

Welcome to Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Hat Yai, Songkhla, Thailand

To ensure a smooth experience and a pleasant stay in Hat Yai, PSU is pleased to provide you with the following information.



Prince of Songkla University General Information

Prince of Songkla University is a public university, established in 1967 as the first university in southern Thailand, with the guiding principle "Our Soul is for the Benefit of Mankind." Today, PSU is a world-class research university committed to academic excellence, reputable research and innovation. It is one of the nine national research universities, and top 10 comprehensive universities in Thailand by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ranking.

PSU's five campuses, located in Hat Yai, Pattani, Phuket, Surat Thani and Trang, house over 36,000 students, including international students from over 40 nations, more than 2,000 academic staff, and offer some of the best teaching facilities in the region. PSU has more than 600 agreements for academic cooperation worldwide, inclusive of collaboration with International Agencies.

The university aims to produce graduates able to compete in the international job market, and therefore, during their studies, students have the chance to apply their knowledge in real life and participate in various community projects. By nurturing the mind and imparting a true sense of social responsibility, PSU students are empowered with the tools to succeed as professionals in today's dynamic society.

As a leading research university in Thailand and Southeast Asia, PSU is proud of its distinguished record of achievements in teaching, research, development, and services to community. It has contributed significantly to the development of the country and consistently turned out well-qualified graduates of high-professional standing. The academic excellence is illustrated in many disciplines including Agro-Industry, Biochemistry, Biodiversity, Chemical Engineering, Energy, Epidemiology, Food Technology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Islamic Studies, Natural Products, Natural Rubber, Nursing, Palm Oil, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, to mention a few.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

➤ **Prince of Songkla University's Fact Sheet**

➤ **PSU Hat Yai Campus Map**

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PSU Fact Sheet



PSU Hat Yai Campus Map

Thailand General Information

Welcome to the “Land of Smiles.” Thailand is an amazing kingdom, featuring Buddhist temples and spectacular islands. Along with a fascinating history and a unique culture, Thailand features a modern capital city and friendly people.

Officially known as the Kingdom of Thailand and formerly as Siam, Thailand is a country at the center of the Indochinese peninsula in Mainland Southeast Asia. It is bordered to the north by Myanmar and Laos, to the east by Laos and Cambodia, to the south by the Gulf of Thailand and Malaysia, and to the west by the Andaman Sea and the southern extremity of Myanmar.

With a total area of approximately 514,000 sq. km., Thailand is the world's 50th largest country. It is the 20th-most-populous country in the world, with around 70 million people. The capital and largest city is Bangkok, which is Thailand's political, commercial, industrial, and cultural hub. The country's official language is Thai. Thailand is divided into 77 provinces, which are gathered into five groups of provinces by location: north, northeast, central, east and south. Bangkok is at provincial level and thus often counted as a province. Each province is divided into districts and the districts are further divided into sub-districts.

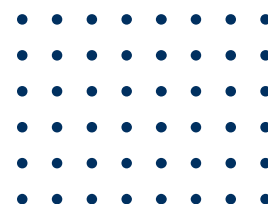


Hat Yai City General Information



The city of Hat Yai is about 60 km from the Malaysian border, one hour and 15 minutes flying from Bangkok and 30 km from the beautiful tropical long beaches of Songkhla.

It is a modern city, with a vibrant mix of Thai, Chinese, and Malay influences, making Hat Yai a thrill to visit with many cultural and modern entertainment attractions.



Hat Yai International Airport

Hat Yai International Airport is the closest airport to Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai Campus.

From Bangkok, flights are available from both Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) and Don Mueang Airport (DMK).

In addition, there are direct flights from Singapore and Malaysia.



Time Zone



Thailand Time Zone: UTC/GMT+7 Hours



Climate

Most of Thailand has a "tropical wet and dry or savanna climate" type. The south and the eastern tip of the east have a tropical monsoon climate. Countrywide, temperatures normally range from an average annual high of 38 °C (100.4 °F) to a low of 19 °C (66.2 °F).

