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Rayong

Savour flavourful fruits, Check out the booming local industries, Umami fish sauce, Hop across to captivating Ko Samet, and Seek out the origins of great poet Sunthon Phu.

From the laterite ruins in Ban Khai District, archaeologists believe that Rayong's history dates back to the 15th century. The Khmer empire had ruled the area since 957 AD and Rayong was mentioned historically during the reign of King Ekkathat. On January 1766, Phraya Vajirapakan or Phraya Tak, alongside 500 of his soldiers, drove the Burmese army out of Ayutthaya. They headed east and took control of Rayong. The soldiers honored Phraya Tak and acclaimed him as "Phra Chao Taksin" at Wat Lum Mahachai Chumphon, before marching on to Chanthaburi.

Rayong province is renowned for its sizable stretch of coastline, which covers a distance of about 100 kilometres and is home to many coastal development projects. The majority of the area, which covers a total of 3,552 square kilometres, is taken up by plains, alternating with uplands and hills. The province is an abundant source of marine life, and 49 active local fishery groups are situated in the province. Tourists can visit Rayong's preserved historic old town and taste the fresh, flavourful fruits which have made the province one of Thailand's crucial agricultural tourist destinations on the East coast.

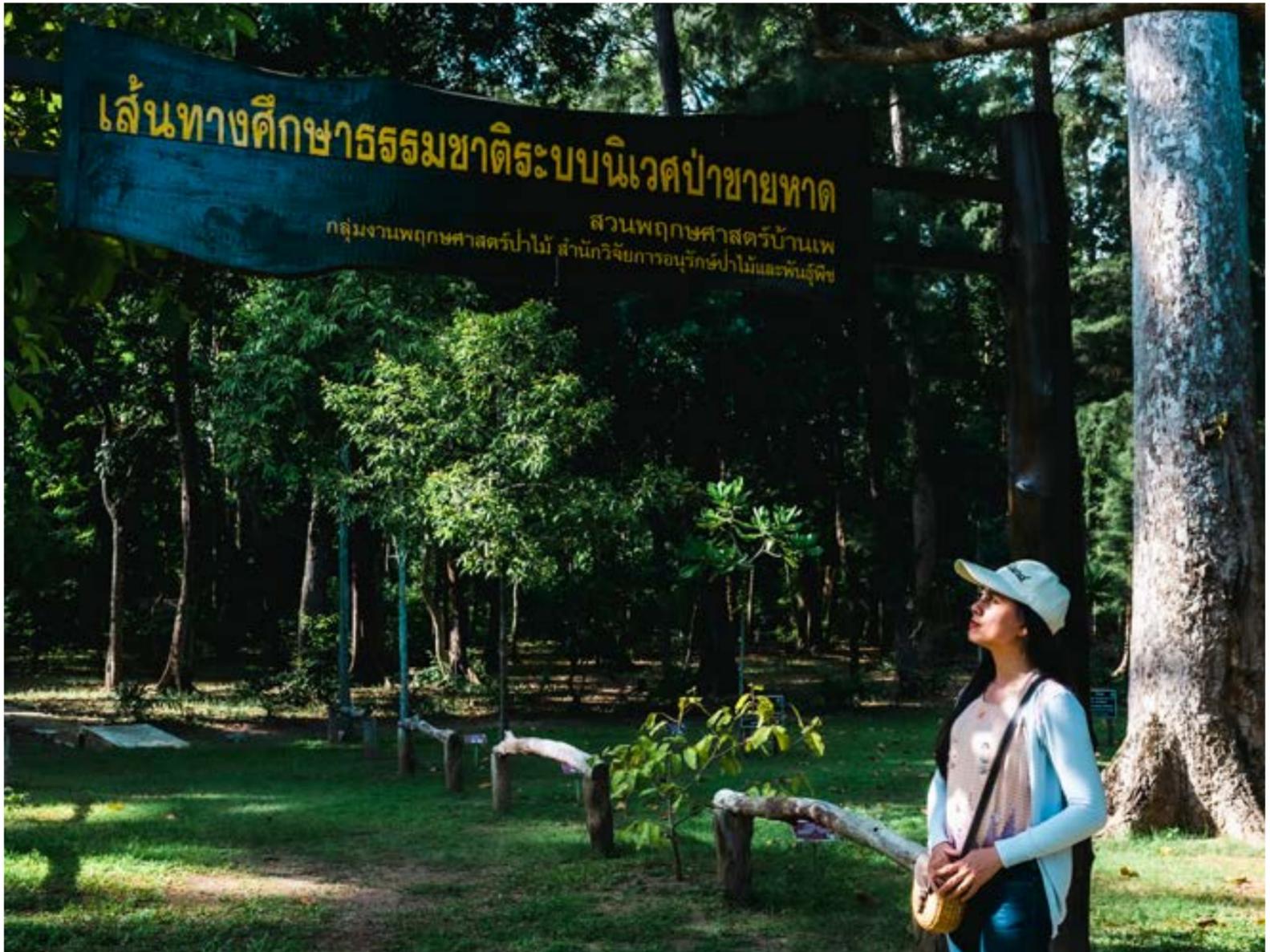
Rayong Map





Ban Phe Botanical Garden

Mueang Rayong, Rayong



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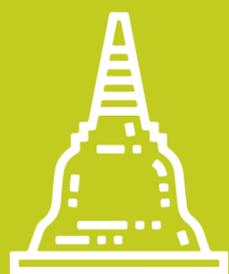
Ban Phe Botanical Garden, known initially as “Phe Arboretum,” is situated on Sukhumvit Road. It covers a total area of 1 square kilometre. It’s a centre for cultivating plants from all over Thailand and is open to those interested in agrotourism and related knowledge. The botanical garden exhibits various plants, such as Yang Na (Gurjan), Takhian Thong (Hopea Odorata), Krathing (Borneo Mahogany), Samet (Paper Bark Tree), Phayom (White Meranti), Hiang (Dipterocarpus Obtusifolius), Makha Tae (Sindora Siamensis), Thao Yai Mom (Polynesian Arrowroot) and Dongdueng (Climbing Lily), etc.



In addition, there are accommodations and camping ground services available.

Open daily 08.30-16.30 hrs.

For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3865 3022



