



## VISIT PATTAYA SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023

### DAY 1 16 DEC, 2023 BANGKOK-PATTAYA

- 07.00** MEET AT MEETING POINT STAFF AND GUIDE WAITING FOR SERVICE
- 07.30** DEPART FROM MEETING POINT BY LOCAL COACH WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE DIRECT TO PATTAYA PROVINCE SNACK AND WATER SERVE ON BUS
- 10.30** ARRIVAL **WAT YANSANGWARARAM** A BUDDHIST MONASTERY UNDER THE ROYAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, SOMDET PHRA NYANASAMVARA, THE 19TH SUPREME PATRIARCH OF THE THAI SANGHA, INITIATED AND OVERSAW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MONASTERY WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED THE NAME OF 'YANASANGVARARAM' WHEN YOU ENTER THE TEMPLE COMPLEX, THE FIRST BUILDING YOU WILL SEE IS THE **VIHARN SIEN, A CHINESE TEMPLE AND MUSEUM** WITH A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF CHINESE ARTIFACTS AND ANTIQUES, ONE OF ITS KIND IN THAILAND. THE MAIN TEMPLE BUILDING OF WAT YANSANGWARARAM OR WAT YAN FOR SHORT, IS KNOWN FOR ITS MODERN DESIGN AND IS BUILT IN A VERY DIFFERENT STYLE THAN MOST THAI TEMPLES.



A PAVILION CALLED MONDOP OR MANDAPA CONTAINS A REPLICA OF A FOOTPRINT OF THE BUDDHA. INSIDE A LARGE WHITE CHEDI (A BUDDHIST STUPA) A NUMBER OF RELICS FROM THE BUDDHA AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE KEPT. A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURAL STYLES, SUCH AS INDIAN, JAPANESE, CHINESE, LANNA THAI AND SWISS CAN BE SEEN IN THE WAT YAN COMPLEX. BESIDES TEMPLES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MONUMENTS, INCLUDING ONE OF KING PRAJADHIPOK. AFTER THAT TRANSFER TO **NONG NOOCH BOTANICAL GARDEN**



Wat Yansangwararam

### **LUNCH AT NONG NOOCH BOTANICAL GARDEN**

AFTER LUNCH **VISIT NONG NOOCH TROPICAL GARDENS** IS THE LARGEST BOTANICAL GARDEN IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. THE VAST GARDENS ARE SET IN AN AREA OF AROUND 600 ACRES, THAT ORIGINALLY WAS TO BE USED AS A PLANTATION TO GROW LOCAL FRUITS. THE AREA WAS THEN FIRST TURNED INTO A GARDEN FOR CONSERVATION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS, AND WAS LATER OPENED TO VISITORS.



Nong Nooch Botanical Garden



IN THE GARDENS YOU WILL FIND AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PLANT AND FLOWER SPECIES IN A PARTICULARLY WELL KEPT ENVIRONMENT. THEMED GARDENS SEVERAL SECTIONS OF NONG NOOCH ARE SET IN A SPECIFIC THEME. STONEHENGE GARDEN STONEHENGE GARDEN IS MODELED AFTER A FAMOUS PREHISTORIC MONUMENT IN ENGLAND NAMED STONEHENGE, A RING OF LARGE STANDING STONES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ERECTED SOME 5,000 YEARS AGO. BUTTERFLY HILL ON THE GENTLE SLOPE OF THE BUTTERFLY HILL YOU WILL FIND BEDS OF SEVERAL SPECIES OF COLORFUL FLOWERS PLANTED IN A WAY TO RESEMBLE THE SHAPE OF A BUTTERFLY. FRENCH GARDEN THE ALMOST FOUR ACRES LARGE FRENCH GARDEN WAS INSPIRED BY THE GARDENS OF THE 17TH CENTURY PALACE OF VERSAILLES. ANIMAL SCULPTURE GARDEN IN THE ANIMAL SCULPTURE GARDEN YOU WILL FIND SCULPTURES OF ANIMALS AS CAMELS, KANGAROOS, LAMAS, LEOPARDS AND DEER. OTHER THEMED GARDENS A FEW OF THE MANY OTHER GARDENS ARE BONSAI GARDEN, DESERT ROSE GARDEN, ITALIAN GARDEN, ORCHID GARDEN, CYCAD VALLEY AND BROMELIAD DISPLAY GARDEN. CACTUSES AND FAT PLANTS A COLLECTION OF CACTUSES AND FAT PLANTS (SUCCULENTS) THAT ARE USUALLY FOUND IN MUCH DRYER CONDITIONS SUCH AS DESERTS, CAN BE FOUND IN THE CACTUS GARDEN. ALTHOUGH THE THAI CLIMATE IS TOO HUMID FOR THESE PLANTS TO GROW IN THE WILD, NONG NOOCH HAS SUCCEEDED IN GROWING THEM IN AN OUTDOOR AREA.



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**THAI CULTURAL AND ELEPHANT SHOWS VISITORS CAN ENJOY A NUMBER OF SHOWS AT NONG NOOCH GARDEN.** VIEW A VARIED PROGRAM OF THAI CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES LIKE THAI WEDDING CEREMONY, TRADITIONAL THAI DANCE PERFORMED BY DANCERS WEARING ELEGANT TRADITIONAL THAI DRESS AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.



18.00 ARRIVAL BANGKOK AT THE FIRST MEETING POINT

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