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Hello, and a warm welcome to this the latest issue of our Koh Chang Guide.

Koh Chang is a fantastic place to visit and explore and it is our pleasure to offer you this guide to help show you what to see, answer your questions and help you to get the best from your visit.

We hope that you have a wonderful visit to the beautiful islands of the Koh Chang archipelago!



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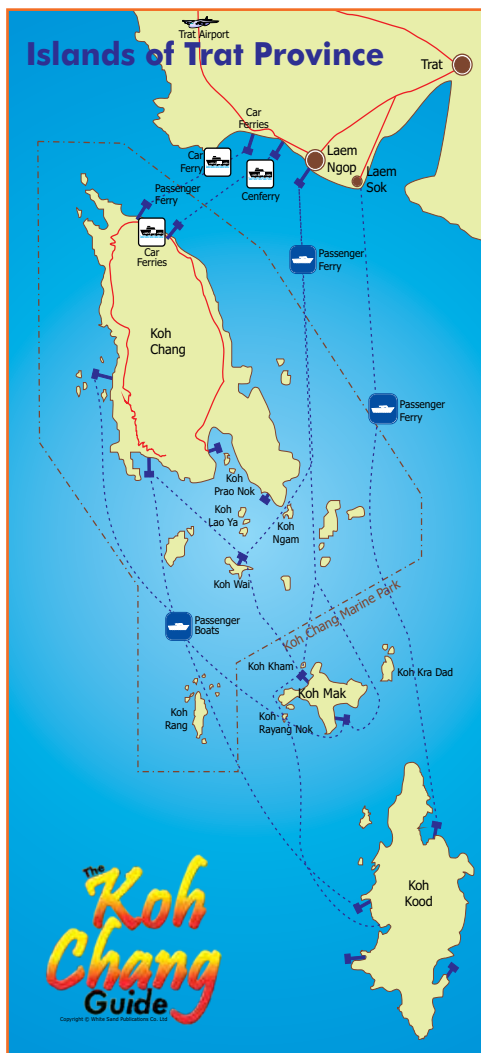
Arriving By Air

Trat Airport, owned and operated by Bangkok Airways, is located on the mainland 17 kilometres from the Koh Chang ferry.

Bangkok Airways Flight Schedule

Bangkok - Trat	Trat - Bangkok
PG301 Dep. - 08:30 Arrive. - 09:30	PG302 Dep. - 10:10 Arrive - 11:10
PG305 Dep. - 11:40 Arrive. - 12:40	PG306 Dep. - 13:10 Arrive - 14:10
PG307 Dep. - 17:00 Arrive - 18:00	PG308 Dep. - 18:30 Arrive - 19:30

Flights operate from and to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport. Bangkok Airways also offer a minibus service to U-Tapao airport and then an onward flight to Samui or Phuket. Schedule changes are not uncommon so you might want to check www.bangkokair.com or call 1771 for the latest flight times. The Trat Airport office of Bangkok Airways can be reached on 039-551-654/5, and the airport contact is 039-525-767/8. If you take the later



flight and it is delayed in any way then don't worry - they hold the last ferry to Koh Chang to meet minibuses from the airport so you won't get stranded.

Buses from Bangkok

Probably the best way to get down to Koh Chang is by bus from either Ekamai - Bangkok's eastern bus terminal, or Morchit - the northern terminal. The frequent departures from both are detailed in the table provided.

Buses take from four to six hours to get down to Trat or the Koh Chang ferries. Most

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convenient are the buses run by Tanakawee or 99 Express that go directly to the ferry stops at Centrepoint and Ao Thammachat. Expect to pay around 275-300 Baht for your journey.

If you get a bus to Trat, the nearest town to Koh Chang, you will arrive at Trat's bus station, about 1km out of town (See the Trat Map). Taxis will be waiting to take you the 20 kilometres to the Koh Chang ferry for about 300 Baht. You can reduce this to 50 Baht if you are prepared to wait and take a shared taxi.

There are also minibuses that pick up from guesthouses around Khao San Road in Bangkok and travel directly to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. You can book one from any of the scores of travel agents in this area. The buses typically leave at 7-8 am and take 5 or 6 hours. The trip costs around 300B including ferry crossing. Minibuses return to Bangkok at 11 am every day from Laem Ngop.

Buses from Suvarnabhumi Airport

All the bus services that leave from Morchit bus terminal stop to pick up passengers at Suvarnabhumi airport's bus station. This service is linked to the airport by a free white shuttle bus. The 99 Express buses from Ekamai also stop here. For departure times add twenty minutes to the Bangkok departure times in the timetable.

Buses: To/From Bangkok

99 Express (089-752-5732, 090-356-1092)

Ekamai Bus Station to Ferries - 07.45 am, 09.00 am
Ferries to Ekamai Bus Station - 02.30 pm, 04:00 pm
(service also stops at Suvarnabhumi Airport)

Buses from Pattaya/Koh Samet

Daily minibus services operate from Pattaya via Ban Pae (ferry port for Koh Samet) to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. The cost is around 500B from Pattaya or 400B from Ban Pae and the journey takes 4 or 2.5 hours respectively. More expensive services often use better minibuses - ask.

Going to Laem Ngop the services typically leave Pattaya at 8am and pick up in Ban Pae at 11 am. A return service leaves Laem Ngop at 1pm daily. Public buses leave for Pattaya from

Trat's bus station at 05.00, 09.30, 12.00 and 15.00 daily. It's a long hot journey and taking the minibus option is more comfortable.

There is also a minibus service that leaves from the Ao Thammachat ferry arrival point for Pattaya every hour (and vice versa). It costs 300 Baht.

By Car

You can easily reach Eastern Thailand and its islands by road and two regular car ferries operate to Koh Chang.

There are two main driving routes from Bangkok, both around 310km long.

The first route is to take Highway 3, the Bangna - Trat road. There is a quicker elevated tollway running above Highway 3. Continue until the Chonburi Bypass and here turn off onto Highway 344. Follow this road past Ban Bung and when you reach the Klaeng Crossroads turn back onto Highway 3 and continue on towards Trat.

Alternatively, you can leave Bangkok on the Motorway that is a continuation of the Rama IX, Srinakarin road. This road goes onwards and meets Highway 344 where you can continue to Trat as detailed above.

To avoid Trat and go directly to the ferry departure points turn right onto the well-signposted Laem Ngop road about 20km outside Trat.

If you're driving from Pattaya, then take Highway 36 which joins Highway 3 heading towards Trat shortly after Rayong.

Travel to and from Cambodia

If you're coming to Koh Chang from Cambodia, then it is most convenient to travel



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These trips involve a full day's travel, but they take you door to door. Don't forget cash and a passport photo for your Cambodian visa.

Boats to the Islands Koh Chang

A car ferry operates from Ao Thammachat on the mainland to Ao Sapparot on Koh Chang. Ao Thammachat is 9km from Laem Ngop and 17km from Trat Airport. A second ferry, now named Cenferry, goes from Centrepont, 3 km up the coast from Laem Ngop. Times and prices are as per the table.

On arrival, share taxis wait to take passengers to the various beaches. White Sands Beach (Hat Sai Khao) is 50B, Klong Prao is 60B, Kai Bae is 80B, Lonely Beach costs 120B and Bang Bao is 150B. NB - In the quieter season, these taxis will often not leave until they are full unless you hire the whole taxi for 800 baht or even more. It is expensive but there is no point arguing - pay or wait.

Koh Mak, Koh Kham, Koh Kood & Koh Wai

It is now easy (at least in the high season from October to May) to get boats and speedboats from Koh Chang to the other local islands. Bang Bao Boat and Kai Bae Speedboat both offer a daily service from Koh Chang to these islands and there is also now a high-speed catamaran service provided by Boonsiri. You can book them all through local travel agencies.

And there are ferry services to Koh Mak and Koh Kood from the mainland that operate year round. Krungthep Limousine runs a minibus service that connects Trat Airport with the ferry ports for Koh Mak and Koh Kood. Transfer costs are between 500 and 700 Baht. To be sure to get there the same day then they recommend that you take the first flight during the low season or the first/second flight during the high season.

