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**All I Want for Christmas!**

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*This Month in Discover Pattaya*

**Hi Everyone**

So here we are, it's December and as promised the following pages are just bursting with plenty of ideas and places to go to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. This issue is unashamedly full of festive cheer! For me, if thinking of my ideal present this Christmas, I'd say that it would have to be a beautiful Harmony Hills Villa, as featured on our cover - A girl can dream!

This month is also our time to thank all our readers, contributors and of course advertisers for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year. Your help keeps this high quality magazine printed and distributed every month, and don't forget it is also available to read online at [pattayatrader.com](http://pattayatrader.com). If you've ever missed an article or edition go to our Back issues page and you will still find them available to read and download - it's also an interesting way to look back over the last 12 months!

So it only leaves me to say that everyone here at Pattaya Trader and Discover Pattaya wish you all a safe, healthy and happy New Year and look forward to keeping you all avid readers of our next 12 issues in 2025!

Have a good one!

Gloria x

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Discover the heartwarming warmth of year-end festivities at Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach. Celebrate the joyful spirit of Christmas and New Year with your loved ones in this charming tropical retreat over top-notch food, drinks, and delightful sweet treats.

24  
DEC

## CHRISTMAS EVE FEAST

Elevate your holiday celebrations with premium meats and ocean-fresh delicacies featuring live music.

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS EVE BUFFET

6 – 9 PM | VILLAGE SQUARE

THB 3,400++ per adult

THB 1,700++ per child (6-12 years)

### 5-COURSE BEACHFRONT DINNER

6 – 10 PM | FISH CLUB

THB 3,900++ per adult



25  
DEC

## SANTA'S BRUNCH


Delight in a spellbinding Christmas extravaganza that will ignite your senses and fill your heart with joy, featuring a delectable array of grilled ocean delights, premium meats and live music by a violinist.

12 – 3 PM | VILLAGE BUTCHER

THB 2,900++ per adult

THB 1,490++ per child (6-12 years)

 20% early bird savings from now to 10 December 2024

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\* Each discount cannot be used in conjunction with another.







31  
DEC

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Ring in the new year with our seafood specialties and premium meats, all set to live with DJ tunes and live band music. Plus, enjoy the chance to be one of the lucky winners of complimentary stays at over 30 Hyatt Hotels worldwide.

### SUMPTUOUS FESTIVE BUFFET


6.30 – 9.30 PM | VILLAGE SQUARE


THB 4,900++ per adult | THB 2,450++ per child (6 - 12 years)

### 5-COURSE OCEANIC FEAST

7 – 10.30 PM | FISH CLUB

THB 6,900++ per adult

 20% early bird savings from now to 10 December 2024

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# Christmas Eve Dinner

24<sup>th</sup> December / 6.30 - 10pm

@ The Beach Club Restaurant

Adults @ THB 2,050 net inc. coffee & tea

Christmas-Inspired Buffet & Fresh Seafood /  
Acoustic Live Band

# Christmas Day Brunch

25<sup>th</sup> December / 12 - 3pm

@ The Beach Club Restaurant

Adults @ THB 2,050 net inc. coffee & tea

Christmas-Inspired Buffet & Fresh Seafood /  
Live DJ / Kids Buffet / Supervised Kids Activities

Add THB 1,000 net for free-flow house wine,  
local beer, selected cocktails and soft drinks

Kids (7-12 years) @ THB 700 net

Kids under 7 years eat for free



# La Fiesta Carnival



## Beachfront Sundowner

31<sup>st</sup> December / 5.30 - 8pm @ The Beach Club Bar

Party Bed @ THB 6,000 net (Max.6)

Festive-Inspired Grazing Board /  
A Bottle of Champagne Live DJ & Saxophonist

## Ring in The New Year Dinner

Adults @ THB 2,350 net including coffee & tea  
31<sup>st</sup> December / 6.30 - 10pm @ The Beach Club Restaurant  
Festive-Inspired International Buffet / Fresh & Grilled Seafood

Add THB 1,000 net for free-flow house wine,  
local beer, selected cocktails and soft drinks

Kids (7-12 years) @ THB 900 net

Kids under 7 years eat for free

## A Pattaya Carnival Night

31<sup>st</sup> December / 9pm - 1am @ The Beach Club Bar  
Live DJ / Live Fire Show / Fireworks

Party Bed @ THB 8,000 net (Max.4)

Beachfront Party Bed / THB 3,000 F&B Credit /  
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### Christmas Eve

The spirit of Christmas gets tropical at our seaside resort. Christmas arrives in style to Avani Pattaya bringing bountiful gifts to young and old. Gather around the buffet in Garden Cafe or branch out at Benihana for a blend of the exotic and traditional. Let Dacey's dazzle you with a Christmas lunch full of trimmings. Whichever way you like your festive season, you'll find it at Avani Pattaya. Prices start from THB 1,690+ per person.

### New Year's Eve

Party into New Year with amazing dining, drinking and dancing at Avani Pattaya. Let loose on the last night of the year with unforgettable parties at all our venues. Whether you prefer a truly Thai feast, sizzling Japanese style or a spectacular firework show at atop our rooftop. Avani has a set up for an amazing New Year. Make the last night of 2024 one to remember. Prices start from THB 2,590++ per person

For more information, please call Avani Pattaya Resort: 038 412 120  
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## Restaurant

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# *New Year's Eve Celebration*

Tuesday, 31 December 2024  
From 6.00 PM to 01.00 AM on the private beach

Epicurean Global Buffet Experience  
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# FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS AT ROYAL CLIFF PATTAYA

Delight in a Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner and Christmas Lunch Buffet, then ring in the New Year with gourmet dishes and stunning sea-view fireworks for memories that last.



24 December 2024

## Christmas Eve Set Dinner

Experience the enchantment of Christmas Eve at Royal Cliff! Savor a 4-course dinner featuring Roast Turkey, Braised Beef, or Honey-Glazed Ham. Enjoy festive carols, live music, and a special visit from Santa for an unforgettable evening.

