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UPDATES

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The following amendments and corrections to the information contained in the First (January 2001) Edition of Thailand Oracle should be noted.

General - Minor variations of times and prices are not detailed here, unless the variation seems likely to cause inconvenience. Most prices have increased by about 10%, but bus fares have increased by about 25% since Thailand Oracle was published.

Page 10, last paragraph - Printing error. For serious, read series.

Page 14, Thailand Rail Pass - Cost is now Bt3,000. The pass is still good value, but one needs to plan one's time more carefully now in order to obtain optimum value from it.

Page 14, last paragraph - Air-conditioned railcars. The new railcars are made in Korea and have seats which can be rotated, so there is no longer any question of whether one is facing backwards or forwards. All passengers face in the direction in which the train is travelling.

Page 22, Air Travel - Bangkok Airways, in combination with Siemreap Airways, has introduced a *Discovery Airpass*. This allows travel to Singapore, Phuket, Samui, Hua Hin, Pattaya, Trat, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Sukhothai, Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Danang (Vietnam), Luang Prabang (Laos) and Jinghong (China). Cost is U.S.\$50 per domestic sector, including Siem Reap to or from Phnom Penh, or U.S.\$80 per international sector (plus taxes). A minimum of three sectors must be purchased, with a maximum of six sectors. Only one stop-over is allowed in any place.

- Page 29, Telephones - One can now purchase from the telephone office a card for international calls and this can be used in any ordinary public telephone in the country if it is in working order. It may be necessary to deposit Bt1 in a public telephone in order to make the call. There are two types of card. The *Thai Card* uses ordinary telephone lines at comparatively high rates, typically about Bt30 per minute, with a 10% discount after 21:00 and on Sundays, and a 20% discount after midnight. The *Phone Net* card uses Internet lines and is 40% cheaper than the standard *Thai Card* rate. Most telephone offices also offer a quiet booth from which a call can be made, but only during opening hours.
- Page 30, E-mail - Now the Telephone Office Internet cards are inserted into the computer. Post Offices often have terminals too, but not all of them work.
- Page 31, Banks and Money - Currently U.S.\$1 = Bt40 approximately. £1 = Bt70 approximately. \$A1 = Bt30 approximately. Bt10 notes are disappearing from circulation. A new design of Bt20 note has been introduced, similar to the higher value notes and still green. A plastic Bt50 note is now in circulation.
- Pages 39 - 40, Bangkok, From the Airport - Air-conditioned buses in Bangkok have been renumbered to avoid confusion with the numbers of ordinary buses. Most of the air-conditioned buses now have numbers in the 500s. At the top of page 40, the air-conditioned bus running from the airport to Silom Road is now no. 504 and the air-conditioned bus to Sukhumvit Road is now no. 513.
- Page 42, paragraph 2 - Travel between Don Muang and Hualampong is now permitted on rapid or express trains for Bt10 3rd class.
- Page 44, Ordinary buses - Bangkok's ordinary buses are gradually changing from a flat fare of Bt3.50 to one of Bt5. Only the red and cream buses still charge Bt3.50.
- Page 44, Air-conditioned buses - The problem with air-conditioned bus numbers has now been resolved. Most air-conditioned buses bear new numbers in the 500s. In most cases the new number is just the old number plus 500. Thus the old air-conditioned 4 is now the 504. However, there are some routes where there was no confusion which have retained their old numbers. There are also routes where both ordinary and air-conditioned buses operate using the same number.
- Page 46, The Sky Train - A one-day ticket is now available for Bt100. A three-day ticket costs Bt280. (Thanks to Debra & Steven Kennedy of Perth, Australia for the information.)
- Page 53, Sukhumvit Road Map - The air-conditioned buses running along Sukhumvit Road are now numbered 501, 508, 511, 513.
- Page 55, Grand Palace Transport - From Sukhumvit Road air-conditioned nos. 501 or 508. From Hualampong air-conditioned nos. 501 or 507.
- Pages 55 - 63, Transport to various attractions - To most air-conditioned bus numbers add 500.
- Page 59, Wat Ratchanatdaram - Bus 44 still operates but is now only an ordinary bus, not an air-conditioned service.

