



What Will I Do There?

How to live the dream without getting bored

Audience: Individuals and couples considering living or retiring overseas.

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Synopsis: Many prospective expats are concerned there aren't enough activities in some places to keep them from being bored. Any paradise can turn into a palm tree prison if you can't find something to do. We'll explore the possibilities and opportunities many are unaware of until they actually arrive and settle into a new place.

My adopted home of Thailand will serve as an example, but many of the ideas you'll find in this article could apply anywhere in the world.

Working - Most countries have restrictions on what kind of jobs you can have. I'll explain how things are in Thailand and compare it to other countries in the region. I've had several brick-n-mortar jobs since moving overseas, but I recommend discovering the wonderful world of earning online. I've been doing it since 2016 and I'll detail some of the gigs I've had and tell the stories of a few local expats who've discovered online work too.

Volunteering - There are some fantastic charities working in Thailand supporting worthy causes. We'll look at some well known groups like the Rotary Club, and learn about local charities like Take Care Kids that house, feed, and educate orphans from Thailand, Cambodia, and Myanmar. We will also report on the Soi Dog Foundation that runs animal shelters and adoption centers all over the country.

Sports and Clubs - Book clubs, motorcycle clubs, running clubs, traveling golf clubs, pool leagues, dart leagues, drama groups, and bands looking for drummers ... if you live in a major metro area with a sizable expat community, you will be spoiled for choice in this part of the world.

Interviews:

- **Greg Lange**, 60-ish American and head of a large charitable organization in BKK.
- **Kim Waddoup**, 70 year old Brit who earns money as an actor in Thai movies and TV and is Secretary of the Rotary Club in Chonburi Province.
- **Eric Hayes**, retired US Air Force Master Sergeant who fills his days with tennis, golf, and billiards clubs.