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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Well, we're almost there. It's nearly the end of 2021 which has certainly been a challenging year for us all. To celebrate, by way of an early Christmas present and so that you can't say we never give you anything! Please have a look at page 49. There you will find a link that allows you to access Barry Upton's autobiography "Confessions of a Pop Tart".

It's a really entertaining read and you'll be amazed at just how many famous names he's come across during his time as a musician and producer. A brilliant way to lighten the mood after a difficult time for us all. Absolutely free of charge unless you care to make a donation to a local charity dear to our hearts. To do so please contact 061 638 1123 - Kongjitr (KJ) manager for Kate's Project Trust.

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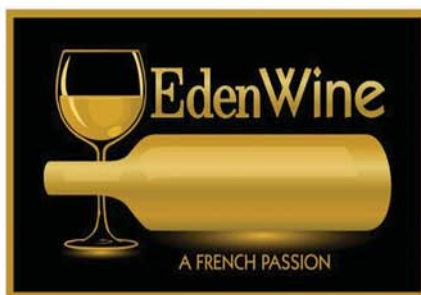
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Star Trek: Discovery Season 4

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Narcos: Mexico Season 3

The third and final season travels back to the 1990s where the cartels are thriving with the increasing global drug trade.



The Wheel of Time

Morianne is a member of a guild of women who can use magic, she believes in a prophecy about one of the members being the reincarnation of the Dragon.



Yellowstone Season 4

Series about the dysfunctional Dutton family who runs a massive cattle ranch in Montana.



Dexter: New Blood

Ten years after the end of the original series Dexter Morgan has moved to a small town and has suppressed his killing urges.



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House of Gucci

Lady Gaga, Adam Driver, Jared Leto, Jeremy Irons

Set in 1995 following the events of the murder of Maurizio Gucci an all-star cast in a biographical crime drama directed by Ridley Scott.



The Power of the Dog

Benedict Cumberbatch, Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons

A domineering rancher Phil Burbank torments the new wife and son his brother brings back home, but unexpectedly find himself exposed to the possibility of love



Eternals

Kit Harington, Salma Hayek, and Angelina Jolie.

A race of immortal super-beings living in secret on planet earth come out of hiding to battle some evil deviants in this latest MCU movie.



Ghostbusters: Afterlife

Carrie Coon, Paul Rudd, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd

A single mum and her kids move to a new town, discover some strange goings-on and their connection to the original Ghostbusters in this American supernatural comedy film.



Red Notice

Dwayne Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, Gal Gadot

An FBI profiler teams up with a notorious criminal to hunt down an art thief issued with a red notice from Interpol making her one of the world's most wanted robbers.



The Many Saints of Newark

Alessandro Nivola, Leslie Odom Jr., Vera Farmiga, Jon Bernthal.

The influence of Uncle Dickie Moltisanti helps turn young Anthony Soprano into the mob boss he will become in later years.

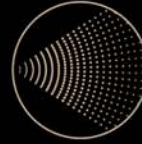
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What an amazing venue in which to enjoy an extensive breakfast buffet!

Firstly the Gems Mining Pool Villas Resort itself offers a fantastic oasis of lush greenery and secluded villas in which to escape from the hustle and bustle of Bangkok or Pattaya situated as it is just off the motorway. Then there is the Tram Restaurant itself a vast, elegant space that continues with the resort's African design theme

We came here to enjoy the breakfast buffet which is available to outside diners as well as the resort's guests from 6:30 until 10:30 am. The cost, if you are not already staying at the resort, is 590 baht, and what an amazing selection you can enjoy for your money!



Firstly and for me most importantly there is a steady flow of tea, coffee, water, and juice.

Most pleasingly the coffee is not merely from a filter jug, I was able to enjoy a couple of my favourite options of hot cappuccinos from the helpful and extremely pleasant serving staff.

Also, the juice included more unusual flavours such as a very refreshing guava rather than just the usual apple and orange.



An extensive selection stretched out in front of us - Thai options of traditional noodle soup and porridge alongside bacon, cereals, and an amazing egg station.



With fresh fruit, salads, and even Miso soup available on the day, I was there. Should you have the time and the appetite the buffet really does extend from breakfast to lunch options with a fabulous selection of curries and rice. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

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Royal Cliff's award-winning Cliff Spa, is located in a harmonious setting overlooking the Gulf of Thailand in the city of Pattaya. The resort has two Cliff Spas – located in the Royal Cliff Grand Hotel and the Royal Wing Suites & Spa. With two havens combined, it offers 18 luxurious treatment suites, saunas, steam rooms and jacuzzis where you can enjoy the view of the tranquil sea from each and every suite.

At Cliff Spa, you'll be greeted by a warm welcome as you step into an environment that immediately leaves you at ease. While choosing or waiting for your treatment, you'll be led to a comfortable lounge where you can choose to sip on a hot or cold delicious herbal tea. From the smell, the lighting, the ambiance, and the overall mood of the surroundings, it is indeed a hidden sanctuary for a heavenly refuge to pamper your body, mind, and soul!



Cliff Spa offers a wide variety of services ranging from facials, body wraps, body scrubs, and massage treatments. You may also indulge in a tailored full day spa package to suit your specific needs. Registered and skilled massage therapists will ease your muscle tensions, improve circulation, and chase away your stress with Cliff Spa's Deluxe Spa Packages that were designed to suit a busy lifestyle.

One may say that one of Cliff Spa's highlights is its outdoor massage under a private gazebo with a breathtaking sunset view. This is a definite must-experience. Enjoy an almost Zen-like encounter that promises you to revel in a new sense of well-being while you absorb the soothing sounds of nature, take in the calming breeze and delight in the scent of the ocean mingling with natural oils as you drift into a deep relaxation.

There is a lot more to what Cliff Spa can offer. It was recently awarded the 2019 Best Spa Destination in Thailand at the 2019 Haute Grandeur Global Spa Awards. Winning the award through a rigorous rating process relying on quality feedback from guests, the Cliff Spa has proven its reputation as a destination for an extraordinary spa, health and wellness experience. Open daily from 10 am to 10 pm, Cliff Spa provides a haven for ultimate relaxation that you must try!

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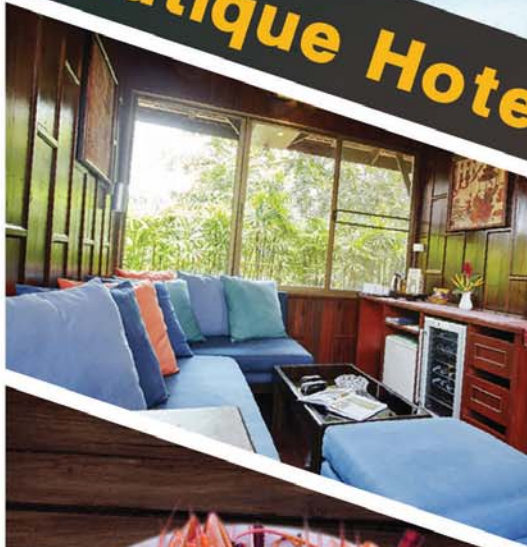
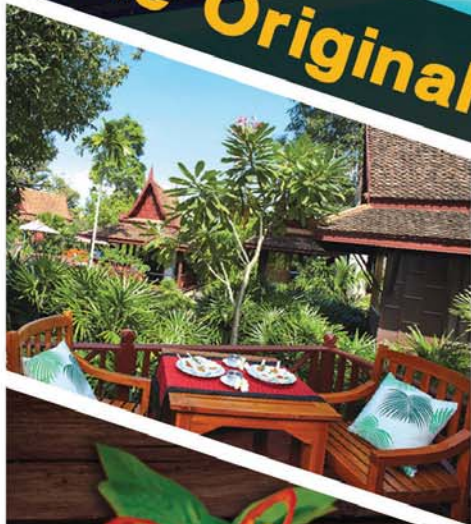
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The Coffee Detective Visits Benjamit Coffee Roasters

Whilst the Coffee Detective strives to locate and inform readers about new and exciting places to enjoy good coffee, it is always a pleasure to return to old favourites.