During the dry season, the temperature rises dramatically in the second half of March, spiking to well over 40 °C (104 °F) in some areas by mid-April when the sun passes its zenith.

Southern Thailand has a tropical monsoon climate. Temperatures are from very warm to hot throughout the year with only minor variations. It is either dry or wet season in Hat Yai. The dry season is from January–April, which is the hottest month of the year, and wet season is from May–December. There may be some especially heavy rainfalls from October to December.

It is recommended to prepare an umbrella or a cap to protect yourself from both strong sun and sudden rain.

Thai Currency



Currently, there are in circulation coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 baht, and banknotes of 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 Thai baht. Every baht is divided into 100 satang, and there are coins of 50 and 25 satang, which are the smallest units.



Note: 1 USD = approximately 33 THB
(April 2026)

Banks & Currency Exchange

Thai banks, ATMs, and currency exchange offices are widely available. However, most ATMs charge a fee of around 200 Baht for foreign card transactions, so it's good to withdraw larger amounts at once to save on fees.

Transportation in Hat Yai



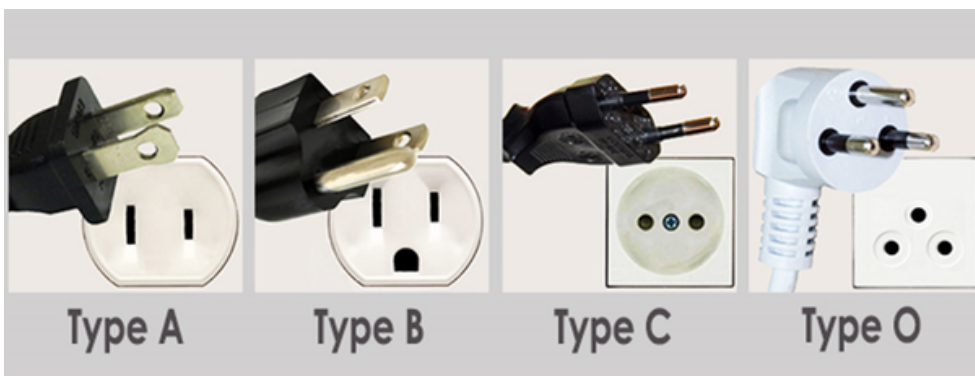
Tuk-Tuk, Songthaew, and motorbike taxi are three types of public vehicles commonly used in Hat Yai. Another good choice for transportation is an online car-booking application. Grab and Maxim are two applications that are famous in Hat Yai because of their convenience and price reasons. Also, Hat Yai taxis are available 24/7 and can be flagged down in the street, picked up at a designated taxicab stand, called over the phone, or booked in advance.



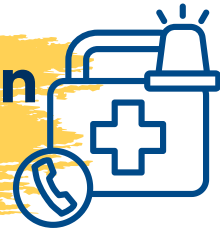
Electrical Voltage and Power Plugs



In Thailand, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type A, type B, type C, and type O are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.



Emergency contact numbers in Thailand for foreigners



- **191** – Police
- **1155** – Tourist Police
- **1669** – Emergency Medical Services/ ambulance
- **199** – Fire Department



Most useful apps in Thailand for foreigners



Transport & Getting Around



- **Grab**

- Taxi, motorbike, food delivery, parcels
- Shows price upfront (no bargaining)
- Widely used across Thailand



- **Maxim (Travel in Hat Yai)**

- Taxi, motorbike
- Shows price upfront (no bargaining)
- Often cheaper than Grab



- **Google Maps**

- Best for directions, transport routes, reviews
- Very accurate in Thailand



Communication & Daily Life



- **LINE**

- Most important app in Thailand
- Used for chatting, business, even customer service



- **Google Translate**

- Translate Thai ↔ English



Food & Delivery



- **LINE MAN**

- Local food delivery



- **Grab**

- Also major food delivery app



Payments & Money



- **TrueMoney Wallet**

- Pay via QR code (even at 7-Eleven)
- Useful if you don't carry cash



Shopping

Hat Yai offers a wide variety of shopping experiences, from modern malls to bustling local markets. Whether you're looking for fashion, electronics, souvenirs, or street food, you'll find plenty of options across the city.

