

THAILAND 13. DECEMBER 2023 – 14. JANUARY 2024

After we got home from Tunisia, we saw in the weather reports that it would be 20-30 degrees Celsius in December and January. Then we found out that we wanted to go somewhere warmer during those months. The last time we were in Thailand we said it was the last time we traveled that far. Nevertheless, we decided on [Thailand](#), because we found a nice place in [Hua Hin](#). Since we were going to stay for more than 1 month, we had to have a visa. The [Thai Embassy](#) in Oslo has recently created a website where you can apply for a visa, which we thought was so complicated that we chose to arrange it through [Visa Service](#), even though it cost a little more.

We booked the flight with [Norse Atlantic Airways](#), which was the only company that operated directly. We bought Premium tickets.

The flight left so early in the day that we decided to spend the night at the [Radisson Blu Airport Hotel Gardermoen](#). We drove there by car and Anne Berit took the luggage while I drove to [Gardermoen Parkering](#) and put the car in indoor parking,



The reception



Here we enter the room.



The room was large and nice, but it was so cold there that we had to ask for heaters.



Towards the restaurant



I read the menu



White wine, Riesling from Reingau.



We had fish and chips.



Sambuca, espresso and ice cream.



The next day, check-in opened 4 hours before departure, so we had plenty of time. Here we sit and watch planes come and go.



Our plane.



Here we go.



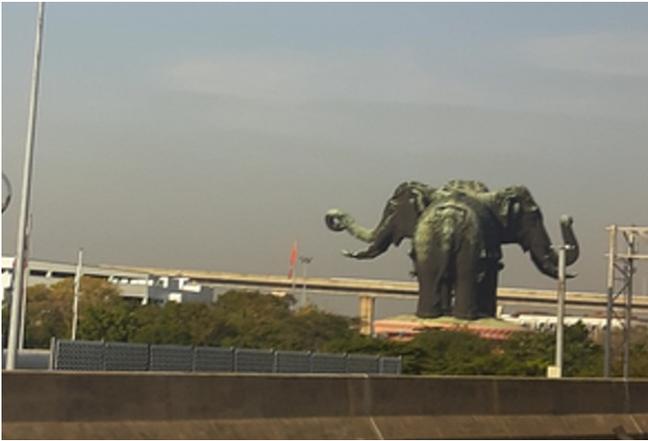
Norse only uses the Boeing 787, the 'Dreamliner'.



Here we have got food.
The food on the plane was some of the best we've had on a plane.



We landed at [Suvarnabhumi Airport](#) in Bangkok. When we got to passport control there were very long queues. Fortunately, there was a guy there who weeded out the older ones. We were allowed to go through the priority lock. Then it went quite quickly.



We had Jeab Love arrange a taxi for us. It took some time before it was ready, but here we are on our way to Hua Hin.

We see the [Erawan Museum](#) with a three-headed elephant.



We are going to cross the [Kanchanaphisek Bridge](#) that crosses the [Chao Phraya River](#). It is the largest river in Thailand and it flows through Bangkok.



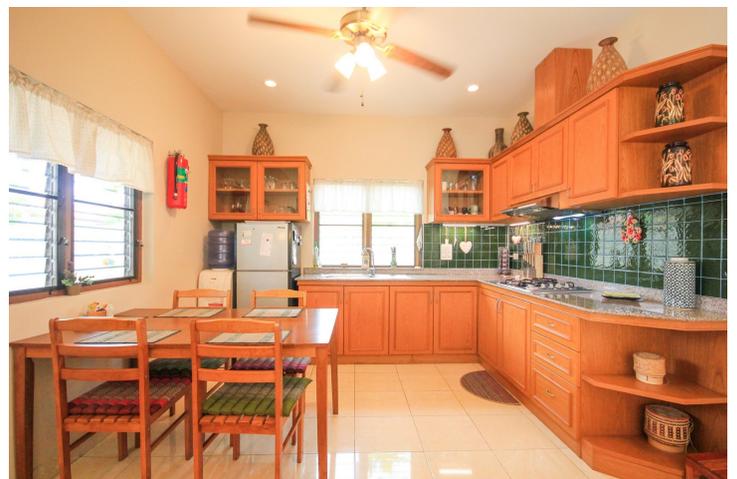
Here we come to the house.