Koh Chang Ferry Timetable

Ao Thammachat (039-555-188)

06.30 am - 19.00 pm
Every 45 minutes

Prices (One Way only)
Car: 120B Person: 80B

Cenferry (086-304-2726)

06.00 am - 19.00 pm
Every 1 hour

Prices (Return)
Car: 180B Person: 160B

Koh Mak/Kood from Koh Chang NB: November to April ONLY

Bang Bao Speedboat - Out
Koh Chang - 9:30, 12:00
Koh Wai - 10:00, 12:30
Koh Kham - 10:20, 12:50
Koh Mak - 10:30, 13:00
Koh Rayang - 10:40, 13:10
Koh Kood - 11:30, 14:00
Tel: 087-054-4300

Wooden Boat
Koh Chang 9:00, Koh Wai
10:00, Koh Mak 11:00,
Koh Kood 12:00

**Nor Nou Kai Bae
Speedboat - Out**
Koh Chang 09:00
Koh Wai 09:30
Koh Mak 10:00
Koh Kood 11:00
Tel: 081-982-29870

Bang Bao Speedboat - Back
Koh Kood - 9:00, 12:00
Koh Rayang - 9:50, 12:50
Koh Mak - 10:00, 13:00
Koh Kham - 10:10, 12:50
Koh Wai - 10:30, 13:30
Koh Chang - 11:00, 13:50
Tel: 084-866-1886

Wooden Boat
Koh Kood 13:00, Koh Mak
14:00, Koh Wai 15:00 Koh
Chang 16:00

**Nor Nou Kai Bae
Speedboat - Back**
Koh Kood 11:00
Koh Mak 12:00
Koh Wai 12:30
Koh Chang 13:00
Tel: 081-817-6832

Koh Mak/Kood From Mainland

Laem Sork - Koh Kood

Koh Kood Princess
Departs 12:30 - 350 B

Koh Kood Express - 500 B
13:00

Superjet Ferry - 500B
12:45

Boonsiri Catamaran - 500B
10:45, 14:20

Koh Kood - Laem Sork

Tel: 082-878-9900
Departs 10:30 - 350 B
kohkoodprincess.com

Tel: 090-506-0020
10:00

Tel: 062 559 5444
11:00

Tel: 085-921-0111
Koh Kood 09:00, 12:00

From Laem Ngop

Panan Speed Boat
Tel: 087-614-7641
12:30, 16:00

Leelawadee Speedboat
10:30, 14:00

Suan Suk Boat
11:30, 15:00

From Koh Mak

Costs 450B (50 mins)
09:00, 13:30

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08:00, 11:30

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10:00, 12:30



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Getting Around Koh Chang

On Koh Chang, white share taxis run between all the beaches as far as Bang Bao and the ferry terminals from 6 am until late evening. They can be flagged down anywhere and used to travel around the island. If you are planning to return to your hotel late at night, don't rely on the taxis since evening services are a bit erratic. Either book a taxi yourself or take advantage of the transport services that are increasingly being offered by many of the hotels, bars and restaurants on the island.

Alternatively, you can hire cars, motorcycles and bicycles from many hire firms and resorts around the island.

Roads are of variable quality and there are some dangerous hill sections. **If you are an inexperienced motorcycle rider then think carefully before hiring a motorbike. Every year the island has quite a few road deaths and many visitors have their trip spoiled by a motorcycle accident.** If you don't wear a helmet the local police will be waiting to fine you.

Leaving Koh Chang

When leaving the island from any of the main beaches wait anywhere on the road about 45 minutes before ferry departure and share taxis

will stop and pick you up as they pass taking you to the ferry departure point. If you are travelling to Trat Airport then you can book a minibus that will take you directly to the airport. Book this on 039-516-005 or 086-563-8889.

Travel Agencies

On Koh Chang, you will find that you can book transport and island activities at any of scores of little travel agents. But how can you know which ones are reliable? Don't worry; there is one way. Travel agencies in Thailand can apply for official recognition through the Tourist Authority of Thailand (T.A.T.). After paying a deposit and passing a review the T.A.T. issues them with a license number. So ask your travel agent for their T.A.T. number. Then you can be sure that they are licensed and in the event of any difficulties you can contact the T.A.T.

A well-established White Sand Beach travel agent with TAT accreditation and a good reputation is Island Net (Tel: 086-721-4179).

Aurora Koh Chang Travel is a Klong Prao based travel agency with over ten years' experience who organise trips, tours and accommodation on Koh Chang, Koh Mak, Koh Kood and Cambodia.



Koh Chang's Highest Mountain?

Most local maps and guides will tell you that "Salak Phet Mountain" is Koh Chang's highest point. That's what our maps always indicated until we were contacted by an adventurous trekker called Anton who pointed out that the rocky peak that most people think of as Salak Phet peak is not, actually as high as the less striking mountain that lies behind it to the North.

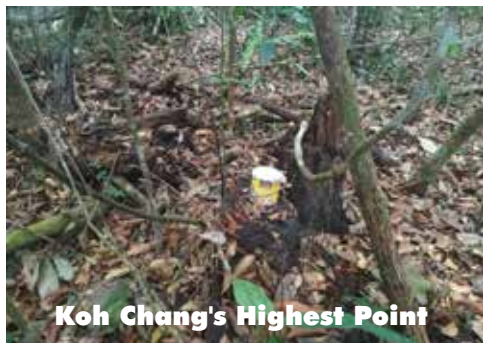
Anton trekked both peaks and measured the altitudes himself using GPS and found that the first peak is actually 620 metres high and the second is a much loftier 743 metres.

We consulted local expert and trekking guide *Thomas Teerasak Suamcheepmasau* who confirmed that whilst both these peaks were sometimes called Salak Phet the smaller and more climbed peak is actually called **Khao Laem**. The other peak, which actually holds the title of being Koh Chang's highest point is called **Khao Yai**.

This higher peak is harder to access and since it is covered in jungle the views aren't as spectacular as

from Khao Laem so it isn't trekked as frequently as its lower but more striking neighbour.

This means that few people actually make it to Koh Chang's highest point and the summit of Khao Yai is completely unmarked. Why not go and take a look?



Useful Information

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Our website is packed with information on Koh Chang. We update it regularly so if you can't get a copy of our printed guide you can still get hold of a wealth of Koh Chang information. We also provide room bookings as well as featuring properties and businesses for sale on the island. Also, you can read or download interactive PDF files of all of the latest copies of our guides and maps so that even if you are outside Thailand you can stay up to date on Koh Chang.

For those of you on **Facebook** joining our Group - **The Koh Chang Guide** - is a good way to stay up to date with events on the island.

Climate

Southeast Thailand only really has two seasons, a dry period that runs from November to May and a wet season from June to October. Temperatures are coolest from November to December with daily maximums averaging around 30C. Just before the wet season, this can rise to the high thirties.

It can rain heavily in the wet season but rainfall

is by no means constant and sunny days are still common. All the resorts and facilities on Koh Chang remain open and this can be a good time to visit for those seeking a quieter holiday. The busiest time for visitors to the region is December to April.

Tourist Information

There is a Tourist Authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Laem Ngop.

You can get information on Koh Chang National Park from the National Parks offices in Laem Ngop or from their offices at Koh Chang.

Health & Medical Facilities

Koh Chang International Clinic, part of the Bangkok Hospital group, (039-551-555 or www.kohchanginterclinic.com) is located on White Sands Beach. They are open 24 hours a day. Service is good, but it is very expensive.

There is a small hospital in Koh Chang just south of where the mainland ferry arrives (Phone - 039 586 131/160). Klong Son, Kai Bae, Klong Prao and Bang Bao also have small clinics.

Trat has two large hospitals. Bangkok Trat Hospital is a private institution, which has excellent facilities and is recommended, especially to those with travel insurance, in the event of any major accidents or emergencies (039-532-735). Trat Hospital is a government-run institution and generally offers good treatment, but longer waits. (039-511-040/1).

There is a leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre on Koh Chang. DARA Thailand offer treatment programs by internationally certified therapists in a comfortable, secluded and luxurious resort setting. Contact them on 087-140-7788 or info@dararehab.com.

Dara is part of the largest licensed Private Rehab group in SE Asia. Highly qualified professionals from renowned organisations have joined DARA and together with their two Chiang Mai based treatment centres Lanna Rehab and Jintara Rehab they offer truly world-class treatment facilities.

Increasingly people are using their holidays in Thailand to have dental work done. Dentists here are as good as in the rest of the world and charge a fraction of the prices in Europe and the



US. Now you can use the Koh Chang Dental Clinic or Baan More Fun Dentist in Trat to get your teeth healthy. Contacts are 086-320-0702 and 039-557-235.

Similarly, Thailand is a good place to buy prescription glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses since prices are much lower than back in Europe or elsewhere. You will find a great number of optical shops in all of the island's shopping areas.

The region has some Malaria although cases are extremely rare. Dengue fever is also a slight risk. The locals don't take prophylactics but the choice is yours.

Animal Health Services

Koh Chang has 3 non-profit organisations devoted to animal welfare. The Koh Chang Animal Project offers all kinds of inoculations and veterinary services from their clinic in Klong Son on the road leading to Ban Kwan Chang Elephant Camp. You can contact the project on 089-042-2347 or online at www.kohchanganimalproject.org Happy Dogs Koh Chang (happydogskohchang.com) also look after the welfare of the island's homeless dogs, providing food and medical

assistance and also neutering and spaying. Donations are gratefully accepted and always put to good use.

The new Animal Voice Koh Chang is an attempt to pull together all of the sterilisation and humanitarian efforts towards the stray animals of Koh Chang. They gratefully accept volunteers and also donations. Tel: 061-480-1644

There is also a vet in Chai Chet who provides good service (039-551-674).

