



Coco Golf News

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GREETINGS FROM THAILAND AND COCO GOLF

Welcome to the JUNE 2009 issue of Coco Golf Thailand's Newsletter. Established in Thailand over 15 years Coco Golf are the experts in taking care of all the arrangements in Thailand for discerning golfers. Thailand is now back to normal after the political issues, and again one of the safest destinations you could ever visit. The exchange rate having hit a high against the weak pound back in December of 48 is now vastly improved at 56, so Thailand is still great value for a quality golf holiday. Flights from the UK are very competitive, we will be happy to supply you with the best value flights from our selected flight suppliers. Now is the perfect time to plan your winter golf holiday in the sunshine. Treat yourself, book a holiday in a golfers paradise, Thailand "the land of smiles".

PATTAYA INFO

The vibrant beach resort of Pattaya is recognised as the golf capital of Asia with more than 20 excellent golf courses within easy reach. Comparatively Pattaya offers both the best choice and the best value, world class courses in Pattaya include Laem Chabang (Nicklaus) Siam Country Club Old Course & Plantation (Lee Schmidt) Khao Kheow (Dye) Burapha (Graham & Panks) and St Andrews (Muirhead). There is an abundance of quality accommodation in Pattaya to suit all budgets, over recent years the Woodlands Resort and the Montien have been our most popular 4 star properties, and the Sabai Resort the most popular 3 star. Restaurants are plentiful and you can choose from almost any cuisine, at good prices. Shopping is comprehensive with several up market malls & plaza's. We can also offer a wide range of excursions for the rest days from golf, either activity based or sightseeing. Modern Pattaya is a golfers paradise, and a holiday there can be planned to suit any requirement.

HUA HIN & CHA-AM

Hua Hin is popular with people that like a quieter beach resort, situated around 150 minutes from Bangkok. There are 7 good courses in Hua Hin, Banyan Golf Resort (new), Black Mountain, Springfield, Imperial Lake View, Palm Hills, Majestic Creek and Royal Hua Hin. Our most popular hotels in Hua Hin last year were The Haven, Baan Laksasubha, the Wannara and the Worabura. New for this season we are introducing The Hua Hin Mantra, an excellent property and highly recommended.

CHIANGMAI & THE NORTH

Chiangmai is known as "The Rose of the North" with the gentler climate and less humidity, it's a great place to visit between October and March. There is an excellent choice of golf, every course being different, and all of them in good shape. There are ten courses in this northern zone, and favourites are Chiangmai Highlands, Mae Jo, Royal Chiangmai and the fabulous Santiburi in Chiangrai. Chiangmai has a good choice of hotels from the 3 plus Star Chiangmai Orchid (great value and location) to the 5 Star Rachamankha. Eating out is a delight with many great town & riverside restaurants serving top Thai and International Cuisine at value for money prices. Chiangmai is the number one shopping destination for crafts, clothing, furniture, gifts and more.

PHUKET

The island of Phuket now has 7 golf course's, Blue Canyon (Lakes and Canyon), Laguna, Mission Hills, Phuket Country Club, Loch Palms and the magnificent Red Mountain. Phuket is the biggest island in Thailand so there are many different beach resorts to choose from, we have a great selection of hotels to fit most budgets. Phuket has some stunning coastal scenery and some excellent beaches.

BANGKOK, RIVER KWAI & KHAO YAI

The remaining major golf resorts in Thailand, there are dozens of good courses around Bangkok, a surprising amount in the River Kwai area and around 8 courses Khao Yai - all make for a good golfing break

GOLF HOLIDAYS for the SINGLE TRAVELER

Coco Golf has decided to add specially designed golf holidays for the single traveler. The tour manager for these holidays will be Richard Massey formerly of Stableford Golf Tours & Solo's Holidays. Richard has had many years experience in the organization of this type of holiday. Each destination has been carefully selected to accommodate both Ladies & Gentlemen wishing to travel with likeminded people. Group dinners will be arranged at selected restaurants for the people who wish to dine together, with a variety of friendly golf competitions at different courses throughout the holiday. Our first tour is for 12 nights commencing on October 18th at the beautiful beach resort of Hua Hin

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COCO GOLF TOURS 2009 - 2010

OUR 2009 and 2010 ESCORTED GOLF TOURS ARE LISTED BELOW

Joining one of our organised tours is a great way to get the most out of a golf holiday to Thailand - to meet new friends, and maybe renew old acquaintances

FESTIVAL of GOLF - November 2009

12 nights from 25,500 Baht

The 2009 Festival of Golf starts 10th November and includes 12 night's accommodation. Choice of hotels Montien, Woodlands Resort, Discovery Beach, Sabai Resort and the Modern Place, price from 25,500 baht (approx £451). The tour includes all transfers, 6 rounds midweek golf (Khao Kheow, Green Valley (twice) St Andrews and Burapha (twice)). Welcome Dinner on 10th and Farewell Presentation Party on 20th November at the Sure Park Steakhouse. Plenty of excursions to choose from and extra golf is always available. Following the tour there is an opportunity to join a 7 day trip (inc 3 rounds golf) to Chiangmai from only 15,500 baht (approx £274) making 19 nights for only 41,000 baht (approx £735)



