

Birth-Day Wats / Temples near Nakhon Phanom, Thailand



Birth-Day Temples!

In *Frontier Towns on the Mekong*, we write about Wat Phra That Phanom, a pilgrimage site for most Theravada Buddhist in Thailand.

Additionally, there are numerous Temples / Wats in and around Nakhon Phanom that have become known for their relationship to the different days of the week. Most people that make their pilgrimage to That Phanom, also try to visit these important Temples -- ***especially the one that relates to their birth-day!***

In the Buddhist tradition, the day of your birth plays an important role in your life (similar to astrology).

Equally important, each day of the week is associated with a Buddha image -- and most people have in their homes an image of the Buddha that corresponds to the day of their birth.

Following is a brief synopsis of the Wats / Temples and Buddha images relating to each day of the week.

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Birth-day Wishes from Thailand for those born on Sunday

Sunday Wat That Phanom

Buddha image -
Pang Tawai Natra
Restraint



Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
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Saturday's child works hard for a living,

But the child who is born on the Sabbath Day is bonny and blithe and good and gay.

Wat Phra That Phanom is a Sunday Temple and those born on a Sunday should be sure to visit this Temple at least once in their lifetime.

Those born on Sunday can expect to gain more respect from others if they pray at the Wat Phra That Phanom .

According to legend, the first temple structures were built here a few years after the death of the Buddha by five Kings of the Sri Gotupura Kingdom, many believe that a breastbone of the Buddha is in the **That**.

The beautiful architecture is of Khmer origin. The main chedi is 57 meters high and topped with a gold spire of 16 kilos, laden with precious gems.

From the Mekong pier, a short ceremonial way leads to the chedi, which, as is the custom, faces the water in the Mekong and the rising sun.

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Birth-day Wishes from Thailand for those born on Monday

Monday Wat Phra That Renu

Buddha
image -
Pang
Ham
Yath

Making
Peace



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For those born on Monday, a visit to the **Wat Phrathat Renu will assure that their complexion has a moonlit-glow.**

The **That** / chedi of this beautiful temple complex is 36 meters high and contains a highly revered golden Buddha image in Laotian style.

Within the temple complex there are also many ancient Buddhist scriptures, known as the Tripitaka, that contain the teachings of the Buddha, written in Sanskrit and Pali languages.

The village Renu Nakhon is also known for the Phu Thai people that live here. The Phu Thai are famous throughout Thailand for their fine handicrafts and a handicraft-market is beside the Wat Phra That Renu Temple complex.

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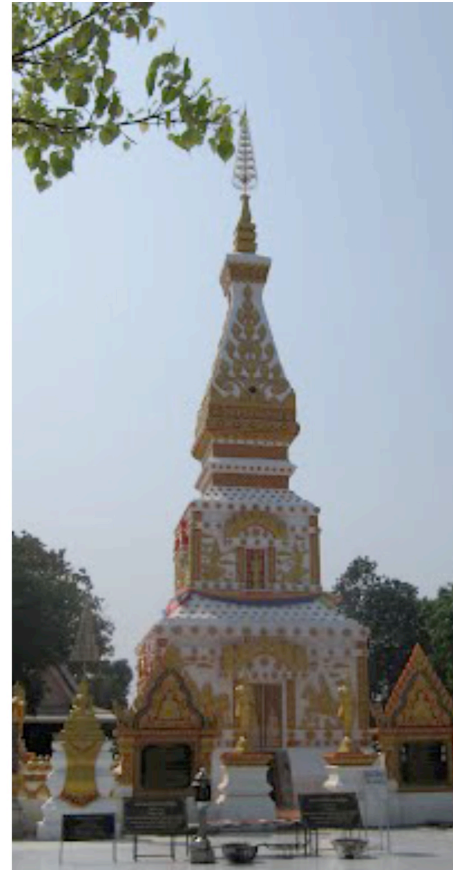
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Tuesday **Wat Phra That** **Si Khun**

Buddha image - Pang Sai Yas
Reclining



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Wat Phra That Si Khun is the Temple that provides access to **nirvana for those born on Tuesday.**

It is believed that those worshipping at this Tuesday-temple will be rewarded with a warrior's winning streak, courage and greater dignity.

Wat Phra That Si Khun was built by a warrior on the site of several battles between the Lan Xang and Khmer kingdoms.

This historical pagoda, with numerous openings, is similar in Khmer-style to Phra That Phanom, however, there are many differences – especially due to all the intricate details on this stunning Wat Phra That Si Khun.

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Wednesday daytime

Wat Phra That

Maha Chai

Buddha image -

Pang Um Baart

Holding alms bowl



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- Wednesday evening: The Blessed One.

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Wednesday evening

Wat Phra That Maha Chai

Buddha image - Pang Par Lelai
The Blessed One



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Thursday Phra That Prasit

Buddha
image -
Pang
Samah
Thi

Meditation



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For those born on a Thursday, it is important to pray at the **Wat Phra That Prasit. This That / chedi is renowned for assuring success and productivity to those born on Thursday.**

Spending some quiet time at the gloriously-beautiful and blissfully-quiet haven will also assure time for appreciation and contemplation.

The sacred stupa houses the chest bone relic of the Lord Buddha, and we can guess that the Buddha's bones rest peacefully in this heavenly setting!

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Friday Wat Phra That Uthen

Buddha
image -
Pang
Ram
Pueng

Contemplation



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For those born on Friday, a visit to the Phra That Uthen will bring them prosperity and, of course, a bright outlook on life.

Prathat Tha Uthen is situated on the opposite side of the Mekong from the town of Hinboun in Laos. Hinboun was an important center during the Sri Kotrabun Kingdom. Today this is 26 kilometers north of Nakhon Phanom

This Temple complex is Khmer in architectural style; resembling the more famous Phra That Phanom, however, this **That** / chedi is higher – it stands at 66 meters in height. It was built by Pra Archan Sritad in 1912.

The chedi (pagoda) houses the relics of the Lord Buddha's disciple, which were brought from Yangon, Myanmar to Tha Uthen.

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Birth-day Wishes from Thailand for those born on Saturday

Saturday Wat Mahathat

Buddha image - Pang Naga Prok:
Protection



Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go.
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works hard for a living,
But the child born on the Sabbath Day,
Is fair and wise and good in every way.

Wat Mahathat, a Saturday stupa, will assure more power at work for those that pray in this Temple.

The Wat Mahathat is a beautiful complex -- especially with the gold and white chedi, gleaming in the sun over the Mekong. This That /chedi is 24 meters high, in Khmer-style, and resembles Phra That Phanom.

The Wat Mahathat enshrines a bone from the Lord Buddha, which was brought here from India, there are also remains of some important Buddhist saints (arahants).

The first indication of construction/settlement dates back to 607 AD, when Phraya Ammat (Pom), the army commander-in-chief from Vientiane, settled his troops here. On a full-moon-night in 1922, the Wat Mahathat was consecrated in its present form (renovated in accordance with the original building).

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