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Thailand's Best Street Food: The Complete Guide To Streetside Dining In Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket And Other Areas



Synopsis

For many visitors, traveling to Thailand means one thing: enjoying the delicious street food. In Thailand's Best Street Food, freelance writer and food blogger Chawadee Nualkhair details everything that visitors need to know to track down the most delectable dishes—no matter where they are hidden. Most people think Bangkok is the only place to find great Thai street food, but Nualkhair ate her way across the country and found incredible food stalls everywhere, from Phuket in the south to Chiang Mai in the north. Even seasoned travelers may find it difficult to identify the best venues—never mind figuring out how and what to order. Fortunately for anyone bound for Thailand, Nualkhair draws on her vast experience to provide essential tips on locating food stalls in cities across the country, including: Directions on how to find a particular stall Street maps for each sector Each stall's specialty Serving options, beverages, and notable extras Whether or not seating is available Information on bathroom facilities As an added bonus, Nualkhair includes recipes for the 12 most popular Thai street food dishes adapted for the Western kitchen. Thai street food is one of today's hottest food trends, and Thailand's Best Street Food makes it easy for foodies to savor incredible Thai food—wherever their travels take them.

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All over the world people are looking for street food, except perhaps for the people who grew up eating it. They're often looking for more sophistication in their dining choices, which range from McDonalds to sous vide, depending on their income levels. They're replaced by travelers, whose eagerness to find street food is exceeded only by their ignorance. Where? What? When?

(And sometimes)â ”Why? Four years ago, Chawadee Nualkhair brought light to the darkness for Bangkok visitors when she wrote Bangkokâ™s Top 50 Street Food Stalls, which is now out of print but still relevant if you can find one on alibris or at a used bookstore. (I suggest Dasa Books and Coffee in Bangkok.) This year she brings Thailandâ™s Best Street Food to eaters whose ambition surpasses their local knowledgeâ ”or for Thai residents who are overwhelmed by their culinary choices. It may seem hubristic to the point of madness to narrow Thailandâ™s street food choices to a scant 160 pages, but that isnâ™t what Ms. Nualkhair is doing. She has written a sort of eaterâ™s primer, giving a springboard of information that will launch the readerâ™s own journey of discoveryâ ”or, with any luck at all, her own series of street food guides to the regions she introduces in her latest book. She begins with questions: Is street food dying out? What is a street food stall? How did she make her selections for this book? The question and answer that I loved best in her first book is absent here: How do you determine the hygiene of a particular vendor? Nualkhairâ™s advice is look carefully at the jars that hold condiments; if they arenâ™t clean, walk away.

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