Emergencies (Call 1669)

In the event of a medical emergency after normal ferry hours contact the Koh Chang International Clinic call centre on 039-551-555 or Bangkok Trat Hospital on 039-532-735. They can arrange for emergency evacuation by boat and ambulance to Trat.

Another option is Koh Chang Rescue, a voluntary organisation that acts as an extra emergency service on the island. If you need medical help and can't get an ambulance, then they are there 24hrs. on 088-525-1100

The main police station on Koh Chang is at Dan Mai. They can be contacted on 039-586-191. There are also police stations in White Sands



Useful Information

Beach (Tel. 039-551-544) and in Chai Chet, Kai Bae and Bailan Beach. Alternatively, the Tourist Police can be contacted on 039-557-382/3 or 1155.

Banks

Koh Chang has ATMs all over the place so withdrawing cash is no problem. There are also lots of banks and foreign exchange offices at the main beaches. Some of them, notably Bangkok Bank and Krung Thai bank, are also open on weekends and foreign exchange booths often open until 8 pm. Most resorts and restaurants also accept credit card payments but they often charge an extra three per cent processing fee.

Communications

The island's main Post Office is at Pearl Beach. There is also a smaller post office at the beginning of the pier in Bang Bao.

Postage rates are reasonable. A small postcard to any country is 15B and large postcards are more. Airmail letters start at 14 Baht and increase depending on destination and size. The post office will not send letters with stamps of insufficient value so it is best to get them

weighed and stamped in the post office to be sure that they will be delivered.

NB: If you are receiving mail on Koh Chang or giving somebody a postal address on Koh Chang then to give your post a better chance of reaching its intended address then you should include the beach or village name of the place you are sending mail to. Thus our address is White Sand Publications, 222/12 Moo 4, **Pearl Beach**, Koh Chang, Trat, 23170.

Immigration

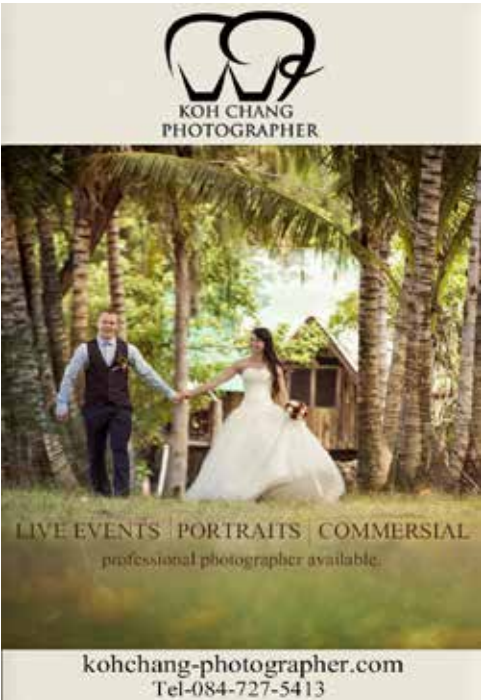
Passport holders from 42 countries are not required to obtain a visa to enter Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days. The closest immigration office to Koh Chang is located at Laem Ngop a few kilometres from the Koh Chang ferry ports. The location is marked on the Koh Chang Map. They can deal with visa extensions and other queries here. If you have a 30-Day Visa for Thailand you can extend this for to 30 days. You can also get a 30-day extension on a two month visa. These extensions cost 1,900 Baht each. A visa overstay will cost you 500 Baht per day and payment is a relatively routine process as you leave the country.

There is a small immigration office on Koh Chang but this, inexplicably, does not provide visa extensions. They do, however do 90-day reporting for long-term stayers. Opening hours are erratic. You can obtain a tourist visa permitting stays of up to six months. This costs 5,000 Baht and is available from your local Thai embassy or consulate. It is a multiple entry visa so you will need to leave and re-enter Thailand every 60 days but despite this, it is very useful if you are planning a longer stay in the Kingdom.

www.tratimmigration.com

Environmental Protection

Please remember that you are in a national park. Avoid littering and leave Koh Chang as beautiful as you found it. Also please bring your own shopping bags and try and reduce the island's plastic bag problems by not accepting single-use plastics and plastic bags. If you would like to help with keeping



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As the island develops, there are inevitably issues with litter, pollution and destruction of natural resources. If you see any such transgressions then we suggest that you report them to either the national park office or to the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Or stick them on a Koh Chang Facebook page. What you say can have a big impact!

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Photography

This issue features some great pictures taken by Jan De Rycke of [Buddha View Restaurant](#) in Bang Bao. Our thanks to him for sharing them with us.

Thanks, as always, to Jon from [Koh Chang Photographer](#). He is available on 084-727-5413 for all kinds of photographic assignments and specialises in wedding pictures and beach portraits.

Many thanks again also to David Vinot for contributing his excellent pictures. You can check out his work at www.davidvinot.com.

...and if you have some good photos that you've taken on Koh Chang that you'd like to see in print then why not [email us](#) and we'll be happy to share them with our wide audience.

Important Dates & Events

On Thai public holidays banks, post offices etc. are closed but all transport and most tourism-related businesses still operate as normal.

Also, remember that Koh Chang is an island served by ferries. On the first day of public holidays many people travel to Koh Chang by car and long queues for the ferries can develop. Set off early if you're coming down on these days and you can save yourselves a long wait.

April 2020

Monday 6th – Chakri Day

A public holiday that celebrates the founding of Thailand's Chakri dynasty of Monarchy in 1782 by King Rama I.

Mon. Tue. Wed 13-14-15 – Songkran Festival

Thailand's New Year is celebrated by the famous water festival. Get involved and you'll have fun.

May 2020

Friday 1st – Labour Day

A holiday that is held in Thailand and many other countries to celebrate the economic and social contributions of the Kingdom's workers – by giving them the day off.

Monday 4th – Coronation Day

Wednesday 6th – Visaka Bucha Day

This sacred Buddhist day marks three events; the birth, the enlightenment and the ascension of the Buddha.

June 2020- 3rd Wednesday

The Birthday of her Royal Highness the Queen of Thailand.

This day serves as a Public Holiday to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Useful Numbers/Websites

Useful Numbers

Directory Enquiries - Thai/English

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Bangkok Clinic - Ko Chang 1719 / 039-5511-51/2

Bangkok Hospital - Trat 039-532-735

Koh Chang Rescue 088-525-1100 (24hrs)

Klong Prao Clinic 039-557-070

Koh Chang Hospital 039-586-131/160

Koh Chang Dental Clinic 039-557-235

Trat Hospital 039-511-040/1

Animal Clinic Chai Chet 039-551-674

Animal Voice Koh Chang 061-480-1644

Koh Chang Animal Project 089-042-2347

Police

Immigration- Klong Yai 039-510-242

Koh Chang Police - Dan Mai 039-586-120

Tourist Police - Koh Chang 039-557-382/3

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American Express 0-2273-0022

MasterCard/VISA 02-256-7326/7

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Koh Chang White Taxis English: 089-909-8909
Thai: 081-862-8770

Trat Airport 039-525-767-8 , 1771

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For Activities and Hotel phone numbers please see the relevant sections of this guide.

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www.kohchangnature.com - A collaborative effort to record and monitor the wildlife species of Koh Chang. You can help!

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Diving

There are some excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities around Koh Chang and the region is rapidly developing into a major centre of diving in Thailand.

The diving in the area is mainly at reasonably shallow depths with good reefs located at 5 to 25 metres. Visibility can reach 30m but is variable. You can dive year round but the best time is between October and the end of May since rougher seas during the rainy season can reduce visibility or make it difficult to reach the dive sites. However, there are calmer periods in the rainy season when diving conditions are OK.

There are impressive reefs in the area with a variety of soft and hard corals including Massive, Columnar and Staghorn Corals. These support a range of tropical reef life including Blue Tipped Rays, Moray Eels, Trigger Fish, Grouper and Batfish. Turtles can be spotted and Whale Sharks are also seen in the area from time to time.

There are a series of dive sites offering

good diving at 5-18m around the seamounts and small islands to the West of Koh Chang. These include Koh Man Nok and Hin Sam Sao. The deeper dive sites are located off some of the islands and seamounts to the South of the Archipelago. Hin Luk Bat has a lot of good coral and some good swim-throughs. Hin Raap is a deeper rocky site with good soft corals.

There are also some good dive sites around Koh Rang Island. This is slightly further away from Koh Chang but well worth the journey to dive some interesting pinnacles and see some of the best coral reefs in the region.

Koh Chang now has two wreck dives. The first is the HTMS Chang which lies in waters to the South-East of Koh Chang. The 100-metre long vessel provides all kinds of pleasure and technical diving opportunities to those who fancy something a little more adventurous.

The newest wreck is the 30 metre T11. Sunk by the Thai Navy in December 2013 this wreck is in shallower water and divers with an Open Water diving certificate can dive the site.

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offices of the dive shops or from resorts and travel agencies on the island. Or refer to the list of dive shop contact numbers at the beginning of this activities section.

