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Unveiling the Siamese Magic: From Street Food to Sacred Temples!

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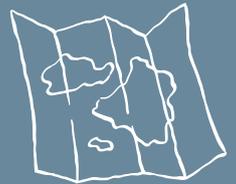
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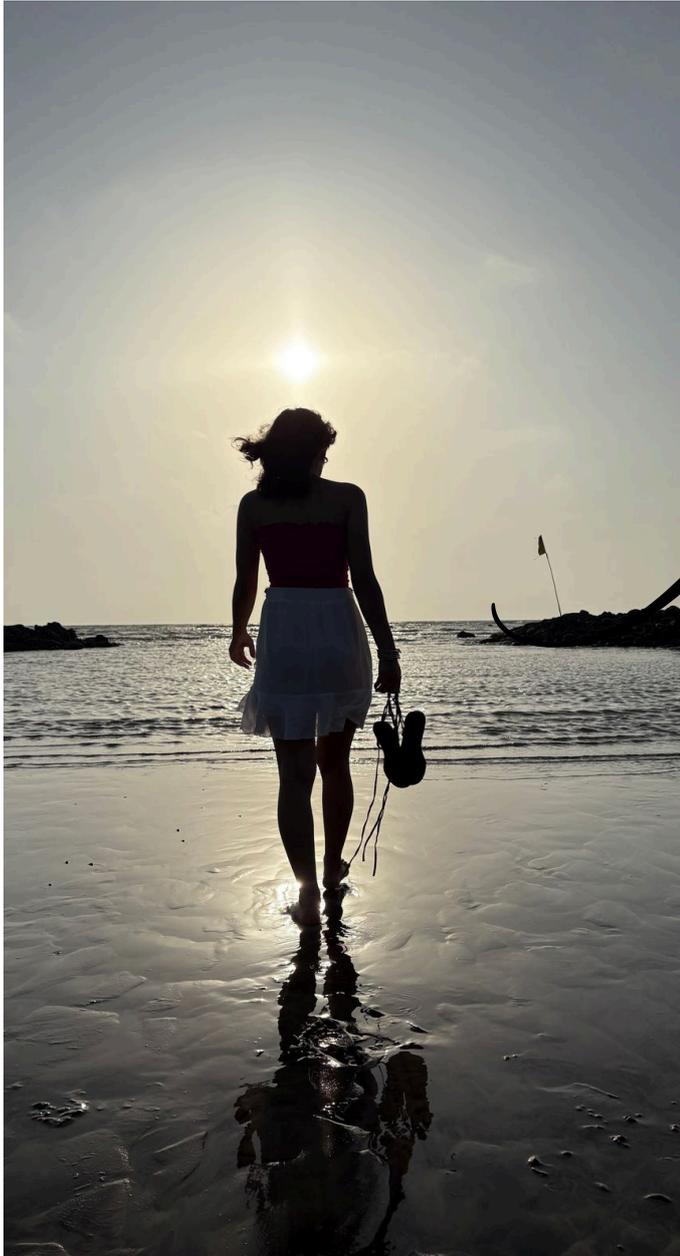
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# LETTER

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Travel isn't always about seeing  
new places—sometimes, it's about  
seeing with new eyes

As we bring to you this special edition dedicated to the enchanting land of Thailand, I find myself reflecting on what makes travel truly transformative. Is it the places we see, the people we meet, or the memories we gather in passing moments that linger forever? In Thailand, it's all of this—and more.

Nestled between ancient tradition and bold modernity, Thailand is a symphony of contrasts. Here, golden temples rise beside neon-lit streets, and serene monasteries echo just moments away from vibrant markets buzzing with energy. Whether you're sipping coconut water on a quiet island beach, weaving through the chaos of Bangkok's back alleys, or sharing a smile with a street vendor over a bowl of steaming Pad Thai—Thailand welcomes you not as a tourist, but as a storyteller in the making.

This edition is your passport to discovery. Inside, you'll explore the country's hidden gems, meet locals who give Thailand its soul, find new spots that redefine wanderlust, and learn how to travel with heart—whether through eco-conscious choices or by treading softly into communities with respect and curiosity. Our team has worked passionately to ensure this issue captures the true essence of Thailand—not just its postcard beauty, but its heartbeat. You'll find adventure tucked in lush jungles, calm in ancient temples, and joy in the little things: a lantern lit at Yi Peng, a tuk-tuk ride under a monsoon sky, a shared laugh with a stranger.