Phra Chedi Klang Nam Learning Centre

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Located in Pak Num Subdistrict, it is a learning resource and community's recreational spot built in honor of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej the Great's 7th cycle birthday. It has been officially opened as a learning center for mangrove ecosystems since 2012. Exciting activities include sightseeing around the 'Samut Chedi' pagoda in the middle of the Rayong River. There is a pavilion for visitors to sit and enjoy the view around the mouth of the water. Visitors can also take a nature walk along the mangrove forest path of the Phra Chedi Klang Nam Mangrove Forest Learning Centre, which is about 400 metres long. The site is surrounded by various trees such as mangroves, Prongs (*Ceriops decandra*), Samae (Coppice), etc. The highlight is the 22-metre-high viewing tower, the tallest observatory in Rayong, overlooking Laem Charoen Beach.



Open daily 08.30-16.30 hrs.

Entrance fee: Free

For those who want to join a lecture, arrange a seminar, or any other related activity, at least 7 days' notification in advance is required.

For further details contact, the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources Office 1 Tel. (66) 3802 0070



Suan Yaida - Jae Bunchuen

Mueang Rayong, Rayong



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An agritourism farm, selected for the 11th Thai Tourism Industry Award with an outstanding award in the tourist attraction category. You can visit the integrated fruit orchard and taste the sweet, pungent, tasty Sumalee Salak available all year round. Other fruits such as durian, rambutan, and mangosteen are seasonal. Fruit lovers can experience an all-you-can-eat fruit buffet with unlimited options of fruit on their plates.



For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3866 4369, (66)8 9099 1297, (66)9 4581 5892



Khao Laem Ya-Muko Samet National Park

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In Ban Phe Subdistrict, it was declared Thailand's 3rd National Marine Park. The Park covers the areas on land and in the sea; such as Hat Mae Ramphueng, Khao Laem Ya, Muko Samet (Samet Islands), which includes Ko Samet, Ko Chan, Ko Kudi, Ko Kham, Ko Kruai, Ko Plai Tin, Ko Thalu and Ko Thai Khangkhao. The remarkable place is Ko Samet, Ko Kaeo Phitsadan.