The price for a two-day Discover Scuba course is 4,500B while full PADI certification costs around 14,500B. Pleasure dives cost 2,700-3,000B, depending on site, for two dives with lunch. All other PADI courses are also available.

Koh Chang Dive Supply is a large retailer of all kinds of Diving equipment. They also offer a full repair and servicing workshop for all sorts of Scuba equipment and are the largest equipment dive equipment supplier in Eastern Thailand. Their office is located between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet.

Scandinavian Chang Diving Center's Nitrox compressor if you'd like to do some nitrox diving while on Koh Chang.

B.B. Divers is the only dive centre to have branches on Koh Kood and Koh Mak as well as Koh Chang. Their head office is in Bang Bao and they also have two offices in White Sand Beach and on Klong Koi Beach.

BB Divers is now offering coral propagation courses and workshops. Coral reefs are some of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet, supporting more species per unit area than any other marine environment. However, the health of coral reefs around the world is in serious decline. One solution is the reproduction of coral, or coral propagation. BB Divers now offers courses in coral propagation in association with Sea Shepherd and Ocean Quest.

Snorkelling

While the beaches of Koh Chang themselves offer little opportunity for snorkelling there are some good corals and plenty of fish off Pearl Beach, the small pebble beach between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet, just be careful getting in and out of the water because the rocks can be slippery.

Other islands can be reached by boat trips and there is some excellent shallow reef for snorkelling at these sites. Most of the dive

shops will also take snorkellers on their boats. Contact them for prices and details.

Swimming & Watersports

It is generally fine to swim off all of Koh Chang's beaches. In the high season, conditions are calm and safe, and the gradual slope of the beaches makes for good swimming conditions.

Note, however, that during the monsoon heavy seas with strong rip tides can develop off Koh Chang's beaches and people drown every year. There is little in the way of lifeguards or safety equipment so if you go out and get into trouble you can't expect any help. Basically, don't swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous it probably is, so stay out of the water when it's too rough.

Stand-Up Paddling (SUP) is a fast-growing watersport that you can now try on Koh Chang.

SUP Station Koh Chang operates from Iyara Seafood in a great spot at the mouth of the river in Klong Prao. You can paddle at sea and also in and around the river and lagoon.

SUP Adventure Asia is a business that is located down on Klong Koi Beach in Bang Bao Bay. They will teach you, take you on SUP tours or if you're already an expert you can just hire a board from them.

Gyms and Yoga

If you want to stay in shape while on Koh Chang then you might fancy a workout at BB Gym in Lonely Beach. They have all kinds of weight and cardiac equipment as well as offering daily Yoga classes. They also have Wii games and a swimming pool, and there is also a bar and restaurant in which to recover.

Shambhala Beach Gym in the Siam Royal Bay village in Klong Son is a smart modern air-conditioned gym with a large selection of fitness equipment.

Over on Koh Chang's East Coast The Spa Koh Chang also offers Yoga classes.

There are also gyms at some of the bigger resorts and in White Sand Beach and Chai Chet.

Golf

Yes, there is a golf course on Koh Chang.

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Boat Trips

A variety of boat trips around the islands are available. These can be used as a means of travel between the islands or simply to go for a day trip of sightseeing or snorkelling.

Natcha Tour in Bang Bao offer regular boat trips out amongst the islands of the archipelago as well as very popular private hire boats for groups.

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Bang Bao Boat offer half day and full day speedboat trips that go island hopping and snorkelling on Koh Wai, Koh Mak and Koh Kham.

El Greco in Bang Bao offers a popular daily boat trip that visits Koh Wai Island for snorkelling and then provides a large and tasty traditional Greek beach BBQ at Koh Klum Island.

Fin's Trip operates from Journey's End down in Check Bae in the Southeast of Koh Chang. They run regular and boat trips for snorkelling, fishing and relaxing.

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in the Koh Chang region then they can be found - for Koh Mak but that's close enough - at <http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk>

Walking

The mountainous jungle interior of the island offers some challenging and enjoyable walking. Several people on the island act as guides and due to the demanding terrain and bad paths it's probably worth taking a guide unless you're an expert. Travel agencies offer jungle trekking.

There is a Mangrove Walkway close to Salak Kok on the East of the island and a second one in nearby Salak Phet. Both of them give you a trip over secluded snaking waterways.

The ten-minute riverside walk through the jungle to Klong Plu waterfall in Klong Prao is extremely pleasant and there is a one-kilometre circuit path up through the rainforest over a nearby hill back to the ranger station if you fancy something a little more energetic.

Cycling

A fun way to see the island while reducing your carbon footprint is to rent a bicycle, although you will need to be in good shape to tackle some of the island's bigger hills. There are bikes for hire at various resorts and places around the main beaches, Koh Chang Holiday in Coconut Plaza at Chai Chet have some good bikes for rent.

Wildlife

Most of Koh Chang is covered in rainforest that has been largely undisturbed due to

the mountainous terrain of the island. There are also good examples of mangrove forest ecosystems where the island's numerous streams meet the sea. Marine National Park status was awarded to the island chain in 1982 in an effort to preserve the exceptional land and marine environment.

The forests of the island support a large range of wildlife. A survey conducted for Thailand's National Park Service in 1992 recorded 29 different species of mammal on Koh Chang. These included the Stump-Tailed Macaque, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Javan Mongoose and Silvered Langur.

Birdwatchers will be pleased to know that 74 bird species were found including the Nightjar, Pacific Swallow, Yellow Vented Bulbul and Oriental Pied Hornbill

Additionally, the survey noted 42 different species of amphibians and reptiles. Snakes that inhabit Koh Chang include the Python, Rat Snake and King Cobra. Malayan Mud Turtles, Monitor Lizards and the ubiquitous Geckoes are also found on the island. There are also a variety of very vocal frogs.

Waterfalls

The following waterfalls are free to visit and there is usually plenty of water from July to December. They may dry up after this though so ask around for the latest information. Klong Nonsi waterfall is close to Dan Mai on the eastern side of the island. It has several tiers. The first is at the end of an 800-metre road on the left side of the government office, and at the top, there is an inscription made by King Rama V. There are two waterfalls, Klong Neung and Khiri Phet near to Salak Phet in the southeast of the island. Both are clearly signposted. There are also smaller waterfalls up the valleys behind Klong Son, White Sands Beach and Kai Bae. Ask locals for directions.

There are also national park administered waterfalls at Klong Plu near Klong Prao village and Than Mayom near to Dan Mai village. Foreigners are charged an entry fee of 200 Baht. Thais pay 20 Baht.

Elephant Trekking

The word 'Chang' means elephant in Thai,

so what could be more appropriate than going elephant trekking on Elephant Island. The treks are a good opportunity to sample some of the beautiful scenery of inland Koh Chang. You can go directly to the elephant camps yourselves, but since the best ones are hidden away in the jungle it might be easier to call them directly or book at a tour agency to arrange a pick up from your hotel.

Chang Chutiman operates economical and popular elephant trekking to the interior of the island from their new jungle elephant camp about 500 metres from the main road in Klong Prao village.

Ban Kwan Chang offers elephant treks that take place in another beautiful inland valley to the North of the island. To get there turn inland at Klong Son and proceed for about 3km.

Shopping

You can pick up a surprisingly large range of goods, both souvenirs and necessities in Koh Chang. There are a huge number of shops selling souvenir items on the major beaches. These include carvings, jewellery, ethnic clothing and handicrafts, bags, T-Shirts, CDs etc.

Thailand is rightly well-known as a place where you can get quality tailoring at economical rates. A great example on Koh Chang is Versace Fashion who are located opposite the night food market on White Sand Beach. They have earned a great reputation during their twelve years in business on Koh Chang. They will be happy to tailor make ladies and gents clothes using Thai silk, linen, cotton, cashmere, wool



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and other quality fabrics. They also store your measurements for 10 years and are happy to make to order and send overseas by post.

Peace Moon now has three shops on the pier in Bang Bao, selling all kinds of bags, belts and leather products that they make by hand themselves from regular leather as well as Ostrich and crocodile skin. They also have a range of silver jewellery and other souvenirs. They have also just opened a new store in the centre of White Sand Beach.

You can find small supermarkets, now including 7-Eleven and Tesco-Lotus stores, on all the beaches selling a reasonable range of foods, groceries, hardware and every kind of tourist item and souvenir you can imagine. For Western food products try Anna Store in White Sand Beach and Sing Tong in Klong Prao, both of which offer a good selection.

Also, there are now three large supermarkets on the island. Makro is a cash-and-carry store in White Sand Beach and Big C and Tesco Lotus have supermarkets

located in Pearl Beach (Hat Kai Mook).

Reading

Elysian Pearl at Dan Mai on Koh Chang's East Coast have thousands of books that are all available for visitors to read for free. Book and Bikes is a small second hand bookshop in Chai Chet.

Cookery

If you want to learn how to make authentic Thai food then why not try Thai cookery classes from the cooking home and restaurant of KA-TI Culinary also in Klong Prao.

