

THAILAND, PATTAYA / JOMTIEN FROM AUTUMN 2010 UNTIL SPRING 2011

The 4th of December we went by the local taxi to Mini Siam, which lies just north east of Pattaya. It is a park with miniature models of a series of famous buildings in Thailand and a few from the rest of the world. It was commenced in 1986.



This is at the entrance.



The railway station in Bangkok. It was opened the 25th of June 1916.



Elephants has been used as working animals in Thailand on level with the horse in Norway.



This is Tien-Tan, The altar of heaven. From the Ming-dynasty in Beijing.



The famous Angkor Wat in Cambodia.



The Statue of Liberty in New York.



The Abu Simbel temple in the Nile valley in Egypt. The Leaning Tower of Pisa and the church are right in front.



Acropolis in Athens in the foreground with Mount Rushmore in the background.



Hanuman and Suphunamancha. Hanuman is a Hindu deity who is protecting travelers. Suphunamancha was a mermaid who should destroy a bridge that Hanuman was going to build over a river.



Procession carriages.



Rama IX bridge, Bangkok, 450 m main span, 6 lanes, finished in 1987. At that time the world's next longest mid-span.



A Thailand village.



The biggest mosque in Thailand lies in Pattani.

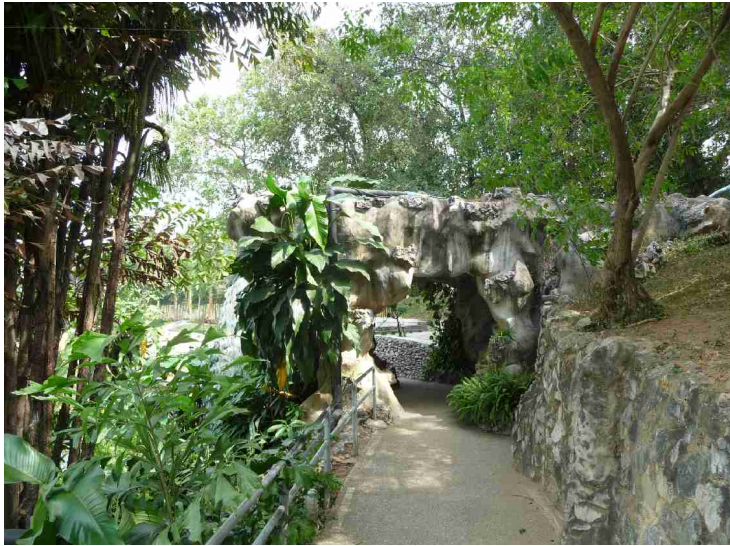




Wat Chang Lom in Si Satchanalai National Historical Park, Sukhothai Province. The bell shaped building is carried by 39 elephants.



The bridge over Kwai. It was built in 1942-43 by war prisoners. 100 000 Asian and 12 000 allied war prisoners lost their lives.



A small tunnel and a waterfall.



The Wat Phrasrinsunpetch temple in Ayutthaya (Former capital in Siam). There was earlier a Buddha statue here that was covered with gold. The Siamese put it on fire in 1767 to melt the gold.



In this part of the temple we can see three chedies where there is kept remains from three kings from Ayuttaya.



Another section of the same temple.



Overview.



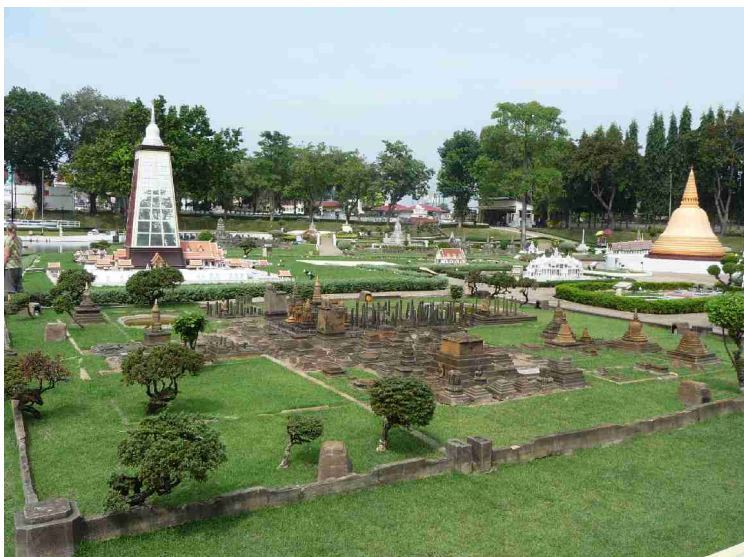
The Marble Throne Hall was an official reception building for King Rama V inside the Dusit are in Bangkok. It was finished in 1915. There is used marble from Carrara in Italy. It is now a museum.