Ambience: ****

Benjamit's is an original and probably one of the oldest coffee shops in Pattaya having already been there for more than 16 years. Probably the closest to a traditional Mediterranean style café, Benjamit's is always well frequented with regulars attracted by the down-to-earth, authentic atmosphere and of course, their exceptional coffee.

Location: *****

Located where the old Burkhao market was held there is a very special charm, ambience, and atmosphere. Whilst the décor may look dated, the secret to Benjamit's is not only their superb and exciting coffee blend but their cutting-edge La Marzocco Leva X espresso machine. Probably one of the most advanced machines in the world, it allows the Barista personal influence on the coffee being prepared. It is a beautiful machine and superbly manipulated by the Baristas creating truly exceptional coffee.

Quality of the coffee: *****(+)

Benjamit's roast their own coffee and you will see a wide selection of coffee bean sacks from both Thailand and from all the major coffee producing countries. Their house blend consists of 70% Chiang Mai, Ethiopian, Guatemala, Indonesia, and Brazilian beans. Their espresso is complex with a rich chocolaty aroma, the flavour is bold, intriguing, and complex with a long, graceful finish. One of the most elaborate espresso flavours in Pattaya with perfect extraction, acidity, and flavour.

Whilst so many new coffee shops create popularity through their 'Instagrammable' décor, Benjamit's puts the coffee first and each cup that emanates from the amazing La Marzocco espresso machine affirms the Barista's exceptional skills.

Service: **** Price: \$\$\$





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With fencing all around to stop any stray soi dogs from gaining access, there is a path encircling a lovely small lake with beautiful plants a children's play area and some shiny new exercise machines. It even has brand new Mens and Ladies toilet facilities so a charming space to spend a few hours.



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I recently did this after seeing that waistcoats for women were a fashion-forward trend this year. I was delighted not only to be able to choose a wonderful sand-coloured linen cloth for the outer but also a really interesting brown lining with matching horn buttons,

I know already that this is going to be a favourite item of clothing for me. I already love wearing it either by itself or with a T-shirt or blouse underneath.

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WANDERING SPIRIT

Wong Tet Choong, better known as 'TC', became one of Singapore's most famous sailors last year. Having explored much of Southeast Asia he set off in early February 2020 sailing his Leopard 50 Ximula III through Indonesia on his way to the South Pacific. However, as Covid rapidly spread around the world, borders quickly closed around him. His family back in Singapore were worried about him alone at sea, with nowhere to berth. Turned away in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Tuvalu (where he was able to buy and receive fuel and food from a distance) he was eventually allowed into Fiji in late April. The episode generated international headlines through the likes of the BBC and The Guardian. He has been living on his Leopard, away from his family in Singapore for over 20 months. "I've been sailing around the islands in Fiji and I video call my family almost every day," says Wong, who had been in the country for just over a year when he turned 60 this May. "Once the borders reopen, I'll resume my journey".

Wong began boating three decades ago, picking up a small secondhand powerboat in 1992. He also rented boats to cruise around Singapore with the staff of his company, Zhaplin Work, a company that grew on the back of the innovative Ximula wardrobe system, an award-winning product still used throughout condominiums and other residences today.

In 2013, after almost two decades of "working hard and saving up", he was able to buy his first sailing catamaran a Lagoon 400 S2. Wong used the boat regularly, sailing almost every week with family, friends, or staff. Early trips included a one-month expedition from Singapore to Phuket with his family who also joined him when he took two months off in 2016 to sail to Koh Samui.

In 2017 Wong briefly owned a Beneteau monohull, frequently sailing to Phuket with his staff and participating in regattas. However, he resumed his search for a catamaran, a design he liked because of the comfort and space also because the saloon and galley are further above the water than a monohull. "My wife gets seasick easily, so this allows us to have a view of the horizon even while we're indoors." Wong's search ended when he met Kit Chotithamaporn, Leopard's Yacht Sales Manager Asia, at the Singapore Yacht Show. Kit showed Wong the new Leopard 50 and Wong ordered a unit that arrived the following year. Wong sailed his Leopard 50 to both Phuket and Krabi, spending between 1 to 3 months there each time exploring the area.

Having visited much of Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia, Wong started to expand his horizons. "I realised I still had many more destinations to explore so set my sights on the South Pacific". He painstakingly planned and mapped out a journey that would take in Tahiti and other islands in French Polynesia. On February 2, 2020, he finally embarked on his journey from Singapore with two friends, although he was soon sailing alone after they disembarked in Indonesia at the end of the month.



Wong was heading towards Papua New Guinea, where he planned to stock up on fuel and food when his Raymarine auto-pilot broke while still in Indonesian waters. Seeking a harbour he was sent away as lockdown had just begun and soon all the South Pacific islands were in lockdown. He continued east to remote Tuvalu, where he couldn't land but was allowed to buy food and fuel, using his rubber dinghy on a line to make the exchange at sea. As if things weren't tough enough, strong winds from Cyclone Harold a full 500nm away led to Ximula III hitting coral and damaging a propeller. Back home, his family contacted Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which tried to secure a place for him to dock in Fiji. "My family were very worried when borders started closing and I was facing trouble, being chased out of islands I tried to seek shelter at. I constantly kept them updated on my location and status whenever I had some data connection, but it was still a scary situation when things were breaking down and I could not find shelter to fix these issues."

Good news finally arrived when he was informed that he would be allowed into Fiji if he passed a Covid test, which he was confident of passing after spending three months at sea and two months completely alone. "We're still very thankful to our Singapore Government for responding to our call for help and reaching out to various countries to allow me entry. The wait was stressful, but we managed to get special approval from Fiji. We're also immensely grateful to the Fiji Rescue Coordination Center. They monitored my location and towed me out of the strong winds and currents to safe harbour. On my journey, I've met and been inspired by many sailors who have sailed around the world," he says. "There's an amazing sailing community here in Fiji and I've made many friends from many different countries." Once borders open, Wong still plans to use Fiji as his base as he resumes his journey around the South Pacific before eventually sailing back to Singapore.



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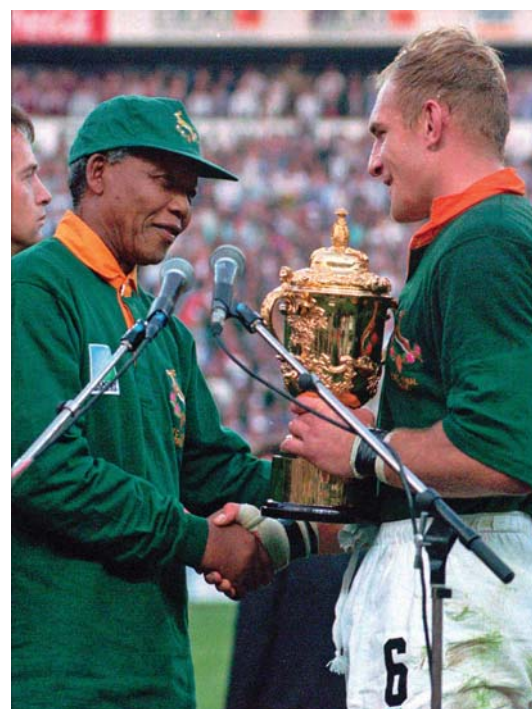
Was there ever a more apt sporting victory than South Africa winning the 1995 Rugby World Cup? The country had ended apartheid in 1992 after years of negotiations and had only just been readmitted to World rugby at the end of the same year by the International Rugby Football Board, making this the first time the national team had been allowed to play.