At Royal Grill Room & Wine Cellar Restaurant,  
Royal Cliff Beach Hotel  
6:30 - 11:00 pm

**THB 2,300++ per person**  
(50% discount for children aged 4-12 years)



[View full details](#)



25 December 2024

## Christmas Lunch Buffet

Celebrate Christmas Day with a festive buffet lunch! Enjoy holiday favorites like roasted turkey, Christmas ham, seabass, fresh salads, and classic desserts, including Christmas pudding and a live pancake station. Live music and a special visit from Santa make it a celebration to remember!

At Panorama Restaurant, Royal Cliff Beach Hotel  
12:00 - 3:00 pm

**THB 2,300++ per person**  
(50% discount for children aged 4-12 years)



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31 DECEMBER 2024  
**THE ROYAL SEA  
ADVENTURE**  
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA BUFFET DINNER

Dive into the New Year with vibrant colors and oceanic joy beneath spectacular fireworks. Join us for an unforgettable "Royal Sea Adventure" New Year's Eve celebration with panoramic sea views, live entertainment, and dazzling displays. Savor a premium international buffet featuring fresh seafood, prime beef, and delicious desserts. Celebrate with loved ones and welcome 2025 in style!

At the poolside of the Royal Cliff Beach Hotel  
7:30 PM Onwards

**THB 6,500++ per person**  
(50% discount for children aged 4-12 years)

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Prices are subject to 10% service charge and 7% government VAT.

For more information or to book a table, please contact Guest Relations at Tel: (+66) 38 250421 ext. 2037

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE *Carnival* CELEBRATION



RING IN 2025 AT THE GEMS WITH A VIBRANT, FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL! JOIN US ON DECEMBER 31ST FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH FESTIVE PERFORMANCES, FUN ACTIVITIES, AND AN ELECTRIFYING COUNTDOWN.

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

START THE FESTIVITIES WITH A COLORFUL PARADE, ENJOY LIVE BAND AND DJ MUSIC, JUNGLE-THEMED PERFORMANCES, A CAPTIVATING FIRE SHOW, AND END THE NIGHT WITH A SPECTACULAR MIDNIGHT FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET HIGHLIGHTS**

ENJOY APPETIZERS LIKE BEEF CARPACCIO AND SALMON WITH CAVIAR, FRESH OYSTERS, SUSHI, TRUFFLE RISOTTO, PEPPER STEAK, BBQ GRILL, FRENCH CANARD, THAI BEEF SOUP, AND DESSERTS INCLUDING A CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN, TIRAMISU, AND CREPE SUZETTE WITH ICE CREAM.

**EARLY BIRD:**

**THB 2,025 PER ADULT (FROM THB 2,568), HALF-PRICE FOR KIDS**

**EARLY BIRD EXCLUSIVE:** RESERVE A 4-PERSON PACKAGE AND RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY WHOLE CANADIAN LOBSTER AS OUR SPECIAL GIFT.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE | DECEMBER 31, 2024**

- **15:00 | PARADE:** KICK OFF THE CELEBRATION WITH A LIVELY PARADE.
- **15:30 | LIVE DJ:** POOLSIDE TUNES AT CASTAWAY.
- **18:00 | GALA BUFFET:** DINNER AT THE TRAM WITH LIVE MUSIC AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCES.
- **18:00 | CARNIVAL GAMES:** FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE HOTEL LOBBY.
- **23:00 | COUNTDOWN PARTY:** DJ, FIRE SHOW, TOAST, AND FIREWORKS TO WELCOME 2025!

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Wednesday December 25th 2024

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**KIDS 795 THB**  
(Under 12 years)

**THAI 895 THB**

### Starters

Prawn Cocktail -OR-  
Cream of Mushroom Soup -OR- Chicken liverPate & Toast

### Starters

Vegetable Spring Rolls  
-OR-  
Deep Fried Prawn Cakes

### Mains

#### Roast Turkey & Ham

Tradition roast Turkey & honey glazed ham with cheesy mashed potato, roast potato. green beans, glazed carrots. cranberry sauce & homemade stuffing

**-OR-**

#### Slow Roast of Wagyu Beef

A tender roast of wagyu beef served with cheesy mashed potato, roast potato, green beans, glazed carrots. horseradish sauce & homemade stuffing

### Mains

(Any 2 Dishes from the choices below)

**Chicken Penang Curry**  
**Grilled Pork Neck Salad**  
**Tom Yum Kung( (prawns)**  
**Stir Fried Beef Peppers**

### Desserts

Mix Fruit & Ice-Cream  
-OR-  
Chocolate Brownie & Ice-Cream

### Desserts

**Christmas Pudding or Mince Pie**  
with custard or whipped cream -OR-  
**Strawberry Mousse -OR-**  
**Fruit Salad and Ice-cream**

