



MARRIOTT RESORT
RAYONG



SIGHTSEEING IN RAYONG



BEYOND THE BEACHES

While most of Rayong is marked by mountains, forests and large fruit plantations, the province is best known for the quiet and unspoiled beaches that stretch along its 100-kilometer coastline and its scenic waterfalls set amidst exotic surroundings.

Despite being a popular beach getaway for those who prefer a less hectic pace, Rayong has maintained its traditions and customs, which are reflected in the daily lifestyles of the local farmers and fishermen as well as in the numerous attractions that await the adventurous visitor.



AGRO- AND ECO-TOURISM

Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhon Herbal Garden

Distance from resort: 55 km

Thailand's first herb garden was planted in 1984 with the objective of conserving and developing the country's natural resources for the next generation. The concept of the garden, with its more than 20,000 herbs, is "Have Fun Studying Herbs" – and we recommend that all generations of your family pay it a visit.

Suphattra Land

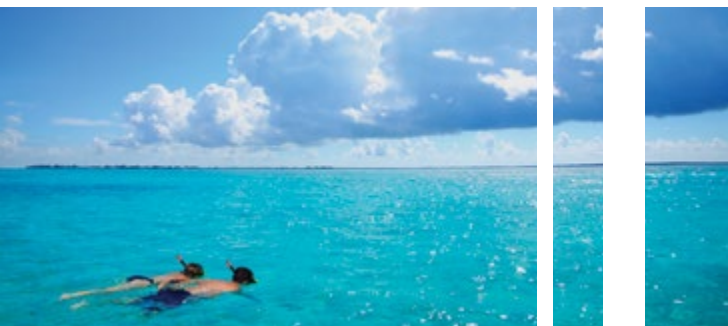
Distance from resort: 35 km

The fruit farm and gardens offer a fun tour suitable for the whole family. A huge variety of Thai fruits are grown here, and you'll have the opportunity to sample them and purchase some 'to go' as well if you like.

The Park Adventure Land

Distance from resort: 14 km

This 800-acre eco-tourism attraction features orchards, rubber tree gardens, farms, streams, and adventure. Surrounded by mountains, you can leave early and enjoy the morning mist, then partake of such activities as biking, rowing, swimming, strolling, or having a picnic in one of the tree houses.



RAYONG AQUARIUM

Distance from resort: 17 km

Located in the Eastern Marine Fisheries Research and Development Centre in Ban Phe, this large aquarium allows visitors to see an array of beautiful fish in addition to other creatures living in the mangrove forest like cuttlefish, crabs, giant clams and horseshoe crabs that are vital to the local economy, and miniatures of various fishery tools are on display. There is also a turtle pond and fish pond, and visitors can glimpse the real underwater world in another special pond that is home to starfish, anemone and sea cucumber.

HISTORICAL SITES

City Pillar Shrine

Distance from resort: 35 km

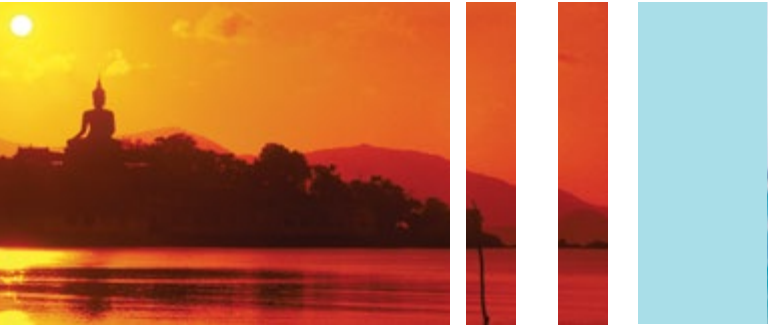
Originally made of wood, the pavilion was later restored using brick and mortar in the Chinese style. Highly revered by the locals, the shrine is usually crowded, particularly during the annual Songkran festival.

MARKETS

Ban Phe Market

Distance from resort: 15 km

The busy fishing port of Ban Phe is the center of the local fishing industry and a stopping-off point for tourists en route to the island of Samet. The shops that line the main street offer a wide variety of souvenirs and trinkets fashioned from shells of varying shapes and sizes.



Yom Jinda Road Market

Distance from resort: 30 km

Yom Jinda Road is a Rayong landmark, with its old wooden houses that line both sides of the street. Today, with its fresh market, bank, movie house and commercial buildings, the area is in a state of transition with a market that has everything you could possibly want, whether old or new, making it a favorite among the locals.

MONUMENTS

Sunthorn Phu Monument

Distance from resort: 12 km

For those of a literary bent, this monument was built to commemorate Sunthorn Phu, a leading poet two centuries ago during the early Rattanakosin era. There are statues of Sunthorn Phu and excerpts from his renowned work.

CULTURE

Wat Ban Don Shadow Plays

Distance from resort: 35 km

For more than 200 years, shadow plays have been performed in southern Thailand, an ancient heritage believed to have been produced by royal artisans and regarded as sacred. Over time, the sets began to decay, so 77 new ones were created and local youths trained to perform the classic shadow plays to the delight of audiences who are invited to enjoy the beauty of the literature and handicraft, drama and performance, choreography and music from the accompanying ensemble. After watching the shadow play and browsing through the museum, visitors can get various types of traditional Thai massage in the temple compound.



NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Dok Krai Reservoir

Distance from resort: 65 km

This large reservoir is also the site of the development and service station of Rayong-Cholburi at Pluak Daeng, a royal project of HM the King that is the center of agricultural education and career development. Surrounded by natural beauty, the area is ideal for relaxing, camping and learning.

Ban Kon Ao

Distance from resort: 19 km

Commonly referred to as the Fisherman's Village, this charming seaside hamlet offers a great opportunity to observe traditional fishing life in a typical small village. Visitors can watch as the fishermen catch and prepare their seafood, then go and enjoy some at one of the small restaurants in town. An additional attraction worth visiting is the Catholic Church established near the village over a century ago.

NATIONAL PARKS

Khao Chamao - Khao Wong National Park

Distance from resort: 49 km

This area became Thailand's 13th national park in 1975 and provides an important watershed area for the region. Spend a little time here and you may see some tigers, wild elephants and bears, and there are also 53 confirmed bird species including the wreathed and great hornbills. The last piece of virgin forest in Rayong, the park is famous for its limestone mountains, caves, high cliffs, verdant forests and waterfalls.

The 8-tiered Khao Chamao waterfall has a large pond on the second level which is the habitat of pluang fish. It is an ideal family outing as reaching the top is easy and everyone will enjoy the refreshing scenery all the way up to the highest level of the waterfall.

Reaching Klong Pla Kang waterfall is a bit more strenuous as visitors have to walk through a lush forest of ferns, orchids and mushrooms and climb up the mountains, but for plant lovers it is a very worthwhile hike.

Khao Laem Ya - Mu Koh Samet National Park

Distance from resort: 20 km

In 1981 the archipelago of Samet island, the headland of Khao Laem Ya, and 11-km-long Mae Rampeung beach was declared a marine national park. With its sparkling white sand and cliffs that rise from an azure sea, the archipelago was the inspiration for the poet Sunthorn Phu's most famous epic, Phra Aphai Mani, a saga of princes, sages, mermaids and giants, and today you can still feel the magic.

Rayong Marriott Resort & Spa
99/5 Moo 2, Pae-Klaeng-Kram Road, Sakpong District
Klaeng, Rayong 21190, Thailand
t : +66 (0) 38 998 000 f : +66 (0) 38 998 111
MarriottRayongResort.com