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# ADVENTURES IN NATURE

Where the wild awakens the  
wanderer

Thailand is a playground for the nature-seeker—a country where emerald jungles stretch beyond the horizon, limestone cliffs rise dramatically from turquoise waters, and hidden waterfalls roar in untouched silence. This is not just a place to visit; it's a place to feel alive.

Trek through the ancient rainforests of Khao Sok National Park, where gibbons swing above and mist floats over a prehistoric landscape. Kayak through the mangroves of Krabi, where the only sounds are your paddle and the distant call of a hornbill. Scale the rugged heights of Chiang Mai's Doi Inthanon and be rewarded with sweeping vistas and sacred shrines perched in the clouds.

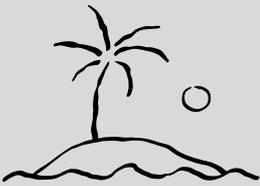


Golden hour at the temple—where serenity meets the sun, and every step tells a story of timeless grace.

# BEST

# New Places

# TO VISIT



Beyond the well-trodden path, discover Thailand's freshest gems

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By Aman Yadav  
Photography by Pahal Sharma

Thailand is always evolving, offering travelers not just well-loved favorites, but also exciting new destinations that are redefining the travel experience. From untouched islands to rising cultural hubs, these new spots promise an unforgettable journey.

## 1. Phang Nga Bay – A New Adventure Awaits

This stunning bay, known for its limestone karsts and emerald waters, has always been a favorite for kayakers and boat tours. But now, with eco-friendly tours and lesser crowds, Phang Nga Bay is becoming the serene adventure escape it always deserved to be. Explore hidden caves, secret lagoons, and the famous James Bond Island—without the typical hustle.

## 2. Koh Lanta – The Tranquil Paradise

Forget the tourist-packed shores of Phuket. Koh Lanta offers an authentic Thai island experience that's both beautiful and peaceful. From stunning beaches and vibrant coral reefs to quiet cafés nestled in jungle nooks, this island is a peaceful escape for those in search of serenity. It's perfect for travelers looking to experience the true essence of island life.



Where time meets tide—an ancient home stands watch over the ever-changing sea  
Photography by Pahal Sharma

The best journeys are those that lead us to new places, new perspectives, and unforgettable stories.

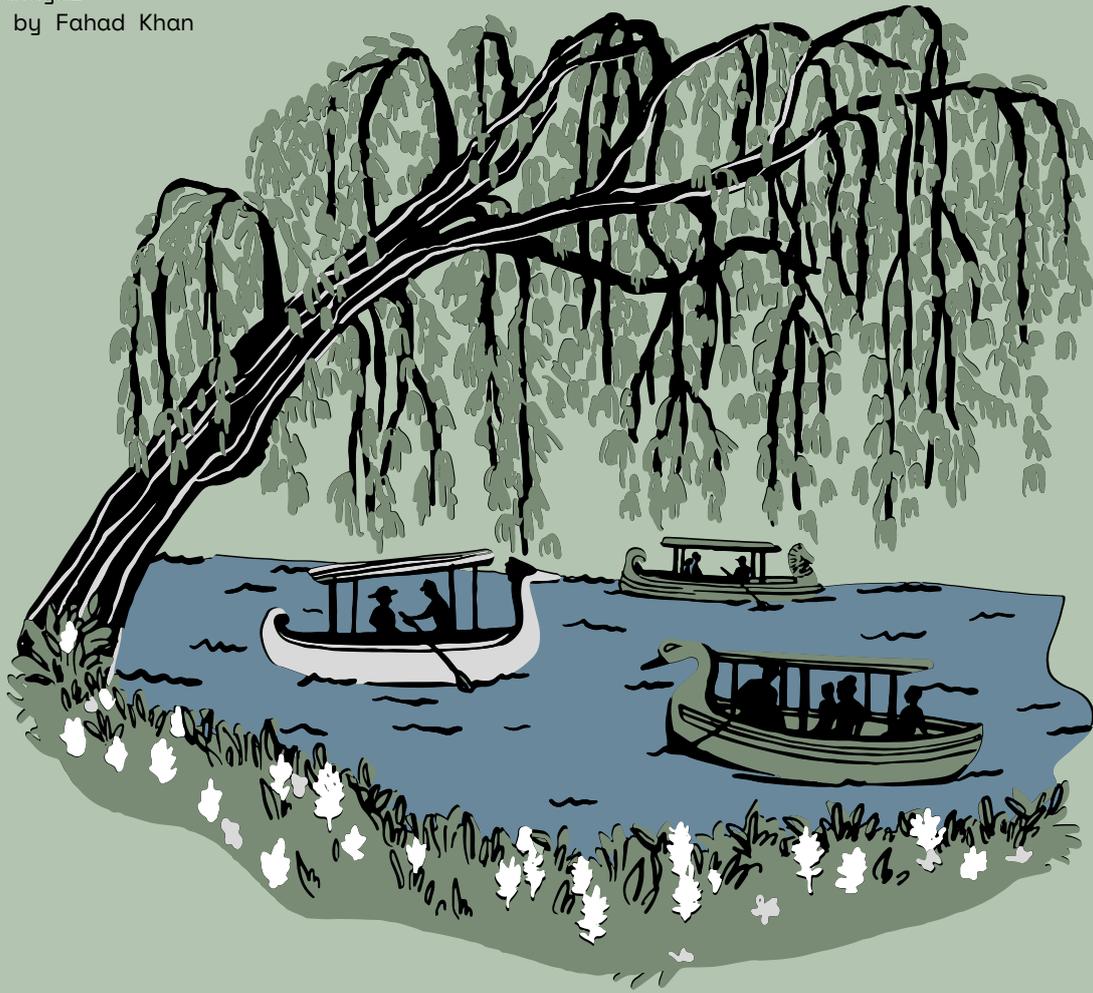
### **3. Nakhon Ratchasima – The Heart of Authentic Thailand**