Page 68, Bangkok (Hualampong) Railway Station - Note that the advance booking office closes at 16:00. After this time, advance reservations can be made at certain of the ordinary booking windows. There is now also a window devoted to reservations and tickets for foreign visitors.

Page 69, Thonburi Railway Station - For some reason which the author has yet to discover, Thonburi Station building has been closed and the terminus has been moved about a kilometre up the track. This is rather an inconvenience. If you take the ferry, you must walk the kilometre or take a taxi or tuk-tuk. Bus no. 40 from Sukhumvit Road via Hualampong Station also passes about a kilometre from the new terminus. When the bus turns left into Phran Nok Road get off and walk along Arun Amarin Road in the direction in which the bus was travelling before it turned. Alternatively, stay on board the no. 40 until it turns right and get off when it crosses the railway tracks. There is a small station here, the first halt out of Thonburi, and all trains stop to pick up passengers.

Page 72, Youth Hostel - Printing error. The bus from Hualampong is no. 53, not no. 52.

Pages 73-74, Railway timetables - There have been some amendments to these, as follows:

(a) To The North

Type of Train	Rap *	Ord	S.E. *	S.E. *	Ord	Rap *†	S.E. *†	Rap *	S.E. *	S.E. *†	Rap *†	Exp *†	Ord
Classes	2,3	3	2	2	3	2,3	1,2	2,3	2	1,2	2,3	2,3	3
Bangkok	0620	0700	0830	0930		1430	1800	1905	1925	1940	2010	2200	
Don Muang	0720	0750	0914	1015	0932	1518	1845	1950	2008	2027	2058	2246	
Bang Pa In		0831			1012			2020					
Ayutthaya	0810	0845			1027	1604		2034		2111	2146	2330	
Lopburi	0922	1002	1045		1202	1718		2154	2139	2217	2257	0029	
Phitsanulok	1327	1517	1355	1500	1755	2140		0205	0058	0158	0325	0445	1200
Ban Dalar		1630		1552				0317			0626		1325
Sawan Kalok				1630									1415
Uttaradit	1513	1707	1500			2338		0344	0215	0321	0456	0607	
Sila At	1526	1713				2352		0350		0327	0502	0620	
Den Chai	1632	1820	1554			0056	0220		0312	0423	0555	0717	
Lampang	1852		1744			0325	0430		0510	0637		0942	
Chiang Mai	2055		1945			0535	0650		0720	0855		1150	

(b) To The North-East

Type of Train	Ord	S.E. *	Rap	Rap	Exp *	Exp *	Ord	Ord	Rap	Rap	Exp *	Exp *†	Exp *†	Exp *	Rap	Ord
Classes	3	2	2,3	2,3	2,3	2	3	3	2,3	2,3	2,3	1,2,3	1,2,3	2	2,3	3
Bangkok		0545		0640	0820	1105	1145			1845	2000	2045	2100	2150		2310
Don Muang		0628	0642	0739	0904	1147	1232	1612	1925	1940	2045	2132	2149	2235	2332	0002
Bang Pa In			0712				1303	1645								0036
Ayutthaya		0704	0726	0827	0942	1223	1315	1659	2011	2024	2121	2211	2232	2314	0013	0049
Nakhon Ratchasima	0615	1015		1244		1535	1727	2136		0030	0108		0250	0334	0441	0541
Buriram		1143		1438		1718	1923	0018		0238			0434	0508	0640	0815
Surin		1218		1527		1803	2010	0112		0330			0516	0557	0730	0908
Ubon Ratchathani		1410		1820				0405		0605			0755		1025	1210
Khon Kaen	0951		1433		1615				0414		0336	0553				
Udon Thani	1153		1642		1750				0628		0510	0809				
Nong Khai	1245		1730						0720		0600	0855				

(c) To The East

Type of Train	DRC	Ord	Ord §	Ord	Ord	Ord	Mix	DRC	Ord	Ord	DRC	Ord
Classes	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3
Bangkok	0510	0555	0655§	0800	0940	1040	1150‡	1200	1305	1505	1630	1740
Chachoengsao	0640	0732	0841§	0935	1129	1210	1326	1340	1435	1644	1805	1911
Prachinburi		0854		1049	1245		1518		1551	1806		2030
Kabinburi		0943		1140			1625		1637	1855		
Aranyaprathet		1130							1820			
Pattaya			1031§									
Ban Plutaluang			1110§									

‡Time at Makkasan station in Bangkok, not at Hualampong.

