



The Asian Champs
14 July, 2007, Bangkok



Vietnam Swans - Tour Itinerary 14/15 July 2007 - Bangkok

Friday 13th – Arrive Bangkok (for most) and transfer to Hotel. What a date to travel on!

8.00pm – Meet at Gulliver's - 6 Sukhumvit, Soi 5. (See map to follow – It's No. 68)

For those that don't know (www.gulliverbangkok.com) is centrally located to all the filth generally associated with Bangkok. As this has been declared a “Dry Friday” by Coach Super Savvy Scotty he has taken it upon himself to organise discounts on jugs of protein shakes and blended pasta shooters. Phabulous Phil and Savvy Scotty have the enviable task of attending the pre-tournament meeting at 8.30pm in a local bar, so some may feel that’s “What's good for the geese, is good for the Swans”, just don't miss the bus. Understanding that some will be arriving later we will be there for a little while. I'll wear my Swans cap and encourage others to do so too until we know who we are. Once we all know who we are we can return to our respective hotels.

Saturday 14th – Game Day – Bangkok Patana School 2/38 Soi Lasalle (Sukhumvit 105)

www.thailand-tigers.com/bangkok_patana_school_map.html

Print the above as it has the address of the school in Thai in case you miss the bus.

6.45am – Arrgghhh! Bus leaves “Royal Benja Hotel” in Soi 5, right at the end of the street.
(Map No.70)

Super Savvy Scotty will begin his coaching session once all have taken their seats

8.30am – Communist Face Off – who is Asia's leading commy footy nation?

9.50am – Vietnam punishes Jakarta

11.45am – Lunch

12.15am – Vietnam finish off Indonesia comprehensively by defeating Bali

1.35pm – Vietnam destroys Thailand

4.10pm – Vietnam defeats the final wannabe and claims what is rightfully theirs

Important: Bring all your stuff to the ground as there is no returning to the hotel. The presentation of the Asian Champs trophy to the Vietnam Swans will occur at the ground. There are showers.



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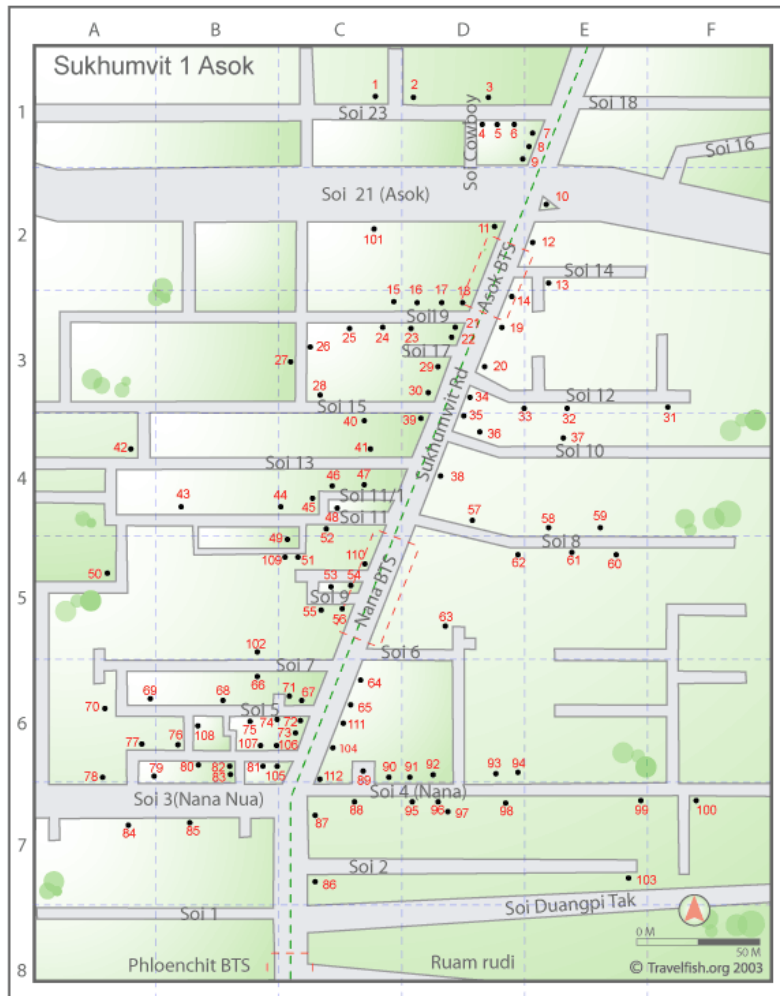
There is a band, food and drinks.

