



Bangkok Getaway

When the beach gets boring, the bored go to Bangkok!

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Synopsis: This article will be an entertaining slice of expat life in Bangkok, Thailand. The focus will be on the diversity of non-tourist things to do and see (and eat).

I'll tell the story of being bored at the beach and longing for some big city food and entertainment. Bangkok is my favorite place on the planet and was my home for several years. Now on long weekends I flow counter to the traffic streaming south to the beach and head up to see old friends and feel that familiar BKK vibe.

How to arrange a getaway

My trip was very spur-of-the-moment, but I arranged everything from my smartphone while sitting on my balcony. I'll explain what kind of messaging apps we use here as well as travel apps to book hotels and transportation complete with prices.

Good to see old friends

Here I'll have some good stories about visiting my favorite places in Bangkok including a Thai chocolatier, my favorite used bookstore, and my "go to" restaurant. We'll also take a peek at the live music scene and get introduced to Keith Nolan, Irish bluesman and the hardest working musician in Bangkok.

A Date with Vincent

After revealing my favorite breakfast joint in Bangkok, we'll explore the magic of Icon Siam, a state-of-the-art shopping and entertainment complex located right on the Chao Phraya River. That's where I witnessed the [Van Gogh Alive](#) exhibit, an immersive digital art experience celebrating the life and works of the Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh. (pics included)

Gold Standard of People Watching

I'll close the article by having a cold one in downtown Bangkok, perched in the window of a classic English Pub, watching the flow of humanity on Sukhumvit Road. It is truly the best people watching in the galaxy.