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Ayutthaya Things to Do by Lek Boonlert

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Sightseeing

It might be a small city but there is plenty to see and do when you emerge from your hotels in Ayutthaya. There are numerous ruins and temples in and around the city. Of particular interest are Wat Phra Mahatat, the most sacred temple in the city where you will find the head of the Buddha enclosed in a tree, and the giant reclining Buddha at Wat Lokayasutharam. To the south of Ayutthaya is the Summer Palace, built in a variety of architectural styles. It is set in a beautiful park around ponds and waterways and scattered around the gardens and pavilions are European statues and family monuments.

Restaurants

Many restaurants are within easy reach of the hotels in Ayutthaya. You will find a choice of snacks, Thai cuisine, and speciality dishes. There are areas that specialise in particular types of cuisine and popular with tourists is the Ruen Rub Boat restaurant, which combines fine food with a river cruise around the beautiful sights of the city.

Royal Folk Arts And Craft Centre

The Royal Folk Arts and Craft Centre is designed to teach the rural farmers of Thailand a craft. There are several workshops providing training in folk arts and crafts and tourists can wander through the centre and see the products being made. In the shop, you can buy the finished articles from woven baskets, hand-woven silk garments, and woodcarvings to artificial flowers and furniture.

Festivals

Throughout the year, many festivals and Buddhist celebrations are held in Ayutthaya, with parades, exhibitions, and floats. There are cultural processions and performances, light and sound presentations, and various forms of entertainment.

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