

Discover

Buriram

A local
guide by
Airbnb

In collaboration with the
**Tourism Authority of
Thailand, Buriram Office**



Parade during from
Phanom Rung festival
in Buriram



Photography and local recommendations courtesy
of the **Tourism Authority of Thailand, Buriram Office**
(TAT Buriram Office)

A note from Airbnb

Airbnb guests travel for many reasons, but what often stays with them is a deeper sense of place. We want to help you build your sense of place in Buriram - a province whose name has long been associated with happiness and wellbeing.

The province may be best known internationally for world-class motorsport and the MotoGP, but it is also shaped by ancient heritage, seasonal traditions, and everyday local culture.

Explore at your own pace, ask an Airbnb host for local tips, and take time to experience the stories, flavours, and places that define Buriram.

Amanpreet Bajaj
Country Manager, India & Southeast Asia

Places that define Buriram



PHANOM RUNG HISTORICAL PARK

Set atop an extinct volcano, Phanom Rung is Buriram's most iconic landmark and one of Thailand's most impressive sites. The temple complex was dedicated to Shiva and designed to represent Mount Kailash, the sacred home of the god. A long ceremonial stairway leads visitors to the main sanctuary, where intricate carvings depict Hindu deities and epic scenes from the Ramayana. Arrive early for cooler temperatures and expansive views across the surrounding plains.





PRASAT MUANG TAM

Often visited alongside Phanom Rung, Prasat Muang Tam offers a quieter, more contemplative experience. This temple complex is known for its elegant symmetry, laterite courtyards, and four sacred ponds lined with naga (serpent-like beings) sculptures.

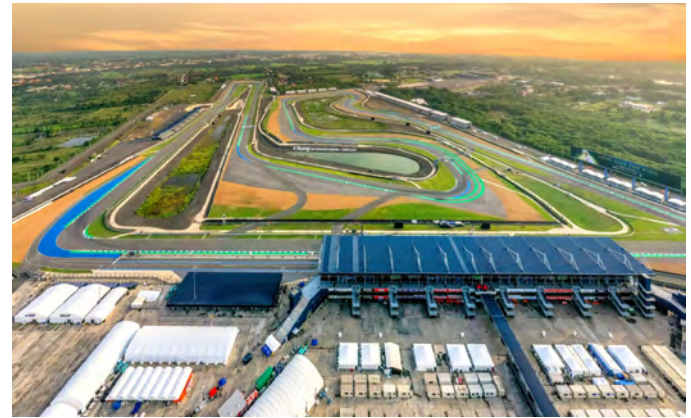
SARUS CRANE WATCHING

Buriram Province is known for seasonal sightings of the endangered Sarus crane, one of the world's tallest flying birds. During cooler months, these cranes gather in wetlands across the province, offering a peaceful contrast to Buriram's heritage sites and motorsport scene. A short early-morning or late-afternoon visit, based on local advice, can be a memorable way to experience Buriram's natural side.

Things to see

CHANG ARENA

Nicknamed “Thunder Castle,” the Chang Arena is home to Buriram United Football Club and a source of strong local pride. It was the first football stadium in Thailand to meet FIFA standards. Even on non-match days, the area around the stadium is lively with cafés and open spaces welcoming visitors.



CHANG INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

Buriram's modern landmark and the heart of MotoGP in Thailand, Chang International Circuit is built to host major global racing events throughout the year. Whether you're attending MotoGP or simply curious, the circuit represents Buriram's transformation into a global sporting destination. Its presence has helped put the city on the world map and makes a striking contrast to the ancient temples found just outside town.



Hear from Buriram locals



**Khun
Margos**

“

I was born and raised in Buriram. Our small province was once seen as quiet, but now it's renowned for many things, especially our local cuisine. I strongly recommend the quintessential standing meatballs and Permpoon's pork leg from Lam Plai Mat.

Once you are full, you can spot Sarus cranes at Huai Chorakhe Mak, celebrate at the Phanom Rung Festival, or cheer at Buriram United and MotoGP. Most guests end up wanting to return and we'll always be here to welcome them.

“

Buriram has so much to offer. There are incredible places to visit, unique festivals, and mouthwatering food ready for you to savor. The best part is, you can come and experience Buriram's charm all year round!



**Khun
Kriangkrai**



**Khun
Mook**

“

Buriram's simplicity is what makes it unique and charming. Visitors often feel relaxed and at peace. The people are warm-hearted, living together harmoniously despite differences in culture and ethnicity.

I personally recommend a trip to Khao Kradong Forest Park which sits atop an extinct volcano. Once at the summit, you can pay homage to the province's iconic Buddha image. In the evening, drop by the Sroew Ground Walking Street. There you can pick up street food, clothes, and enjoy live music performances.

