawankhalok kilns.

406

Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 Ban Hat Siaw: Ancient Textile Museum; The museum is called Gold Textile
 Museum

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Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 Ban Hat Siaw: Kulap: We tried to order gaang bah and boo lon at this
 restaurant.Many people tried to help us, but nobody was aware that these items
 had ever been on the menu.

423

Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 The map: There is a through road from Hua Pon to Sop Wak. Important for
 those that want to do the Mae Hong Son loop that way.There is NO through road
 from Sop Wak to Doi Inthanon. Also important for those that want to do the Mae
 Hong Son loop.



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Jan 11, Elisabeth Nielsen,
 Mae Hong Son: Salween River Restaurant; The restaurant has moved to very near the lake. Less than 5 minutes walk from Piya Guest House. Address: near no 4 (internet cafe) on the map pg 424

432

May 10, Richard Kendrick,
 The photo of a golden Buddha, labelled photo number 2, is incorrect as it is not found in Ayuthaya. This Buddha is found in Chiang Mai, in Wat Phra Singh. Your photo should be labelled number 4

439

Mar 10, Ramin,
www.paipost.com is not working anymore, there is just a side with advertisement links.

458

Jan 10
 Khorat/Nakhon Ratchasima: If you take the route nr 304 from Khorat heading towards Pattaya be very aware of so called traffic controls !!! (mainly between Pak Thong Chai and Kabin Buri)Traffic police stops you every 5 minutes and claims every time that you where speeding too much. Without a speed gun they can see from miles away with their bare eyes, that you were driving 120 kms, where the maximum speed limit is only 90km.They ask you to pay them directly a fee in cash... And the amount varies from 200 THB till 800 THB. (and of course you wouldn't get any receipt)One tip : if you happen to be a white tourist driving a rented car (which has mostly large stickers of the rental company on the front window)... don't give your drivers licence (take for instance a copy) and don't pay them off ! Every time I started arguing (I wasn't speeding at all) and after 15 minutes they had to let me drive further without collecting my money.It's a public secret that policemen have small wages in Thailand, and the just try to gain some extra money by scamming 'rich' tourists !Once you'll be out of Khorat province this

460

Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
 Nakhon Ratchasima Province; The trolley tour is no longer operating

468

Mar 10
 Greenleaf Guesthouse (marked as "our pick") refuses to take reservations if guests don't book a tour into Khao Yai National Park. This should be known by all heading to Greenleaf.
 We stayed at Khao Yai Garden Lodge, the sleeping without tour is possible.

468

Feb 10, RAMIN ASSEMI,
 Khao Yai National Park: You recommend Wildlife Safari - I just tried to contact them with the phone nr. you wrote, but there's only a voicemail. Their website isn't working either. Maybe check with them if they're still doing business.



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470

Feb 10, MARTA KAMINSKA,
 Phanom Rung Historical Park – you can buy a ticket for 150B for Phanom Rung + Prasat Meaung Tam instead of paying 100 for each of them

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Feb 10, Marta Kaminska,
 Phanom Rung Historical Park - you can buy a ticket for 150B for Phanom Rung + Prasat Meaung Tam instead of paying 100 for each of them

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Nov 09
 Surin: The Khmer temples can be visited from Surin on a hired motorbike, but some of the sites are very difficult to find. I made out a small card for each temple with the directions in English for me. The other side had the name of the temple and details of the location ie the village name written in Thai. Then it was easy to show the card to a villager for directions. I had a list of temples on a sheet of paper with the location in English. I paid a Thai girl at an internet cafe 100 Baht to write the details in Thai, which I then stuck to the back of my cards. However an understanding of basic directions in Thai was needed when speaking to villagers.

497

Dec 09
 Khon Kaen: Gai Yang Rabeab is now located on the west side of the street, at 391/5 Thaparak Rd. This is South of former location.

551

Jun 09
 Phra Nakhon Khiri Historical Park now charges B150 admission for foreingers. I don't know whether Ban Peun palace charges a two tier admission rate. I was charged B20 but then I looked like a Thai, speak some Thai, and was charged local admission at some other sights.

585

Jun 10, Ed Wright,
 Ko Samui: Just a minor comment - the property name is "Six Senses Hideaway" rather than "Sila Evason Hideaway". I suspect this changed recently.