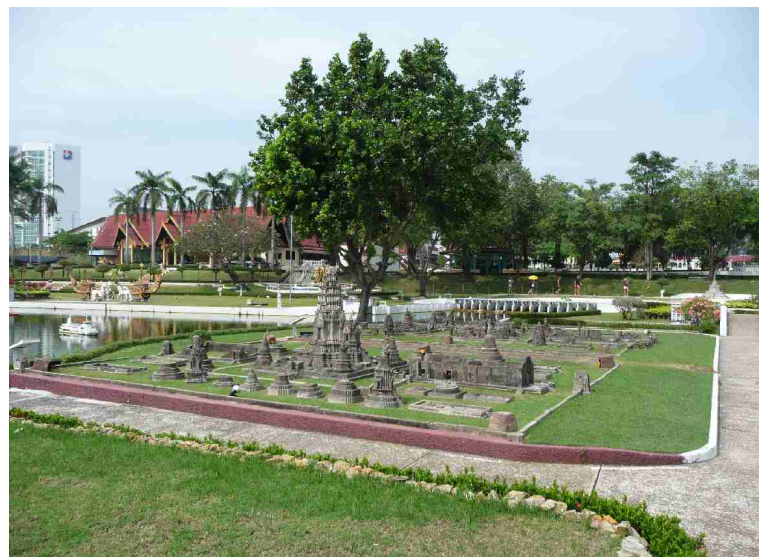
Phra Pathom Chedi is the highest stupa in the world with a height of 127m. It can be dated back to about 400. It is standing in the town Nakom Pathom.



Wat Thammamongkhon is the highest pagoda i Bangkok and is almost 85m high. It has 14 stories. Relics from Buddha are kept here.



Wat Mahathart in the foreground is the biggest temple in Sukhotai (A former kingdom of Thailand)



Wat Ratburana was built by King Boromrajah II, the 7. king of Ayutthaya.



Wat Phra Srisunpetch once more.



The Royal Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok. The Palace was commenced in 1782. The Royal chapel Wat Phra Kaew, that can be found in the same complex, is housing the Emerald Buddha, the holiest Buddha statue in Thailand.



Wat Arun (The Tempel of the Dawn). The pagoda ia 79m high.



This boat was built by King Rama V as a replacement for a equivalent that was built by Rama IV. It has 54 oarsmen and 2 helmsmen.



The victory monument that was commenced in January 1941 and inaugurated the 24th of June 1942 is built in memory of 49 heroes who lost their lives in the war in Indochina.



Phimai stone temple has an are of 665 x 1030m. It is the biggest stone temple in Thailand and it is nicely restored.



The Phnom Rung temple of sand stone was built in the 1200s. It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva and is symbolizing the Kailash mountain, his celestial dwelling.



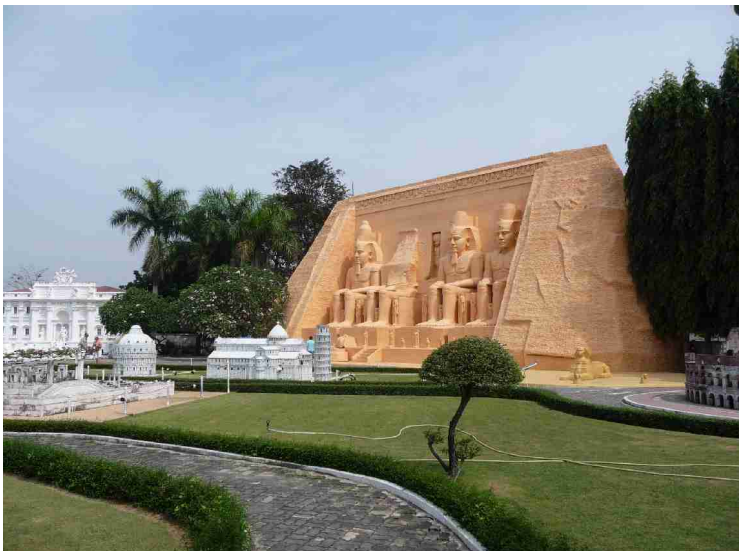
Seen from above.



Seen from below.



Wat Phu Khao Thong in Ayutthaya. The Buddha temple was built in 1387 and is 80m high. It got its cupola gold-plated in 1956. The building beside was built in 1569 as a victory monument.



Back to Abu Simbel in Egypt and the leaning tower in Pisa.



A viking village from Trelleborg.



The Sidney Opera House and the Eiffel tower in Paris.



The same.



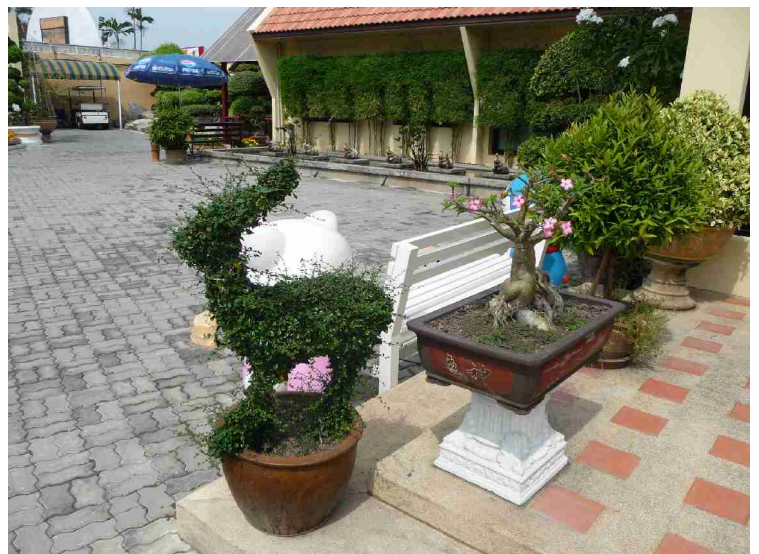
The Cologne Cathedral.



A statue of Johann Strauss



A totem pole.



Trimmed bushes at the exit.