1995 was the third time the tournament had been held and in a flash of inspiration the Rugby powers that be decided to hold the entire event in one country for the first time. Six venues were eventually cleared to host the games and after some serious work had been done to upgrade the facilities, security and transport links to the various stadiums, South Africa was ready to host its first major sporting event since the end of apartheid.

The group stages went very much as expected with the only surprise perhaps being Ireland qualifying ahead of Wales from pool C. South Africa laid down an early marker when they opened the tournament in front of 45,000 fans in Cape Town with a 27-18 victory over Australia.

In the quarter-finals France comfortably beat Ireland 36-12 and South Africa also had an emphatic victory over Western Samoa 42-14. New Zealand got past a spirited Scottish team by 48-30, and in one of the matches of the tournament, England squeezed past Australia 25-22.

In the semi-finals South Africa were pitted against France and England had New Zealand and a 20 year old Jonah Lomu to contend with. Both games were loaded with incident for one reason or another. The South Africa v France game was held up for over an hour because of torrential rain and hundreds of volunteers were on the pitch frantically trying to ensure that the game would go ahead, and with good reason. If it had been cancelled France would have gone through due to their superior disciplinary record. Controversy also followed in the game as France were denied victory by a disallowed try in the final seconds and South Africa went through 19-15 in the wettest game in rugby history!



England were beaten 29-45 by the Kiwis with the young Jonah Lomu announcing himself as one of the greatest players ever to play the game, scoring four tries in an unstoppable performance. So the stage was set for the final, the home team trying to create history against the favourites for the competition with the mighty Lomu in the line up.

The game was played in front of 60,000 fans in Johannesburg. South Africa had Jonah Lomu and Marc Ellis to deal with up front, both who had scored a record breaking seven tries each in the tournament so far. As it turned out both defences were magnificent and neither side managed a try in the match. The Springboks were leading 9-6 at half time but a New Zealand drop goal levelled the scores and in a tight finish the game was level at 9-9 at the end. Both teams scored penalties in the first half of extra time but in the second period Joel Stransky dropped a goal to give the home team victory 15-12.

The scenes that followed have gone down as some the most iconic in any sport. Nelson Mandela, in full rugby shirt and cap regalia, presented the trophy to the winning captain, Francois Pienaar. The moment has since been immortalised both in print and on film, with the cinema release *Invictus* being the best example. It was a great moment for the country and for the world and showed, not for the first time, how sport can break down barriers and bring people together.



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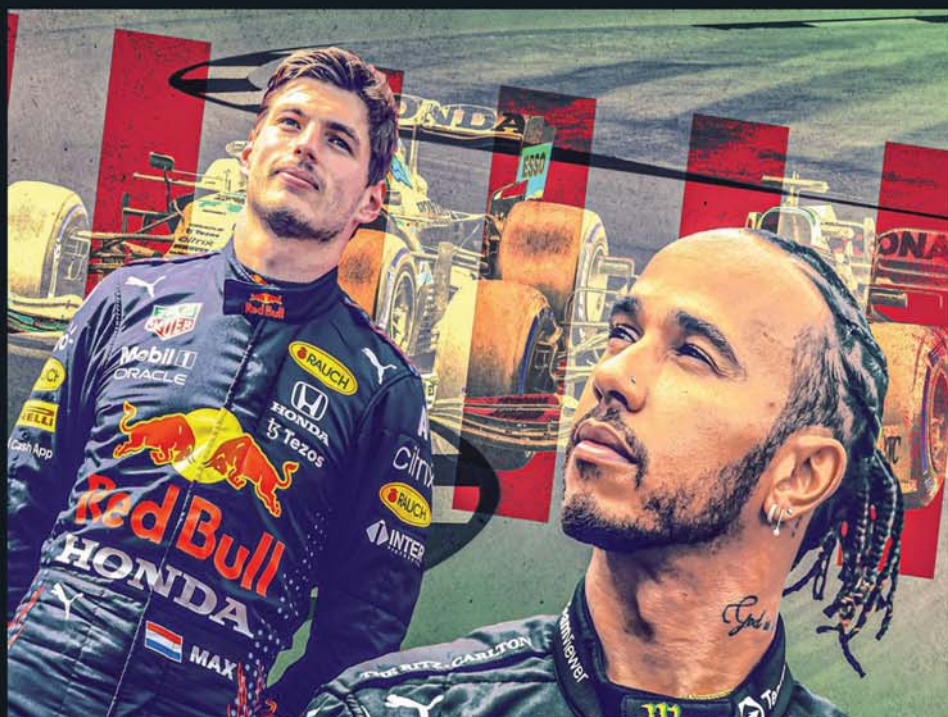


SPORTS UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER

By Steve Wade.

The end of the year is rolling around so quickly and although it's been one to forget for the vast majority, there are some signs that things are opening up again and we can only wait and see if life will begin to return to normal, especially for the long suffering businesses here in Pattaya. Let's hope that everyone will be able to visit their favourite entertainment venues in town and watch the various sports on offer with some food and more importantly, a cold beer, very soon.

The Melbourne Cup, one of the most prestigious horse-racing events of the year and a great social occasion, is being run on Tuesday the 2nd at Flemington Racecourse, a few miles outside of Melbourne. A partial crowd of 11,500 is anticipated to attend.



The F1 circus moves to Latin America in November, with the Mexican GP taking place on the 8th and that's followed by the Brazilian GP on the 15th. Things look extremely tight in both the driver and team standings with Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen virtually neck and neck in the drivers championship and Mercedes and Red Bull Honda fighting it out in the team event.

The climax of the World Cricket 20/20 event takes place in November, with the semi-finals being played on the 10th and 11th and the final three days later. The qualifiers started as early as the 17th of October but the stronger nations are very much expected to make it through to the latter stages, with matches being played in both the UAE and Oman.

The Premier League takes an international break mid-month but there are still some fascinating fixtures taking place, not least the Manchester derby at Old Trafford on the 6th. United have also got a tricky away fixture at Stamford Bridge against Chelsea on the 28th. There are a host of other potentially entertaining games and I very much hope, along with many others I'm sure, that we can get our football fix with a cold beer in hand at our local bar.

Another round of Champions League fixtures is also taking place, with the 3rd and 4th of the month followed by the 24th and 25th scheduled for the month. Virtually all of the European fixtures come at our time of 3 am, so one for the night owls if your team is involved!

That's it for this month. Good luck and stay safe everyone.





