

# Laem Chabang, Chonburi, Thailand

Thailand's industrial gateway port packs a punch — Bangkok's Grand Palace, Pattaya's wooden Sanctuary of Truth, and floating markets are all within striking distance on a well-planned shore day.

- Docked (cruise terminal)
- Typical call: 8-10 hrs
- Thai Baht (THB)
- Thai (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Berthed at Terminal A1, Laem Chabang International Terminal — large industrial port, nothing walkable nearby

**Best For:** Bangkok temples and palaces, Pattaya day trips, floating markets, Thai massage

**To Bangkok:** ~120 km, 1.5–2.5 hrs by private taxi/van (allow 3+ hrs in heavy traffic)

**Don't Miss:** Grand Palace & Wat Phra Kaew, Wat Pho, Sanctuary of Truth in Pattaya

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ฿210–฿260 (~\$6–\$7) · **Rideshare** ✓ Grab, Bolt

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Grand Palace & Bangkok Temples** — The essential Bangkok day: Grand Palace and the dazzling Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew), then Wat Pho's 46-metre gold reclining Buddha and its...
- **Ayutthaya Ancient Capital** — Day trip to the UNESCO-listed ruins of Siam's ancient capital — crumbling prangs, headless Buddhas, and riverside temples that predate Bangkok by 400...
- **Sanctuary of Truth, Pattaya** — An extraordinary all-teak temple rising 105 metres from the sea cliffs of Pattaya, covered floor-to-ceiling in intricate hand-carved Hindu and...
- **Floating Market Day** — Thailand's famous floating markets make for a vivid half-day: vendors in wooden boats selling fresh fruit, pad thai, and souvenirs on the canals.
- **Koh Larn (Coral Island) Beach Day** — From Bali Hai Pier in Pattaya, speedboats reach Koh Larn in 15 minutes — clear water, white sand, snorkelling, and parasailing.

## BEST WALKS

- **Pattaya Beachfront Stroll** Easy • 2 km • Flat — Pattaya Beach Road runs the length of the bay — good for a casual walk with ocean views, beach bars, and street food.
- **Bangkok Riverside & Temple Walk** Moderate • 3-4 km • Flat — Start at Tha Tien pier near Wat Pho, walk to the Grand Palace entrance, then return to the pier for a cross-river ferry to Wat Arun.