Known as Korat, this northern gem is home to stunning ancient Khmer architecture and rich cultural heritage. Explore the Phimai Historical Park, visit waterfalls like Haew Suwat, and dive into the local food scene where traditional Thai flavors reign supreme. Korat is fast becoming a cultural hub, mixing the old with the new.

### **4. Chiang Rai's White Temple – A Surreal Experience**

While Chiang Mai steals the spotlight, Chiang Rai is quietly rising with its magnificent White Temple (Wat Rong Khun). This otherworldly structure, covered in intricate white carvings and shimmering glass, offers a glimpse into Thailand's unique spiritual artistry. It's a place where spirituality and surrealism meet—a must-see for those looking for something more than just the ordinary.

By Ashmit Jandya1  
Photography by Fahad Khan



# ECO-TOURISM *in the* SPOTLIGHT

Discover Thailand's beauty while preserving its soul

The earth is what we all have in common—let's travel wisely and cherish its beauty

Travel with purpose, and leave only footprints behind

In a world that's increasingly aware of environmental responsibility, Thailand is leading the way with sustainable travel experiences that allow you to enjoy its pristine landscapes without leaving a heavy footprint. Eco-tourism in Thailand is not just a trend—it's a movement to protect its natural wonders, support local communities, and create a more sustainable future for generations to come.

## **1. Khao Sok National Park – Nature's Sanctuary**

As one of the world's oldest rainforests, Khao Sok National Park is a haven for wildlife and a perfect example of eco-tourism at its best. Stay in floating bamboo huts on Cheow Lan Lake, kayak through misty waters, and discover diverse flora and fauna on guided eco-hikes. With responsible tourism initiatives, Khao Sok is preserving its ecosystem while allowing visitors to connect deeply with nature.



## True adventure lies not in discovering new places, but in protecting them

### **2. Koh Phi Phi – Keeping the Balance**

Known for its crystal-clear waters and dramatic cliffs, Koh Phi Phi is committed to reducing its environmental impact. From eco-friendly resorts to strict waste management policies and coral restoration programs, Phi Phi is setting a new standard for sustainable island tourism. Visitors can explore its pristine beaches, go snorkeling, and participate in conservation efforts, all while supporting the local community.

### **3. Chiang Mai’s Green Chiang Dao**

Chiang Dao, nestled in the mountains of Chiang Mai, is a lesser-known eco-tourism gem. The area is home to the famous Chiang Dao Cave and a variety of eco-lodges that promote green practices. Trek through lush forests, visit organic farms, and experience the charm of hill tribe villages that are focused on sustainability and preserving their natural surroundings.

### **4. Sustainable Adventures in Krabi**

Krabi’s stunning limestone cliffs and emerald-green waters are not only a paradise for nature lovers but also an example of eco-friendly travel. Local initiatives like waste-free beach campaigns and coral restoration projects are making a difference. Participate in kayaking, rock climbing, or hiking—while making sure that your adventures help protect the natural beauty around you.