§ Train runs Mondays to Fridays only.

DRC - Diesel Railcar, Bt20 supplement.

(d) To The South

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	S.E. *	Ord	Rap *†	Ord	Ord	S.E. *†	S.E. *†	Rap *†	Exp *†	Rap *†	Rap *†	Exp *†	S.E. *	Ord
Classes	3	3	2	3	2,3	3	3	1,2	1,2,3	2,3	1,2,3	2,3	2,3	1,2,3	2	3
Bangkok			0745	‡	1300			1445	1515	1550	1705	1735	1820	1915	2250	
Thonburi	0715	0740				1310	1345									
Nakhon Pathom	0833	0908	0900	1057	1436	1418	1457	1609	1643	1719	1836	1907	1950	2046	0005	
Kanchanaburi		1050					1630									
River Kwai Bridge		1056					1636									
Nam Tok		1240					1820									
Cha-Am	1111			1325		1720				1936						
Hua Hin	1133		1103	1345	1702	1744		1837	1911	2000	2102	2134	2224	2313	0222	
Prachuap Kiri Khan	1257		1205		1820	1910			2032	2124		2254	2344	0039	0343	
Chumphon	1612		1420		2125			2242	2320	0038	0118	0157	0310	0408	0557	
Lang Suan	1720		1506		2300					0158		0300	0413	0508	0644	
Surat Thani			1620		0100			0134	0215	0332	0400	0500	0610	0650	0803	
Trang											0735		1016			
Kantang		Exp *†											1050			
Nakhon Si Thammarat		1,2										0850		1015		1020
Haad Yai	1450				0642			0625	0710	0843					1210	1425
Padang Besar #	1730							1000								
Butterworth #	2055							1255								
Kuala Lumpur #	0645															
Yala					0828				0850	1030					1355	1725
Sungai Golok					1020				1040							

Pages 75-78, **Buses** - Bus fares have increased since the book was printed. The rate of increase varies, but allow for approximately 25% more than the rates shown. Roads are gradually being improved, leading to some reductions in journey times.

Page 80, line 17 - Apex Hotel now starts at Bt450. Breakfast Bt90. Dinner Bt150.

Page 80, line 19 - Skaw (pronounced 'Sakau') Beach Hotel Bt490.

Page 80, line 29 - These air-conditioned buses are now numbered 510 and 513.

Page 80, line 35 - Air-conditioned bus to Ekkamai is now no. 513.

Page 80, last paragraph - Note carefully that this train now operates only on Mondays to Fridays. Arrival time is 10:31.

Page 81, at foot - Train fare is currently Bt31.

Page 87, line 16 - Train arrival time in Bangkok is now 18:10.

Page 87, **Further Down the Coast**, line 3 - Printing error. For XXX, read 77.

Page 92, lines 4 and 8 - Printing error. For Mae Pamphung, read Mae Ramphung (if not already corrected by hand in your copy).

Page 102, map - Printing error. For Nam Tok Phieu, read Nam Tok Phliu.

Page 116, railway timetable from Aranyaprathet and other eastern locations to Bangkok.

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	DRC	Mix	Ord	Ord	Ord	DRC	Ord	Ord	Ord	Ord	DRC
Classes	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2
Ban Plutaluang											1415§		
Pattaya											1450§		
Aranyaprathet						0635						1335	
Kabinburi				0500	0655	0811			1225			1522	
Prachinburi		0500		0603	0742	0857			1312	1400		1617	
Chachoengsao	0530	0620	0705	0756	0856	1025	1225	1400	1437	1524	1625§	1732	1820
Bangkok	0730	0800	0845	0940‡	1030	1155	1405	1530	1610	1700	1810§	1910	1955

‡ Terminates at Makkasan station in Bangkok, not at Hualampong.

§ Train runs Mondays to Fridays only.

DRC - Diesel Railcar, Bt20 supplement.

Page 121, railway timetable from Nakhon Ratchasima to Bangkok.

