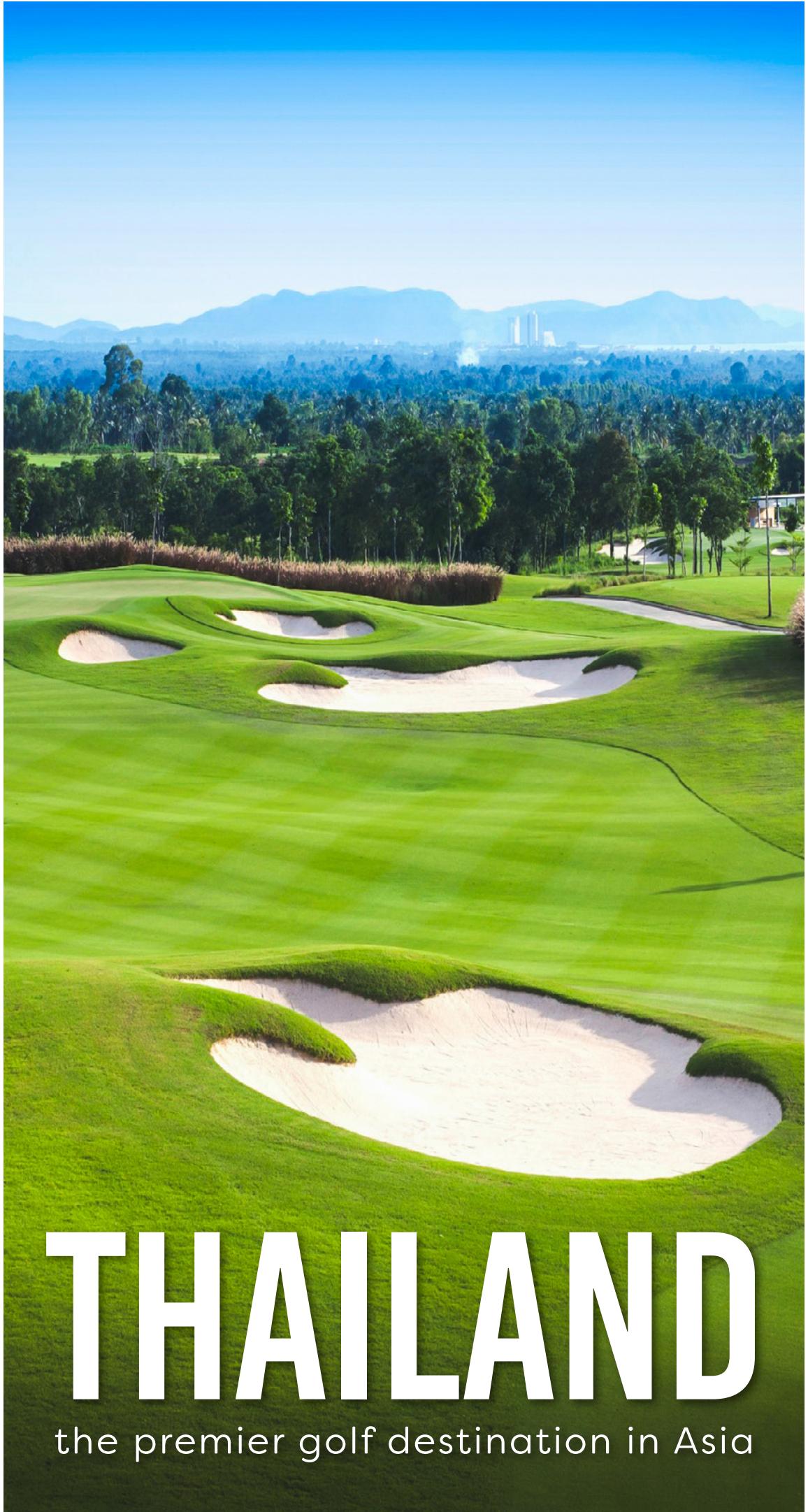


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Black Mountain Golf Club

Thailand is blending as one of the world's fastest-growing golf holiday destinations, successfully merging a stunning sub-tropical holiday experience with fantastic golf options. It is widely considered a premier golfing destination in Asia, offering something for every traveler, from avid golfers to non-golfing companions.

Choosing Thailand for a golf holiday provides a unique blend of exceptional value, favorable climate, and renowned hospitality. Boasting a perfect, all-year-round climate for golf due to high temperatures that rarely drop below 30 degrees Celsius, Thailand is the perfect destination for a winter golf escape.

