

# Khao San Road



Khao San Road is a street in central Bangkok. It is only one kilometer long, but is one of the most famous streets in Asia. Over the last 20 years or so, Khao San Road has become the place to visit for tourists and backpackers from around the world. In the novel “The Beach” it was described as the center of the backpacking universe! Not many people who visit there would argue with that description. On this short street there are so many small hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, shops, stalls, and bars. In addition, there are also several places for tired travelers to get a relaxing massage. What makes Khao San Road that little bit more special is the relaxed atmosphere. It has a party feel to it, and everyone you see walking down the street seems to enjoy the experience. In the evening, the noise starts to increase as the parties begin. The music gets louder and the laughter spills out onto the street. In recent years, more famous companies such as 7-Eleven and McDonald’s have started to open stores there. Not everyone is happy with this though. They are worried that if too many big stores open, Khao San Road will lose its magical feeling.

1. How long is Khao San Road?
  - a) 1 kilometer
  - b) 2 kilometers
  - c) 3 kilometers
2. There are many restaurants on Khao San Road.
  - a) True
  - b) False
3. Tourists and backpackers visit Khao San Road.
  - a) True
  - b) False
4. Which two big companies have opened stores on Khao San Road?
  - a) Prada and Gucci
  - b) Burger King and KFC
  - c) 7-Eleven and McDonald’s

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (c)