The Park has three nature trails; Ko Samet, Ko Kudi, and Khao Laem Ya. On each path, you will discover various species of trees, namely, Wild Lime, Khai Tao, Khan Thong Phayabat, Samet Daeng, and wild animals, including masked palm civet, Javan mongoose, long-tailed macaque, variable squirrel, barn swallow, owl, etc.



Accommodation: On Khao Laem Ya, a cabin costs 800 baht for 2 persons. There are camping grounds available on Luk Yon Bay, Sai Kaeo Beach, and Wong Duean Bay, costing 30 baht/person/night.

Entrance fee: Adults 200 baht, Children 100 baht

For further details contact, the Khao Laem Ya-Muko Samet National Park Tel. (66) 3865 3034, or the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Tel. (66) 2562 0760, (66) 2561 0777, (66) 2579 6666, or visit www.dnp.go.th.



Ko Samet

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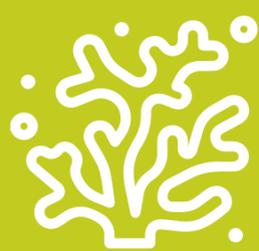


Ko Samet

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The island is approximately 6.5 kilometres off the shore of Ban Phe. Most of its beaches are located on east of the island, running from north to south. The beaches on the east include Sai Kaeo Beach, Phai Bay, Phutsa Bay, Thapthim Bay, Nuan Bay, Cho Bay, Wong Duean Bay, Thian Bay, Wai Bay, Kio Na Nok Bay, and Pakarang Bay. Phrao Bay is the only beach on the west side, and Ko Chan, Ko San Chalam, and Ko Hin Khao are located offshore of the island's southern tip and provide habitats and spawning grounds for seagulls. Wong Duean Beach has a crescent moon curve, suitable for water activities, including boating around the island, snorkeling, jet-skiing, banana boat riding, windsurfing, and parachuting.



Ko Kruai, Ko Kham, and Ko Pla Tin

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Approximately 600 metres north of Ko Kudi. They are scenic islands with both shallow and deep-sea corals. Ko Kham is shady with trees and a stretch of brown coloured beaches, whereas visitors can go fishing at Ko Pla Tin.



Ko Thalu

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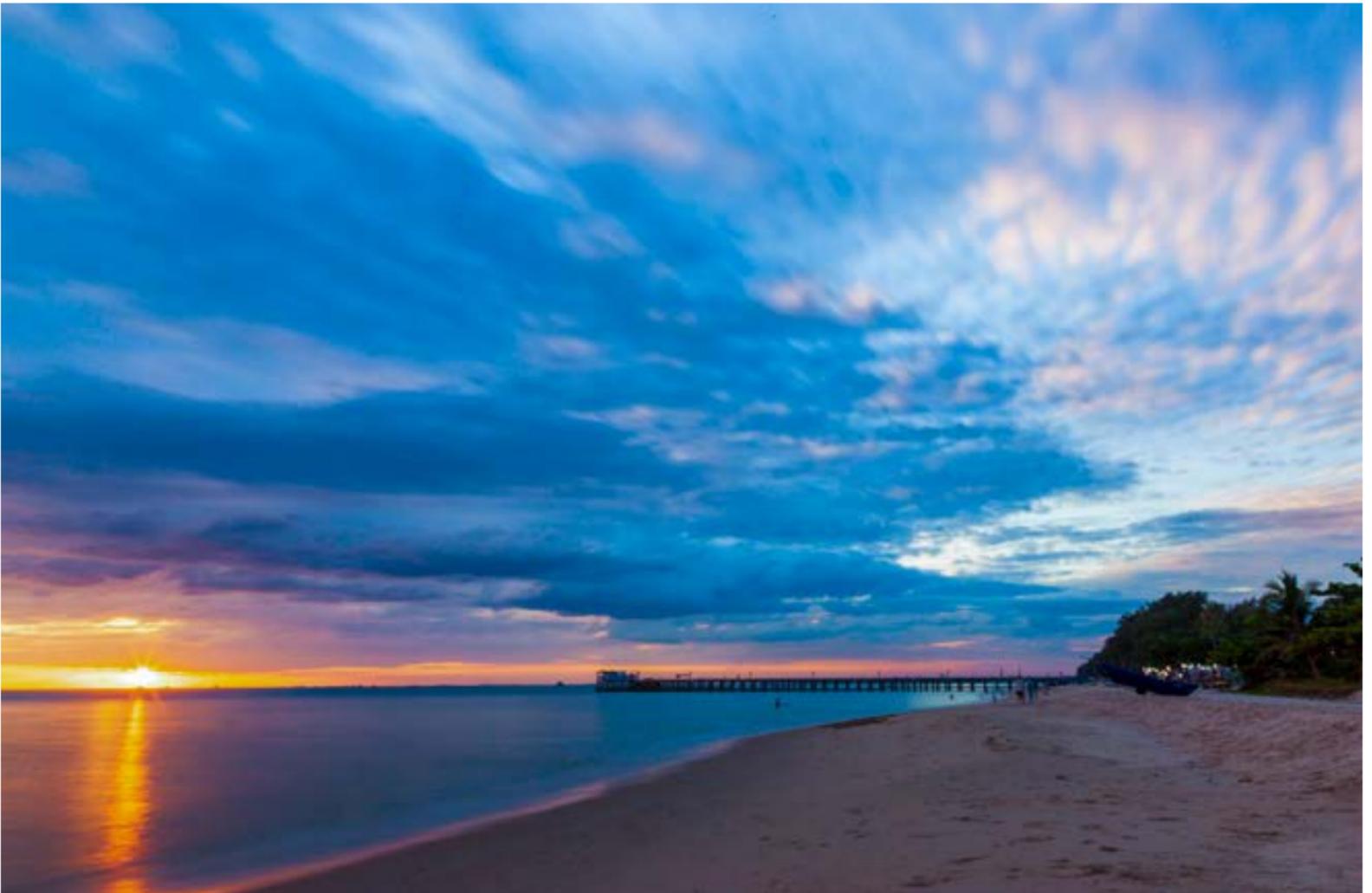


