## Hi there Christina,

How are you? I have something really exciting to share! My sister and I are going on a trip to Thailand from 20 to22 July.



Guess what! This is my first trip without my parents! My sister and I were both very surprised. We were over the moon once we heard it! I chose to fly with Hong Kong Airlines to Pattaya in Thailand as it offers direct flights at reasonable prices. There is also a wide selection of movies to keep us entertained. We will be staying in Dusit Thani Pattaya during the holiday. It is a beachfront hotel with a stunning sea view with modern Thai decor. There are also some nice amenities such as the restaurant and the spa.

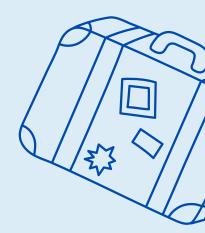
On Day 1, we're going to the Pattaya Beach. Since my sister and I are both thrill seekers, we'll join the Banana Boat Adventure. It is a ride to enjoy laughter and excitement on the sparkling waters. We'll also enjoy sunbath and the breathtaking view after the venturesome activity. At night we will go to Pattaya's food street. It is a paradise for a food lover like me. I can try out the local dishes at the market. For example, Som Tumis. It is a popular dish of spicy green papaya salad with crunchy crushed peanuts and some lime juice. My mouth is watering already! I also can't wait to try Mango Sticky Rice and Pad Thai.



For the next day, we will go to the Sanctuary of Truth. After going to quiet beaches and enjoying a vibrant nightlife, we will head right over to this famous temple built out of only carved wood. It features a special ancient Thai carpenter style. This sanctuary is also the largest wood building in Thailand, so I can't wait to visit. There are wood statues and carving pieces that tell the philosophy of life. It isn't only a temple with the most awe-inspiring structure, it is also a fun place to explore! We can ride elephants and feed them. I will also hop on a speed boat to look around the cape and give an impressive view of the temple afar. There are also traditional dance performances and souvenir shops. Don't worry, I will buy you a trinket or two during the trip!

For the last day, we will visit the Tiger Park Pattaya. I heard that it is one of the most attractive spots over there. We can pick which size of tigers to spend time with including the new born cubs! We can touch them and take photos to capture the wonderful memory. It must be beautiful seeing these majestic animals up close! Sounds great, right?

I will learn a few Thai phrases before the trip. Hopefully I can meet a few locals and talk to them. I expect I'll learn to be independent throughout the trip and use my budget wisely. I hope to explore Thai culture and the special architecture along the trip. I'm also keen to taste more delicious local food.







I'll share more about the trip later and I won't forget to buy you some local snacks! I heard you have been volunteering in a zoo during your holidays? Did you see any tigers or elephants? I can't wait to hear from you!

Cheers, Kelly