Best Time to Visit Thailand

The period between November and April offers the least rainfall and humidity, resulting in clear, sunny days, light breezes, and great golfing conditions. This is the cool season, which runs from November to February/March.

Traveling during the “Green Season” (May to October) means more humidity and potential rainfall, but the courses are relatively quiet, making it easier to secure



Siam Country Club



desired tee times and often offering discounted green fees. Shoulder seasons like October, March, and November/April offer great value.

Escaping the Cold

Thailand is a prime destination for a warm winter sun escape, allowing golfers to enjoy sunshine and pleasant breezes while escaping cold weather at home.

North and Central Thailand

With temperatures mainly in the 20s°C especially in the mornings and evenings the North and Central part of Thailand are ideal for golf and sightseeing.

Southern Thailand

Temperatures in the South are slightly warmer, often around the 28°C - 33°C especially around the coasts.

The Andaman Coast (e.g. Phuket and Krabi) sees consistent clear weather, whilst The Gulf Coast (e.g. Koh Samui) will have some rainfall in November but will be dry in February.





Exceptional Value and Affordability



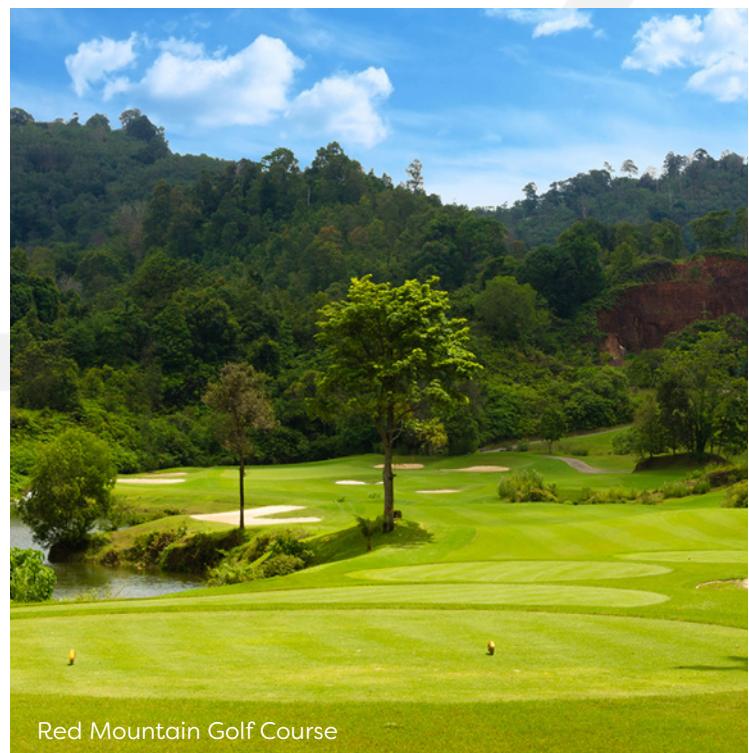
Thai Country Club

Thailand is known for its superb hospitality as well as providing great value for money for golf and the entire holiday experience. Also on offer is incredible accommodation, food, golf course quality and much more at exceptional prices that makes swapping popular golf destinations in Europe for Thailand an easy decision!

Golf in Thailand: From Green Fees to Your Own Caddie

Thailand is home to over 200 golf courses. Some of the most famous golf destinations in the country are **Bangkok, Pattay, Hua Hin, Chiang Mai and Phuket.**

Courses are world-class, often set in lush tropical fairways and picturesque areas. Many have been designed by legendary architects such as Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Pete Dye, and Robert Trent Jones. With constant maintenance they are kept in immaculate condition.



Red Mountain Golf Course



With so many courses, Thailand is suitable for golfers of any handicap and play level.

Your Own Personal Caddie

An integral and unique part of the Thai golf experience is the optional caddie at many courses. Caddies (usually female) provide exceptional value-added service, greeting you upon arrival, guiding you around the course, giving distances, marking balls, offering tips on the layout and green slopes, and keeping you cool and refreshed.

Green fees are offered at reasonable rates, making golf much cheaper than in most other destinations in Asia. Pattaya is noted as one of the cheapest golf holiday destinations, offering the most choice with 21 courses within a 45-minute drive.



What are the best courses in Thailand?

Thailand offers a vast selection of quality courses suited for players of all abilities and budgets. Major golfing destinations include Phuket, Pattaya, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Hua Hin.





Some of Our Favourite Golf Courses in Thailand

With over 200 golf courses to choose from, picking the best courses could be a time-consuming task, so we thought we'd share some of our favourite courses to help you select the best ones for you.