Located 6 kilometres from Ko Kudi and 12 kilometres from Ko Samet. Most of the island's area consists of dense forests with cliffs in the west, while in the east and south lie white sandy beaches, crystal clear sea water, and rich corals that are ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving. The sea in front of the island is calm, and there is a rocky cape with a natural hole where seawater runs through, and it's this feature which gave the island its name.



Mae Ramphueng Beach

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A famous beach in Rayong with scenic views and shady pine trees along the beach line. The soft fine sand with a slight beach slope stretches for 12 kilometres. The beach is lively throughout the year as it is a popular place to unwind with restaurants and shops available in the area.



For further details contact, Khao Laem Ya-Muko Samet National Park, Tel. (66) 3865 3034



Rayong Old Town on Yomchinda Road

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An old community in Rayong City, which is the location of former important persons' houses. The Old Town has currently been restored to its past beauty. Strolling around town, tourists will discover old-style shops, traditional Thai desserts, noodles, coffee, and papaya salad stalls that have been around for up to 5 decades. Moreover, antique shops, photo frame shops, hand-sewn mattress shops, and traditional massage services, are found on every corner. In December each year, there is a Bhum Buri Si Rayong event to revive the old city and way of life, with numerous traditions, plays and local food on display.



Nangyai Museum or Shadow Play Museum

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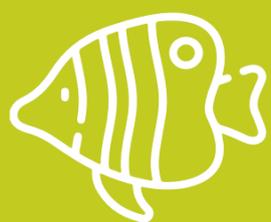


Located at Wat Ban Don in Mu 4, Choeng Noen Subdistrict, it is a museum exhibiting a hundred Nang Yai shadow play characters, including ones actively used in the play today. Aged over 200 years, these Nang Yai were brought from Phatthalung in 1988. Visitors must contact the office a few days in advance for Nang Yai performance tickets. There's also a Thai massage service organized by the Thai Massage Conservation Group available within the monastery.



Open daily 09.00-17.00 hrs.

For further details contact, Tel. (66)8 1295 6069, (66)8 7745 9925



Rayong Aquarium

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Located in the Eastern Marine Fisheries Research and Development Centre, Ban Phe Subdistrict. It features various beautiful fish and sea plants. The aquariums include tunnel ponds, cylindrical ponds, outdoor ponds, and turtle ponds, in which visitors can witness rare underwater species and over 100 kinds of shellfish and mollusks. There is also an exhibition room showing types of fishing boats and fishing tools.