Dress Code: Jim Beam shirt.

Sunday 15th – Recovery Day

It was suggested that we go to a friendly bar and have a fines session consisting of copious amounts of Thai whiskey. This idea was “slammed like a Chinaman at 8.30am on a Saturday morning” and so for something different we will be returning to Gulliver's at this stage at around 10.30am unless there's a mutiny.

On the map following Maxims is No. 53, Gulliver's No. 68, and Royal Benja No. 70.



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In cases of desperation please call - Scotty Stacey – +84 913 288 986
or leave a message for Phil Johns at Maxims Inn - opposite Nana BTS (skytrain), between Soi 7
and Soi 9. 131/21-23 Sukhumvit Soi 7/1, Sukhumvit Rd. Ph: 02-252 9911, 252 9912, 252 9917.

Costs – Shirts are 120.000vnd payable to Peter Bossink upon collection.

Meal Vouchers are US\$30 each and these are the only way to buy food at the ground. Don't be a muppet and bring the correct change. Apparently redeemable if you don't use them.

The Thais' Bangkok Tips

Taxi's : Are cheap and should always be metered fare. Outside soi Cowboy, Patpong and Nana if demand is strong they may only quote fixed price. As a reference traveling around inner Bangkok rarely get above 100 baht on the meter. Paying fixed price depends on how thirsty or tired or whatever you might be. In the end still cheap.

Skytrain (BTS) : Great way to get around. Prior to going through turnstiles is ticket machine with skytrain network map.– check number against destination (Asok for soi Cowboy, Nana for soi Nana, Sala Dang for Patpong, National stadium for MBK Shopping centre, Prom Pong for Emporium Shopping centre, Chit Lom for Central Shopping centre) and feed machine as required. Note name of last stop so you know which line to take. Change available at booth by turnstiles.

Motorcycle Taxi: Use at own risk but keep knees tucked in – the drivers not use to foreigner with long legs. For small trip 20 baht.

Tuk Tuk: Up to you but don't overload. 50 baht should cover it.

Tourist Police : if cop any strife ie nightclub insist you pay an "exit fee" from club pull out the phone and call tourist police ... 1155. Door should open quickly.

Drugs: Don't accept Menthos sweets from taxi driver or strangers and keep eye on drink. Drugging does happen. Basic rule of "look after your mate" applies here as it does anywhere in world.

As far as recreational drugs are concerned entrapment is legal and common practice with harsh



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penalties so just say “no” if offered.

Tipping

Hotel: If porter carries bag or room service bring a meal tip 20 baht.

Pub: If paying by the round leave up to 20 baht. If they run up a chit leave 5-10% of bill subject to service level.

Restaurant: If no service charge 5 - 10% subject to service.

Taxi: For short trip 10 baht is fine. Long trip to airport 20 baht.

Massage: For Foot / Thai / Oil massage 50 - 100 baht subject to quality. If consider service excellent and you leave happy then 500 baht.

Cultural

Thai's will not understand Aussie humour. Don't bother. Be polite and talk slowly – the Aussie accent leaves them confused. Key is **respect** – Australians have a good reputation here in Bangkok and we want it kept that way.

Wai: If a Thai gives you a “wai” - hands together touching nose - you can either nod in acknowledgment or “wai” in return. If you wai make sure bring tips of fingers to nose as if wai below nose it is seen as disrespectful. You should not “wai” anyone unless they are elder or more senior in social status or your good friend.

Do not pat or touch an adult Thai on head or sit with feet pointing at a Thai. Very disrespectful. Do not put feet on furniture.

Language

Thai's love it when we speak some Thai words ...

Hello/Goodbye: sa - wa -dee - cup (males)... Sa-wa-dee -car (female)

Thank you: cop - khun - cup (male)... cop- khun-car (female)

Hotel: rong-ram

You are beautiful: Khun su-oi ... the “oi” must go up in tone otherwise you just told her she is bad luck

How much: towel - rai

The main area you are staying in is Suk-hum-wit area with main street being Sukhumvit road. Street in Thai is “soi”. Number 11 in Thai is “sip-et”.

The Ambassador Hotel is located in “Suk-hum-wit soi sip-et”.



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Closing time

Closing time in Bangkok is generally between 1am – 2 am. However there are nightclubs around that have later closing times .. for instance the nightclub in car park of Ambassador Hotel on Friday night will be open to early hours ...Any Thaiger should be able to give locations on Saturday night or check with taxi driver.

Some nightclubs require ID so a photocopy of passport in back pocket is handy. Make sure you sign the photocopy.

Enjoy yourselves but remember this is our home



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