

Day Four: Phitsanuloke



We departed Bangkok early this morning headed North with several stops along the way. Here is a view of Bangkok crossing the bridge as we leave the city, skyscrapers as far as the eye can see.

Our final destination before flying to Cambodia is Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai in the northern province but we have several stops along the way.

The first stop was at a much older temple than the ones we have seen, this was built in the late 1400s. As Buddhists, Thai life revolves around their temples and there are over 60,000 temples in Thailand.



Our next stop was also a much older temple built between 1390AD-1420AD but it had one unique feature – MONKEYS! These monkeys were introduced by a monk and because they lived at a temple they became holy and revered. Well, we all know what monkeys do besides eat... so there were soon thousands of them!! They are fed the offerings of food that people make to Buddha so they are eatin' good in the neighborhood. They not only live in the temple, they live all over the neighboring streets, rooftops, break into homes or where ever they can steal food and other goodies.



Our welcoming committee of monkeys, they come right up to you.



The temple, you can see all the monkeys sitting on the ledges.



They really do look both ways before crossing the street!!



They love playing in power lines.



After this we went to lunch somewhere in the country – the restaurant was out in the open and the owner had built a garden all around with separate eating areas for groups of people.

A buffet with three types of Thai food – only one was spicy so I avoided that. Then it was back on the road again to Phitsanuloke, the city where we are spending the night.



Our hotel room



View from our window

This hotel is definitely a step down from Bangkok, but we are here for only one night. It is attached to a shopping mall so we did get to stock up on water, orange juice, wine and beer. Prices are getting cheaper the further away we get from Bangkok. Wendy's bottle of wine was less than \$2 and the beers down to \$1.

Here's some things we saw along the way:



Seriously, they tattooed eyebrows on their dog???



When you don't have a car...

See ya tomorrow...