The terrace

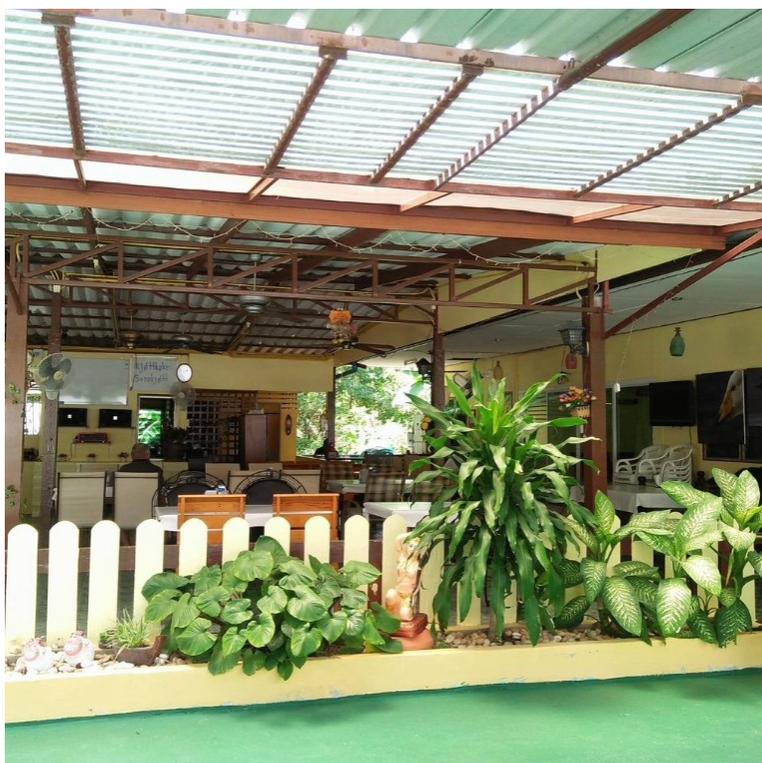


Living room



The kitchen

We found this on Finn.no. It is located in a facility called Baan Norway II. Baan Norway I and Baan Norway III are right next door. Most of the people who own houses here are Norwegians.



Here we are on the street looking into the Yellow House.



Right next to the facility is a restaurant called Yellow House. They make both Thai food and Norwegian food. This is one of the first days we were there. I was a bit lethargic because I had a cough and a headache on the trip.



This is a noodle dish that we bought on the first day. It wasn't that good, but the food here was mostly good.

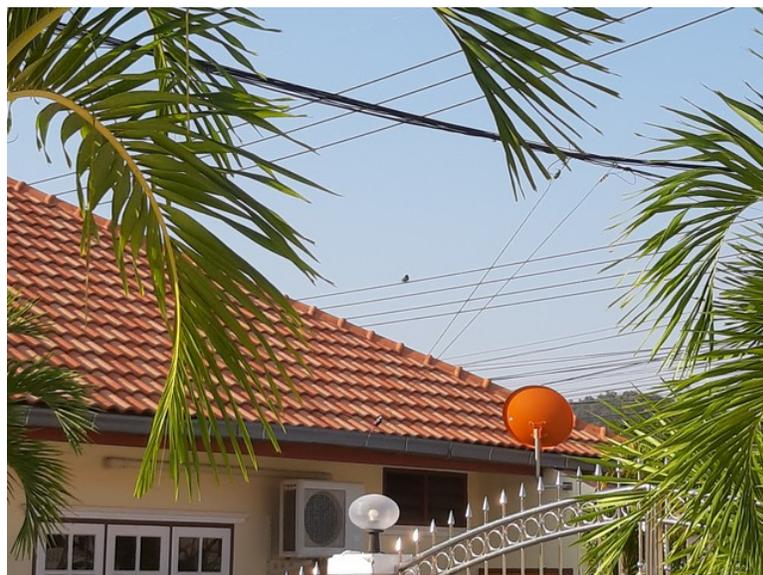


A schnitzel.