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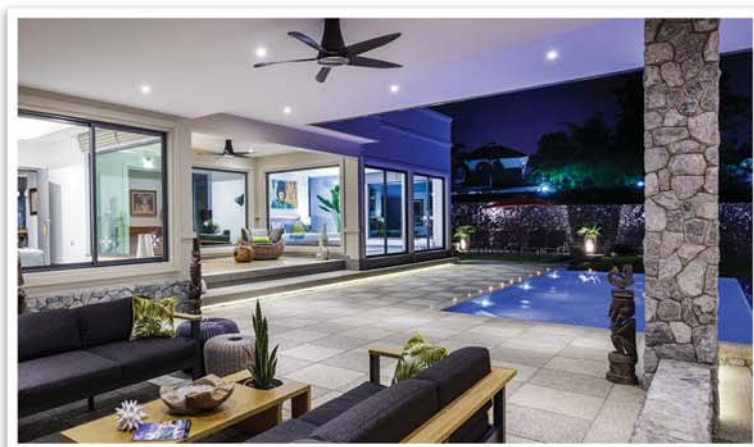
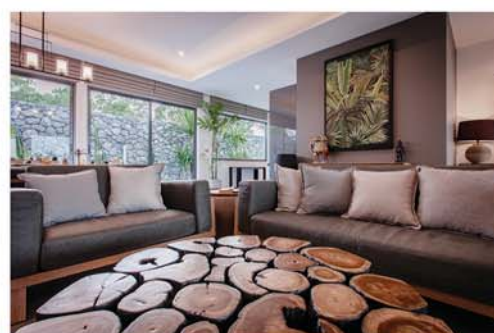


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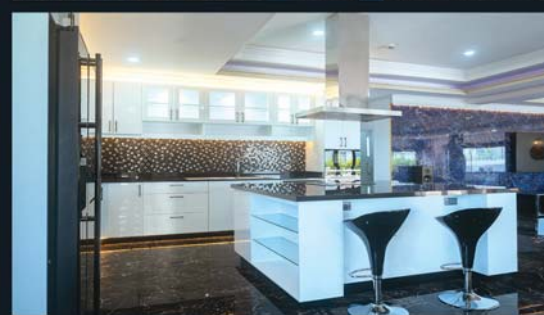


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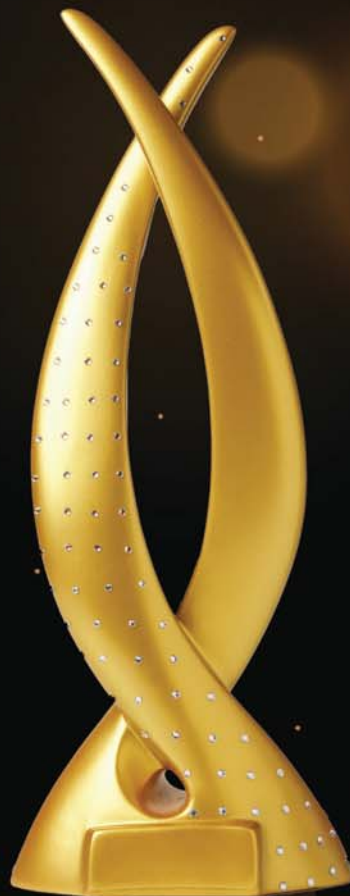
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Expecting a tourism rebound, Club Med eyes opportunities in Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines

By Cheyenne Hollis

Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu opens in 2023. The resort operator is now looking to expand elsewhere in Southeast Asia

Club Med believes Southeast Asia will see a sharp rebound in travel once borders reopen and is currently looking for opportunities in Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The all-inclusive holiday club pioneer recently launched Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia as it looks to tap into both the potential of this location and the region as a whole.



Southeast Asia has been slow to restart travel when compared to other places globally, but this has allowed international resort operators, such as Club Med, to understand what works elsewhere. The company's successful reopenings in China, Maldives, and North America can provide a template for when tourism resumes across the region.

The potential of domestic tourism is another reason Club Med is eyeing more opportunities in Southeast Asia. Club Med's resort in Malaysia recorded an increase of more than 60 in business volume percent in the weeks following the relaxation of interstate restrictions before the recent Movement Control Order.

"We entered the pandemic with a strong economic position and are well-placed for a swift, decisive and impactful rebound. Club Med has a demonstrated track record spanning more than 70 years as the pioneer of new destinations and untouched locations," Jean-Charles Fortoul, CEO APAC Resorts, Club Med, reports. "Following these successes, we have also identified Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia as markets that are well-positioned to leverage this rebound and we are on the lookout for investors and partners to tap into the potential of these destinations."

Club Med will open its first Southeast Asia greenfield beach resort in 2023. Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu will allow the company to capture the vast untapped potential of this pristine location.

The resort operator worked closely with project owner Golden Sands Beach Resort City on the new property which is six hours from key Asian markets. According to Club Med, this will be one of their most upscale retreats in Southeast Asia.

"Club Med has been an outstanding partner in our collaboration for the Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu resort. They bring expertise in crafting unique experiences at resorts, and they have the right savoir-faire to bring them to life and elevate stays in the resort," Peter Wong, Managing Director of Golden Sands Beach Resort City, noted. "We have the utmost confidence in Club Med's capabilities of creating a sense of destination at the Borneo Kota Kinabalu resort with upmarket designs that evoke emotional connections for guests."



Supalai is launching 20+ projects to close 2021, keeps ambitious sales target

By Cheyenne Hollis



Supalai is set to launch 18 low-rise projects and four high-rise condos during the next few months

While the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed many developers down in 2021, Supalai has bucked that trend and continues to be active. The homebuilder recently announced plans to launch 22 new projects before the end of the year while also noting it remains on track to hit its record-breaking record revenue goal of THB28 billion.

Supalai has focused on low-rise projects this year having launched nine such developments during the first six months. This is in line with general Bangkok property market trends that show real demand is relatively confined to the low-rise sector since the outbreak of COVID-19. This year will see more Thai developers tap into the low-rise housing market



Current plans call for the firm to bring seven low-rise developments to the market in the third quarter of this year with 11 more slated to be launched during the last three months of 2021. Additionally, Supalai is set to unveil four high-rise condominium projects in the fourth quarter.

Supalai Managing Director Khun Tritocha Tangmatitham told the Bangkok Post that the firm does not expect the COVID-19 pandemic to alter its plans for the remainder of the year, although it will continue to monitor the situation closely and make adjustments if necessary.

The developer has found the THB3-5 million segment to be the strongest in 2021 since mid-range customers and government employees whose incomes are stable have been less affected by the pandemic. Most of its launches this year have been in this price range.



According to Khun Tritocha, Supalai is primed to reach its record-breaking revenue goal of THB28 billion before the year's end. In the first half, the company posted total revenue of THB11 billion, a 60 percent increase over the same period last year, while earning THB13 billion in presales. The new launches are expected to see these sums improved upon during the final six months of 2021.



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Thailand Ranks 44th in the World in Digital Quality of Life Index 2021

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Covering 90% of the global population, the DQL study is conducted by the cybersecurity company Surfshark and evaluates countries based on a set of five fundamental digital wellbeing pillars. Thailand excels in internet quality (ranks 19th), but displays comparatively low results in internet affordability (58th), e-infrastructure (46th), e-security (63rd), and e-government (51st).

Overall, Thailand has demonstrated one of the most significant improvements compared to the DQL 2020, rising from 63rd place to 44th and excelling in the internet quality pillar worldwide. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Thailand's mobile speed has improved by 81 % and is now 40.79 Mbps. At the same time, broadband speeds increased by 29% and are now 189.54 Mbps. However, despite making a huge leap in the overall index, Thailand has room for improvement in specific areas, such as e-government and e-infrastructure. Thailand has a similar GDP per capita as the Dominican Republic. However, the e-security of both countries differs substantially – the Dominican Republic ranks 48th in the pillar, while Thailand barely makes it to the TOP 70.



The research shows that even though the internet is becoming more affordable in Thailand, it is still around 40% worse than the global average. The country ranks 58th in the world, surpassed by Singapore, Viet Nam, and Iran.

“Digital opportunities have proved to be more important than ever during the COVID-19 crisis, stressing the importance for every country to ensure fully remote operational capacities for their economies,” – explains Vytautas Kaziukonis, CEO of Surfshark. “That is why, for the third year in a row, we continue the Digital Quality of Life research, which provides a robust global outlook into how countries excel digitally. The index sets the basis for meaningful discussions about how digital advancement impacts a country's prosperity and where improvements can be made.”