Massage, Saunas, Spas & Beauty

Why not relax with a traditional Thai massage?

The Spa Koh Chang Resort is at Salak Khok on the east side of the island. They offer a range of fasting, detox and cleansing programs as well as meditation, yoga and massage therapy. They have a herbal steam room and swimming pool.

The Chill Resort in Kai Bae is home to The Chill Spa where they invite you to pamper yourself in an oasis of relaxation. There are also plenty of massage shops and beach massage places.

Tattooing

There are a number of Tattooists on the island. Standards of artwork are generally good. On White Sands Beach, Jack, who is based at Tantawan Bungalows, does impressive work using traditional tattooing techniques combined with modern cleanliness and sterilised equipment.

Treetop Adventure Park

This place at Bailan Beach offers you the opportunity to attempt their two tree-top walks. You can walk, swing and tightrope your way through the trees, enjoying some spectacular views along the way.

Now there is also a special rope course trip that has been designed especially for children so all the family can take part in an arboreal adventure.



Koh Mak

Koh Mak is an attractive, low-lying island of 16 square kilometres in size. Unlike Koh Chang, there are few mountains and so the island is widely cultivated with coconut and rubber plantations.

The population is only around 800 and there is little infrastructure outside the resorts. It is a sleepy place where life moves slowly and a visit to the island is the perfect choice for visitors who want to relax by the beach and unwind from the stresses of modern life.

Since there are very few motor vehicles and the island is well covered by roads and tracks Koh Mak is perfect for exploring on foot or by bicycle. Although if you like to expend less effort getting around then many of the resorts now hire motorbikes out at around 250 Baht per day.

There are pretty beaches in the bays to the northwest and southwest of the island and this is where most of the resorts are located, although there are now some new resorts in the other bays.

Here there are still long stretches of beach with no development at all and on Koh Mak,



Other Islands

you always feel a long way from the worst excesses of tourism development.

In the monsoon season from June to October there is no public transport between Koh Chang and Koh Mak but there are still four daily ferries to the mainland and most of the resorts now open year round.

There are a few smaller islands off Koh Mak, some of which have resorts and can be reached fairly easily from Koh Mak itself. They are Koh Kham, Koh Rayang Nok and Koh Kra Dad.

Activities on the island revolve largely around the beaches, but there are a few alternatives like Hongthong Muay Thai Gym and Koh Mak Disk Golf that are well worth a try. All the resorts have restaurants and bars and as you would expect you can find some good Thai food as well as a smattering of places that offer international fare.

It is easy to combine a trip to Koh Mak with visits to Koh Chang or some of the other islands in the archipelago. Refer to the transport section for details of the various ferries to the island that operate from the mainland, Koh Chang and the other islands. Alternatively, some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire for details.

When you arrive on Koh Mak representatives from many of the resorts will meet the ferry and offer free pick up and drop off to visitors.

Koh Kood

Koh Kood is the second largest and

southernmost island in the Koh Chang archipelago. Its topography is similar to that of Koh Chang; it is also mountainous and largely covered in rainforest. The highest hill on Koh Kood, at 315 metres, is Khao Phaentee in the southeast of the island.

Another significant scenic feature is Klong Chao waterfall. The waterfall itself is not particularly high but falls into a huge plunge pool in a very beautiful jungle setting, a good place for a cooling swim. Various boat operators on Koh Chang or Koh Mak offer trips to the waterfall.

The sea here is extremely clear and a brilliant blue colour. This makes the many beaches that run down the West coast of the island extremely pleasant places to be. Also, there are some excellent corals at shallow depths on many of the beaches

Despite the fact that Koh Kood is Thailand's fourth biggest island the population is only around two or three thousand but infrastructure is improving rapidly.

The largest settlement is the fishing village of Ao Salat in the northeast. This is worth a visit just to see the wide range of seafood brought in and sold on the rickety wooden pier.

There is a limited local taxi service. Taxis are for hire at eye-wateringly high prices. Another option is to hire a motorbike or a bicycle or alternatively you might be able to get around in a motorboat or canoe.

There are some very high-end luxury resorts on Koh Kood but there are now also some



new low and medium priced options as well.

From the mainland, the easiest way to reach the island independently is with one of the daily ferries that run from Laem Sork- 26km from Trat (see transport section). From Koh Chang use one of the speedboat services operated by Bang Bao Boat and Kai Bae Speedboat between October and May.

If you want a beautiful sandy beach virtually to yourself and don't expect anything by way of nightlife other than listening to the waves lap then Koh Kood is the place for you. If you expect a party you will be disappointed but if peace and quiet is your thing then the island is a good choice of destination. The water around Koh Kood is famed for its blueness and clarity and you can find some pretty good corals off the beaches if you like to snorkel. You can dive off Koh Kood with B.B. Divers, Koh Kood Divers and with Paradise Divers, all of whom have offices on the island.

Koh Mak/Koh Kood Map

There isn't really enough space here to tell you all about Koh Kood and Koh Mak. Fortunately, we make a map of both islands that you can pick for free or view and download at our website www.koh-chang-guide.com. It tells you everything you need to know about both of these lovely islands.



Koh Wai

Koh Wai is a small crescent-shaped island with two small, pleasant beaches. There are two resorts on the island with rooms that range from simple huts to larger air-conditioned beach bungalows. There is some good snorkelling on the shallow reefs off the beach. The lack of development makes the island an ideal place for a peaceful beach trip and it's a good place to kick back after some strenuous travelling.

Other Islands While there are plenty of uninhabited islands in the Koh Chang archipelago a couple of the other islands have resorts on the Koh Lao Ya is actually two separate islands linked by a bridge and is a pretty place that has had a resort on it for over ten years.

Koh Ngam is another island just off the South Eastern tip of Koh Chang. This island has a picturesque beach and a single resort. Some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire at local travel agents for more information.

Trat & The Mainland



Trat

The small town of Trat is the administrative and trading centre of Trat province. It is located 26km and 32km away from the two departure points for passenger ferries to Koh Chang. Trat only has a population of 20,000 but bustles with activity due to the fact that it is the main market town of the province.

There is an open-air market on the main street - Thanon Sukhumvit - that offers interesting Thai food and drinks late into the night. There is also a large covered day market selling all manner of foods and household goods.

Good things to shop for include the huge range of fruits that are available year-round, many of which you may not have seen before. Trat province is famous for the Rakham

which is a rich sweet fruit that looks a bit like a strawberry. Or there is the Durian with its spiky shell, pungent smell and unique love-it-or-hate-it flavour. Try whatever looks interesting. You can also buy good fresh seafood and vegetables in the market.

Local handicrafts include elaborately woven wicker products, especially hats. These can be found in Ban Nam Chieo, a largely Muslim village between Trat and Laem Ngop.

Trat has a big Tesco Lotus supermarket with accompanying shops and restaurants and a food hall. And now also a Makro supermarket and huge Global Home store 4 km out of town.

Wat Buppharam is a 17th Century temple with some interesting architecture. It lies 2km out of town (see map). There are several other

temples scattered around the town centre. Trat also has good medical, communication, financial and other facilities. Locations are shown on the map.

There is a multitude of local Thai restaurants around the town - the one opposite Trat Hospital is our favourite.

You can find many other small restaurants and bars scattered around the town centre. The large bar next to Tesco has live music and so does Knight which is a large club about 1km out of town on the Bangkok Road.

There is a guesthouse area just south of the town centre with many backpacker style guesthouses and accompanying restaurants, internet cafes etc. There is little to choose between the different guesthouses that all offer clean and inexpensive rooms together with good information and a friendly welcome.

About 10 minutes from the centre of Trat is an attractive reservoir that is a pleasant spot for an afternoon stroll. There are several restaurants in scenic locations on the shoreline. You can often see fireflies by the canal that begins here and flows through town.

Laem Ngop

Laem Ngop is a fishing village on the coast and is the departure point for passenger ferries to Koh Chang and the other islands.

Places worthy of note are the Immigration Office that serves the Eastern region of Thailand and the Tourist Authority of Thailand office.

By the ferry pier, there is a large monument commemorating two Thai boats that were sunk in a naval battle of 1942 off Koh Chang in which Thai forces repelled the French Navy.

Klong Yai & Hat Lek

Klong Yai is a small fishing town on the road to the Cambodian border at Hat Lek. It is the closest mainland town to Koh Kood and while there is, as yet, no regular ferry service you can ask around if you are feeling intrepid and maybe find a boat on its way to the island.

Heading on to the border itself at Hat Lek you will find a couple of hotels on the Thai side as well as a thriving market selling all manner of weird and wonderful imports and exports.



Mainland Beaches

There is a long thin coastal section of Trat province that heads southeast towards the Cambodian border at Hat Lek, 90 kilometres from Trat. For detailed information take a look at our new map of the region on the facing page.