### **5. Samui’s Eco-Conscious Resorts**

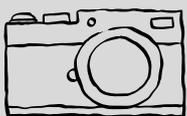
Koh Samui is more than just a tropical paradise—it’s now a leader in eco-luxury tourism. Many resorts on the island have embraced sustainable practices, from solar power to organic food production. Stay in eco-conscious resorts where luxury meets sustainability, and explore nature reserves, hidden beaches, and lush jungles with the knowledge that your stay is helping to protect the island’s natural heritage.

# EXPLORING



# FORT MAHAKAN

**A glimpse into Bangkok's forgotten past, where history echoes through ancient walls.**



By Ayushi Sharma  
Photography by Pahal Sharma

Nestled in the heart of Bangkok, Fort Mahakan offers a rare, quiet escape from the city's bustling energy, providing a glimpse into Thailand's colonial-era history. This historic fort, one of the few remnants of the original city walls, stands as a testament to the rich heritage that once defined the capital.



Built in the late 18th century during the reign of King Rama I, Fort Mahakan was part of the defensive fortifications that once surrounded the old city. While its strategic purpose has faded, the fort's timeless presence and stunning architecture offer a peaceful juxtaposition to the modern city around it.

Walking through the area, you'll not only encounter the fort itself but also the charming old neighborhoods that surround it. The community living near Fort Mahakan is one of the last areas in Bangkok where traditional wooden houses still stand—offering an authentic experience of Bangkok's past.

#### What to Do:

- **Explore the Fort's Ramparts:** Walk along the fort's walls for an elevated view of the surrounding old town.
- **Visit the Museum:** Learn about the fort's history and its role in defending the city during the 18th century.
- **Stroll Through the Neighborhood:** Discover the quaint houses and local markets nearby, where you can immerse yourself in traditional Thai culture.
- **Capture the Perfect Shot:** With the fort framed by the backdrop of modern skyscrapers, this is a photographer's paradise—a beautiful fusion of old and new.

Fort Mahakan was built during the reign of King Rama I in the late 18th century, part of a defensive fortification system designed to protect the newly established capital from invaders.

Though much of the original city wall has since been demolished, Fort Mahakan remains a symbol of Bangkok's rich history. Its cylindrical shape and solid brick structure stand tall against the test of time.



# BEST NEW PLACES TO VISIT

Discover the hidden gems and fresh destinations redefining Thailand's travel scene.



## Koh Yao Noi – A Tranquil Island Escape

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Situated in the Andaman Sea, between Phuket and Krabi, Koh Yao Noi remains a hidden treasure—perfect for those seeking peace and isolation. The island's charm lies in its simplicity: pristine beaches, gentle waves, and traditional fishing villages that still practice a lifestyle unchanged by mass tourism.



## Phang Nga Bay – Nature's Masterpiece

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Phang Nga Bay has long been known for its dramatic limestone karsts and emerald-green waters, but recent eco-tourism initiatives have made it a must-visit destination for nature lovers. While the famous James Bond Island still draws tourists, the area has also become a hub for kayaking through hidden caves.



## Nakhon Ratchasima (Korat) – A Cultural Heartbeat

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Nakhon Ratchasima, or Korat as it's locally known, is fast becoming Thailand's cultural and historical hub. With ancient Khmer temples like Phimai Historical Park and an increasing number of art galleries, this provincial city combines rich history with emerging modern culture.



## Chiang Rai's White Temple (Wat Rong Khun)

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Chiang Rai may be known for its temples, but the White Temple (Wat Rong Khun) has become an architectural wonder of the modern age. Designed by artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, the temple is a surreal fusion of art, religion, and philosophy.



## Hua Hin's Vana Nava Sky Park

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While Hua Hin is known for its beautiful beaches, the Vana Nava Sky Park is the newest addition to the city's attractions. Perched high above the city, this adventure park features zip lines, obstacle courses, and a skywalk that offers breathtaking views of the Gulf of Thailand.





# *Off the* BEATEN PATH

By Ritika  
Photography by Pahal Sharma

While Thailand's popular destinations like Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Phuket never fail to impress, there's a whole other side of the country that remains largely untouched by mass tourism. For those who yearn for something different, stepping off the beaten path is an opportunity to explore authentic culture, discover untouched landscapes, and experience Thailand's hidden gems in a way that few others have.

Finding beauty in the quiet moments, far from the beaten path.







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