In an all-around picture, 6 out of 10 countries holding the highest scores are located in Europe, following last year's trend. Denmark ranks 1st in DQL for the second year in a row and is closely followed by South Korea. Finland ranks 3rd, while Israel and the U.S. round out the top five of 110 nations that were evaluated. The bottom 5 countries are Ethiopia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Guatemala, and Angola.

Regionally, the U.S. stands out as a country with the highest digital quality of life in the Americas, while South Korea takes the leading position in Asia. Among countries in Africa, people in South Africa enjoy the highest quality of their digital lives whereas Australia leads in Oceania, outperforming New Zealand in various digital areas.

Other significant findings of the report include:

- Broadband is globally less affordable this year. Comparing countries included in both DQL20 and DQL21, people have to work 11% more (25 min more) to afford broadband internet in 2021. However, people have to work 29% less (28 min less) to afford mobile internet this year.
- The world's worst internet is the least affordable. People in some countries, such as Nigeria, Côte D'Ivoire and Mali require approximately a week's worth of work to afford the internet.

The 2021 DQL research examined a total population of more than 6.9 billion people in terms of five core pillars and 14 underpinning indicators that provide a comprehensive measure. The study is based on open-source information provided by the United Nations, the World Bank, Freedom House, the International Communications Union, and other sources.



Games

Forza Horizon 5

Years ago me and my mates were impressed by the first Grand Turismo game on the PS1, little did we know how far things would progress. Yes, the quest for total realism continues this time vast amount of real-world photogrammetry data has been captured from the landscape of Mexico. The open-world contains deserts, jungles, stunning beaches, hidden ruins, and even a snow-capped volcano amongst other locations.

Not only have the graphics improved but the game promises to be significantly larger than the last Forza, with hundreds of the best cars available. The story mode takes up right where the last one left off and there's lots to do in the campaign.



Battlefield 2042

Looks like COD is going back in time to WW2 whilst Battlefield leaps a couple of decades into the future. So as you might expect there are some cool new futuristic weapons and gadgets to play around with. Deployable turrets and drones are available and you can request vehicle air-drops to any location. On the PC, PS5 and latest Xbox up to 128 player massive scale maps are possible, if you have PS4 or Xbox one this goes down to 64 but still an impressive number.

Dynamic storms and other environmental hazards also factor so look forward to some epic moments.

Just Dance 2022

God help as if there are more lockdowns but if you want some fun exercising try to mimic the on-screen choreography using motion controllers or smartphone app. There is an impressive number of songs to choose from 40 in all, most notably; "Believer" by the Imagine Dragons. "Buttons" Pussycat Dolls, "Last Friday Night" Katy Perry, "Levitating" Dua Lipa, and "Run the World(Girls)" by Beyonce.

Team up with a pal in co-op mode also there is a kid-friendly mode with suitable songs and choreographies. Who said gaming turns you into a couch potato?





Tec.Living

by Rick Click

DUEX Lite & DUEX Plus: Portable laptop monitors

Aimed at the professional this one, if like me you find a two-monitor setup very useful for increasing your productivity you might want this portable option for your laptop. The Duex is a lightweight 12.5-inch panel that magnetically sticks to the back of your laptop or Mac and slides out when you want it. You can also adjust the viewing angle to suit and also have it on the left or right-hand side. It's powered from one of your USB-C sockets so no extra plug point is needed and also gets its signal from the same cable. The pro version has a larger screen size and also some extra USB sockets and you can plug a Nintendo Switch into this if you want to game.



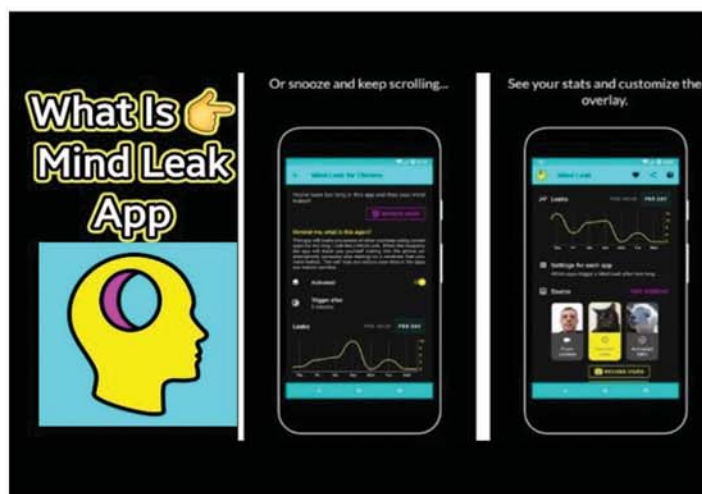
Bluetti EP500&EP500Pro

When the rainy season comes along so do the power cuts. If your PC goes down it can be very annoying especially if you haven't been saving your work. Far worse than that, if your fridge or freezer switches off and it's full of food! But fear not there are a variety of excellent power units available to keep you up and running. The Ep500 is more on the expensive side and closer to being a generator, it has four 112volt AC sockets, and some smaller USB sockets to keep your phone and smaller devices charged, with two 15 watt wireless pads. If you only have a few small devices then a much cheaper UPS power brick will do the job for just over 1000 baht.

App of the month Mind Leak - Use Apps Less!

We might be aware that we are spending far too long using a phone app or it might be a problem we are unaware of, but Mind Leak will let you take control of your browsing. Don't feel too guilty about it developers spend a lot of time and money on making their apps as addictive as possible.

Enjoy your online time without guilt once you work out what's a suitable amount of time to spend on it, without neglecting other more important matters. You can set a visual reminder that will pop up when you go past your set time limit.



Paying respect at the shrine of Mitr Chaibancha on the anniversary of his death in Jomtien



ROTARY CLUB OF PATTAYA

AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR

At the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Pattaya on Monday 27. September 2021 at the five star Royal Cliff Beach Hotel the club had the honor to welcome Assistant District Governor Khun Somwang Pipatsvead a member of the Rotary Club of Sriracha. Many Thai Rotarians from other clubs also attended the meeting that saw a very limited attendance of club members due to their fear of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A past president of our club and a Rotarian for more than 30 years, Gerard Porcon attended the meeting with his wife Manita Porcon also a former Rotarian and announced that he was impressed with the club and would rejoin.

The club president expressed his delight with this announcement and told the meeting that past president Gerard was the builder of the Peace Monument and a very active former leader in the club.

President Niels Colov explained to the Assistant District Governor that the Rotary Club of Pattaya was still active despite the obstacles of the Covid-19 pandemic. The club provides many community service projects to Pattaya, including the donation of protective equipment to health workers at Pattaya City Hospital, food handouts to people in need, the collection and distribution of second-hand clothes and toys to people living in slum areas, joining a beach clean up and supporting small local shops. Recently the club also organized a Peace Painting contest among students in Pattaya schools, as well as a big Peace Painting Exhibition at the Central Festival Pattaya Beach shopping mall.

A language education project for young Thai people in the hospitality industry of Pattaya was discussed and the sister club alliance with the Rotary Club of Kohchang announced. A minute's silence was observed for the passing of long-time Rotarian and Past President Praphan Tinnarong. After which the Assistant District Governor left the meeting confident that the Rotary Club of Pattaya is still going strong and ready for a successful future.





CONFESSIONS OF A POP TART - Barry Upton



After hearing former BBC newsreader Angela Rippon speaking on the radio about her autobiography and suggesting that everyone should write a book about their life for future generations to read as a historical document, Barry Upton decided to catalogue all the important moments of his career so far. This in turn would lead, eventually, to a full blown autobiography with many, sometimes hilarious, stories about his exploits with being a front member of an international multi number one hit band 'Brotherhood Of Man', producing and writing for artists he'd once bought the records of, developing and releasing on to the pop scene a boy/girl band 'Steps' that would go on to have hits worldwide and then finally settling down here in Pattaya for an 'attempt' at retiring in paradise.