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**SCAN TO BOOK A TABLE!**



## Happy Hour On The Beach!

**Everyday / 2-5pm @ The Beach Club Bar  
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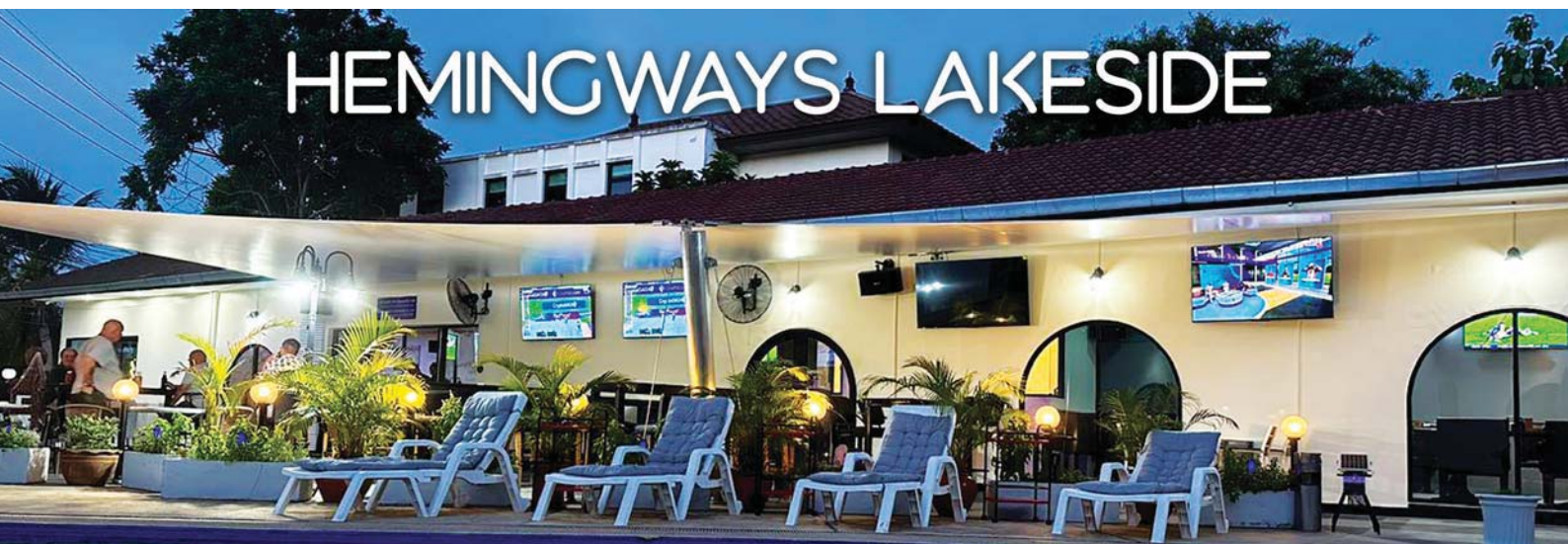
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO PATTAYA INTERNATIONAL LADIES CLUB For another amazing Christmas Fair ❄️







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There were plenty of goodies to eat and drink, presents to buy, worthy charities to find out about.



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## ASIAN OPTICAL

**When did you last have your eyes tested?**



Like regular trips to the dentist having your eye tested is something we often forget to do and yet we should get them checked at least once a year.

There are many opticians in Pattaya and quite often on our Facebook sites Pattaya Trader - Discover Pattaya and Pattaya Trader Expat Ladies Group we are asked to give recommendations. Asian Optical on Pratumnak Soi 4 is the only one we recommend. This is because unlike some other opticians that are little more than shops selling glasses in Pattaya Asian Optical can give you a proper eye test and they also have a fantastic selection of frames, lenses and contact lenses.



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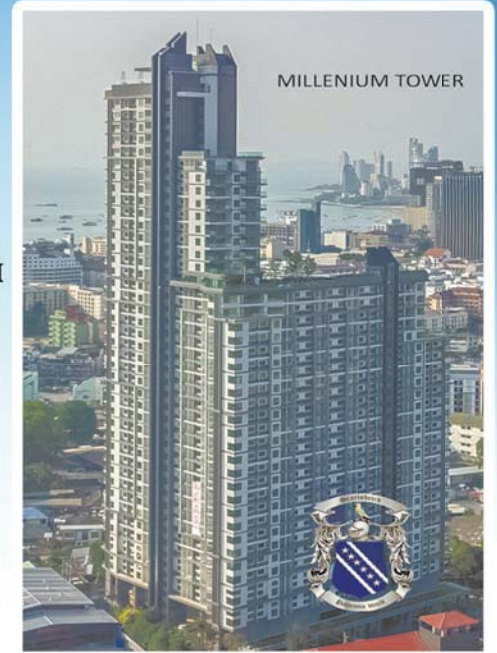
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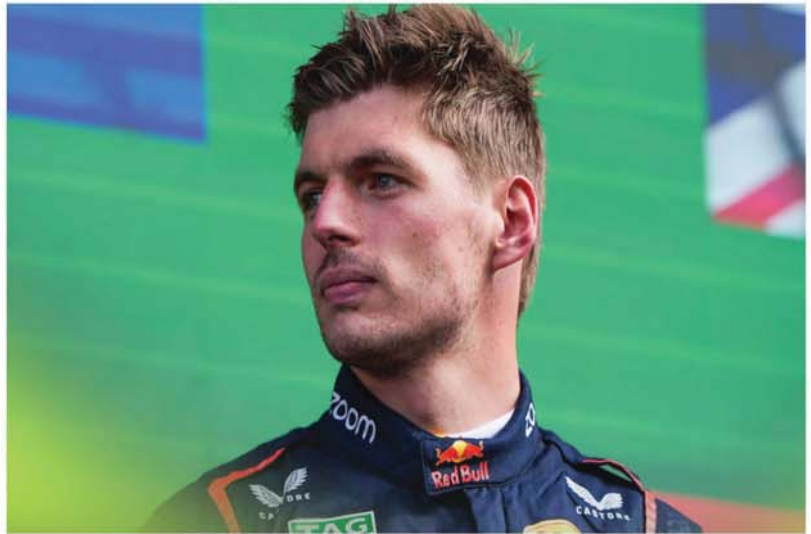
For December by Steve Wade

At time of writing the Formula One season has three races to go to complete the season and defying all expectations, we have three teams battling it out for the constructors championship. Max Verstappen will be difficult to catch in the driver standings but with only 50 points separating the top three in the team table it's still all to play for. Who would have thought that it would be McLaren and Ferrari topping the table with the all conquering Red Bull and Mercedes teams of the past decade trying to keep up with them?

The Las Vegas race will take us into the final two heats in December and the first of those is in Qatar on the first of the month. If both the constructors and drivers crown are still up for grabs then the last race of the season, in Abu Dhabi on the 8th, will be a humdinger. As a spectator rather than a supporter of either team or driver, I hope that everything is still to play for come the final race so we can look forward to a spectacular conclusion to this fascinating season.

