

SHOPPING

Thailand is regarded as a paradise for shopping addicts because it offers great shopping opportunities - from lively street markets to huge shopping malls. Cities such as Bangkok and Chiang Mai have interesting night markets that are worth a visit. Bangkok's massive Chatuchak Market is an unforgettable metropolis selling everything from curious antiques and modern clothing to unique jewellery and colourful homewares. Most importantly, don't forget and be feared to haggle for a good price when you go shopping in open air and street markets or with street vendors and in small shop that have a window or a stand to sell to people walking by.

Things to buy in Thailand:

THAI SILK



This particular kind of beautiful fabric, which is commonly sold by the yard, was made famous by Jim Thompson and it is available in an assorted of lovely colors, weights, thickness and patterns.

JEWELRY



Thailand also has its own mines and cutting centre for a variety of precious stones like diamonds, rubies, emeralds, etc. A lot of striking pieces of jewellery are usually on sale in markets that are scattered all over Thailand. Aside from alluring precious and semi-precious stones, you can also hunt for jewellery that are made of gold or silver. There would be quite an assorted of delicate chains, rings, earrings, pendants, bracelets and necklaces to choose from.

CERAMICS & POTTERY



Thailand is also known for different ceramic products and pottery that bear elaborate designs. These products also come in different colors, shapes and sizes all throughout the kingdom. This country produces sea green Celadon and the Benjarong style porcelain that exhibit up to five colors.

APPAREL OR CLOTHING



It would also be nice to shop for clothes while in Thailand. For sure, stalls and stores that sell different clothing items would be scattered all over the city like in flea markets, street vendors, hypermarkets, and the leading department stores. Prices range from the most affordable to the middle range and up to the luxurious ones.

LACQUERWARE



Chiangmai is known for attractive lacquerware. This particular handicraft is produced by coating bamboo or any other kind of wood with lacquer. After doing so, designs are usually hand painted on the item following linear and tribal designs. The usual color combinations for lacquerware are yellow and green on reddish brown lacquer or gold on black lacquerware