Open Wednesday-Friday 10.00-16.00 hrs.

Saturday-Sunday, and public holidays 10.00-17.00 hrs.

Entrance fee: Adults 30 baht, Children 10 baht

For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3865 3741



Strawberry Town

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Located in the Brookside Valley Resort, Samnak Thong Subdistrict. It is designed as a mini-town painted with beautiful colours mimicking the landscape of the Netherlands. Visitors will leave with unforgettable memories of the attractive flower gardens and the iconic gigantic strawberry or Prince of Strawberry by the pool. In addition, there are fun activities including outdoor adventures, a sheep farm, steakhouse, coffee café, souvenir shop, etc.



Open daily 08.00-18.00 hrs.

Entrance fee: 30 baht

For further details contact, Tel. (66) 2693 0233, (66)8 1842 2847



Pak Nam Prasae Community

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A tourism-based community in Pak Nam Prasae Subdistrict, dating back to the Ayutthaya period. The surrounding area is fertile and abundant in natural resources, and the community maintains cultural diversity as the villagers in the community gather together to conserve the traditional ways of life. You can feel like part of history by visiting an old market walking street lined with century-old shophouse buildings. Nature lovers can trek the Thung Prong Thong nature trail, cruise on board a fishing boat to the Prasae Estuary to observe fireflies, and stay overnight at an authentic homestay. Other interesting activities include making Pluchea leaf tea, visiting the HTMS Prasae Memorial, and paying respects at the Prince of Chumphon Shrine.



For further details contact, Pak Nam Prasae Subdistrict Municipality Tel. (66) 3866 1720



Ban Thale Noi Rayong Hi Tourism-based Community

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Located in Thang Kwian Subdistrict. It is the model community for agro-tourism groups and the only cultivation site of burweed in Thailand. You can trace the community folk culture, such as paying respect to King Taksin the Great's seat, a Buddha image with a woven rattan structure, and an old wooden ordination hall from the reign of King Rama IV at Wat Ratchabanlang. An overnight homestay is the answer if you are seeking to experience the Thale Noi community's way of life. Here you can get closer to the villagers, observing them making salted fish according to their traditions and trying your hand at planting and harvesting burweed. Two-day notification is required for those who want to cruise along Thale Noi and observe Brahminy kites flying overhead.



For further details contact, Tel. (66)8 1864 9086, (66)6 2624 6561



Community Enterprise of Ban Wang Wa Agricultural and Cultural Tourism Group

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A gathering of people in the community, located in Wang Wa Subdistrict, aims to conserve the traditional way of life of its community. The local must-tries include Karang, an old-style food made from krabok, and sapling mats, which are forest trees that grow in the community. You can raft through the mangrove forest in Khlong Krap, the village's ancient canal, look at a hundred-year-old Krabok tree, or observe a Thai-style antiphon called "Lamtat." And if you want to stay overnight, homestay accommodation is available - for those interested, at least 7 days booking in advance is required.



For further details contact, the President of Community Enterprise of Ban Wang Wa Agricultural and Cultural Tourism Group
Tel. (66)8 9931 5800





**Laem Mae Phim
or Mae Phim Beach**
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Laem Mae Phim or Mae Phim Beach

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One of the most popular beaches for tourists to unwind on all year round. Apart from facilities along the beach, it is renowned for its natural beauty with a 4-kilometre long golden stretch of sand, suitable for swimming.



Ko Man Nai

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The largest island in the Muko Man (Man Islands), covering an area of approximately 209,600 square metres, located closest to the coast. The island's collection of attractive bays includes Ton Makham Bay, Hin Khot Ya Bay, Kong Kang (Mangrove Bay) with sandy beach, and Na Ban Bay, and they are unique for their coral reefs.

Ko Man Nai is the location of the Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Centre in the Eastern Gulf of Thailand, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, under the royal initiatives of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother. Her Majesty was so concerned about sea turtles facing extinction, and their natural breeding grounds were becoming increasingly rare, so in 1979 she donated Ko Man Nai, her personal property, to the Royal Thai Navy to establish the "Her Majesty's Sea Turtle Conservation Programme" as a centre for conserving and breeding sea turtles. The Queen also gave green turtles and hawksbill turtles for breeding and reproduction.



