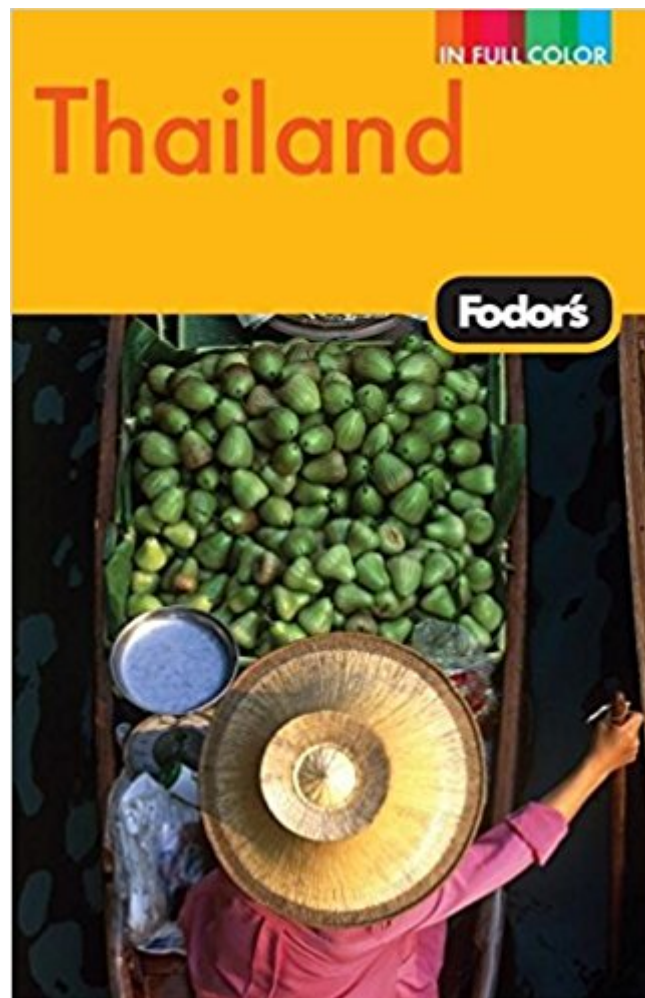




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Fodor's Thailand, 11th Edition: With Side Trips To Cambodia & Laos (Full-color Travel Guide)



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Ancient temple ruins, lush rolling hillsides, deserted-island beaches, and mouthwatering cuisine—all shine with new vitality in this full-color guide to Southeast Asia's most popular tourist destination. Fodor's Thailand covers top sights, Thai festivals, the best beach bungalows, how to negotiate a great deal at the market, and more. More than 250 color photographs illustrate Thailand's natural beauty and vibrant culture and help readers choose sights that will make their trip unforgettable. An all-new, "Experience Thailand" chapter gives readers a peek into Thai culture and features on classic Thai massage, beach-side lodging, local transportation, and eco-travel. All-new magazine-style features illustrate Thailand's top sights and attractions, including the Grand Palace, Bangkok street food, Buddhist statuary, southern beaches, and traditional arts and crafts. Side-trip chapters cover top destinations in Laos and Cambodia. New dining features and photos provide in-depth introductions to Thailand's four delectable and unique regional cuisines.

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accommodations and attractions." *Chicago Tribune* "The great detail, infectious spirit, and attractive format are distinguishing traits of these guides, which are entries in one of the top series in the business." *Booklist* "Fodor's can help you plan the perfect adventure" *The Arizona Republic* "Always thoughtfully written and easily readable, Fodor's travel guides have become a must-have when traveling to unfamiliar destinations" *Mid South Magazine* "Widely recognized as the gold standard of mainstream travel" *Honolulu Advertiser*