In the Premier League the first big fixture is the Liverpool v Manchester City clash at Anfield on the 1st. Although hardly a title decider at this stage, a result either way will send a clear message to the chasing pack. The Premier League, trying to catch up with the fixture list after the recent international breaks, have decided in their wisdom to fit in seven match days between the last day of November and the first day of January 2025. I think we can safely assume that the picture for both the top and bottom of the table will be a lot clearer after this period and a few of the less wealthy clubs will have squads that will be stretched very thin. This is always the part of the season where things become clearer and any pretenders to the throne are found out. It promises to be an interesting time.

As you can imagine, the sports outlook is pretty quiet this time of the year so in January we'll be getting the dates together for all the major events and presenting you with a preview of everything you'll need to know for the sporting year. In the meantime we here at the Sports Update desk wish all our readers a happy holiday and peaceful new year.

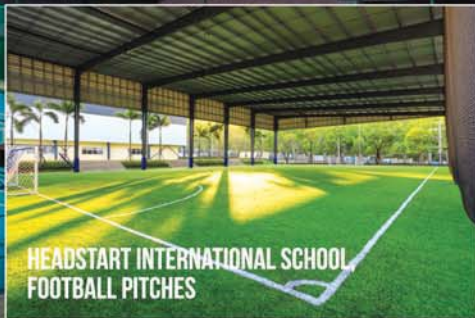




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## Golf with Stunning Landscapes in NORTHERN VIETNAM

Are you a golf enthusiast heading to Northern Vietnam? You're in luck! This region boasts stunning natural landscapes and a growing number of high-quality golf courses. From challenging terrains to breathtaking views, you'll find everything you need for a memorable golfing experience. In this article, we'll explore some of the best places to play golf in Northern Vietnam and offer tips on making the most of your trip.

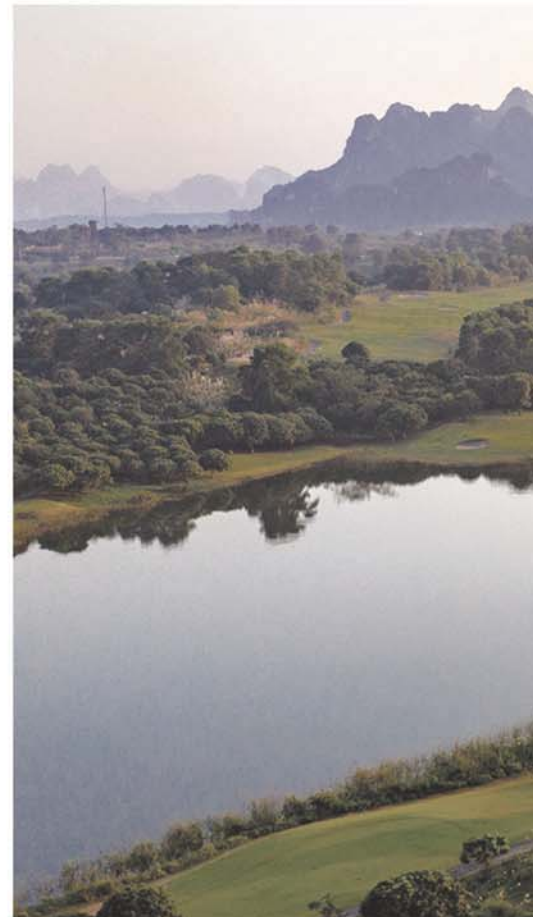
One of the prime golfing destinations in this region is Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. Hanoi is home to several top-notch golf courses that cater to golfers of all levels. The Sky Lake Resort & Golf Club is highly recommended for those seeking a challenging game. This 36-hole championship golf course, designed by Korean architect Ahn Moon Hwan, is located amidst the peaceful countryside, offering players a truly serene and picturesque setting. With its undulating fairways, strategically placed bunkers, and large lakes, Sky Lake promises an unforgettable golfing experience.

Moving further north, you'll stumble upon the coastal city of Ha Long, known for its magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site – Ha Long Bay. The FLC Ha Long Bay Golf Club is within this breathtaking backdrop, a paradise for golfers seeking a seaside golfing experience. Designed by Schmidt-Curly Design, this 18-hole championship golf course combines impeccable links-style layouts with stunning ocean views, creating a truly unforgettable golfing journey.

Thanh Lanh Golf Club, nestled in the picturesque foothills of Northern Vietnam, offers an exclusive golfing experience that seamlessly blends natural beauty with world-class amenities. This 18-hole championship course, designed by renowned golf architect Nick Faldo, features lush fairways, strategically placed bunkers, and undulating greens that challenge players of all skill levels. The club's meticulously maintained landscape is complemented by panoramic views of the mountains and lakes, creating a serene and inspiring environment for golfers. Beyond the course, Thanh Lanh Golf Club boasts exceptional facilities, including a modern clubhouse, fine dining options, and luxurious locker/changing rooms, making it an ideal destination for Asian Golf & More readers.

In conclusion, Northern Vietnam is a golfing haven waiting to be explored. With its stunning natural landscapes, top-notch golf courses, and warm hospitality, this region offers everything a golfer could dream of. Whether you're seeking a challenging game on a championship course or a serene golfing experience amidst breathtaking scenery, you will find it in Northern Vietnam. So, pack your clubs and prepare for a golfing adventure you won't forget!

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## KEY INSIGHTS ON VIETNAM'S GROWING APPEAL TO GOLF TRAVELERS

As of the first quarter of 2024, Vietnam ranks third in Southeast Asia for tourist arrivals, following Thailand and Malaysia. The tourism industry in Vietnam has achieved an impressive recovery rate of 94.1% compared to 2019.

In the first seven months of 2024, Vietnam welcomed approximately 10 million international visitors, including 300,000 international golf tourists.

The top factors attracting Golf Travellers to Vietnam were:

**Spectacular Courses.** 72.5% of Golf travelers are drawn to Vietnam's golf beauty, from the limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay Country Club to the pristine Links course of Hoiana Golf Club and The Bluffs, Ho Tram.

