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DON'T BE THAT GUY

A guide to Bangkok's most annoying people



ESCAPE ROUTES

By BK Staff



SARABURI Grape Escape

It's Khao Yai vineyard harvest season, and **Charn Issara Estates** (71 Moo 8 Nikhom 3 Rd., Muak Lek, 02-235-2358, www.charnissaraestates.com), a commercial property that has its own vineyard in Muak Lek district, near Khao Yai, will host their second harvest on **Mar 21**. The estate has been bottling Shiraz (red) and Chenin Blanc (white) since 2014 and during harvest season offers grape picking and traditional grape stomping, along with parties with live music and wine tasting. There's currently a special rate on 2-4 bedroom pool residences at Charn Issara Resort starting from B2,000 per night, including breakfast. The estate plans to produce Cabernet Sauvignon soon, too.



VIETNAM Sapa, So Good

The charming mountain town of Sapa, in Northwest Vietnam, has been on tourists' radars for a few years now thanks to its misty morning views of cascading rice terraces and interesting blend of cultures. The latest reason to visit is the newly opened **U Sapa** (8,

Cau May, Sapa Town, +84-203-871996, www.uhotelsresorts.com/usapa), a 57-room property set in a French colonial building in the middle of the city. It's currently offering a 25-percent discount on rates, which start at US\$53 (B1,700) per night from now through **Oct 31**. The U Straightaway to Sapa package also gets you round-trip shuttle bus tickets between Hanoi and Sapa at \$US103 (B3,300) for one night's stay.

SRI LANKA Yogi's Retreat

Situated in Tangalle, in Sri Lanka's South, the five-suite **Maya Villa** offers an off-track yoga retreat where you can hold your poses while overlooking paddy fields, frangipanis and fruit trees. The new 10-day ashanga yoga retreat starts at US\$1,670 (B54,300) per person and covers accommodation for 12 nights, 10 days of yoga and three vegetarian meals a day, plus use of the villa's facilities (like its 20-meter L-shaped swimming pool). The next retreats are set to take place from **May 1-13** and **May 15-27**. There's only room for 10 participants in each so you know you'll get plenty of personalized attention. For the less hardcore yogis, there's also a six-night offering.



PATTAYA Center Court

It may not be beside the beach, but the new **Courtyard by Marriott South Pattaya** (goo.gl/FY6Q7n, 038-418-3333) is handily located close to Pattaya's clubbing district and main walking street. The hotel offers 132 contemporary rooms priced from B2,400-4,400, including breakfast. There's also a 24-hour gym and massage center on-site.

City of Music

The annual **Pattaya International Music Festival** returns on **Mar 20-22**. From 6pm-1am daily, Thai and international musicians will take to a number of stages set up across the city, from Dolphin Circle in the North to Bali Hai Pier in the South. The lineup includes Sweet Mullet, 25hours, Retrospect, Richman Toy and popular reggae bands such as Samai Niyom, IA-MONE, Deep O Sea and Gold Red. Get updates at fb.com/pattayafestival or call TAT Pattaya at 1337. ■

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