Markets

- **Greenway Market**

One of Hat Yai's top lifestyle markets, located about 3 kilometers from Prince of Songkla University and offering a diverse selection of unique products such as men's, women's, and children's clothing, accessories, handicrafts, cosmetics, antiques, and more, along with a vibrant food station.

Open: Tuesday–Sunday (Closed on Monday)

17.00–22.00 hrs.



- **ASEAN Night Bazaar**

An indoor market with stalls selling clothes, souvenirs, and traditional Thai food and drinks.

Open: Tuesday–Sunday (Closed on Monday)

16.30–22.00 hrs.



- **Kim Yong Market**

A popular market in Hat Yai, known for its wide range of goods, from local snacks, fresh produce, and dried foods to electronics and imported products. It's a lively shopping spot where locals and tourists alike can enjoy finding unique items and great deals.

Open: daily 07.00–18.00 hrs.





Shopping malls

- **Central Hatyai**

One of the largest shopping complexes outside Bangkok, located at about 4 kilometers from Prince of Songkla University, featuring a wide variety of offerings including fashion boutiques, restaurants, cafes, cinemas, major banks, Tops Market, IT stores, electronics, and more.

Open: daily 10.00–21.00 hrs.

- **Lotus's Hat Yai**

A large supermarket located opposite Prince of Songkla University that sells food, clothes, household items, and more. There are also a number of restaurants and smaller shops inside and outside the main supermarket.

Open: daily 08.00–22.00 hrs.

- **Big C Extra**

A large supermarket that sells food, clothes, household items, and more. It has HomePro, Office Depot, and several restaurants.

Open: daily 09.00–21.00 hrs.

- **Odean Shopping Mall**

Open: daily 10.30–21.00 hrs.

- **Diana Complex Shopping Center**

Open: daily 10.00–21.00 hrs.

- **Robinson Department Store**

Open: daily 10.00–21.00 hrs.



Tourist Attractions/Shopping



- **Hatyai Village**

a modern lifestyle shopping mall in Hat Yai. It is known for its open-air “community mall” concept, combining shopping, cafés, restaurants, supermarkets, and entertainment in one place. The mall is popular with both locals and Malaysian tourists because of its relaxed atmosphere and trendy design.

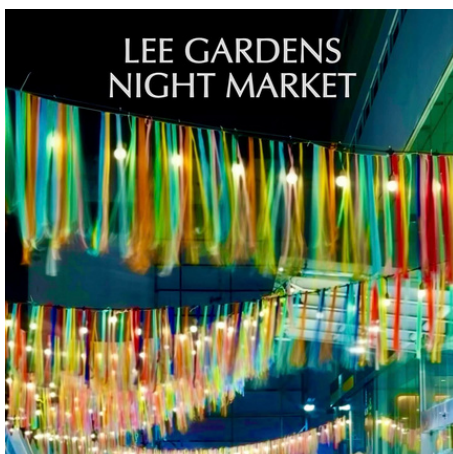
Inside, you can find popular brands like Uniqlo, Starbucks, Tops, Eveandboy, and many local restaurants and dessert cafés. One of the highlights is Food Villa, a large food zone with Thai, Japanese, halal, and international food options

Open: daily 06.00–23.00 hrs.

