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## Pros & Cons of Living in a Tourist Town

*Getting the Best of Both Worlds*

**Target Audience:** Individuals and couples considering a move overseas.

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### Synopsis:

This article will explore the advantages and disadvantages of living in a tourist town overseas. The examples will be from Thailand, but the many of the concepts are universal.

The “pros” of living in a tourist town can be as trivial as “*great people watching*” to as serious as “*good medical facilities*” and “*less language barriers*”. International cuisine ... airport and transportation access ... hospitality workers with language skills ... good entertainment ... I’ll cover all the main advantages and give examples.

I’ll highlight this part of the article with a story about my visit to **The Sanctuary of Truth** in North Pattaya, and **Nong Nooch Botanical Gardens in Sattahip**. I’ve lived here for 12 years and had never been to see either of them. I was pleasantly surprised to have a real cultural moment right in my backyard.

I’ll also tell a funny story about my brother and sister coming to visit. When you live in a tourist town, your family comes to see you ... pro or con?

The “cons” will include traffic, noise, cost of living, and *everyone-is-on-holiday-but-me syndrome*.

I’ll recommend seizing the opportunity to get the best of both worlds by choosing wisely.

**Choose coastal beaches, not islands:** Chumphon, not Koh Samui / Trat, not Koh Chang / Krabi, not Phuket.

**Choose peripheral towns close by:** Bang Sare, not Pattaya / Cha Am, not Hua Hin / Chiang Rai, not Chiang Mai.

**Choose tourist towns that offer something to enhance your lifestyle:** Pattaya or Hua Hin for golfers / Koh Chang or Koh Tao for scuba divers / Phuket for boat lovers.