590

Jun 10, Ed Wright,
 Ko Samui: Betelnut restaurant is no longer in the location you show in the book. It seems to have moved location twice. It seems to now be part of Buri Rasa resort: 11/2 Moo 2, Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui, Suratthani 84320, Thailand.
<http://www.burirasa.com/food-beverage.html>



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Feb 10

KO TAO: I went as usual to eat to my italian friend's pizzeria & italian restaurant named LA MATTA. Actually this place is already in the lonely planet guide but I want to let you know that LA MATTA restaurant changed address. The new adress of LA MATTA restaurant is - 4/4 Moo 3 Koh Tao Suratthani 84360.

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Feb 10

KO TAO: I went, as usual, to eat to my italian friend pizzeria & italian restaurant named LA MATTA. Actually this place is already in the lonely planet guide, but I want to let you know that LA MATTA restaurant change adress but still the same owner and same good food. The new adress of LA MATTA restaurant is 4/4 moo 3 koh tao suratthani 84360.

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Aug 09

I think it would be a really necessary information to write that Koh Tao in the days after the Full Moon Party fills up with all the people coming from the Full Moon Party in Koh Phangan. So if you arrive two-five days after the Full Moon Party, there is no (and I literally mean no) accomodation left if you haven't reserved any. Even during low season, after the Full Moon, Koh Tao fills up totally because all the crowd goes there from Phangan. It would be really helpful to write that, because people sleep either on the beach or in class rooms during that time and already at 11 a.m. all the resorts have a paper saying "bungalows full" on their reception doors.

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Feb 10

I am in Ko Tao right now and I went to La Matta Italian restaurant that is a suggestion of your guide. I found the restaurant but is not in mae haad as you write in your guide, it is in chalok bankao. So the real adress of La Matta Italian restaurant is 4/4 moo 3 koh tao 84360

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Feb 10, MARTA KAMINSKA,

Surrat Thani – info about trains. You wrote 'buses...line along a white wall with a Pepsi symbol'. As for now there was no Pepsi sign, and the colour of the wall I would describe as dirty beige.



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| 632 | <p>Aug 09
Thailand I would like to alert the travel community that there is a possible ciguatera outbreak in southern Thailand on the Andaman coast around Phuket. Ciguatera is a neurotoxin that is transmitted through fish or fish products and results in awful symptoms including heart trouble, gastrointestinal pain, neurological pain, and more. It is fatal in about 10% of cases; other cases can go away quickly or last for years. It can not be smelled, tasted, etc. and so education about diagnosis and treatment is important. Eight tourists have died in the last 6 months of unidentified but similar causes that are consistent with ciguatera. I have been following the stories, because I was there in January and have been suffering from diagnosed ciguatera ever since with a range of terrible pains and symptoms. The autopsy of woman from Seattle who died on Phi Phi showed that the only unusual aspect of her system was low levels of an enzyme (acetylcholinesterase) that can be caused by ciguatera and few other causes. Unfortunately there is no test for ciguatera- it is diagnosed through symptoms and</p> |
| 632 | <p>Jul 09, SEAN OFFORD,
On the highlights page for the Andaman Coast chapter it says "Spotting colourful toucans...at Khao Sok National Park." There are no toucans in Thailand as they are a neotropical bird family. You need to change it to "hornbills" which are the Asian equivalent family - though they are not particularly colourful!</p> |
| 639 | <p>Feb 10, MARTA KAMINSKA,
Khao Sok National Park – admission is 200B and not 400 B (a nice surprise!)</p> |
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| 640 | <p>Feb 10, MARTA KAMINSKA,
Khao Sok: Art's Riverview Jungle Lodge- the cheapest bungalows are for 600B. There are no longer 350B options</p> |
| 648 | <p>Apr 11, Arie van Oosterwijk,
To reach the Sa Nang Manora Forest Park, you should turn RIGHT 3.2 km past the Shell station, not left.
This mistake will not have caused great confusion, as the turn is signposted with 10 (TEN!) separate signboards.</p> |