**Rich Cultural Heritage.** 45.2% of golf tourists are attracted by Vietnam's cultural experiences, including ancient temples, traditional festivals, and unique culinary offerings.

**Affordability.** 45.4% of golf tourists appreciate the value for money Vietnam offers, with affordable green fees, accommodation, food, and transportation.

**Relaxing Atmosphere.** 25.8% of golf visitors seek out Vietnam for its peaceful and relaxing environment, especially with the caddies at every golf course and in rural areas and smaller towns.

Vietnam's multifaceted appeal, from its stunning golf course and rich culture to its affordability and safety, positions it as a leading golf destination. The golf & tourism industry's strong growth and resilience highlight the ongoing opportunities for further golf travel.



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# Finding Home Far Away: Navigating the Festive Season Abroad

By James Kemp Deputy Head  
of Mooltripakdee  
International School



*Merry Christmas*

As the holiday season approaches, those of us living abroad often find ourselves reflecting on traditions, family and what “home” really means. Living in Thailand, with its warm weather and vibrant culture, I’ve found a new kind of home and community, yet this time of year brings mixed emotions. For many, the festive season stirs up nostalgia and sometimes even a sense of loss, especially when family and friends gather far away in colder climes, enjoying traditions we may remember but rarely experience firsthand.

This December, my wife and I are planning to visit the UK to spend Christmas with my family—a rare opportunity to blend the familiar sights and sounds of a British Christmas with the life we’ve built together here. My parents have actually visited Thailand for Christmas before, so they’ve seen firsthand how we celebrate in our own way here, balancing both cultures. This year, though, my wife will experience the chilly air, hear the carols, and (hopefully) enjoy a proper mince pie. In other years, we’ve spent Christmas here, creating a celebration that combines a touch of home with our surroundings. And I know many who don’t have the chance to visit family as often, if at all, so these moments can feel bittersweet, even challenging.

We’re often encouraged to keep links to our home culture alive, especially around holidays. I know families who decorate trees, host Christmas dinners and even attempt to roast a turkey in the Thai heat. Others take the opposite approach, letting go of Christmas or other traditions, immersing fully in local customs, finding freedom from expectations of “how things should be.” Each approach is as valid as the next. The decision to celebrate, adapt, or even ignore certain holidays depends on one’s personal history, circumstances and perhaps most importantly, the sense of peace they wish to feel in their adopted home.

For me, maintaining some cultural links feels like honouring my roots without overshadowing my life here. My wife and stepchildren embrace some of my traditions, just as I respect and engage with Thai festivals. Celebrating Loy Krathong, for example, with its emphasis on gratitude and renewal, has become as important to us as Christmas, a reminder of the beauty of shared cultural exchange. Living in Thailand has broadened my view of “tradition” itself, transforming it from a set of fixed rituals into a more adaptable, inclusive blend of the old and the new.



But during the festive season, living abroad can be a delicate balancing act. Even as I enjoy sharing British holiday traditions with my family here, I’m mindful of not imposing them. Many, especially those in mixed families, feel this pull between their roots and the desire to be fully present in Thailand, where customs and celebrations differ widely from what we grew up with. For some, choosing not to celebrate can be a way to honour their commitment to their new life. That choice can be freeing—it reflects the reality that “home” is ultimately defined by where we feel connected, understood and at ease, rather than by decorations or foods alone.

This year, my thoughts also go to those who cannot return home and may struggle to feel “festive” in an environment that doesn’t share their cultural calendar. As we celebrate, however we do, it’s worth acknowledging the small ways we can support each other as a community, respecting each other’s choices, whether it’s roasting chestnuts or simply enjoying the warm Thai sun.

So, whether you’re decorating a tree, lighting a krathong, or doing something entirely different, remember that celebrating—or not celebrating—is a personal choice. For me, this season holds both excitement and reflection. Each decision we make about holidays abroad, big or small, reflects our own unique journey. In the end, isn’t that what living overseas is all about? Finding meaning in the blending of cultures, learning and creating our own sense of “home”—even when we’re far from it.



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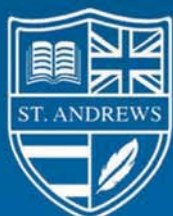
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Most people who live in Pattaya have experienced only three seasons in Pattaya, namely hot, hotter and rainy hot. So, it's extremely refreshing when four seasons arrive in Pattaya at the same time, and I'm not talking about the ones who sing back up for Frankie Valli. I'm alluding to the 'Four Seasons' by that famous of Venetian composers, Antonio Vivaldi.

I've always promoted Pattaya as having a slice of everything plus a few bonuses that sometimes take you by surprise. Pattaya Classical Music is a community headed by an enthusiastic and discerning, well-informed promoter Gregory Barton who regularly hosts a variety of classical performances at his 'Eelswamp' home with a purpose built music room which can accommodate around thirty people plus musicians.



The chamber style venue is a joy for interested music lovers like myself to be up close and personal with the world class live performers and to experience all kinds of classical compositions with no artificial assistance.

I particularly enjoy the string quartet and sextet pieces such as the aforementioned Four Seasons which was featured last month although piano recitals and different combinations of orchestral instruments can be savored through Gregory's carefully prepared program schedule.

'The Four Seasons' is the best known of Vivaldi's works (Italian: *Le quattro stagioni* – no, not the pizza) is a group of four violin concerti, each of which gives musical expression to a season of the year, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. They were composed around 1718–1720, when Vivaldi was the court chapel master in Mantua, Italy.

They were a revolution in musical conception: Vivaldi representing flowing creeks, singing birds (of different species, each specifically characterized), a shepherd and his barking dog, buzzing flies, storms, drunken dancers, hunting parties from both the hunters' and the prey's point of view, frozen landscapes, and warm winter fires. Check out 'Vivaldi Four Seasons at Eelswamp' on YouTube and I'm sure most of you will recognize some of the themes contained therein.