- **Lee Gardens Night Market**

The vibrant night market in the heart of Hat Yai
Enjoy delicious Thai street food, shop unique handmade products, and relax with live music performances every evening

- Open every Thursday – Monday from 16.00– 23.00 hrs.
- In front of Lee Gardens Plaza Hotel (Prachatipat Road)





Places to visit in Hat Yai and Songkhla

The South of Thailand is famous for its beautiful tropical islands and beaches, coral reefs with colorful marine life, picturesque fishing villages, serene national parks, waterfalls, historic cities, scenic wildlife sanctuaries, temples and mosques. The beautiful tropical long beaches of Songkhla are located only at 30 km from Hat Yai.

In Hat Yai City

- **Hat Yai Municipal Park**

A scenic public park located on a side of Kho Hong Hill, with the top at 371 meters above sea level. It is the last green area of Hat Yai District and is also a very fertile forest. It is suitable for relaxing and breathing fresh air. The top of the mountain is also a popular tourist attraction in Hat Yai. It features temples, a large Buddha statue, a cable car, and serene gardens. From the top, we can see the most beautiful view of Hat Yai City.

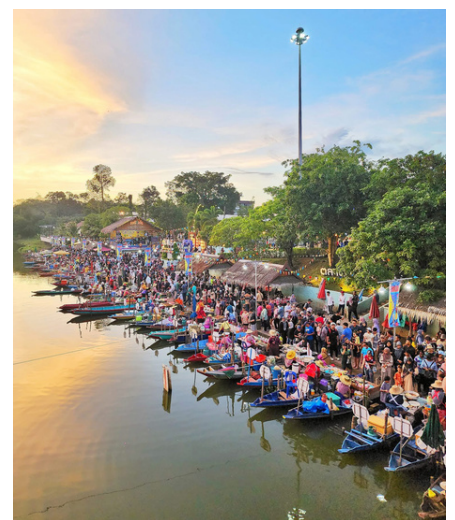


- **Khlong Hae Floating Market**

Located at about 6 km from the city center, is the first floating market in southern Thailand. The market operates from Friday to Sunday, including during the public holidays, from 15.00–21.00 hrs.

The traders at this market will dress in Thai retro costumes and there are many food choices including local food, Thai food and Muslim food.

Another unique aspect of this market is using eco-friendly food containers such as coconut shell, bamboo tube, and earthen pot rather than using foam or plastic containers.



Tourist Attractions/Sightseeing



- **Songkhla Central Mosque**

A stunning landmark and one of the largest mosques in southern Thailand. Known for its grand architecture, it features a vast prayer hall, tall minarets, and a reflecting pool, which is about 200 meters long, making it a popular spot for both pray and photography, especially at sunset.



- **Stainless Steel Pagoda (Phra Maha Chedi Traipob Traimongkhon)**

A unique pagoda made entirely of stainless steel. It is considered the only stainless-steel pagoda in the world. The temple offers panoramic views of Hat Yai city and provides a peaceful and serene atmosphere, making it an ideal place for meditation, Dharma study, and chanting.

The stainless-steel pagoda, composed of a circle of stainless steel that continues to form the pagoda has 60 floors in total. Stainless steel bell towers surround the pagoda, symbolizing the four elements: earth, water, wind, and fire.



- **Wat Hat Yai Nai (Hat Yai Nai Temple)**

A revered temple in Hat Yai, famous for its enormous reclining Buddha statue, one of the largest in Thailand. Measuring 35 meters long, 15 meters high, and 10 meters wide, this colossal Buddha is ranked among the three largest in the world. The temple is a peaceful place for both locals and visitors to pay respect and enjoy the serene atmosphere.





Outside the city

- **Ton Nga Chang Waterfall**

Located in the Ton Nga Chang Wildlife Sanctuary: follow the Hat Yai-Rattaphum Road for 13km, then turn left at Ban Hu Rae for another 13 km.

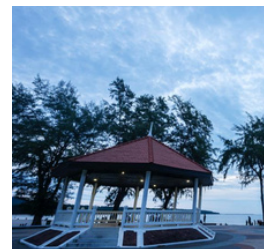
It is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the south, situated at about 26 km from the city. This waterfall has seven levels. The third level is the most beautiful, with the stream separating into two, resembling to an elephant's tusks.

