

To Siracha and Ko Sichang by taxi

I want a taxi to Siracha ฉันอยากเหมาแท็กชี่ไปศรีราชา

B1,000 is (as of 23 November 2007) an adequate to generous fare from eastern Bangkok, and from Suvarnabhumi Airport, verges on exorbitant. Try replacing it with your own prefered amount!

I will pay 1,000 baht plus expressway tolls. ฉันจ่ายค่าโดยสาร 1,000 บาท ดำทางด่วนต่ างหาก

If the driver doesn't seem to know the way, get another! Showing a map is seldom any help, because few Thais rely on them, and many drivers don't understand them at all.

Take me to the ferry pier on Ko Loy. พาฉันไปท่าเรือโดยสารไปเกาะสีซัง ที่เกาะลอย

Turn right at the first stoplight,where there is a sign for Samitivej Hospital. เลี้ยวช้ายที่ไฟแดงแรก งมีป่ายบอกทางไปโรงพยาบาลสมิติเวช

Follow the road down to the seaside where it turns left, and keep going until you reach a roundabout with a clocktower.

ขับตามถนนเส้นนี้ไปเรื่อย จนเจอวงเวียนมีหอนาฬิกาตรวกลาง

Go around the clocktower, making a right turn onto the bridge out to the temple on the island.

อ้อมหอนาฬิกาออกไปทางขวาที่วัดบนเกาะ

Drive on out to the very end of the pier. ขับออกไปจนสุดสะพาน

The driver should take you out to the very end of the pier, where there's a double-roofed building on the right. The ferry to Ko Sichang leaves every hour on the hour from 07:00 (7 a.m) to 20:00 (8 p.m.). Fare is 40 baht, except for the last run, which costs 50 baht. Note that the last ferry back from KoSichang departs 18:00 (6 p.m.) Look for the boat with the largest number of passengers aboard, and ask

Is this the next ferry to Ko Sichang? ลำนี้ที่จะไปเกาะสีชังก่อนใช่ไหม?

BEFORE you buy a ticket: there are three ferry operators, and none of them will accept the others' tickets.

The trip to Ko Sichang takes anywhere from 30 to 65 minutes, depending on weather, number of stops at barges and freighters (generally none or one), and which boat you're on. Buy any drinks or snacks before you boatd: nothing's available en route. There's no smoking inside the ferry, and it's not something people like in the open rear seating. Weather permitting, sitting on the foredeck gives you the best chance to see your surroundings. When you get to the island, if you haven't made arrangements to be met, one of the three-wheel taxis (samlors here, not tuk-tuks) will help you find accommodation.

If you miss the last ferry, you can call Nongnuu at 081 377 5708 or Saengprateep at 038 216 629. If nothing else helps, give us a call at Pan & David: 038 216 629, 10:00 to 22:00 except Tuesdays.



Getting a bus to Siracha

The easiest way to get a bus to Siracha is to use Siracha tours. Their buses depart frequently from Mor Chit, Suvarnabhumi Airport (10 times daily, last trip about 18:00) and Ekamai, with fares 97, 86 and 94 baht, respectively. From Ekamai and Mor Chit you should allow at least two hours to get to Siracha; from Suvarnabhumi, and hour and a half. Remember that you will need to allow at least ten minutes for the ride from where you get off the bus to the ferry pier. To catch the last ferry of the day, it's a good idea to leave before 17:00 (5 pm).

I want the Siracha Tour bus to Siracha. Can you tell me where to go, please? อยากนั่งรถศรีราชาทัวร์ไปศรีราชา คุณช่วยบอกทางหน่อยได้ไหม?

This is the bus to Siracha, isn't it? ใช่รถไปศรีราชาไหม?

Please let me off in front of Robinson Siracha. ช่วยจอดให้ลงหน้าโรบินสันศรีราชา

The driver will let you off opposite a big shopping mall with signs for Robinson, McDonalds, The Pizza Co. and so on. Look nearby on the side of the road where you got off, and find a three-wheeled taxi (tuk-tuk) to take you from the roadside down to the pier.

I want to go to the Ko Sichang ferry pier at Ko Loy. ฉันอยากไปท่าเรื้อ เกาะสีซังที่เกาะลอย

The fare is 40 baht, isn't it? ค่าโดยสาร ๔๐ บาทใช่ไหม?

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