On Norwegian food, there were usually carrots, cauliflower and broccoli as side dishes.



There is a jacuzzi outside the house. There were two guys who came every Monday and cleaned it.



View from the terrace.



Nice flower outside the terrace.



I am working on Sudoku.



There were many books on a bookshelf. Anne Berit read all of these while we were there.



Just before New Year's, I got a diarrhea-like stomach and I lost my appetite. Then we got Dawud to drive us to Bangkok Hospital. Here I have registered at the reception.

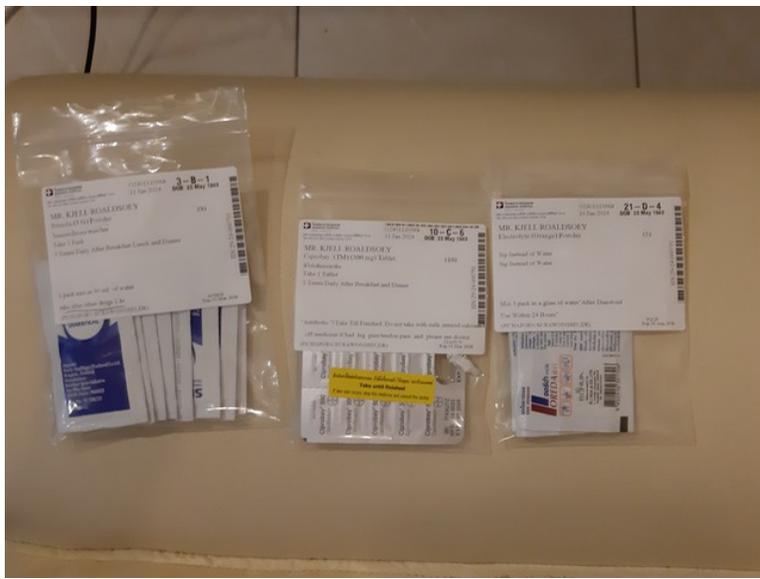


From the hospital. Here the service was extremely good and there was almost no waiting time.

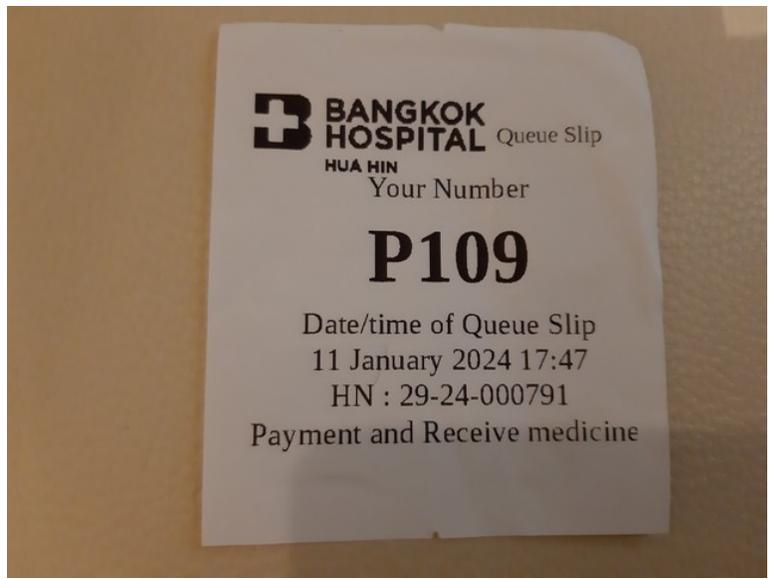


This is a robot that delivers mail internally in the hospital.