It's a detailed account of the highs and, sometimes, lows of a career in the entertainment world that included learning how to write hit songs, becoming a pro music artist, plus being a top U.K. nightclub DJ/re-mixer and record producer which later developed into radio and TV presenting.

Pop has, un-ashameably, always been at the forefront of Barry's various genres of preferred music after growing up with the fab 60s/70s generation and it was this particular style which offered him the majority of his successes. It was his friend, actor and comedian, Shane Richie who once said to him 'you're nothing but a musical prostitute', after witnessing in the late 90s, Barry going from writing and producing commercial pop to ultra commercial pop without flinching or seemingly not caring about 'credibility' in the eyes of his fellow musicians. Hence the nickname 'Pop Tart' became an appropriate label for Barry's approachand it stuck.

It was not only music that he excelled being a 'Pop Tart' at, but many aspects of his life in general since turning professional at the age of 21 and heading out for his first pro engagement in the, then, very liberal capitol city of Copenhagen in Denmark. From there it all went so right although Barry soon learned that 'the harder he worked, the luckier he got, as was drilled into him by his manager/co-writer and friend of many years, seasoned hit-maker Tony Hiller. As with all life stories, there has to be bumps in the road and none have been flattened or concealed in Barry's book. But the general moral of his story is that with persistence, optimism and an always positive attitude, success is just around the corner which manifests itself in unusual and unobvious ways. 'Never miss a good opportunity' is Barry's mantra and on reading this fun book, there is no doubt you will be inspired to look at the world with added sunshine in your eyes.

The full book, complete with many wonderful photos, is available through Discover Pattaya – absolutely FREE ...

... unless, you hate getting something for nothing and feel that it would be very good karma to donate something to Barry's girlfriend's charity that she manages namely 'Kate's Project'.

Message to
baryupton876511@gmail.com for details.

Here is the link
<https://www.pattayatrader.com/3d-flip-book/barry/>



10 Life Hacks For Students

Last month's Hacks were aimed at the older folk - if you missed the article it is still available to read online via our website patttayatrader.com. This month our hacks are aimed at the younger generation especially students who let's face it have suffered a really challenging time during this pandemic. From the youngest who may need parental help setting good routines and disciplines to the older ones -here's hoping you find some use for the following tips:

Use Post-it Notes

Stick some post-it notes in an empty tray, on a bedroom door, on the fridge, or wherever you will easily see them. Use them to help remind you of something important and once it's done you can simply discard the paper. Or you can download digital post-it notes that will show on your desktop when you start up your PC.

Checklists and Timelines

Get into the habit of using checklists and to-do lists to jot down important things such as homework and project deadlines. Ticking it off when finished will give a good sense of accomplishment when each task is finished.

If faced with a major project or assignment it helps to also give yourself a timeline. That way you can divide the project into smaller segments and put daunting tasks into smaller more manageable chunks that are more easily achievable. Giving a task a start middle and end date with reminders on your calendar will stop a final rush to get everything done the night before the due date!

Making a presentation

Making presentations can be nerve-racking and you don't want to be fumbling around with sheets of paper so try using notecards instead as they are easier to handle. You can also use different coloured pens and coloured highlighters. This will help you remember your points better and read them with ease, without hesitating.

Use Google to hear your work

After writing an essay or wording for an aural presentation you need to do, copy-paste onto Google translate and listen to it. Listening makes it easier to find mistakes.

Stop smelly shoes stinking out your locker or kit bag

The key to combatting smelly trainers is... tea bags! An eco-friendly way to fix a smelly shoes problem is to take two tea bags and put them in your trainers before you put them away. Your locker or kit bag will never reek again!

Dry ink stopping your pen from working?

If your pen is not working because the ink is dry, you can try putting some heat on it using a hand dryer or a hairdryer! Pretty soon, it will start working again.



Make a play-list

Every second counts when you're getting ready for school so try making a playlist of your favourite songs that lasts exactly the same amount of time as you need to spend getting ready before leaving your home for school. Before long you will get your morning schedule working according to your song list and it will be easy to know when you're running a little late! Also getting ready for school will be far more enjoyable.

Drink Water

If you have had enough sleep but are still feeling tired when you wake up. The answer might be that you are probably just dehydrated so make sure to drink a glass of water and carry on staying hydrated throughout the day.

Erase Highlighter pen marks

If you have highlighted something by mistake or simply want to remove some highlighted text from your book, take a Q-tip and soak the bud with lime juice. Then you can swipe the moistened bud over the highlighted text, it will remove the coloured highlighter and leave the text perfectly intact.

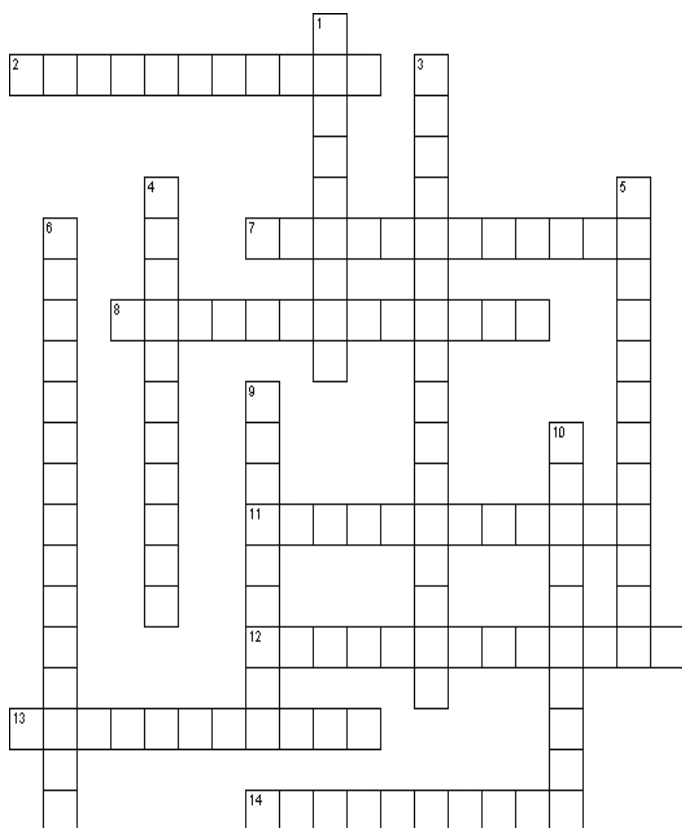
Lost your eraser?

Try using a small piece of bread as an eraser. Or if you don't have any bread to hand, find a rubber band and tie it around the end of your pencil to use as an eraser.

We hope you have enjoyed these hacks and have found some of them useful. We also hope that all students will be able to get back into schools soon so that they can enjoy seeing their friends and get back into their classrooms and sports fields.