One can hire a tuk-tuk to go to the waterfall, which is one-hour ride; however, the price must be bargained. One can also take a songthaew or a minibus from the fresh market (Talat Sot Thesaban Hat Yai).



- **Samila Beach**

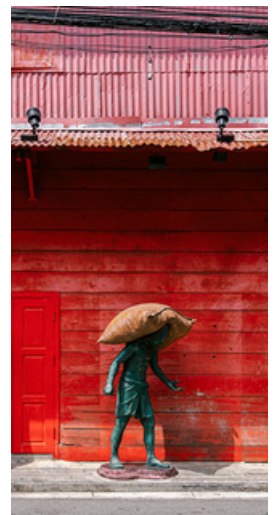
It is located at 30 km from Hat Yai, in Songkhla city. It has a clean white sandy beach, shady pine trees, and a statue of a mouse and cat, as well as a mermaid statue, which are symbols of Songkhla Province. The surrounding area is a shady garden, suitable for relaxing in the evening.



- **Songkhla Old Town**

A captivating destination in Songkhla province, a hub of historical learning and a popular tourist attraction. Its architecture beautifully showcases the town's multicultural heritage, blending Chinese and European influences with traditional local styles. Visitors can explore the unique buildings, admire the artwork, and immerse themselves in the local atmosphere, beyond its architectural and artistic charm.

In addition to seeing architecture and paintings, the old town of Songkhla city also offers a variety of foods, including both savory and sweet dishes, Thai food, and Chinese food.



Tourist Attractions/Sightseeing



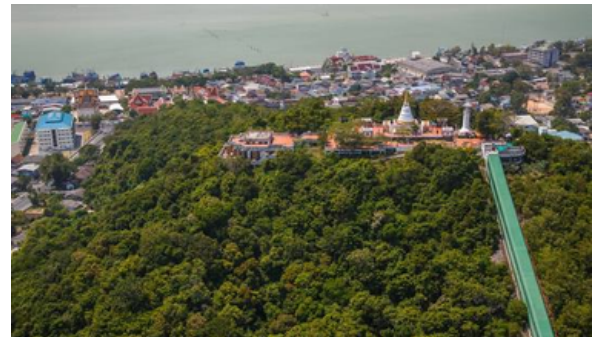
- **Ban Nakhon Nai**

Located in the old city of Songkhla, Ban Nakhon Nai consists of an old Chinese-style house that has been renovated and a newly built Sino-European building. The building spans two roads, Nakhon Nok and Nakhon Nai. The building is architecturally striking. Inside, old furniture and antique Chinese wooden beds are displayed.



- **Khao Tang Kuan (Tang Kuan Hill)**

Khao Tang Kuan is an important tourist attraction in Songkhla city. It is a hill of about 105 meters above sea level. From the top, you can see a 360-degree view of Songkhla. Also, on the top of Khao Tang Kuan is the city's sacred pagoda. There are two ways to get to the top of Khao Tang Kuan: walk up the 145 steps, which are located at the foot of the hill on one side. Along the way, there are rest stops and viewpoints. The second way is to take the funicular.



- **The Songkhla Walking Street**

Located on Chana Road, is a vibrant market open every Friday and Saturday from 17.00–22.00 hrs. It features two main sections: one dedicated to food and the other to clothing and general goods. The food side offers a variety of local dishes like Southern curry, satay, and international options such as steak and takoyaki, along with desserts like coconut ice cream.



The clothing side showcases handmade items and other products. Additionally, visitors can enjoy live music performances and traditional Nang Talung shadow puppet shows, highlighting the cultural richness of Southern Thailand. This lively atmosphere makes it a popular spot for both locals and tourists.

**PSU hopes you have a pleasant
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