[Bangkok Hospital](#) was opened in 1972 by a team of doctors, pharmacists and 30 nurses. It is one of the largest privately owned hospitals in Southeast Asia. It is now Thailand's largest hospital operator with 40 locations in major cities across Thailand.



The doctor gave me these medicines.



This is the waiting list for collecting the medicines.



I didn't get better, so we decided to go home. We rebooked the tickets on the plane and had Dawud arrange a taxi for us to the airport.

Here we drive past a Buddhist temple, Wat Ketmadi Si Wararam.



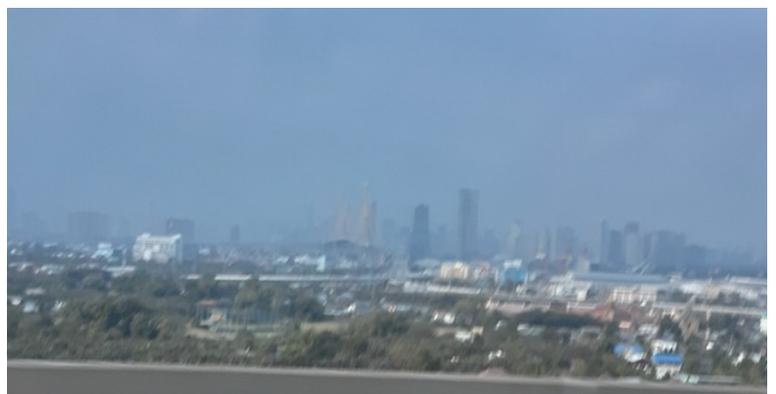
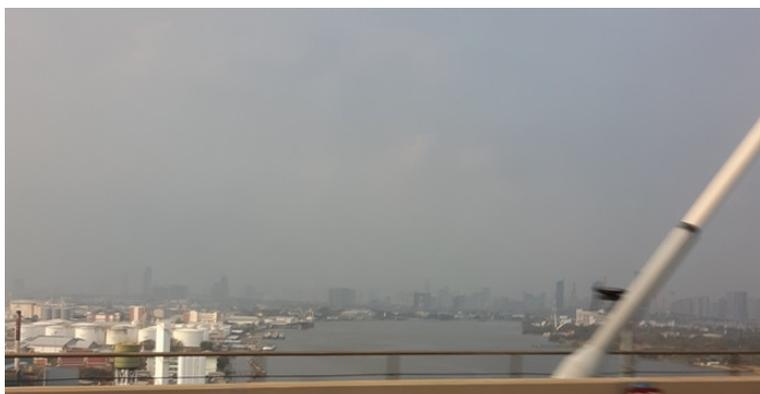
Big hotel?



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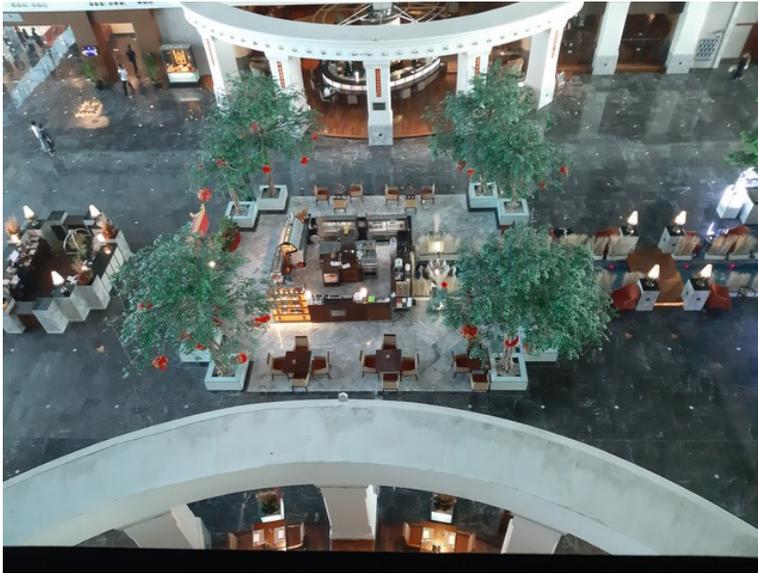
There was a lot of construction work along the road. Guess there will be new roads.