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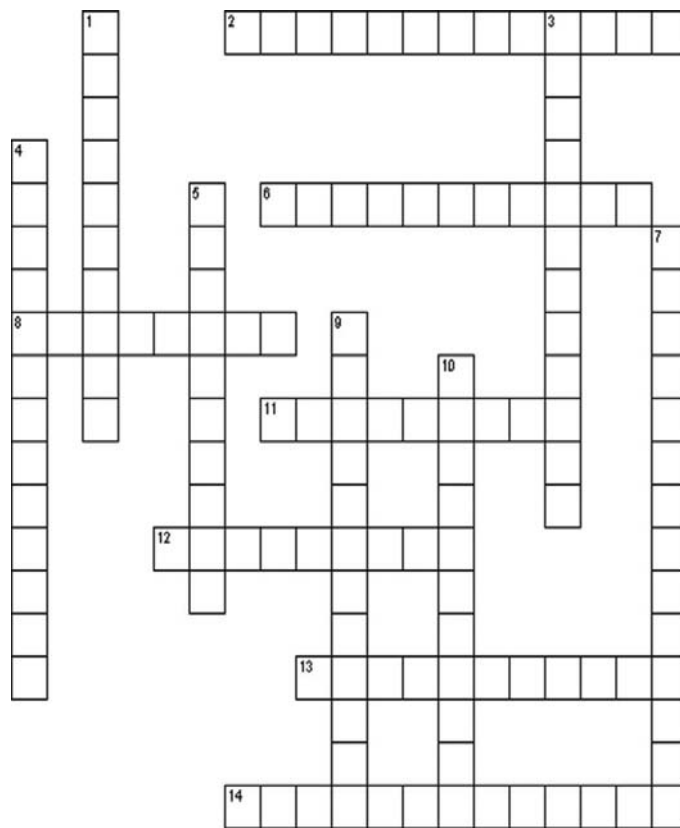


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2. Lex Luthor in the 2006 movie, Superman Returns (5,6)
7. General Bill Sullivan in the 2006 movie, The Good Shepherd (6,2,4)
8. Director of the 2002 movie, The Pianist (5,8)
11. Colonel Walter E. Kurtz in the 1979 movie, Apocalypse Now (6,6)
12. Charles Frohman in the 2004 movie, Finding Neverland (6,7)
13. Clarice Starling in the 1991 movie, The Silence of the Lambs (5,6)
14. Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman starred in this 1942 classic (10)

Down

1. Rev. Graham Hess in the 2002 movie, Signs (3,6)
3. Director of the 1994 movie, Pulp Fiction (7,9)
4. Director of the 1941 classic, Citizen Kane (5,6)
5. Woody Stevens in the 2007 movie, Wild Hogs (4,8)
6. Director of the 1959 film, North by Northwest (6,9)
9. Director of the 2002 movie, Road to Perdition (3,6)
10. Mr Davis in the 1957 movie, 12 Angry Men (5,5)



Across

2. Cornelius in the 1968 movie, Planet of the Apes (5,8)
6. Linda in the 1978 movie, The Deer Hunter (5,6)
8. Viktor Navorski in the 2004 movie, The Terminal (3,5)
11. Patrick Gates in the 2004 movie, National Treasure (3,6)
12. The Ringo Kid in the 1939 classic, Stagecoach (4,5)
13. Hartigan in the 2005 movie, Sin City (5,6)
14. Raymond Babbitt in the 1988 movie, Rain Man (6,7)

Down

1. He was Cool Hand Luke in the 1967 movie (4,6)
3. Clyde Barrow in the 1967 movie, Bonnie and Clyde (6,6)
4. He directed and starred in the 1992 movie, Unforgiven (5,8)
5. Director of the 1951 movie, The African Queen (4,6)
7. He was Ben-Hur in the 1959 movie (8,6)
9. Mrs Robinson in the 1967 movie, The Graduate (4,8)
10. Scarlett O'Hara in the 1939 classic, Gone with the Wind (6,5)

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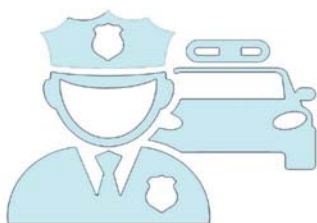
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 Banglamung Police Station, Sukhumvit Highway)
 Phone: 038 221 800, 038 221 331
 Tourist Police: Phratamnak Road
 Emergency Hotline: 1155
 Phone 03841 4669, 03842 5937,

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 Bangkok Hospital Pattaya
 PhoneTel: 038-259-999. 0-3825-9911
 Pattaya Memorial Hospital
 PhoneTel: 038 488 777. 038-429 422

FIRE

Emergency Phone: 199
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 PhoneTel: 038-221-000,

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Marine Police
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 Sea Rescue
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 Water Works Pattaya
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WASTE DISPOSAL

Garbage Collection
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Me: Alexa, remind me to go to the gym.
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Me: Close enough.



"It's no good, Dawson! We're being sucked in by the sun's gravitational field and there's nothing we can do! ... And, let me add, those are my sunglasses you're wearing!"



"Well, I'll be. ... I must've been holding the dang work order like *this*!"

BONO AND THE EDGE WALK INTO A BAR



AND THE BARMAN SAYS
OH GOD, NOT U2 AGAIN!

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4. Where	Tee-nai	ที่ไหน
5. Why	Tum-mai	ทำไม
6. How	Yung-rai	อย่างไร

CONVERSATION:

Q. Who writes good reports. A. Sudarat writes good reports Q. Where are we going? A. We are going to the Ocean. Q. When do you go to work? A. At 8:00 am. Q. What do you do? A. I am a teacher. Q. Why do you come here? A. Chan mah pop Khun Daeng. Q. How do you go there? A. By bus.	ใครเขียนรายงานดีๆ สุดารัตน์เขียนรายงานดีๆ พวกเรากำลังจะไปไหน พวกเรากำลังจะไปทะเล คุณไปทำงานเมื่อไหร่ ตอนแปดโมงเช้า คุณทำงานอะไร ฉันเป็นคุณครู คุณมาที่นี่ทำไม ฉันมาพบคุณแดง	Krai- khen- rai- ngan dee dee. Sudarat khen-rai-ngan-dee dee. Puak row kum lung ja pai nai? Puak row kum lung ja pai talay. Khun pai tum ngan mue rai? Ton ped mong chow. Khun tum ngan ah-rai Chan pen khun krue. Khun mah tee ni tum mai? Chan mah pop khun Daeng.
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BOOKING.COM PREDICTS TRAVEL TRENDS IN 2022



By Kristin Mariano

2022 will be the year to make the most of unpredictability and start making up for lost vacation time in a big way. Booking.com's predictions reveal how people will be reigniting the travel spark in the upcoming year.

Whether as an essential part of a self-care regime or to experience the thrill of just saying yes to whatever travel opportunities and experiences come their way, it's all about seizing the day in 2022 and making every trip matter. Topping the list is how travelling helps with mental and emotional wellbeing. Many of the people booking.com surveyed said they did not realise how important travel was to their wellbeing until border closures began and that having a vacation planned has a positive impact on their emotional wellbeing.

With the lines between work and life increasingly blurred, travellers will want their upcoming vacation to be strictly work-free. With many people claiming to have worked more hours and using less vacation days during the pandemic, expect to see more people setting their well-deserved out of (home) office messages in 2022.

While many of us have forgotten where our passport is, or even just how to pack, all that out-of-practice travel awkwardness will give way to a genuine sense of delight for even the most routine aspects of our trips in 2022. Each 'first' of our trips in 2022 will be a moment to savour, with a majority of travellers saying that simple pleasures such as feeling the sun on their skin or seeing a body of water of some kind instantly improve their mood for the better.

Border closures forced many of us to look to home to quench our travel thirst and also to support independently owned businesses that rely heavily on tourists. It's important that their trip is beneficial to the local community at their destination. For many, the pandemic meant spending an extended and intense period with our closest friends and loved ones, but vacations in 2022 will be an opportunity to branch out and make some new connections. Socializing while on vacation and staying somewhere close to plenty of nightlife options to meet new people.