Fodor's has done an excellent job with this book. It is clear and well-organized (as compared to Lonely Planet which was a bit overwhelming with information). We stayed at several of the Fodor's Choice hotels (although we used TripAdvisor because of their recent reviews and ranking system), and they were truly amazing choices. On the other hand, given the vast number of restaurants in various cities in Thailand, the Fodor's Choice restaurants were decent but certainly not the most tasty. Fodor's also gave good information about the Similan Islands, a great place to go scuba diving. We also went to the Phi Phi Islands and Phang Nga bay because of friend's recommendations and Fodor's concurrence. We stayed in Thailand for two weeks and absolutely loved it! Fodor's helped us with accurate information about the markets, hotels, and maps. A separate map for the Skytrain/Metro in Bangkok would have been helpful. Still, a travel guide like this shows why Fodor's has been successful in the guidebook business for decades.

I got it for a friend who was going to be visiting Thailand. I'm not sure how much use she got out of it but when I flipped through it before I gave it to her it looked good to me.

Not only does Fodor's Thailand do a good job on reviewing the title country, it also includes a valuable section on Siem Reap and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. It could have some better walking directions to some of the Bangkok sites...but overall, this is a fine guidebook

Excellent source of relevant material. Very accurate and up-to-date. The only thing I would like to see them incorporate is a more detailed fold-out map of Bangkok. Otherwise very informative and a "must have" when travelling this country. A good value for the money.

I don't have a lot of time for traditional shopping. I found buying Fodor's Thailand on-line quick and easy. The guide had everything I wanted to plan my next vacation!

Thailand has long been identified with Southeast Asia's uniqueness and has also been a powerful magnet for travelers, explorers, and entrepreneurs. Its abundant resources, striking architecture, natural beauty, fascinating people and amazing cuisine have continually proved irresistible. On my latest reading episode, I discovered to my delight, that all of this and more have been included in Fodor's Thailand, 11th Edition Full Color Guide. [...]The book has been neatly divided into nine major sections which allow the reader to quickly focus on their primary area of interest. As a wiki review, the book covered Bangkok, the Central Plains, the Southern Beaches, Northern Thailand, Isan, and a brief overview of Cambodia along with Laos. In addition, they have thoughtfully included 65 maps, illustrated features and 170 color photos. The amount of detail, information and easy to read style was greatly appreciated. These critical points are not a given when purchasing guide books. Just spend some time in the travel section of your neighborhood bookstore. You will quickly see that all guide books are not created equal! In my opinion, the mark of an excellent guide book is that it becomes much more than a book. Amazingly, it can become a personal friend. It literally takes on a life of its own. I'm sure some of you can relate. This friend does that plus more by providing "Insider Tips" and directs you to some "Great Finds" that only a savvy local would be capable of sharing. Just like the commercial says, "Don't leave home without it." Frequently, many guide books do a poor job of bringing a country or city alive in print. Not this one! The writers enable you to experience the energy and pulse of the people, in fact the entire nation from the get-go. You can almost taste the spicy hot Thai cuisine and smell it being prepared in a back alley kitchen in Bangkok. They even take you for a tour of the Thai markets for an authentic Thai shopping experience. As the writers say, "Take a deep breath and prepare for an intoxicating medley of colors, sounds, smells and tastes." Have you ever tried to bargain in a foreign market? Sound intimidating? Not to worry! Your new friend will share with you a list of Do's and Don'ts when it comes to haggling. This guide book went well beyond my expectations. If you're considering a visit to Thailand soon or just want a fascinating read, pick up a copy and you'll be smiling before you know it.

I'm planning a trip to Thailand and Cambodia so this book seemed the perfect fit. The descriptions are generally good for hotels/restaurants/attractions. I would like a more graded rating system for attractions so I can budget my time properly. The articles featuring the Grand Palace and Angkor Wat are very good, as are the features on the food. I also appreciate the tidbits on the pictures because it gives more information and makes the pictures even more interesting. The major

complaint I have is that the book is heavy due to the full color and high quality paper, but that's because I personally like to carry books with me.

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