I have mentioned before in this column that I recently purchased a package of orchestral samples recorded at the world famous 'Abbey Road' studios in London. This enables me to be able to add a touch of classical joy to my songs which can embellish a newly recorded track with aplomb.

Classical music offers a unique escape into a world of profound emotion and intricate beauty. It's rich melodies and harmonies can transport listeners through time and space, evoking a wide range of feelings from tranquility to exhilaration.

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Gregory tells me he has an exciting line up of talented musician artists coming up in 2025 so, if you are interested, check out the Facebook page 'Pattaya Classical Music' or Email: [asiachart@hotmail.com](mailto:asiachart@hotmail.com) to get on the mailing list.



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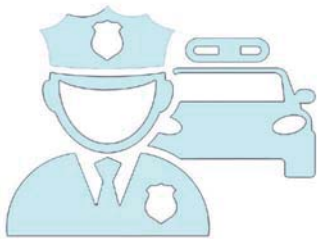
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 PhoneTel: 038 428 374-5. Tel: 038-427 575  
 Bangkok Hospital Pattaya  
 PhoneTel: 038-259-999. 0-3825-9911  
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 Fire Brigade Pattaya  
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Marine Police  
 Phone. 038-423 666  
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 Phone 0-3822-1007

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 Phone 0-3822-1463  
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### WASTE DISPOSAL

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# WHY ADOPTION IS THE HEART OF TRUE PET LOVE

## ADOPT, DON'T SHOP



Gizmo : Adopted from street



In the heartwarming journey of welcoming a new pet into your life, the decision between adopting and shopping carries profound implications. "Adopt, don't shop" isn't just a slogan; it's a compassionate call to action, urging you to consider adoption as a noble and loving choice.

Every year, millions of pets end up in shelters and rescues. These animals, lost, abandoned, or given up, all share a longing for a loving home. By choosing to adopt, you not only rescue an animal but also take a stand against commercial pet breeding, which often prioritizes profit over welfare.

When you buy a pet, you provide a home; when you adopt, you transform an animal's life—from uncertainty to a world of comfort and love. For example, take Gizmo, a cat at our shop, who was once so sick, shy and withdrawn. Through receiving consistent love and care, Gizmo has transformed into a loving, playful, and beautiful soul. Similarly, several cats adopted by our shop owner have evolved from being cautious and nervous to becoming affectionate and joyful, showcasing their unique beauty and charm.



Chai-Zong : Adopted from military training center

Adoption offers numerous benefits: many shelter animals are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and trained, saving new owners significant resources. Additionally, adoption fees are generally lower than buying a pet, with costs like vaccinations and spaying/neutering included. Adopted pets are loving, intelligent, and loyal. Many adopters find their rescue pets exceptionally grateful and affectionate, appreciating their new chance at happiness. Adopting also reduces the demand for commercially bred pets and frees up shelter resources to help more animals.

This December, as we embrace the season of giving, consider the joy of saving a life. Your new best friend awaits at a local shelter, not just for a home but for a family and a chance to love again. Adopting a pet isn't just about bringing an animal home—it's about affirming that every life is valuable.



Koki : Adopted from friend

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## New York City's Holiday & Christmas Lights

Story and photo by Jason Rupp and Carla Marie Rupp

Many of our Christmas memories are of New York City, where tourists flock for the holidays. Santa Claus makes his annual appearance at the end of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade every November to usher in the holiday season which is a boon for shoppers and watched by millions on television. Each day leading up to Christmas, you can also visit Macy's Santaland, a winter wonderland, where at the end of Thirty-fourth Street on Sixth Avenue you get to take a Santa picture, while telling him what you want for Christmas. People like to peek at all the decorated Macy's windows, too!

We love Rockefeller Center's lights, excitement, and glitter at Christmas time, as well as seeing the annual display of angels glowing on Fifth Avenue. The huge Christmas tree, up to 100 ft (30m), is the star of the show with its thousands of colored lights. It's worth getting through the throng of people to see these spectacular sights! Just a gaze at the tree, and ice skaters can make you cry with emotional memories! The smell of freshly roasted chestnuts fills the air. Toys of all kinds are being sold. FAO Schwarz is a popular toy store which is full of shoppers at Christmas. We also recommend going up to the viewing deck of Top of the Rock to see the lights of the whole city! We made a YouTube video doing this in the Jason Rupp Don't Miss the Plane YouTube channel.



Fifth Avenue is celebrating its 200th anniversary. A 30-foot, gigantic snowflake decoration floats high above the famed avenue twinkling with its 16,500 individual crystal prisms. All along Fifth Avenue in New York City are stores with their windows featuring Christmas displays. Then at the bottom of Fifth Avenue is Washington Square Park, which has its own decorated Christmas tree, right in front of the famous Arch dedicated to George Washington. If you peek through the arches you see the Empire State Building.

Whilst here you should explore the little shops and cafes around this West Village area, especially Caffe Reggio, the first American coffee house to serve Italian cappuccino. This historic hangout on MacDougal Street opened in 1927, and we have many memories of having a cannoli with an Americano.



One year we walked together up Sixth Avenue towards Radio City Music Hall and Jason made a YouTube video for his Jason Rupp Learning to Walk and Talk channel at Christmas. Radio City Music Hall hosts the biggest and greatest Christmas show, which includes the famous Rockette dancers. They kick so high -all at the same time! We'll never forget the experience of meeting a Rockette dancer once during a Christmas tour of Radio City Music Hall and hearing how hard they work to make such a great show.

We think the Bryant Park Winter Village on 42nd Street is the best place to take your family or loved ones. This Christmas-themed market is full of little stalls selling all kinds of foods, crafts and gift items. We love getting hot chocolate and sitting on a park bench, watching ice skaters holding hands to the sounds of holiday music. You skate free here; you just pay for skate rental. It's more expensive to skate at Rockefeller Center or in Central Park, but those spots are fun as well. We have skating memories all over the city!



