

Things to do near bangkok airport during transit essay

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If you are in transit at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport for more than 6 hours and don't fancy sitting around the airport all day, there are a number of attractions nearby that are a short taxi ride away and will definitely break up the boredom of your short stay.

A very interesting and unique option near the airport is "Ancient Siam" (formerly known as Ancient City). Called Mueang Boran in Thai, it is a cultural park spread over 200 acres and is referred to as the world's largest outdoor museum. The park is built in the shape of Thailand and houses 116 replicas, reconstructed monuments and architectural attractions. Each of the structures are placed in its geographically correct position within the Thailand-shaped park. Some of the monuments are life-sized, while others are scaled down. Spending a day here will give you a great tour of the history of Thailand and you can even opt for a private guided tour in English, though of course at an extra cost (1500 Baht). The architecture on display throughout the park is absolutely amazing, a lot of it quite difficult to find nowadays throughout Thailand.

Apart from some major reproductions such as the floating market, the reclining Buddha, the Pavilion of the Enlightened and the Giant Swing and Brahmin Temple, you can also see and walk through realistic depictions of traditional Thai villages which are still in abundance today in rural Thailand, but unless you have Thai friends or relatives to take you, it would be difficult to see during your stay. Ancient Siam really is very beautiful and it is so large that you can spend a peaceful day roaming or cycling and only run into someone every now and then. Bicycles, and even 2 and 3 seater bicycles,

can be rented inside the park for 50 Baht each (100 and 150 Baht respectively for duo and triple bicycles). The park is roughly 15 kilometers from the airport and is accessible in 40 minutes.

Admission is 300 Baht for adults and 150 Baht for children. It is open from 8am to 5pm daily. In the same area as the Ancient Siam park is the Samut Prakan Crocodile Farm and Zoo. Built in 1950, it was Thailand's first crocodile farm and now houses over 60, 000 crocodiles, of both the saltwater and freshwater variety.

You can see elephants, chimpanzees, and other animals such as gibbons, turtles, boa constrictors, pythons, birds, camels, hippopotamuses, and of various species of fishes. There is also a tiger chained up with which you can have your photo taken. The park is open from 7am to 6pm and shows are performed every hour between 9am and 5pm, with handlers catching the crocodiles bare handed, wrestling with them and even placing their hands and heads inside the crocodiles' open jaws. There are also elephant shows with performances every hour between 9: 30 am and 4: 30 pm. Be warned that this zoo has come under a lot of flack from some tourists for the way the animals are treated with small concrete enclosures with no secondary barriers. Advances in zoo designs have certainly not come to Thailand yet and if you are sensitive to such things you may want to skip this zoo. In summary if you have between eight and twelve hours, the Ancient Siam park is an excellent choice to get outside, have a relaxing time and even learn something about Thailand.

If you have a shorter amount of time and if you have the stomach for it, you may consider the Crocodile Farm and Zoo. Both of these attractions are close to each other and can be reached by taxi from the airport in a little over half an hour. Be sure to check at the new Tours for Transit Passengers desks in the transfer hall of the airport to see if these destinations are offered as a tour. If so you can avoid paying the 700 baht airport tax when you re-check-in to your onward flight by taking the tour.