At the moment the area is not much visited by foreign tourists but this is slowly changing. There are a string of really attractive beaches on the long sandy coastline with a few accommodation options including the Centara Chaa Talay Resort which is a quality beachside resort located in a lovely beach of powder sand 46 kilometres from Trat Town. If you are looking for the peace and quiet of a deserted tropical beach then this is the place for you.

Heading away from Trat on Highway 318 these beaches include Sai Ngern Beach, Sai Kieow Beach, Tap Tim Beach, Mai Root Beach and Ban Chuen Beach, all of which offer rewards to the intrepid explorer.

Saphan Hin waterfall is located 31 kilometres from Trat and is an attractive cataract located at the end of a ten-minute walk along a riverside path through a pretty forested valley.

Animal Voice Koh Chang

Like many places in Thailand Koh Chang has an ongoing issue with stray dogs and cats. This is a favourite topic of local online discussion, and everyone seems to have an opinion about what should be done. As is often the case though most people are far more eager to express their opinion than they are to get up and try and do something about the problem.

This is where Animal Voice comes in. Animal Voice Koh Chang is an association of animal rights advocates and veterinarians who aim to make Koh Chang a better place for animals and ultimately for people. Their approach is both compassionate and practical in that they recognize that the best way to reduce the

population of homeless animals on the island is through a program of sterilisation, but in addition to this primary goal they also try to improve the lives of the island's street dogs and cats in the following ways:

Primary Objective:

Reducing stray animal population by sterilisation

Other Objectives:

- Offering emergency help to injured and sick animals via Koh Chang Animal Clinic.
- Inoculating stray animals against rabies and other diseases
- Feeding Starving animals
- Finding permanent adoptive homes for homeless dogs and cats



Since Koh Chang is an island there is every chance that with the help of organisations like Animal Voice, local government and the involvement of the local population the situation can be dramatically improved.

So, if you care about dogs and cats, then Animal Voice is worthy of your support. And even if your sole interest is the well-being of yourself and the rest of Koh Chang's human population, then you should still offer them support since they offer the only practical working solution to reducing the population of homeless animals on Koh Chang.

Animal Voice welcomes donations for help with the purchase of medicines, food and other operating expenses.

They also welcome volunteers who can spend a little of their time on Koh Chang helping out.

Animal Voice Koh Chang

Contacts:

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www.animalvoicekohchang.com



Property & Real Estate

Luxury Villa on 1 Rai Beachfront Chanote Land

Koh Chang has very few private homes that are actually located on a sandy beach. And they don't come onto the market very often, for obvious reasons. Here's a great one though, located on the East Coast of the island on a perfect private sandy stretch of beach.

The house is situated on a large 1 Rai (1,600sqm.) plot with 30 metres of absolute beachfront. There are three bedrooms and four bathrooms. It features a full Western kitchen, a large lounge and an office. The property also has a fully separate self-contained guest house with a bedroom and bathroom. There is a large 10 metre by 5 metre beachfront pool with a covered "sala" deck area. The property has an excellent private water supply, 3 phase electricity and high speed fibre internet.

The owner wants a quick sale and despite the land and villa costing him 25 Million baht **it is priced to sell at the extremely competitive price of 17.95 Million Baht.**

All fixtures, fittings, and furniture are included, it is completely ready to occupy.

Serious enquiries only please contact **081-919-8219** or **info@koh-chang-guide.com**



30 Room Resort & Pub /Restaurant: Freehold Prop- erty in White Sand Beach

White Sand Beach is unquestionably one of the busiest and most desirable locations on Koh Chang for a tourism-related business and as a result, it is extremely rare that businesses and land in this area come onto the market.

But a 30 room resort opened in 2006 has become available together with one of the island's best-established pub/restaurants. The resort has quality furnished rooms and a beautiful infinity swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Also included is a fully operational Irish Pub with a large customer base.

Perhaps the most significant aspect to this listing is that Freehold ownership of the land comes as part of the deal and this offers complete long-term security of tenure.

Price: 92M Baht

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Property & Real Estate



4 Rai Riverside CHANOTE and 1 Rai PBT5 only 4.5 Million Baht!

To say that this lovely plot of land up a charming valley near Dan Mai Village on the East Coast is priced to sell is an understatement. It is a fabulous bargain. The huge 8,000 sqm. plot of land has river frontage along it's lower end and then rises gently through an orchard and a rubber plantation with great valley views. There is road and bridge access and Dan Mai village is just a couple of minutes drive away. This would be great as a huge private home or homes or could be developed as a get-away-from-it-all forest resort.



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2.1 Rai Klong Son Riverside Land:

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- Koh Chang Cliff Beach
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- Berlin Bar
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- Sea Turtle
- Chang Park
- PK208
- Travel Light
- Blues Guesthouse
- Chemist
- Casamarina
- Funky Monkey
- Bann Chomdaow
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- Chang Diving Center
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- Joke Travel
- Bann Chomdaow
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Kai Bae Beach Resort

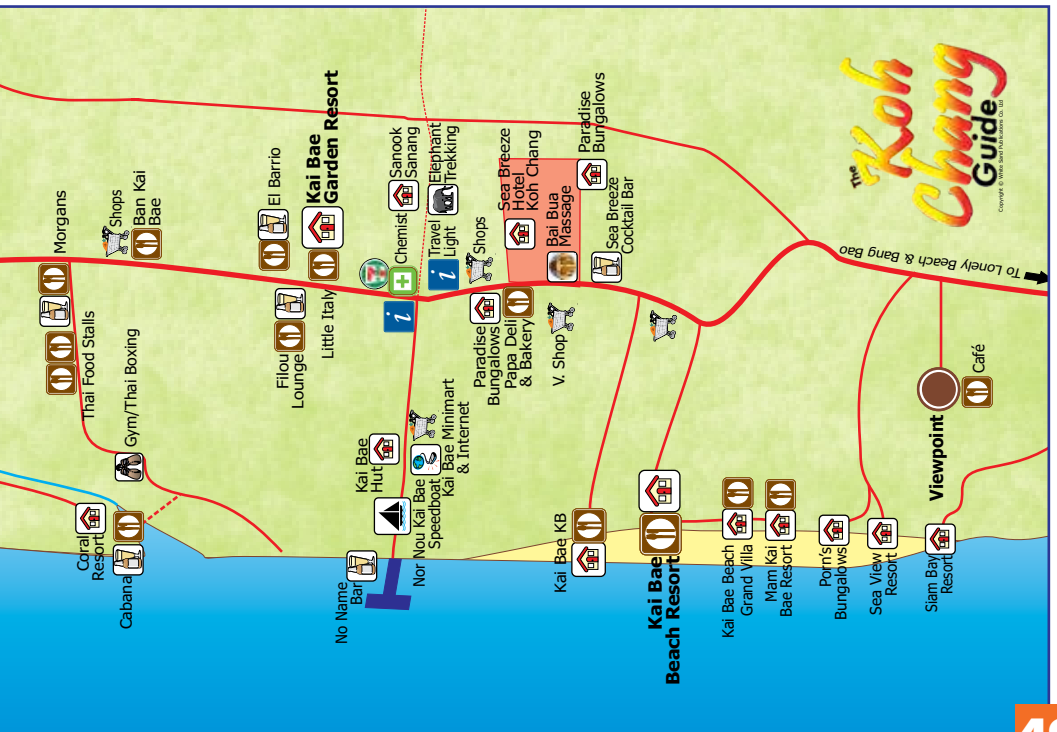
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Restaurants & Bars: Paddy's Palms



Paddy's Palms Irish Pub & Resort

Paddy's Palms has an excellent menu for all the family and is located at White Sand Beach. Paddy's is open from 7:30am and has a great western breakfast selection for those who fancy a change from the normal island fare.

The menu offers many classic pub and international dishes such as Irish stew, fish & chips, pies, schnitzel and fajitas; Thai food is also available.

One of the highlights of the menu is the quality imported Australian streaks served with delicious sauces and sides.

Another highlight is the Sunday Roast (Now Available on Saturdays) just like your mum made it, not to be missed.

Live sports are shown on big screens and there is a pool table, Wi-Fi and table football.

There is a car park behind the pub and has a good value resort with a swimming pool.