Broadway shows are a big thing during the Christmas season and we enjoy walking through the Theater District, perhaps during or after a show. We sit on the public bleachers at Broadway and 48th Street and look at all the people from all over the world, the neon signs and the craziness of Times Square. Other New York City memories include finding the awesome indoor Christmas tree at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and taking a Christmas season trip to the extravagant model train exhibit at the New York Botanical Gardens, reachable by express train from Grand Central Station (which also has a holiday crafts show worth browsing).

Wherever you are and whatever you do, we wish you peace, love, health and happiness. Don't forget the love at the holidays! This is the Jason Rupp tagline at the end of all of the YouTube videos he creates, with Carla and Jason as co-producers. Jason Rupp and Carla Marie Rupp are freelance travel journalists who enjoy writing about their travel experiences. They welcome story tips at their emails at [jasonrupp@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrupp@gmail.com) and [carlarupp@gmail.com](mailto:carlarupp@gmail.com). They like sharing their travels for Discover Pattaya - Pattaya Trader readers.







**Location:** Lampang is a province in the northern part of Thailand located at about 700 KM. from Bangkok or 90 KM. before Chiangmai in the area of 12,533,961 Square Kilometers, comprising 13 districts.

**Geography and Climate:** Lampang is situated on Mae Wang River basin surrounded by mountain range. Mae Wang River is one of 4 tributaries of the Chao Phraya River which flow from the northern down to central part of Thailand. Due to the location of the city at the bottom of the mountain range surrounding, it makes the temperature in summer as high as 40 Celsius while in winter it reduces to below 10 Celsius.

**History and Culture:** Lampang City has existed for more than 13 centuries and can be divided into 4 periods as follows:

**-Establishment period** - 13th. Buddhist Century – Queen Chamadhevi of Haripunchai Kingdom had her elder son rule Lamphun City and had her younger son establish a new city at Lampang (previously named Kelang Nakhon). Lampang and Lamphun are independent kingdom city states.



**-Under Lanna Empire** – 23- 24th. Buddhist Century – King Meng-rai The Great gathered all city states in this area to combine with Lanna Kingdom that later had been under Burmese colony.

**-Under Siam Kingdom** 24th. Buddhist Century since Ayutthaya era to Rattanakosin era

**-Present time,** Lampang is one of 77 provinces of Thailand such as Chang Mai, Lamphun, Chang Rai, Phare, Nan, Maehongsorn.

As Lampang had been influenced by Burma, there are lots of temples with Burmese architectural style and having their own way of religious ritual ceremony as well.



This chapter is our introduction and presentation of an overview picture of Lampang. The other aspects shall be presented in the next issue.



# ลำปาง นครแห่งประวัติศาสตร์ที่อยู่เหนือกาลเวลา

## บทที่ 1 บทนำเรื่อง

**สถานที่ตั้ง :** ลำปางเป็นจังหวัดหนึ่งในภาคเหนือตอนบนของประเทศไทย ห่างจากกรุงเทพมหานคร ประมาณ 700 กิโลเมตร หรืออยู่ก่อนถึงจังหวัดเชียงใหม่ 90 กิโลเมตร บนพื้นที่ 12,533,961 ตารางกิโลเมตร แบ่งออกเป็น 13 อำเภอ

**ภูมิประเทศและภูมิอากาศ:** ลำปางตั้งอยู่ในลุ่มแม่น้ำวัง ล้อมรอบด้วยเทือกเขาสูง ซึ่งเป็นป่าต้นน้ำของแม่น้ำวัง หนึ่งในจำนวน 4 แคว ซึ่งไหลลงไปรวมเป็นแม่น้ำเจ้าพระยาในภาคกลางตอนบน เนื่องจากภูมิประเทศของลำปางเป็นเมืองที่โอบล้อมไปด้วยเทือกเขาสูง คล้ายเมืองกันกะทะ จึงเก็บความร้อนได้ดี ในฤดูร้อนจะมีอุณหภูมิสูงถึง 40 องศาเซลเซียส ในทางตรงข้ามอุณหภูมิ ในฤดูหนาวจะลดต่ำกว่า 10 องศาเซลเซียส

**ประวัติศาสตร์และวัฒนธรรม:** นครลำปางตั้งขึ้นมายาวนานถึง 13 ศตวรรษ ซึ่งแบ่งได้เป็น 4 ยุค ดังต่อไปนี้:

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**ยุคที่ 3 พุทธศตวรรษที่ 24 -** ขึ้นตรงต่ออาณาจักรสยามในยุคกรุงศรีอยุธยาและกรุงรัตนโกสินทร์จวบจนปัจจุบัน



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#### Land Details:

- Block 1: 333 sqm
- Block 2: 167 sqm
- Block 3: 167 sqm
- Block 4: 358 sqm Key Features:
  - Prime corner block with wide frontage
  - Gently sloping terrain ideal for underground parking



Current building permits for three luxury three-level homes. Imagine crafting your dream residence or developing high-end homes in a prime location known for its exclusivity and charm.

The land's advantageous position between Sois 4 & 5 in Pratamnak guarantees convenience and prestige.

Ready to Build: Benefit from the existing building permits and a reputable builder with competitive quotes. This ensures a seamless transition from purchase to development.

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## Opportunity Awaits at Cosy Beach

Elderly Italian Restaurant owner is planning on retiring and handing over to someone younger with more energy to reinvigorate what was once a successful business.

**He is looking for a hand over fee of 1.8 million baht for the restaurant along with the 6 guest rooms situated above.**

Situated the other side of the Chocolate Factory car Park the double fronted restaurant faces out to sea and has some hotels nearby who's guests often come for food. The existing staff will be available to carry on working under the new owner the fully equipped kitchen will remain.

