



Article Travel Time

Read this article, 5 sentences have been removed from the text. Read the options and complete the paragraphs with the correct answer. There are 3 extra sentences you do not need to use.

Whether you're travelling to the islands or the mountains of Thailand, you're likely to spend at least one night in its capital city on the way. **(1)** _____ Why not make it a longer stay?

Where to stay

The Khao San Road was a famous traveller spot even before Leonardo di Caprio's character in the film *The Beach* stayed there. **(2)** _____ For something more authentic, Phra Kanong offers an alternative place to stay, with its fantastic street markets where everyday Bangkok people eat, work and live. It's not as convenient for the main tourist sites, but it has a Skytrain station so you can be at the Grand Palace in 20 minutes.

How to get around

Bangkok's traffic can be a nightmare. Sure, you can easily take a taxi – if you want to spend hours stuck in traffic jams, **(3)** _____. For the modern part of the city, the Skytrain is a fast, cheap way to travel from the river to the shopping malls and nightlife of Sukhumvit, and the famous Chatuchak street market.

Where to eat

The simple answer is everywhere! Thai street food is among the best in the world, and for around \$5 you can eat a filling and delicious meal. Some food stands have little plastic seats where you can sit and eat and they cook the same dish over and over, like fried chicken on rice or Pad Thai noodles. **(4)** _____.

What to do

(5) _____ and shopped at Chatuchak market, check out the snake farm and watch the live snake show. You can even touch a snake yourself if you want to!

- A) but there are two much better ways to get around the city. ...
- B) After you've seen the main sites like the Giant Buddha at the temple of Wat Pho and the spectacular Grand Palace
- C) Bangkok might be noisy and polluted but it's also an exciting city with plenty of things to see and do.
- D) Head for Chinatown – Yaowarat Street – and choose whatever looks most interesting from the many excellent Chinese and Thai restaurants and food stands.
- E) But it's noisy, not very pretty and not very Thai.