House Specialities

- Paddy's Palms big breakfast served all day - 295B
- Fish & chips with bread, salad and tartar sauce - 330B
- Irish Stew: classic stew made with lamb and vegetables - 385B
- Home-made Steak & Guinness pie - 295B
- Sunday Roast: Roast lamb, beef or chicken - 295 – 350B (Sat-Sun Only)
- Apple Crumble - 150B

Details

Opening Hours

7.30 am to 12.30-1 am

House Wine Glass

120 Baht

Corkage

300B

Credit Cards Accepted

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Vegetarian Dishes

Selection

Reservations

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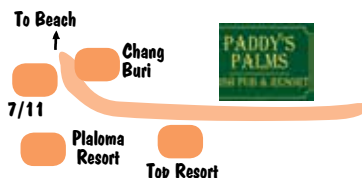
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Details

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Restaurants & Bars

White Sands Beach

<u>15 Palms</u>	<i>European/Thai</i>	Comfortable beach restaurant/bar. A menu packed with international favourites. Italian Gelato and Italian Lavazza coffee shop.
<u>Alaturka</u>	<i>Turkish/Med.</i>	Here you will find fresh and tasty Turkish and Mediterranean cuisine such as grilled meats, Turkish pizzas and a great selection of meze.
<u>Bella Vita</u>	<i>Italian</i>	This Italian restaurant in central White Sand Beach serves dishes prepared by their Italian chef including your favourite pizzas and pasta.
<u>Blue Lagoon Bar</u>	<i>Bar</i>	One of the most popular bars in the "Mini-Pattaya" bar area. They have a free Pool table and show live sports. Late opening and friendly staff.
<u>Buffalo Bill Steak House</u>	<i>Steak</i>	This themed steakhouse and hotel offer a choice of different steaks using imported beef. And you get a 10% food discount with this guide.
<u>Ciao Koh Chang</u>	<i>Italian/Thai</i>	This Koh Chang favourite is a stylish restaurant halfway up the hill out of White Sand Beach. New: delivery to White Sand Beach & Chai Chet
Iyara Seafood	<i>Thai/Western</i>	There is a new branch of one of Koh Chang's best and most popular seafood restaurants at Kacha Resort in the centre of White Sands.
Joom Joom Bar	<i>Bar</i>	This little bar is located on the main road at the North end of White Sands. It's a friendly place, even though the owner comes from Leeds.
<u>K.C. Grande Resort & Spa</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Choose from no less than seven places to eat and drink here including K.C. Bar, beachfront & rooftop restaurants, pool bars, and a coffee lounge.
<u>Paddy's Palms</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Koh Chang's original Irish Pub has an extensive Western menu with special roast dinners on weekends, draft Guinness and top quality imported steaks.
Plaloma	<i>Western</i>	Attractive sea views in this restaurant on the first floor of Plaloma Resort, and also great views from their waterfront bar.
Rock Sand	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Beachside restaurant/bar with fantastic views over the beach and bay. A good spot for watching the sunset. Now Italian Gelato ice cream.
Siam Kitchen	<i>Chinese/Thai</i>	Restaurant offering Western and Chinese specialities in addition to a full Thai menu. Cocktails are also available.
Tantawan	<i>Thai/Western</i>	This bar and restaurant is in a great location right on the beach. They have a well-priced menu and fresh seafood is a popular choice.
Taste of India	<i>Indian</i>	This Indian restaurant has a large menu of authentic, home-cooked Indian classic cuisine from spicy starters to delicious desserts



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Hat Kai Mook (Pearl Beach)

Everflow	<i>Veg/Vegan</i>	Freshly-made vegetarian, vegan and whole food is on offer as well as good coffee and juices freshly-pressed juices.
Saffron on The Sea	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Scenic restaurant & bar by the sea. Offers breakfasts, lunches & dinners in a shady and secluded garden setting
Sanae's	<i>Thai/Western</i>	The good food here includes home-made sausages and all day breakfasts as well as one of Koh Chang's best Pat Gapows.

Chai Chet

<u>Marco Ristorante Italiano</u>	<i>Italian</i>	One of Koh Chang's top-ranked restaurants on Tripadvisor and it deserves the praise. Italian chef Marco prepares excellent pizzas, home-made pasta and authentic Italian dishes in V.J. Plaza.
Nong Bua Seafood	<i>Thai/Seafood</i>	This sleek and stylish new seafood restaurant next to Klong Prao Resort offers all kinds of Thai meals, fresh seafood and BBQ.

Klong Prao

2488 Rustic Eastern Cuisine	<i>Thai/Koh Chang</i>	This classy and unique restaurant offers a true taste of traditional Koh Chang and Eastern Thai cuisine using treasured 70 year old recipes.
<u>Alchemy</u>	<i>Bar/Restaurant</i>	The newly completed Alchemy is a stylish bar and restaurant that offers the latest and best mixology, tunes and appetising dishes.
<u>Crust Bakery</u>	<i>Bakery/Deli</i>	This popular bakery/Deli has all kinds of bread, sandwiches and cakes as well as a European deli with all kinds of hard to find treats.

Restaurants & Bars

Iyara Seafood	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Seafood restaurant in a picturesque setting on the lagoon with terrific views of the beach and the mountain.
<u>KA-TI Culinary</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	You can taste a wide range of authentic Thai dishes in this restaurant. If you like you can take a course to learn how to cook them yourself.
Moley's	<i>Western/Bar</i>	Home-made farang food: full English breakfasts, burgers, steaks, chicken, spag' bol' & cold beers all in a lovely water-front bar setting.
<u>Riverview Hostel</u>	<i>Spanish/Bar</i>	This modern hostel has a bar and restaurant with a fabulous view and offers authentic Spanish specialities.
Pizzeria Toscana	<i>Italian</i>	This new Italian restaurant in the centre of Klong Prao village offers authentic Italian cuisine with an original-fired pizza oven.
Sapparat Bar	<i>Bar/Thai</i>	This wooden bar leans out over the river where it meets the sea. They have live sports, Thai and Issan food and great sunsets.
Kai Bae		
El Barrio	<i>Mexican</i>	This popular Mexican restaurant serves authentic Mexican food using only genuine ingredients and real, proper Mexican recipes.
Cabana	<i>Bar/Western</i>	This new place is a beach bistro and bar with a swimming pool, pool table and fantastic views up and down the coast.
<u>Chill Out Cafe</u>	<i>Thai/Fusion</i>	This Thai-Fusion seafood restaurant at The Chill Resort offers high class cuisine, bar, and a spectacular beach view.
<u>Kai Bae Beach Resort</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	The beachfront restaurant at this hotel serves breakfasts, then has a full Thai and Western menu throughout the day and evening.
<u>Mordi & Fuggi</u>	<i>Italian</i>	There are two of these neat little restaurants offering some excellent Italian street food prepared by an Italian chef.
Morgan's	<i>Bar/Thai/Western</i>	Popular and central two-storey bar and restaurant with live sports and good food.
Wine Gallery	<i>Bar/Cafe</i>	Newly expanded. There is an extensive international menu with some great tapas, also a large range of beers and spirits at wholesale prices.
Lonely Beach		
<u>BB Lonely Beach/Cat Cafe</u>	<i>International</i>	A large variety of different tapas as well as a huge selection of imported Belgian beers. And a swimming pool. And lots of cats!
<u>Cafe Jungle Fresh</u>	<i>Cafe</i>	This bright new cafe offers tasty treats such as coffee, baguettes and cold-pressed juice right in the middle of Lonely Beach village.
Himmel	<i>Cocktail Bar</i>	One of Lonely Beach's biggest party venues has top DJ's and a great sound system as well as a FREE Vodka bucket between 9:30-10pm with this guide.
<u>Little Eden</u>	<i>Thai/International</i>	Good Thai and International food at the restaurant of this hillside bungalow resort. Try their tasty house specialities. English German and Thai Spoken.
<u>Oasis Resort</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	This hillside restaurant has a great sea view. Enjoy the sunset with a cold beer or try one of their delicious sandwiches.
<u>Thale</u>	<i>Bar/Restaurant</i>	This popular restaurant and bar serves good food and drinks from breakfast until late and has great music and live bands.

Bailan Beach

The Happy Turtle	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Good Thai food (they have a cooking school), ice cream, milkshakes and coffee served by a Barista as well as a bar with a good pool table.
<u>Elephant Bay</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	A good selection of Thai and Western dishes are available at the restaurant of this private beachfront resort.
<u>Harley Moon Hideaway</u>	<i>Bar</i>	There is a nice bar at this small resort with a swimming pool beside and breakfasts are also available in their comfy lounge.

Bang Bao

<u>Buddha View</u>	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Relax in tropical surroundings with panoramic view of the ocean while enjoying authentic Traditional Thai cuisine or excellent European food.
<u>Ruan Thai Seafood</u>	<i>Thai</i>	Freshly caught seafood is the order of the day in this restaurant in a nice location over the sea on Bang Bao pier.
<u>The Box</u>	<i>Italian</i>	This place uses imported ingredients to make traditional Italian street food from sandwiches to home-made lasagne and pizzas made with specially aged dough.