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| 652 | <p>Jun 09</p> <p>I have been in Phuket for 1 week and in the first three days I was there there were four drownings (three on Karon beach and one somewhere else). I am quite annoyed about the lack of warnings telling people where to swim and where to not. I have read a number of reports about the drownings and the authorities always seem to point out that there were adequate warnings (red flags) to tell people that it was unsafe to swim. It is true that there red flags but how are tourists supposed to know that this means don't swim there? I don't think this is at all intuitive as red flags could mean absolutely anything (in New Zealand we are instructed to swim between the flags because this is a patrolled area). The red flags become increasingly meaningless when there are red flags on obviously safe beaches. Furthermore, on Kata beach the flags are continuously red and at the same time locals are hiring out surf boards etc and telling people it is safe to swim. On Karon beach (where most of the drownings happen) there are a few signs that say no swimming but these are only visible from the street and in some quite obscure loca</p> |
| 656 | <p>Sep 09, SANDRO ANTONIOL,</p> <p>I would like to report a few errors I noticed in the map of Phuket town. Just a little bit misplaced I found to be the position of the Crystal Inn hotel. On the map it looks like the entry is on Th Phuket but in reality the entry is on Th Tilok Uthit. Completely wrong is the location of the TAT office. It's actually at Th Thalang as I indicated it by a green arrow on the following map:
http://maps.google.ch/maps?q=7.884857 98.391993 I also had a pretty hard time to find the Uptown restaurant. Again it is located in a total different area than indicated on your map. I actually just found it by pure coincidence while walking back to the hotel. The actual position of the restaurant is again shown by the green arrow on the following map:http://maps.google.ch/maps?q=7.879543 98.395796</p> |
| 661 | <p>Nov 09</p> <p>Thailand - Phuket update for Kok Chang Safari Elephant Trek: We would like to correct the address and change the telephone number. The new phone number is 084 84 19794, the correct address is 287 Moo2 Kata Sai Yuan Road.</p> |
| 665 | <p>Dec 09, KIM VAN OUDHEUSDEN,</p> <p>Nai Yang Beach Resort in Phuket: We stayed in the resort last week because we were looking forward to the nightly bbq they would have according the info in Lonely Planet. Unfortunately there was no nightly bbq. But we were very happy with the 3 swimming pools and wifi, which we didn't expect because that was not in the Lonely Planet.</p> |
| 667 | <p>Mar 10, Guus van der Hoorn,</p> <p>Capricorn Village: Guests are not allowed to swim in K'Hotel for over one year.</p> |



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Jul 09, SARAH-JAYNE NOLAN,
 I'm staying at the Crystal Inn which you stated costs 1400 a night (i think that is how much you said i might be wrong dont have the book to hand) but the rate is 700 a night.

674

Mar 10, Guus van der Hoorn,
 Our pick: Fried Chicken doesn't exist already for over one year

683

Nov 10, Peter Voelger,
 The pier for boats to Ko Phi-Phi is actually south of town, not north. If you booked the ferry in advance a song-taa-ou will pick you up at you hotel and bring you to the pier.

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Oct 09
 Greetings from "Railay Bay Resort and Spa & Railay Princess Resort and Spa" Krabi Thailand. We are official website by www.krabi-railaybay.com. The purpose of this e-mail to inform you that the number of our guests who find our property by your guide book especially during low season (May - October). Sadly some of your information are dated such as telephone number which we change to 075-819 401-3, website (very important issue) you have www.railaybayresort.com. it is not us. We are www.krabi-railaybay.com. Meanwhile prices start from THB 3500-19 000.-

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Feb 11, Ashley Crowther,
 Railay; The Forest Resort phone number listing you have on page 692 is wrong. I tried calling twice, both times I had a lady saying that it is not Forest Resort.

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Aug 09
 First of all about the boat going from Krabi to Rayleh. Maybe it would be helpful to write that on days where the weather is not that good the boat ride can be quite an adventure and you (and you backpack) are going to get soaked. Plus if you arrive in the afternoon, when the tide is low you'll have to walk the last 200 meters because the boat can't go further. I think that would be helpful information to know because if you can prepare mentally to that it doesn't seem that bad anymore.

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Feb 11, Ashley Crowther,
 The e-mail for Viking Resort no longer works. I attempted to e-mail them with the address in the guide book and got a e-mail from gmail saying that the e-mail address is not valid.

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Feb 11, Ashley Crowther,
 The e-mail address for Rock Backpacker is wrong. I attempted to e-mail them for a reservation but recived a e-mail back from my provider saying it is not a valid e-mail.



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I am the owner of the Karma Bar on Koh Lipe (formerly PhiPhi) We have officially closed our location at Mountain Resort KohLipe and now operate from DragonHeart, our 22meter Pinisi sailboat.

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Nov 10, Peter Voelger,

Hat Yai, getting there & away by bus: It should be mentioned that minibuses to Krabi (called minivans) leave from a terminal a couple of km west of the centre. If you book your ticket through your hotel, then a transfer to the terminal by song-tee is included in the ticket price.

729

Jan 11, nic boulton,

The entrance fee to Songkhla national museum is now 150Baht (for foreigners) rather than 40B

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Jun 09

Songkhla national museum now charges foreigners B150 entry.

736

Nov 10, Peter Voelger,

There are no trains between Thailand and Malaysia on this side of the peninsula. The tracks still exist but haven't been used for quite some time.