In 2002, the Programme was renamed the “Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Centre the Eastern Gulf of Thailand” and supervised by the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The Conservation Centre is located in the northern part of the island.

The centre features a Sea Turtle Museum Building where there is an exhibition on the life, habitat, and way of living of sea turtles, as well as specimens of stuffed sea turtles, such as giant leatherback turtles found in the nearby areas and around the island. There is an incubator, parent breeders’ tanks, a medical centre for various kinds of sea turtles like Olive Ridley turtle, Hawksbill turtle, and green turtle, and sterile tanks for a turtle nursery. Tourists can swim, stroll, and skin-dive to watch corals around the island on a one-day trip basis, as no one is allowed to stay overnight on the island.



For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3866 1693



Ko Man Klang

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A medium-sized island situated not too far from Ko Man Nai and it takes just 10 minutes to traverse between the two islands. Ko Man Klang features clean sandy beaches with coarse orange and fine white sand as on Ko Samet. Visitors will enjoy the island's privacy, and proximity to nature through activities like swimming, snorkelling, or simply strolling around the island. A famed scenic spot on Ko Man Klang is a sand bar that connects the island with a group of rocks in the sea, which will be visible at low tide, similar to Thale Waek (Separated Sea).



Accommodation is available through a package tour from the mainland.



Ko Man Nok

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Ko Man Nok

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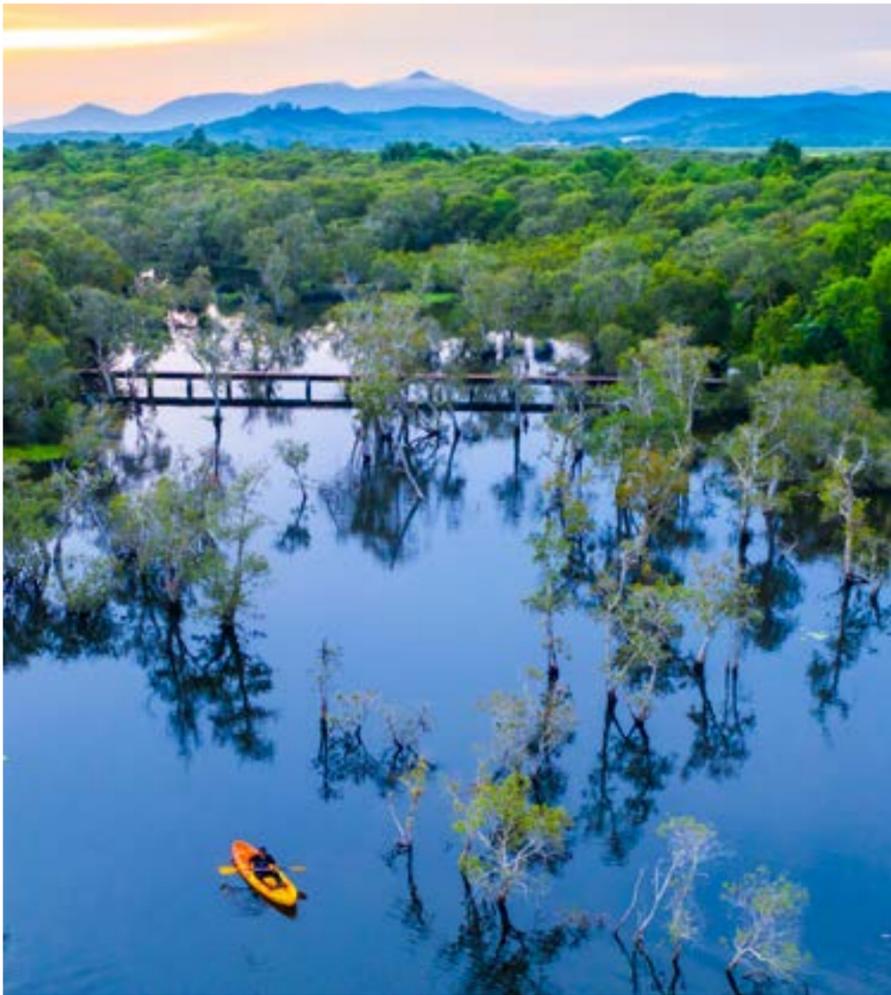


A small island of approximately 152,000 square metres, about 11 kilometres from Laem Tan Pier or some 45 minutes by boat. The roundish island is still untouched, with a forested area in the centre, fine white sandy beaches along the eastern shore, and shallow coral reefs near the beaches. Visitors can go snorkelling right beside the beach or rent a boat to snorkel around the island. Accommodation is available on this island.