Klong Son

<u>Sailors Lounge Cafe</u>	<i>Cafe, Cake Shop</i>	JUST OPENED! Located on stilts over the river, enjoy your special signature hot/iced coffee with view on the mangroves. Add to that a wide selection of yummy cakes.
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Restaurants & Bars

<u>Shambhala Beach Bar</u>	Bar	This swim-up pool bar beside the beach at Siam Royal View (Marina) specialises in cocktails, mocktails and fruit shakes from 11am-10pm Thu-Tue
<u>The Beach Club</u>	Italian Food & Bar	This beachfront restaurant serves Italian fine dining and wines with the most beautiful sunsets. You can also enjoy cocktails and light food right next to our Infinity Pool.
<u>The Yacht Club Riverview Restaurant</u>	Thai Food/ International Food / Bar	Great for families and couples to relax. This river terrace restaurant offers a large selection of Thai food, and enjoy the Hawaiian Grill 5-course Dinner concept every night.
East Coast		
<u>Journeys End</u>	Bar	A friendly sunset bar at this homestay located on the waterfront in peaceful Chek Bae.
<u>Serenity Resort</u>	Bar/ Snacks	This place is worth a stop. They offer great Western & Thai food from 7:30am to 8:30pm at the beachside and offer free use of watersports gear.
<u>The Spa Koh Chang Resort</u>	Vegetarian	This resort offers a comprehensive vegetarian menu featuring fresh and healthy options that are, first and foremost, delicious.
Koh Mak		
<u>By The Sea</u>	Asian Fusion/ Seafood	A great selection of fusion and seafood dishes as well as cocktails at this restaurant, beach bar and guesthouse.
<u>Food Art Hut</u>	Thai/ Western	This roadside restaurant has a great selection of western and Thai dishes ranging from pizzas to sandwiches to pad krapow.
<u>Koh Mak Sportsbar</u>	Western/Thai	This place has live sports as well as a full western menu and bakery. They also have an all-you-can-eat buffet on Saturdays.
<u>Koh Mak Steakhouse</u>	Western/Thai	Great western food, including steaks, is served at this restaurant in a charming spot on stilts over the sea.
Koh Kood		
<u>Pizza and Pasta</u>	Italian	Koh Kood's original Italian restaurant is a friendly and authentic roadside spot serving all the classics. The calzone is highly recommended.



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Koh Chang - White Sands Beach

<u>15 Palms</u>	B-C	This restaurant/bar has new mezzanine rooms with great sea view. Now also a swimming pool.	Tel: 039-551-095
<u>Buffalo Bills Hotel</u>	C	There are 13 fully featured rooms in this luxury boutique hotel above a popular steak restaurant.	Tel: 039-551-451
<u>K.C. Grande Resort & Spa</u>	D	This large luxury resort occupies a long stretch of sandy beach and offers bungalows & 2 hotels.	Tel: 039-552-111 Tel: 02-539-5424
<u>Paddy's Palms</u>	B-C	Fully furnished A/C rooms behind and large suites above this Irish Pub. Nice swimming pool.	Tel: 039-619-083
<u>Palm Garden Hotel</u>	B-C	8 air-conditioned rooms with TV, fridge & hot water. Reception is in 15 Palms.	Tel: 039-551-095

Koh Chang - Pearl Beach (Hat Kai Mook)

<u>The Pearl Luxury Pool Villas</u>	D	These classy new villas sleep six and have private pools and kitchens in a convenient but quiet central location.	Tel: 0925-322-923 Tel: 081-919-8219
<u>Pearl Beach Apartments</u>	B	2 large apartments with two double bedrooms, lounge and kitchen. WiFi, a/c, TV. Large and very economical.	Tel: 081-919-8219 Tel: 089-936-5621

Koh Chang - Klong Prao

<u>Alchemy</u>	B	This stylish modern restaurant & bar has some neat guestrooms in the garden behind.	Tel: 080-901-3701
<u>Riverview Hostel</u>	A	Fabulous riverside location for this hostel with mixed and all-female dorms at good rates	Tel: 0967-534-035

Koh Chang - Kai Bae

<u>Kai Bae Beach Resort</u>	C-D	This well-established beachfront resort has a swimming pool and bungalows and hotel rooms.	Tel: 063-669-5416 Tel: 063-669-9916
<u>Kai Bae Garden Resort</u>	C-D	Popular 20 room resort with A/C and fan rooms with TV. Conveniently central location	Tel: 039-557-260 Tel: 086-145-9529
<u>The Chill</u>	D	This attractive and very popular resort is located in a great beachfront location in central Kai Bae	Tel: 039 552 555



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Koh Chang - Lonely Beach

[B.B. Lonely Beach](#) A Nice rooms and a new dormitory at this Tapas Restaurant and lounge bar with swimming pool. Tel: 089-504-0543

[Janrassamee Home Stay](#) B A cosy and friendly boutique homestay with affordable, fully appointed aircon rooms. Tel: 089-279-0021
Tel: 098-4717-013

[Little Eden](#) B Neat, affordable hillside bungalows and a good restaurant. English, German and Thai spoken. Tel: 084-867-7459

[Oasis](#) A-B Charming Fan & Aircon bungalows in a pretty jungle garden with a fantastic Treehouse and good food. Tel: 081-721-2547

[Thale](#) A-B This friendly guesthouse with bar and restaurant offers affordable rooms with a strong WiFi connection. Tel: 081-901-0346,
Tel: 094-465-8568

Koh Chang - Bailan Beach

[Elephant Bay Resort](#) B-C This seafront resort has a private and secluded feel with rooms arranged around a pool and garden. Tel: 098-836-3693
Tel: 091-727-1475

[Harley Moon Hideaway](#) C-D This is a cosy family-run resort in the centre of Bailan Beach, so it's convenient yet private. Tel: 092 991 0526

Koh Chang - Bang Bao

[Buddha View](#) B Delightful serviced rooms, all with fan and Aircon, in a beautiful setting. Tel: 039-558-157
Fax: 039-558-158

[Sunny Inn](#) A-B New guesthouse with seven comfy double rooms and two four-bed dorms. All rooms have air-con. Tel: 089-099-4030
Tel: 089-899-0806

Koh Chang - Klong Son

[Peninsula Beach Resort](#) D First class resort with beautiful Beachfront Junior Suites. Watersports, 2 km of sandy beach, 40 m swimming pool, and Beach Club Restaurant Tel: 039-510-640

[Marina Sands Resort](#) C-D Located on the riverside next to an impressive yacht marina, this resort offers spacious rooms for couples and families - pure relaxation! Tel: 039-510-188

[The Boats House](#) C-D 8-unit Boutique Hotel, with direct access to the beach and riverside. Each room its own unique maritime design - stay in Koh Chang with style. Tel: 039-510-188

Koh Chang - East Coast

[Crown View Beach Resort](#) B-D This new place opens early 2020. It's an attractive and private beachside resort with pool. Tel: 095-816-5093

[Serenity Resort](#) C-D Classy boutique resort. Beachside bungalows and family villas beside a pool, sun-deck and shady bar/restaurant. Tel: 088-092-4452

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Koh Mak

By The Sea	B-C	There will be some rooms opening soon at this friendly and central cafe, bar and bungalow resort	Tel: 090-947-5401
Holiday Beach Resort	B-C	An immaculate beach garden and nice wooden bungalows at the home of Koh Mak disk golf.	Tel: 086-751-7668
Ao Kao Resort	D	This luxury resort has large private bungalows with sea view on a long stretch of private beach	Tel: 083-152-6564

Koh Kood

B.B. Divers Dorm	A	Simple cheap and central rooms behind this dive shop in Klong Chao village	Tel: 08-222-06-002
Jasmin Garden	D	This small resort has lovely individually furnished bungalows all with a sea view.	Facebook: Jasmin Garden Koh Kood
Koh Kood Resort	D	Beautiful sea view rooms at this popular and well-appointed resort in Bang Bao Bay.	Tel: 092-271-4785
Rest Sea Koh Kood	D	This private resort is located on a stunning beach in the South-East of Koh Kood	Tel: 090-897-8844



Koh Chang's Wreck Dives

Koh Chang has two excellent wreck dives. The first is the HTMS Chang, formerly the US Tank Landing Ship LST-542 which the Thai Navy decommissioned, stripped and sunk on November 22nd 2012 in 33 metres of water off the South-East coast of Koh Chang.

The Chang is 100 metres long and is Thailand's longest wreck dive so you will find plenty of ship to explore under the waters and it is an interesting and challenging dive site for divers with advanced qualification. The undersea flora and fauna have now had time to develop and you can expect to see all kinds of larger pelagic fish in and around the wreck.

For the ship it is the end of a long life of service that started with its construction in Pittsburgh USA, and included World War 2 service in the Asia Pacific Theatre, with notable

involvement in the occupation of Okinawa 1945. Subsequently it was put into use as a sea transport by the US Navy and saw extensive service during the Korean War including involvement in the Inchon Landing of 1950.

The ship must have performed well since in 1955 it was finally given a name rather than a number and continued to serve as the USS Lincoln County until it was decommissioned and transferred to the Royal Thai Navy in 1962.

And now there is a second wreck to visit. The Thai Navy sank another decommissioned vessel off the island in December 2013. The whole process happened very quickly and with little of the fanfare and long delays that accompanied the sinking of the first wreck. The boat was the USS PGM-71, renamed the T11 by Thailand's Navy. It is a 30-metre long gunboat and has been sunk in shallower waters than the first wreck so divers can dive it with just an open water diving certificate. You can expect to see a good range and variety of undersea plants and animals that now call the wreck home. It's another great reason to come and dive Koh Chang.

All of the dive shops listed in the Koh Chang Guide will be happy to give you further information about diving the wrecks.





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