It was very foggy inwards towards the center of Bangkok.



We wanted to have plenty of time before the flight left, so we booked a room at the hotel located right next to the airport.
It's called [Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport](#).
It is a large hotel and there are seven restaurants there.
A couple of pictures from the room down to the restaurants.



We didn't feel like eating at any of the restaurants, because there is room service 24 hours a day. The menu was in the room.

In the evening we ordered fish and chips. It were large portions. In the morning the following day we ordered an English breakfast. None of the dishes were particularly good, so we didn't eat all of it.

Here I am at reception the next day to check out. There is a free shuttle bus from the hotel to the terminal at the airport. It runs every ten minutes.



We ordered wheelchair assistance at the airport. Here we sit and wait for the wheelchairs to arrive.



There are a lot of people at the airport.



Here I am sitting in the chair waiting for us to board the plane.



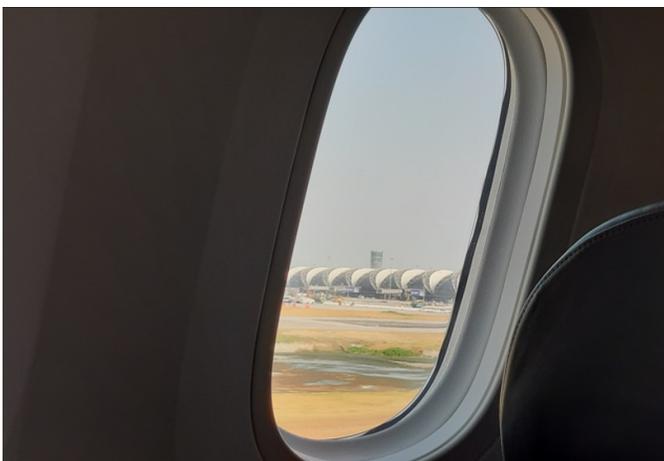
Here are two of the guys who wheeled us.



Our plane is ready.



Here we have reached the gate.



Then we are on board and taxiing and will soon be ready for take-off.



This is the first meal.



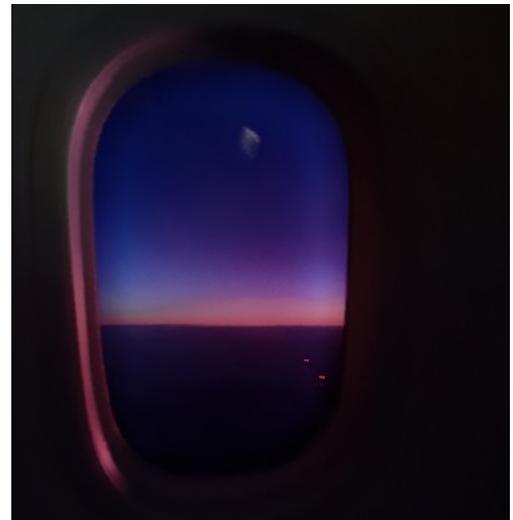
Along the way, we could watch old films.



More food.



Some data on the screen.



Then it will be evening.



When we got to Gardermoen we had to wait a long time for our luggage due to snow problems. Here we have entered the hotel, Radisson Blu.



View from the room.



The next day the weather was nice, but it was so cold that we decided we didn't want to stand outside waiting for the shuttle bus, so we might as well take a taxi.



Then we are on our way home.