

# Bangkok



Bangkok has become the number one destination in the world for tourists. According to a recent survey carried out by a major company, more tourists are choosing to visit the capital of Thailand than New York City and London. The reason for this recent **surge** in visitors is the increasing number of wealthy people living in the Asia region. Perhaps the popularity of Bangkok is no surprise since **it** has a rich history and there are many things for tourists to see and do.

Wats, or temples, are abundant in Bangkok. In fact, you could probably spend an entire two-week vacation trying to explore all the beautiful wats in the city. Wat Arun is one of the most visited wats in Bangkok. **It** has a tall central tower covered in porcelain. When the sun rises in the morning, it reflects off the tower. This creates a beautiful dazzling effect and it is an unforgettable experience for most visitors. The **interior** of the building is just as impressive. Beautifully painted murals line the walls and wonderful ceramics are on display.

The floating markets are another tourist hotspot in Bangkok. **These** are makeshift markets where people sell things from their boats on the river to shoppers on the street. Vendors might peddle anything from old trinkets to delicious food. Tourists can also hire a boat to travel the waters and follow the markets around the city.

Travelers who grow **weary** of the constant noise and crowds can also get outside the city to experience the beautiful countryside. Hua Hin is a resort that sits along the ocean to the south of the capital. It has a tropical climate throughout the year and offers a peaceful spot to relax and go for a dip in the ocean.



1. According to the article, why have more people been visiting Bangkok recently?
  - a) there are more rich people living in Asia
  - b) Bangkok is safer than New York City
  - c) Bangkok is not an expensive place to visit
  - d) there are more new tourist areas being built
  
2. The word “surge” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) growth
  - b) decrease
  - c) loss
  - d) repeat
  
3. The word “it” in paragraph 1 refers to:
  - a) tourists
  - b) popularity
  - c) surprise
  - d) Bangkok
  
4. The word “it” in paragraph 2 refers to:
  - a) Bangkok
  - b) Wat Arun
  - c) central tower
  - d) porcelain
  
5. The word “interior” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) yard
  - b) inside
  - c) outside
  - d) ground
  
6. The word “these” in paragraph 3 refers to:
  - a) hotspots
  - b) Bangkok
  - c) boats
  - d) floating markets
  
7. The word “weary” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) tired
  - b) impressed
  - c) worried
  - d) angered
  
8. According to the article, where is Hua Hin located?
  - a) north of Bangkok
  - b) next to War Arun
  - c) south of Bangkok
  - d) near a floating market

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (c)