

## TEXTO A

### Why is Bangkok the Most Visited City in the World?

In my more than decade of global wanderings, Bangkok is the one place that always comes to mind first when I decide I need a culturally interesting place to work remotely for a few months. Apart from digital nomads and low cost of living, it's a city with great food markets and thousands of temples.

Bangkok is a city with an estimated population of 10 million as of 2020. It is one of the most popular cities in the world - it's even been officially named the most-visited city, beating out Paris, NYC, London, and others. But it begs the question: Why is Bangkok so perennially popular? And what makes the city so interesting? Let's dive right into a few of the things that make this city top the charts for travelers and visitors from all over the world.

Sure, Bangkok doesn't come close to the cleanliness of sparkling new cities like Dubai or Singapore, but you'll be hard pressed to find much litter in the city. Locals sweep the streets by hand every day, and in many cases vendors and business owners wash their portion of the sidewalks with buckets of water. Street vendors in particular have an incentive to keep their place of business clean.

Thailand might not have the lowest cost of living in the world, but compared to North America, Europe, Australia or Japan, Thailand is downright cheap. Thailand has issues with corruption, but it's far from the worst place in the region. As a traveler, Bangkok is safe: outside of the pickpockets and scams that you can find in any major city, Bangkok boasts a very low crime rate which means that travellers of all ages and backgrounds feel good about starting their Southeast Asia travels in this regional hub.

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### QUESTIONS

**A.1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. Use a complete sentence. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.**

- a) Bangkok is the writer's favourite destination to go on vacation.
- b) Thailand is the cheapest country in the world.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

**A.2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.**

- a) How do locals contribute to Bangkok's cleanliness?
- b) Why do tourists decide to start their trips in South East Asia from Bangkok?

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

**A.3.- Find the words in the text that mean:**

- a) approximate (paragraph 2)
- b) around (paragraph 2)
- c) waste (paragraph 3)
- d) problems (paragraph 4)

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

**A.4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.**

- a) Finding \_\_\_\_\_ (accommodate) in a big city requires \_\_\_\_\_ (book) months in advance.  
b) Your Thailand costs will vary \_\_\_\_\_ (great) depending \_\_\_\_\_ the kind of traveler you want to be.  
c) If you \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) a different airline last year, your trip \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) so expensive.  
d) You probably already know how \_\_\_\_\_ (say) "hello" in Japanese, but in case you don't, this is one of \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) words you can learn.  
(Puntuación máxima: **2 puntos**)

**A.5.- Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic.**

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of travelling to exotic destinations.

(Puntuación máxima: **3 puntos**)