After so long of being told "no", travellers are reclaiming a more positive way of thinking for 2022. Research shows that travellers will say yes to any vacation opportunity if budget allows and many have been saving their pennies by not taking any big trips since the pandemic started. Even though uncertainty will continue to be a constant in travel in 2022, and while we cannot change or predict every new surprise and challenge that fate has in store for us, we will embrace it.

Because of this, we expect to see even wider adoption of predictive technologies which can help travellers make more informed decisions, especially considering that three in four travellers would be interested in an innovative service that could predict which countries will be safe to travel to even months in advance, or automatically suggest destinations which are easy to travel to now based on their country's and the destination's current COVID-19 requirements.

Nuno Guerreiro, regional director South Asia Pacific at Booking.com comments: "As we look towards the year ahead, we're seeing a lot of excitement and anticipation for the return to travel, whether it's abroad, the trip of a lifetime or just saying yes to whatever travel opportunity comes their way, and it's our mission to make it easier for everyone to do just that."

We will be there for travellers – offering the widest choice, great value and the easiest experience from anywhere and on any device – so people can reclaim their travel mojo and enjoy all of the unforgettable experiences this world has to offer."





By Kristin Mariano

New research has revealed the top trending travel destinations on TikTok, including the most-watched countries, cities and tourist attractions. With 49.9 billion views of '#travel' on TikTok alone, the video-sharing app is fast becoming the go-to place for inspiration to research and plan an epic trip – from staycations to far-flung adventures.

Fashion brand Superdry commissioned the research and it involved analysing the view numbers of thousands of travel-related hashtags on the app to rank the most-watched places and landmarks around the world.

With over 461 million views, Japan is revealed to be the most-watched travel destination on TikTok and many videos include tips on etiquette for Western travellers and advice on when to travel to enjoy the country's famous cherry blossom season.



Travel videos on Russia are the second most popular on the app, with travellers uploading content on the most beautiful places to visit and the country's extremely cold winters.

Mexico is the third most-watched country on travel TikTok (215.3 million views) and, perhaps unsurprisingly, breath-taking beach videos dominate the hashtags providing advice and inspiration for those filled with wanderlust.

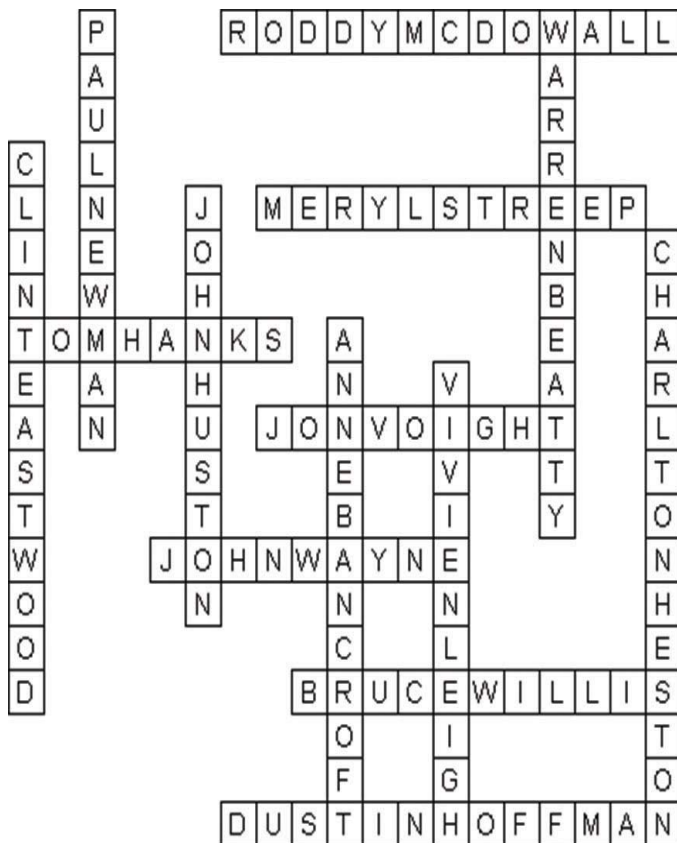
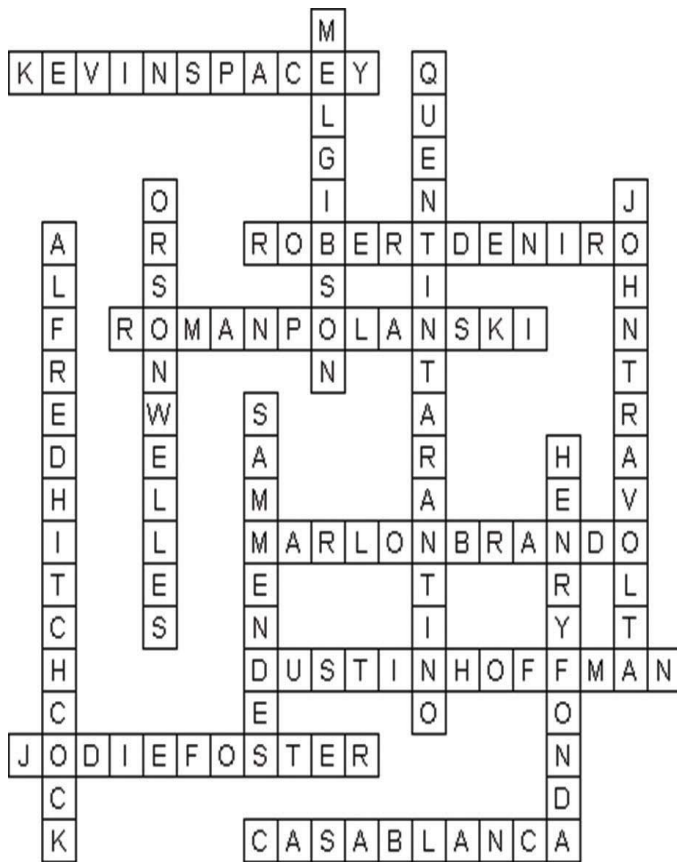
Videos about Asian countries are the most popular for would-be travellers, with nine Asian countries featuring in the top 25 – including China (5th), Vietnam (6th) and Thailand (8th). In South America, it's Colombia travel videos that are drawing the most views (55.8 million) and the only African country to appear on the top 25 list is South Africa (40 million views).



Here are the top 10 trending travel destinations on the platform:

1. Japan – 461.2 million views
2. Russia – 246.6 million views
3. Mexico – 215.3 million views
4. United States of America – 146.3 million views
5. China – 110.1 million views
6. Vietnam – 107 million views
7. Italy – 105.6 million views
8. Thailand – 95.1 million views
9. Scotland – 57.7 million views
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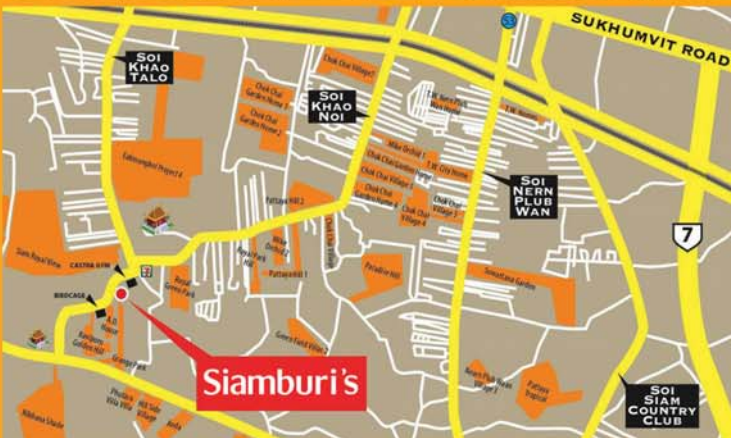
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