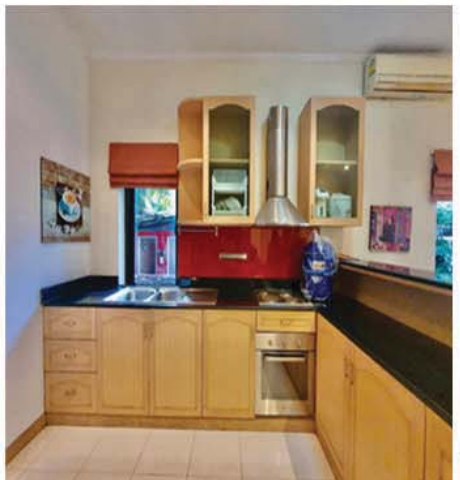
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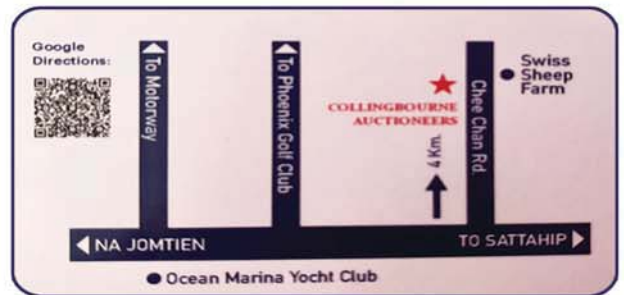
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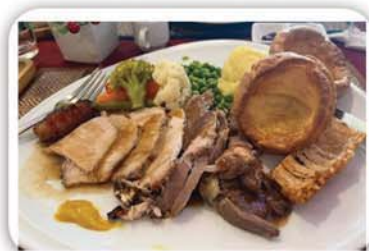
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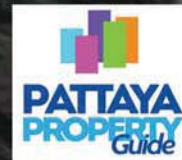
The very popular auction takes place every Saturday from 11 am and also on line.







# A Game Changer for Property Investment in Pattaya



The upcoming expansion of U-Tapao Airport is set to revolutionize the real estate market in the Pattaya region, particularly from Nakula to Sattahip. Well known internationally for its vibrant tourism sector and growing expatriate community, Pattaya has seen continuous expansion and development over the past 25 years. This growth is being encouraged by the government by positioning the area as a key economic hub in Thailand's Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC). Now, with the recent announcement of U-Tapao Airport's significant expansion on the horizon, property investors are taking notice of the tremendous opportunities this brings.

## U-Tapao Airport Development Project: A Bold Step Forward

The U-Tapao International Aviation Co. Ltd. (UTA) is set to break ground on the ambitious U-Tapao Airport Development Project and Eastern Aviation City in early 2025. This first phase of the 100-billion-baht project, five years in the making, will transform not only the airport but the surrounding infrastructure and economy, further strengthening Pattaya's appeal as a thriving regional hub. Spanning over 6,500 rai, the project will include a state-of-the-art airport terminal, a logistics hub, and the creation of a futuristic Airport City. With an additional 15 billion baht in capital, UTA is fully prepared to drive this development forward. Phase one is expected to open in 2028 and will accommodate 12 million passengers annually, with later phases expanding capacity to a staggering 60 million passengers.

## Opportunities for Private Investment and Economic Growth

Beyond the airport's physical expansion, the project will attract private investment in key sectors such as hospitality, retail, and entertainment. Plans include the development of hotels, shopping centers, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) facilities, and even a Formula One racing track. The possibilities are endless, making this a transformative moment for Thailand's aviation industry and broader economy.

It's a well-known fact that when a new airport, rail link or expressway are being launched, it is a great time to buy before prices start to rise. For real estate investors, this signals an incredible opportunity. The influx of new businesses, jobs, and residents drawn to the region by the expanded airport will drive demand for housing, particularly in areas around Pattaya and the Eastern Seaboard.

With the airport project expected to bring in millions of passengers annually, demand for real estate in the region is set to rise sharply. Property investors looking to capitalize on Pattaya's growth should consider the potential for appreciation, as well as the growing rental market fueled by business travelers, expatriates, and tourists.

The Pattaya Property Guide was recently relaunched and currently offers buyers and renters a huge selection of over 20,000 properties available for review. Check out [www.pattayapropertyguide.com](http://www.pattayapropertyguide.com).







## Gustaf Real Estate invite you to an open house at Eden Luxury Villas.

Gustaf Real Estate would like to invite you to an open house on Thursday the 9th of January 2025 to view this exciting development right next to the Phoenix Gold Golf and Country Club.

The project is in a great location: 129 kilometres from Suvarnabhumi and 35 kilometres from U-Tapao. It takes just 20 minutes to drive to Jomtien, and only 35 minutes to Terminal 21 Shopping centre, Pattaya. The plot has security gates, constant surveillance and some magnificent views across the golf club's 500,000 square metres of landscaped ground.

The finished development will contain eight ultra-high-end and modern villas. With neoclassical designs that bridge the gap between classic and contemporary styles, only luxurious materials are used throughout. The interiors have timeless elegance and impressively high ceilings with floor to ceiling windows that bring the beauty of the outside surroundings inside.



Buyers are also offered a variety of options to personalise their homes. For example they can choose how many rooms and bathrooms, where to have partition walls or whether to take out walls to open up larger living spaces. There is even the choice of staircase and/ or elevator with plans for free clean energy using solar panels, free water from Eden Villa's own source, free maintenance and even a free visa programme. Ownership of a luxury Eden villa has many, many benefits.

The show house, nearly complete at the time of visiting, has a massive 379 square metre living area, with four bedrooms, five bathrooms, and two living rooms, plus a private swimming pool. Also the lucky owner will be entitled to free membership of the magnificent award-winning 27-hole Phoenix Golf Club with use of facilities such as gym, restaurant, guesthouse, tennis courts, saltwater swimming pool, and access to the country and golf club house and meeting rooms.

Contact Gustaf Real Estate for more information, and to arrange a viewing on the 9th of January from 4pm till 8pm agents and media are welcome, see for yourself what a fabulous lifestyle awaits you in this uniquely extraordinary and healthy environment.



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