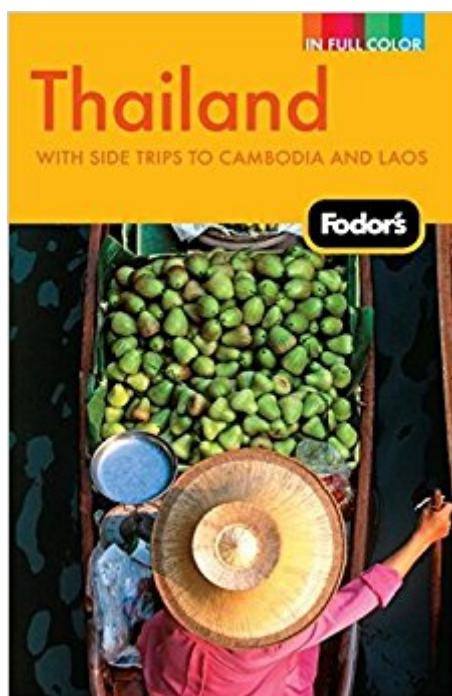


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# Fodor's Thailand: With Side Trips To Cambodia & Laos (Full-color Travel Guide)



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## Customer Reviews

WOW, this book is great, I did all my bookings and reservations using this book and TripAdvisor. I am traveling in about a month and I feel confident that I will be happy with my decisions. I will surely be taking it with me as well. Great tips, very useful information, and a down to earth style of writing.

We gave this to our daughter and her husband who were going to be going to Thailand. They had another book or two but said this one was by far the best and it was the only one they took with them when they left.

Cant really go wrong with Fordors. Packed with info and gives great references for any budget which is nice. Gives run of the mill visitor info with some good insider info as well. I would buy again

Fodor's has the best mix of glossy photos and insightful text of any travel series. Tip, go to your local library first to review the books, then come back to to purchase. Well worth it.

Comprehensive in all aspects. Lots of side trips described. Written by people who have been there and experienced Thailand.Would recommend to anyone travelling to Thailand

While the guide does provide some nice insights into Thai culture like Buddhism, street food etc., overall I found it to be poorly organized and severely lacking if you are a first time visitor to Thailand and really looking for a book to guide you... After all isn't that the point of buying a guidebook? The book provides just one itinerary (only three pages long) and does not seem to draw out any of the "best" places to go or things to see. I found myself constantly frustrated, and half way through my trip stopped referring to Fodor's and began relying on my friend's Lonely Planet.

We are well traveled and typically use other guides, but this happened to be the only Thailand one on the shelf when I was at a book shop, so I decided to give it a shot. It's restaurant and hotel reviews don't really say anything about the places of business as though they never ate or stayed there. The maps don't show all the streets and street names even when they are zoomed in. They don't even mention dozens of great sights in the multiple places in Cambodia and Thailand that we went. It is a 2011 edition and by mid 2012 an incredible amount of the information was outdated. Overall it is a pretty poor guide especially compared to how good the Lonely Planet/Rough Guide ones have gotten. I do not recommend this for your trip.

"Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy pillar,And by night with a pillar of fire,To give them light on the roadWhich they should travel." -- Nehemiah 9:12 (NKJV)For the average American, it's a long and infrequent trip to Thailand and its neighboring countries. The last time I was in Thailand was more than 25 years ago, and I didn't leave the airport in Bangkok at that time.Since I may be returning, I wanted to think about what to see. My mind quickly conjured up images of Buddhist temples and great Thai food. I was pleased to see that this Fodor guide is filled with lots of practical advice for both, from what to wear to how to behave in temples . . . to the virtues of fresh street food in Bangkok compared to pricy, less fresh food in Bangkok's most exclusive restaurants. I also

learned about side trips that I wouldn't have considered otherwise. With lots of information about costs and transportation, it was easy for me to decide what activities I could afford to pack into a brief trip. I've never had a bad experience with a trip planned through a Fodor guide, and this guide looks like another winner!

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