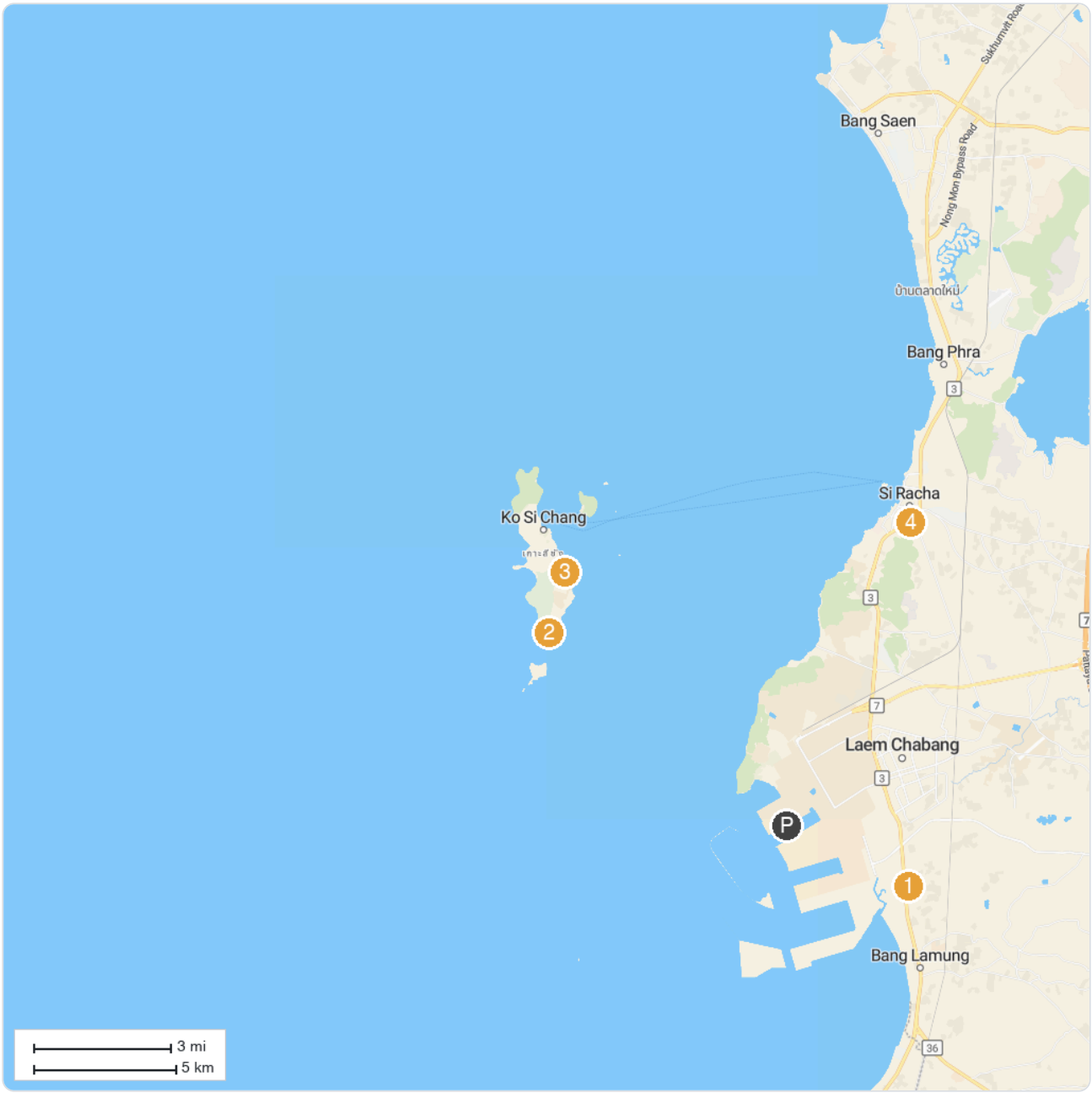
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book private transport in advance. Taxi touts at the terminal charge inflated rates. Pre-book online (Oriental Escape, MEKHE, or GetYourGuide) for fixed prices and a guaranteed return time.
- Bangkok needs a full day. With 5 hrs round-trip travel, you get barely 3-4 hrs sightseeing. If your port call is under 9 hrs, Pattaya is a smarter choice.
- Temple dress code strictly enforced. Cover shoulders and knees at the Grand Palace — wear or pack a sarong. Sleeveless tops and shorts will be turned away at the gate.
- Use Thai Baht. Withdraw cash at airport-style ATMs inside the terminal or in Pattaya. USD is rarely accepted directly; avoid the terminal's currency exchange which can have poor rates.
- Heat and humidity are intense year-round. Carry water, use sunscreen, and plan indoor temple stops during the midday peak. November–February is the coolest and driest season.
- Traffic back to the ship is the wild card. Bangkok traffic can be severe — always allow an extra 60–90 min buffer. Missing the ship here means a long, expensive taxi to the next port.

# Laem Chabang, Chonburi, Thailand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

**Wat Tha Kradan**

A serene Buddhist temple with traditional Thai architecture.
- 2

**Ta Yai Tim**

A local restaurant serving fresh seafood.
- 3

**วัดอัมพวงคณิศร : Asdang Temple**

A beautiful Buddhist temple offering peaceful reflection.
- 4

**HarborLand**

A massive indoor amusement park for families.
- P

**Cruise port / terminal**