Rayong Botanical Garden

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Rayong Botanical Garden

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Located in Chang Phong Subdistrict, it covers more than 4.8 square kilometres. Most of the garden's area is made up of wetlands. It acts a centre that collects vegetation which cannot be grown in other regions and conducts plant genetic research and conservation of more than 400 endangered plant species. Interesting ecotourism activities within the garden include biking, studying nature, kayaking, and cruising on a flat-bottomed boat into the Samnak Yai swamp or Nong Charung to see local migratory birds such as cormorants. Wide-mouthed egrets, teals, etc., and exotic plants such as Phae Ya Nang Ma (marsh grass) and various lotus species. A highlighted spot is a thousand-year-old Samet Forest Park with the red and white Samet trees casting a spellbinding reflection in the water.



Open daily 08.30-16.30 hrs.

For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3863 8880



Thung Prong Thong

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Located in Pak Nam Prasae Subdistrict. It is the largest mangrove forest in Rayong province, a natural nursery for aquatic creatures covering an area of over 9.6 square kilometres. Visitors can enjoy exploring the nature along a 1-kilometre wooden boardwalk that runs through the abundant mangrove forest. The Prong plants (*Ceriops decandra*), the predominant plant species here, have unique characteristics with pale yellowish-green leaf tips, making them look stunning in the sunlight. You can visit Thung Prong Thong all year round.



Open daily 06.00-18.00 hrs.



HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Herb Garden

Nikhom Phatthana, Rayong



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Nikhom Phatthana, Rayong



HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Herb Garden serves as a learning centre and recreational venue for the general public, and was created by PTT Public Company Limited to commemorate the Princess' 50th Birthday Anniversary. Covering an area of 96,000 square metres, the Garden is divided into two zones; the Exhibition Zone in Chalem Phra Kiat Building and the Herb Garden Zone. The Garden has gathered more than 260 species of herbs, divided into 20 groups, based on their medicinal properties, such as skin disease treatment, blood tonic, antipyretic, antiserum, vitality medicines, etc.



Visits should notify the PR department of the Herb Garden Project at least 7 days in advance.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 09.00-16.30 hrs.

For further details contact, Tel. (66)8 4930 6060



Suphattraland

Ban Khai, Rayong



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Situated at 70 Mu 10 on Highway 3143 in Nong Lalok Subdistrict, covers an area of 277 acres and is about 30 kilometres from the city. It is open to the public, using trams as touring vehicles all year round. Visitors can taste tangy som tam, organic salad variety, and seasonal fruits such as durian, rambutan, mangosteen, long gong, salak, star fruit, rose apple, dragon fruit, grapefruit, jackfruit, mango, etc. in a buffet style. In addition, there are hydroponics vegetable plots, beekeeping, and honey tasting event at the site.



For further details contact, Tel. (66) 3889 2048, (66)8 1588 1519



Wang Chan Forest Learning Centre

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Established by the PTT Reforestation, and Ecosystem Institute in Pa Yup Nai Subdistrict, Wang Chan District, Rayong Province. The “Wang Chan Forest Learning Centre” is a place where knowledge and innovation are researched using various forest restoration methods and the centre has continued to carry out its mission for more than 20 years. The concept of this project is to dedicate part of the land to developing higher education institutions and schools of science and technology, namely Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology (VISTEC) and Kamnoetvidya Science Academy (KVIS), given their names by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Additionally, other areas near PTT, connected to Khun In Mountain, are utilized as green areas, harmoniously showing a combination of land development and green spaces.



Open Tuesday-Sunday 09.00-17.00 hrs.

For further details contact, Tel. (66)9 8283 1857
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