XMAS TWO CENTRE - December 2009

15 nights from 44,250 Baht



This tour begins with a Welcome Dinner on 20 Dec and 8 nights in Pattaya, choice of Woodlands, Montien, Sabai Resort and Modern Place, XMAS EVE Dinner is included. Golf is at Khao Kheow, Burapha and Green Valley (Laem Chabang optional Xmas Day). 27th December transfer to Chiangmai choice of Grand View, Chiangmai Orchid, or the Rachamankha for 7 nights, plenty of things to do in a perfect climate; three rounds of midweek golf at Chiangmai Highlands, Royal Chiangmai and Mae Jo. New Years Eve Party and Gala Buffet included, from 44,250 baht (approx £783) Flights should be booked ASAP to guarantee availability - this is a great Xmas trip away from the British winter.

CHIANGMAI & PHUKET TOUR - January 2010

12 nights from 49,500 Baht

This **NEW** tour begins with a Welcome Dinner in Chiangmai on January 4th, followed by golf at Chiangmai Highlands, Mae Jo and Royal Chiangmai. 7 nights, at a choice of hotels are spent in Chiangmai, direct flight to Phuket on January 11th, and transfer to the Sea View Patong for 5 nights. Golf will be played at Laguna, Mission Hills and Loch Palms. The Farewell Dinner and Presentation will be held on January 15th. This is our first tour to include Chiangmai & Phuket, and the climate at this time of year is magnificent. This trip will need to be booked early as its peak season in Phuket, and the resort does get full. The price for the 12 nights and 6 golf is from 49,500 baht (approx £876)



COCO GOLF TOURS CONDITIONS

All above packages are quoted twin share, and subject to availability, cost for single supplement available on request. ABF (breakfast buffet) is included at all our hotels except the Royal Cliff and the Modern Place (Pattaya). Coco Golf reserves the right to alter Golf Course venues to ones of similar standing if conditions require. Flights and departure taxes are not included. Prices all in Thai baht £Sterling prices for guidance only

CURRENCY GUIDE

Thai Baht	£
20,000.00	353.98
25,000.00	442.48
30,000.00	530.97
35,000.00	619.47

Source www.xe.com - June 14 2009

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PATTAYA, KHAO YAI & BANGKOK

JANUARY TOUR - NEW ITINERARY - January 2010

13 nights from 32,750 Baht

A new itinerary for the January Tour (Pattaya, Khao Yai & Bangkok) to include 13 nights and 6 rounds of golf. The Welcome Dinner is in Pattaya on Sunday 17th Jan, then 7 nights in the resort at a choice of hotels (Modern Place, Sabai Resort, Discovery Beach, Woodlands Resort or Montien). Four rounds of golf are played in Pattaya at Burapha, Khao Kheow, Green Valley & St Andrews. Sunday 24th January transfer for 4 nights at the Juldis Resort in Khao Yai, and golf at Friendship Meadows and Mission Hills. Khao Yai National Park and the surrounding area is beautiful, with a mild climate this time of year, its becoming very popular, and there are many excellent golf courses. Khao Yai is ranked 7th on the world ozone map for its high air quality, and level of oxygen. Thursday 28th Jan transfer to Bangkok for two nights in Bangkok at the Chaophya Park Hotel, the Farewell Dinner & presentation will be held in Bangkok that evening - priced from 32,750 baht (approx £580). After the tour there is an opportunity for a 7 night extension to Chiangmai 3 rounds of golf included, superior twin share at the Chiangmai Grand View is only 15,500 baht per person (approx £274)

HUA HIN, KANCHANABURI & CHIANGMAI

BEACH JUNGLE & MOUNTAIN TOUR - February 2010

14 nights from 45,750 Baht

This 14 night tour begins in Hua Hin on the 31st January with a Welcome Dinner, there is a choice of hotels for the 6 nights in Hua Hin between the Jed Pee Nong Guesthouse (in town), The Haven (on the beach on the edge of town), the Hua Hin Mantra (near the beach on the edge of town) and the superb luxurious colonial style boutique hotel Baan Laksasubha, (central on the beach). Three rounds are played in Hua Hin at Lake View, Springfield and Palm Hills (extra rounds available on leisure days) then depart for a round of golf at Royal Rachaburi (our hidden gem) after golf on to Kanchanaburi and two nights at the Felix River Kwai (optional tours or golf), before taking the River Kwai excursion. Spend a night on the Sai Yoke Floating Hotel amid the tranquillity of the River Kwai Noi. Tuesday Feb 9th travel back to Bangkok via several points of interest before making a short flight to the "Jewel of the North" Chiangmai, here we have five nights at the Chiangmai Orchid and two rounds of golf at the superb Chiangmai Highlands and equally good Mae Jo. The Farewell Dinner and Presentation is on Saturday February 13th. Priced from 45,750 baht (approx £810).



GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR - Feb / March 2010

12 nights from 32,500 Baht



For the golfing adventurer; a wonderful 12 night tour of Northern Thailand. Welcome Dinner in Chiangmai on 22nd Feb, 4 nights at the Chiangmai Orchid with golf at Chiangmai Highlands and Mae Jo. Depart 26th Feb for Thaton and then a thrilling river trip arriving in Chiangrai for 4 nights at the Wiang Inn. Saturday 27th Feb tour the Golden Triangle (3 countries in one day!!), Sunday 28th Feb golf at Waterford, Thailand's northernmost course. Tuesday 2nd March golf at Santiburi (one of the top courses in Asia) before returning to Chiangmai for the final four nights, with golf at Mae Jo Weds 3rd March

then Friday 5th March golf at Royal Chiangmai before Farewell Prize-giving and Dinner. Excellent value and the most popular tour we do. Priced from 32,500 baht (approx £575).

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Please contact us for any individual requirements, and we will supply a priced itinerary to suit your needs, whether for a single golfer or a group.

A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE GOLF HOLIDAYS WE CAN PROVIDE

- * 7 Nights Chiangmai Orchid & 3 Rounds Golf 16,500 Baht (£292)
- * 7 Nights Lanna Mantra Chiangmai & 3 Rounds Golf 24,500 Baht (£434)
- * 7 Nights Wannara Resort Hua Hin & 3 Rounds Golf 25,500 Baht (£451)
- * 7 Nights Worabura Resort & Spa Hua Hin & 3 Rounds Golf 39,750 Baht (£704)
- * 8 Nights Sabai Resort Pattaya & 4 Rounds Golf 17,750 Baht (£314)
- * 8 Nights Woodlands Resort Pattaya & 4 Rounds Golf 25,750 Baht (£419)
- * 8 Nights Montien Pattaya & 4 Rounds Golf 27,250 Baht (£482)
- * 8 Nights Royal Cliff Beach Pattaya & 4 Rounds Golf 32,750 Baht (£580)
- * 12 Nights Sabai Resort Pattaya & 6 Rounds Golf 26,500 Baht (£469)
- * 12 Nights Woodlands Resort Pattaya & 6 Rounds Golf 38,250 Baht (£677)
- * 12 Nights Montien Pattaya & 6 Rounds Golf 39,750 Baht (£704)
- * 12 Nights 2 Centre (Bangkok/Pattaya) & 6 Rounds Golf 29,500 Baht (£522)
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- * 12 Nights 2 Centre (Pattaya/Chiangmai) & 6 Rounds Golf 29,500 Baht (£522)
- * 12 Nights 3 Centre Golden Triangle Tour & 6 Rounds Golf 33,500 Baht (£593)

PRICES VALID EXCEPT XMAS PERIOD (15 DEC - 15 JAN)

LOW SEASON DISCOUNT 10% - 25% (01 MAY - 31 OCT)

CONDITIONS all above golf packages are quoted twin share, minimum 4 persons, single supplements on request. Airport transfers in Thailand, golf & transfer, caddie, booked tee time all included. Flights and departure taxes are not included. Prices are all fixed in Thai baht the Sterling / GBP / £ equivalent is quoted for guidance only, exchange rate sourced www.xe.com June 12 2009

CLUB HIRE

Coco Golf keep a selection of quality golf clubs for hire including Ping & Callaway. With possible excess baggage charges by some airlines, hire clubs may be a good option.

FLIGHTS FROM THE UK

There are some good value flights around in the UK at the moment, and departures from many provincial airports with a one stop routing through to Bangkok. China Air offer departures from 22 gateway cities in the UK for their daily non stop flight from Amsterdam to Bangkok. Emirates offer through flights from Glasgow, Manchester, Gatwick and Heathrow. Qatar & Etihad from Manchester & Heathrow. Best non stop daily service to Bangkok is either EVA or Thai International from Heathrow - please e-mail for further details.

HOLE IN ONE AWARDS

During the 2008-2009 season only one "Hole in One" was recorded. It was achieved in the penultimate round of the Festival of Golf by John Harvey. John scored his Ace hitting the perfect shot on the 150 yard 6th hole of Burapha's East Course.

COCO GOLF 2007-2008 TOURS - RESULTS

The 2008 Festival of Golf was won by Luke Steed with Peter Connon beating last year's winner Vince Edmunds into the runner up spot on count back. The Ladies winner was Zoe Ellis. The closely fought 2009 Beach Jungle Mountain Tour was won by Adrian Robinson who eased plus 1 handicap Malcolm Reid in second place by just one point. The Ladies winner was Spain's Angeles Bertram. Finally the 2009 Golden Triangle Tour was won by Mike Wilde with a record breaking 146 point total. This was an amazing achievement for the 5 handicapper. Runner-up was Sheree Dove, Mike's fiancée. The couple celebrated in style by getting married before returning home to the U.K.

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