Bangkok

Alpine Golf & Sports Club - Consistently ranked among the top 3 courses in Thailand. Hosted the Johnnie Walker Classic, where Tiger Woods won in 2000 and 2004. Requires both power and finesse on its elevated, flawlessly maintained championship layout.

Thai Country Club - Hailed as one of Asia's premier golf courses. Hosted major tournaments, including the 1997 Asian Honda Classic won by Tiger Woods.

Pattay

Siam country Club - One of the top facilities in Thailand. Hosts the Thailand Open and the Honda LPGA Thai Tournament. Features an exquisite design, striking bunkers, and sloping greens, with some holes reminiscent of Augusta's Amen Corner.

Hua Hin

Black Mountain Golf Club - Often rated among the top 100 golf courses worldwide and noted as a top course in Thailand. It hosts prestigious European and Asian Tour events. Known for breathtaking holes and outstanding service, as well as wildlife strolling the fairways.

Pineapple Valley Golf Club - Recognized as "The Best Golf Club Experience in Asia Pacific". Highly playable layout suitable for golfers of diverse abilities, including high handicappers.

Phuket

Red Mountain Golf Club - Skillfully integrated into rugged rock terrain. Captivating course known for dramatic scenery, elevation changes, lakes, and canyons.

Blue Canyon Country Club - One of Asia's most esteemed championship courses. Hosted the Johnnie Walker Classic three times and known for Tiger Woods' 1998 Asian victory.



Experience Thailand Through Its Food

Thailand is a destination that captivates visitors, renowned globally for its spectacular coastline, rich culture, and, perhaps most notably, its delicious food. A trip here is a feast for the senses, marked by intoxicating aromas, vibrant colours, and flavours ranging from fiery spice to profound sweetness. Whether you arrive with an empty stomach and a passion for food or are looking for budget-friendly adventures, Thailand offers an unforgettable experience.

The Heart of Thai Cuisine: Flavor and Community

Thai cuisine is globally recognised as one of the world's greatest, owing its depth to influences from China, India, Burma, Laos, Indonesia, and other neighbours. The fundamental concept revolves around the Chinese idea of balancing five flavours: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and hot.

For Thais, dining is highly communal; a meal is preferably shared with family or friends, emphasising the community over the food itself.



Street Food is a Must

The street food scene is a cultural phenomenon where vendors showcase their culinary skills and the freshness of ingredients, often preparing dishes right in front of you. Street food is also incredibly affordable, generally costing between 30 and 100 Thai Baht for a hearty dish.



Thai Street Food Must-Tries

Thai food has many traditional street food dishes that you cannot miss out on when visiting the country. Here are some of our favourites and classic dishes to get you started on your Thai street food adventure.

Tom Yum Goong (*Spicy Thai Soup with prawns*)

Som Tam (*Thai Green Papaya Salad*)

Hoy Tod (*Oyster Omelet*)

Pad Gra Pao Gai Kai Dao (*Thai Basil Chicken and Fried Egg*)

Tom Kha Gai (*Chicken Galangal Soup*)

Mango and Sticky Rice (*Khao Neeo Mamuang*)



Bangkok's Street Food and Floating Markets

After a challenging round on one of Bangkok's championship courses, there's no better way to unwind and immerse yourself in Thai culture than by embarking on a culinary journey through its floating markets. It's an adventure for the senses, a feast for the palate, and a truly unforgettable aspect of any golf trip to this incredible city.

While several floating markets dot the city's periphery, each offers a unique flavor. **Damnoen Saduak**, perhaps the most iconic, is a kaleidoscope of activity. Here, boat after boat laden with fresh produce, vibrant flowers, and an astonishing array of prepared dishes jostle for space. You can literally reach out and pluck a steaming bowl of boat noodles (kuay tiew rua) from a vendor's craft, the



rich, dark broth a perfect counterpoint to the verdant landscape. Don't miss the opportunity to try freshly grilled seafood, succulent satay, or the ubiquitous mango sticky rice, a sweet, creamy indulgence that's practically a national treasure.

Other markets in the city include: Amphawa, Talling chan, Khlong Lat Mayom, Bang Nam and Tha Kha Floating Market.



Beyond the Course: Choosing Your Thai Home Away

After a day navigating Thailand's stunning golf courses, the desire for comfort, impeccable service, and a touch of indulgence becomes paramount. Fortunately, the hotel scene rises to the occasion with an extraordinary array of establishments designed to cater to every preference, from bustling city hubs to tranquil coastal havens. Forget roughing it; Thailand's hotels are an integral part of the travel experience, ensuring your time off the links is as rewarding as your time on them.