However, there are really plenty of trains heading north from Sungai Kolok, most of them local. All of them have seven cars. Given the popularity of the trains this means that trains sometimes are really crowded. But it has the advantage that if the locomotive of your train breaks down, the one of the following train will be strong enough to pull both trains until Hat Yai.

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Sep 09, NEIL DAVIES,

After spending sometime on Koh Chang with my Thai girlfriend girlfriend's mother and girlfriend's sister's nephew, we travelled by car from Koh Chang back to girlfriends province of Si Saket. We decided to stop off on the way at the Thai/border town of Aranya Prathet to see the market. After parking the car we were approached by elderly Khmer lady offering us cigarettes. We decided to buy 5 cartons for her father and friends. The lady came back with ten cartons so for a further BT1000 we decided to purchase the whole ten cartons. Neither of us smoke. As soon as we left the market by car we were pulled over by Thai Excise Dept. (Starsky and Hutch style) and all taken to the nearest Excise office in the town (girlfriends mother and six year old nephew included) where we were told we had had to pay BT46 750 (nearly £900) as the cigarettes were fakes or go to jail (my girlfriend said up to 20 years) or get deported! Not thinking of any alternative I managed to pay the money in cash (no credit cards accepted) which was obviously quite difficult as usually I can only take out BT10 000 a day but I phoned my bank b



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Jan 10

We got gassed on the bus when travelling from the islands back to Bangkok So that is not a thing of the past, and they were very good because no one noticed. They took about 80% of my Thai Baht and all of my friends' English Pounds. But nothing else was moved or touched. We were only able to find one other person that was on that same bus and they had taken all of her phone sim cards.

745

Jan 10, BIANCA SON,

The jewelry scam is alive and well and now incorporates westerners. I dropped my friends off at the Grand Palace. Later they reported meeting a nice Thai University student who explained that the Grand Palace was closed for the morning but he could recommend other sights. He recommended three temples and then told them he'd help them get a tuk tuk. The driver told them it'd cost just 50 baht and he'd wait for them outside each temple. In the last temple they ran into an American guy who befriended them and said he was on his way to a jewelry warehouse sale that opens to outsiders just once a year. Surely this guy was planted. At the jewelry shop they were befriended by an American-Singaporean who was buying a bunch of jewelry he planned on selling in Singapore for a profit. Thank god my friends only bought two pieces but were shocked when we explained that they'd been scammed. It was really well constructed.

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Aug 11, Colin Barrow,

Immigration Office at Soi Sua Phlu, Thanon Sathon Tai has moved to a new complex a long way from central Bangkok, not easily accessible by public transport. Taxi ride cost approx 300Baht.

764

Jan 10, MELISSA LEO,

I would like to give a word of warning or advice on traveling to and from the beaches in Thailand (specifically to Ko Chang). For those interested in having a pleasant travel experience - do NOT use the tour buses! They don't advertise themselves as such, but most companies selling tickets on the island and leaving directly from the Ko Chang pier are indeed tour buses. Regular buses would leave only from Trat or Laem Ngop - these will be the usual, pleasant bus experience in Thailand. The tour buses will provide you with the following pleasantries: -stating a different departure time to all customers and only leaving once the bus is completely full (this can easily be 2 hours later than many people were told when purchasing their tickets) - having no air conditioning or fans despite being advertised as a "VIP" bus - having incredibly small narrowly spaced seats (despite being advertised as "VIP")-stopping 1/2 hour away from the destination at the MOST expensive restaurant/shop in all of Thailand (absurd prices for below average food or a can of soda). Whatever travelers need to do - they should plan a



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Nov 10, Peter Voelger,

The information that 3rd class sometimes has hard wooden seats might be correct around Bangkok. But at least on the Southern line the 'sometimes' morphes into an 'often'. South of Hat Yai to Sungai Kolok 'usually' would be the correct description

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Dec 09

you might consider putting some kind of warning about bedbugs in your guide, as this is the second time we've come across them in south-east Asia, where they are rife. The first time, although we didn't realise it right away, we were unlucky enough to bring them home with us (they are very effective hitchhikers) and they infested our apartment, causing weeks of distress and great expense to get rid of them. This time we actually had a pre-emptive treatment done to avoid this, but my husband has still been bitten a couple of times, suggesting they did come back with us despite us taking great care while repacking to come home. I can't stress enough how horrendous a bedbug infestation is and it really is a risk for travellers, especially those staying in budget or mid-range accommodation – so might be worth some kind of mention in future guides.