When Buriram comes alive



PHANOM RUNG FESTIVAL

Held each year at Phanom Rung Historical Park, the Phanom Rung Festival is one of Buriram's most important cultural events. Taking place during the full moon of the fifth lunar month, the festival brings the ancient temple complex to life through ritual, procession, and performance. Visitors can witness ceremonial worship of Shiva Mahadeva, traditional processions inspired by Hindu mythology, classical dance performances, and folk music. As night falls, light-and-sound shows illuminate the temple, creating a powerful atmosphere.



SUNRISE AND SUNSET ALIGNMENT AT PHANOM RUNG

During just four short moments each year (in March, April, September, and October), Phnom Rung offers one of Thailand's most remarkable natural phenomena. At sunrise or sunset (depending on the time of year), the sun's rays align perfectly through all 15 doorways of the sanctuary, a testament to the advanced architectural knowledge of its builders. Whether you arrive early in the morning or stay until dusk, witnessing this alignment is a memorable way to experience Buriram.



PRAKHON CHAI CANDLE FESTIVAL

Held annually before the start of Vassa, the Prakhon Chai Candle Festival sees local temples collaborate to create intricately carved candles, which are displayed and paraded through the district alongside traditional music and dance. Beyond the spectacle, the festival offers visitors a chance to see candle-making up close, sample local food, and explore stalls selling regional products.

LOY KRATHONG AT PRASAT MUANG TAM

Loy Krathong is celebrated throughout Thailand, but the festival takes on a special character at Prasat Muang Tam. Celebrations here are held among ancient stone towers and sacred ponds, creating a striking setting for the festival celebrations. Visitors can experience candlelit processions, water-blessing rituals, and light-and-sound performances that transform the temple complex after dark.



What locals love to eat





BURIRAM PORK LEG

Buriram pork leg is a local speciality and a must-try for visitors passing through the province. Slow-cooked and seasoned with fragrant Chinese spices, the pork is known for its tender meat and richly flavoured skin. It's typically served with pickled vegetables, a savoury dipping sauce, and either steamed rice or mantou (Chinese-style buns).



STANDING MEATBALLS

A beloved street snack in Buriram, “standing meatballs” are exactly what they sound like - pork meatballs eaten on the spot, often while standing beside the stall. The tradition is said to have started near Buriram Train Station, where students and commuters would grab a quick bite before continuing their journey. You will often find these stalls near markets and transit hubs, where locals stop between errands.

Souvenirs with a story



RED-BORDERED SILK SARONG

The red-bordered silk sarong is Buriram's most distinctive textile and a proud symbol of the province. Woven entirely from pure silk using traditional mudmee (ikat) techniques, it is instantly recognisable by its vivid red borders. Recognised with Geographical Indication (GI) status, the sarong is considered auspicious and is often worn for Buddhist merit-making ceremonies and weddings. You'll commonly find these textiles at local handicraft centres, community weaving groups, and small speciality shops around Buriram.



PHU AKKANE FABRIC

Produced in Ban Charoensuk on the site of an extinct volcano, Phu Akkane fabric is naturally dyed using local volcanic soil. The result is a range of soft, earthy tones - from light brown to deep reddish hues - that reflect the landscape itself. Visitors can learn about the dyeing and weaving process at the local demonstration centre and purchase textiles that support community-led craft traditions rooted in place.

Visiting thoughtfully

Plan around heat and crowds

Buriram is hot year-round and many key sites are outdoors. Visit temples early in the morning or in the late afternoon to avoid midday heat. This also gives you a quieter, more atmospheric experience, especially at Phanom Rung.

Balance race days with culture

If you're visiting for MotoGP, use non-race mornings to explore heritage sites, then return to town for food and evening events. Most heritage sites are a short drive from town, making early mornings the most comfortable time to visit. Phanom Rung and Prasat Muang Tam pair well with half-day itineraries, leaving the rest of the day free.



Short stay vs longer visit

Here for 1–2 days? Prioritise Phanom Rung, local street food, and the circuit area. Staying longer? Add festivals, markets, and craft villages to experience Buriram beyond the headline sights.

Be respectful at sacred sites

Dress modestly, remove shoes where required, keep voices low, and avoid touching carvings or religious objects. Many festivals are religious ceremonies. Observe respectfully and ask before taking close-up photos.

Local advice goes a long way

Ask your Airbnb host about timing, transport, and lesser-known places to eat or visit. Supporting local food stalls and craftspeople is one of the easiest ways to experience Buriram more meaningfully.



34 Phnom Rung temple in Buriram



Airbnb was born in 2007 when two Hosts welcomed three guests to their San Francisco home, and has since grown to over 5 million Hosts who have welcomed over 2 billion guest arrivals in almost every country across the globe. Every day, Hosts offer unique stays and experiences that make it possible for guests to connect with communities in a more authentic way.