In cosmopolitan centers like Bangkok, the choice is dazzling. Towering skyscrapers house internationally renowned hotel brands, offering panoramic city views, infinity pools that seem to float above the urban sprawl, and Michelin-starred dining experiences.

Moving south to the sun-drenched shores of Phuket or the idyllic islands of Koh Samui, the hotel landscape transforms into a paradise of beachfront elegance. Here, you'll discover sprawling resorts meticulously designed to blend seamlessly with their natural surroundings. Imagine waking to the sound of waves, stepping onto your private balcony overlooking turquoise waters, and enjoying breakfast prepared with the freshest local ingredients.

For those heading to the cultural heartland of Chiang Mai, the hotel offerings blend Northern Thai aesthetics with modern comforts. Boutique hotels nestled within the ancient city walls exude charm with traditional Lanna architecture, teakwood finishes, and lush garden courtyards.





Experience Thailand When You're Off the Course

While Thailand's championship golf courses are undoubtedly a major draw, to truly experience the destination is to venture beyond the greens and immerse yourself in its vibrant culture, stunning landscapes, and rich history. Each major golfing region offers a unique tapestry of excursions, ensuring your trip is as much an adventure off the course as it is on it.

Bangkok: The Pulsating Heart

The capital city is an exhilarating sensory overload, offering a blend of ancient traditions and modern marvels. No visit is complete without exploring the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha).

For a taste of local life, a longtail boat trip along the Chao Phraya River and its khlongs (canals) offers a unique perspective of the city.

Phuket: Island Paradise Adventures

Thailand's largest island, Phuket, combines stunning beaches with a plethora of activities both on land and at sea. Beyond lounging on Patong or Kata Beach, consider a boat tour to Phang Nga Bay, home to the iconic "James Bond Island" (Koh Tapu) and a landscape of dramatic limestone karsts.





On land, visit the towering Big Buddha for panoramic island views, or explore the charming Sino-Portuguese architecture of Phuket Old Town. Ethical elephant sanctuaries provide a heartwarming opportunity to observe these magnificent creatures in a respectful environment.

Hua Hin: Royal Retreat & Coastal Charms

Once a quiet fishing village and now a favorite royal escape, Hua Hin offers a more relaxed pace with a touch of elegance. The exquisite Maruekhathaiyawan Palace, a beautifully preserved teakwood summer palace, provides a fascinating glimpse into Thai royalty. For nature lovers, a trip to Khao Sam Roi Yot National Park, featuring limestone peaks, mangrove forests, and the stunning Phraya Nakhon Cave with its iconic pavilion, is a must.

The Hua Hin Night Market is perfect for souvenir hunting and sampling local street



food, while the newer themed markets like Cicada Market offer arts, crafts, and live music.

With so many activities to do in a country catering for every taste, interest and timeframe available, deciding on what to do will really depend on where you go, how long you are staying and your budget. But here are some of our favourite activities to do:

Bangkok

Excursions to the Grand Palace, visits to the Wat Pho temple, a Chao Phraya River Cruise, visit the Chatuchak Weekend Market, a night experience at Ratchada Train Night Market.



Chiang Mai

An excursion to Old City temples like Wat Chedi Luang, visit Ethical elephant sanctuaries, a trekking experience in Doi Inthanon National Park or immerse yourself in Thai gastronomy through a Thai cooking class.



Phuket

Take a boat trip to Phi Phi Islands, explore sea caves and limestone karsts in Phang Nga Bay, take an ATV tour, and visit the Big Buddha statue for panoramic views

Planning your Perfect Thai Golf Escape

A truly exceptional Thai golf escape requires a little planning. First consider which time of the year you would like to go taking into account the different temperatures throughout the year. With superb 4* and 5* hotels, consider your budget, how many days you would like to stay, as well as how many rounds of golf you would like to play and what other activities you would like to do during your holiday in Thailand.





If this is your first time exploring the idea of a golf holiday in Thailand, do not hesitate to contact our friendly team at Golf Escapes for deeper insights into the best golf options in Thailand. We will share the experiences of fellow golfers and provide you with valuable insights into the quality of both the courses and the accommodations in the locations you are interested in, helping you make informed decisions.

We understand price is important. The cost of your golf holiday will fluctuate depending on your chosen resort, time of year, and length of stay.



Things to Bear in Mind When Travelling to Thailand

- Direct flights are only available from London airports.
- Packages offer different types of board basis.
- When booking you have the option of choosing to play one or multiple courses.
- Thailand offers 4* and 5* hotels at affordable prices.
- When booking be sure to explore what other activities you can do when you're not on the course.

