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Bangkok Naked: Now And Then



Synopsis

There is shed loads of stuff written about the naughty nightlife of the Far East, so why read "Bangkok Naked"? One good reason is that unlike some publications in this category, everything in BKN is FACT - no fiction allowed here... Written by long term BK veteran, "Diamond" Jack Hughes and featuring two founding members of the infamous eighties "Bangkok Pussy Hounds", Paul "The President" Martin and Graham "Flash" Gordon, this is the first instalment of a brand new trilogy featuring a group of "sexpats" at large in Thailand. It gives a humorous, uncensored view of exactly what Diamond Jack and his merry gang of horny mates from the UK travel and advertising industry got up to in Asia's most notorious red light districts during the eighties. Any politically correct readers should be warned that this is no twee travel guide and is unsuitable for the prudish and those under the tender age of 18. It tells how it was then and how it is now. Don't expect glossy pretty pictures of floating markets, temples or tuk tuks - you will not find any in the many action packed pages of "Bangkok Naked". It lifts the lid on young guys (and girls) behaving badly over thirty five years ago and then brings things bang up to date with "chapter by chapter" comparisons of how Thailand's Go Go Bars and Massage Parlours have changed (or not) in 2017. Also included is a unique 20 point survival guide for novice visitors or even the more seasoned traveller. This will help you avoid some of the sex industry's rip-offs and get readers more "bang for their bucks" with the bar girls and ladyboys. So sit back, make yourself comfortable and prepare to see "Bangkok Naked"....

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Customer Reviews

This is a rough, unpolished, but thoroughly enjoyable mÃƒÂ©moire of a first trip to the Land of Smiles. It resonated with me because, like the author, my first trip there occurred about the same time, and because I had many of the same "have I died and gone to heaven" reactions as he describes. The fact that this was not written by a professional author, but by a "normal" guy who might sit next to you at a Patpong bar adds not only to its credibility but also to its humor. It's a fun read, and evoked lots of good memories for me.

Nearly half way through the book, I felt the urge to stop and write. I have trod much of the same ground. Maybe it was because my first trip to Thailand in 1980 was with American overseas construction co-workers who knew the ropes and hung out mostly with local resident expatriates, my experience with prices was about a third of what this author describes. Lots of wild times, more cultural activities than in the book, and three or four visits a year through the 80s and 90s. Bangkok travel agents offer low air fares, good hotel discounts, and excellent service, which made the city a great base for trips throughout Thailand and the entire region. Fond memories. Finished reading. Edited to add a couple of corrections. "Jai pen rai" makes about as much sense as "pak choi" in place of "chok dee." "Jai" means face (usually, but depending on tone). The expression the author was groping for is "mai pen rai" meaning no problem or never mind, "mai" for no or not. The other correction is the incorrect assertion near the end that in 1980 there was no night life at Soi Cowboy. While it was a much more low key experience than currently, it was full of go-go bars and a few just plain drinking bars, all with available hostesses. I have fond memories of many of them, including 20 baht lum-cokes at happy hour from 5 to 7, at 22.9 baht to the dollar.

Entertaining book throughout. It reminded me of my (mis)adventures in the 90's. I look forward to the follow up book!

This is a pretty accurate account, unlike many other books. It reeks of the truth and is an enjoyable read - even if some of it is a bit cliched

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