Type of Train	Rap	Ord	Exp *	Ord	Rap	Ord	S.E. *	Ord	Rap *	Exp *	Exp *†	Exp *
Classes	2,3	3	2	3	2,3	3	2	3	2,3	2,3	1,2,3	2
Nakhon Ratchasima	0050	0822	1024	1254	1310	1545	1850	2036	2223	2301	2314	2328
Ayutthaya	0447	1228	1332	1746	1716	1959	2148	0119	0222	0251	0319	0344
Bang Pa In		1240		1800		2011		0133				
Don Muang	0535	1310	1409	1834	1759	2047	2226	0209	0308	0336	0405	0440
Bangkok	0625	1400	1450		1850	2135	2310	0300		0420	0450	0520

Page 130, Surin - The rapid train now leaves Bangkok at 6:40 and reaches Buriram at 14:38.

Page 134, Ubon Ratchathani - The rapid train now leaves Bangkok at 6:40 and arrives at 18:20.

Page 134, Ubon Ratchathani buses - All of the city bus routes have been taken over by *songtaew*. However routes remain as shown on the map on page 135 and the fare remains Bt5.

Page 138, railway timetable from Ubon Ratchathani to Bangkok.

Type of Train	Ord	Exp *	Ord	Rap	Ord	Ord	Ord	S.E. *	Ord	Rap	Exp *†	Exp *	Ord	Rap
Classes	3	2	3	2,3	3	3	3	2	3	2,3	1,2,3	2	3	2,3
Ubon Ratchathani			0625	0705	0815	1220	1325	1450	1530	1645	1755		1830	1915
Surin	0515	0800	0930	0957	1123	1528	1704	1642	1845	1939	2023	2103	2125	2153
Buriram	0611	0838	1026	1058	1241	1616	1807	1719		2025	2110	2143		2243
Nakhon Ratchasima	0822	1024	1254	1310	1511	1825	2036	1850		2223	2314	2328		0050
Ayutthaya	1226	1332	1746	1718			0027	2148		0222	0319	0344		0447
Bang Pa In	1240		1800				0119							
Don Muang	1310	1409	1834	1759			0133	2226		0308	0405	0433		0535
Bangkok	1400	1450		1850			0300	2310			0450	0520		0625

Page 148, Nong Khai - The rapid trains now leave from Bang Sue station in Bangkok, not from Hualampong. Bang Sue is about 25 minutes north of Hualampong by ordinary train. Departures from Bang Sue are at 6:15, with arrival at Nong Kai scheduled for 17:30, and at 18:55 with arrival at Nong Khai scheduled for 7:20. The night express, bearing sleeping accommodation, leave Bangkok (Hualampong) at 20:45 and reaches Nong Khai at 8:55. Rapid trains from Nong Khai to Bangkok also terminate at Bang Sue.

Page 151, Nong Khai map - The railway station has been moved back along the line to the south, so that it now lies just to the south of the road running east into the town towards hotel 17. This puts it even further away, a walk of over three kilometres. It is still within possible walking distance of the bridge, but it is better to invest Bt5 for a *songtaew* or *samlor*. To go into town, take a bus no. 4326, which also costs Bt5. All trains terminate at the new station except the 6:15 from Nakhon Ratchasima arriving at 12:45. This continues to the old station, arriving at 12:50. It then leaves again at 12:55 and departs from the new station at 13:00 for its return journey to Nakhon Ratchasima.

Page 153, railway timetable from Nong Khai to Bangkok.

Type of Train	Ord	Exp *	Rap	Ord	Exp *	Rap	Exp *†
Classes	3	2,3	2,3	3	2,3	2,3	1,2,3
Nong Khai		0730	0905	1300		1820	1905
Udon Thani	0534	0816	1004	1347	1840	1921	2003
Khon Kaen	0811	0943	1204	1550	2013	2123	2156
Nakhon Ratchasima	1150			1906	2301		
Ayutthaya		1611	1945		0251	0531	0545
Don Muang		1655	2034		0336	0621	0632
Bangkok		1740			0420		0725

Page 153, Udon Thani - See amendment above (page 148) regarding departure point for rapid trains from Bangkok.

Page 158, Khon Kaen - Again note that rapid trains from and to Bangkok commence from and terminate at Bang Sue station, not Hualampong.

Page 165, lower map - Wat Po Nok Kaba is 26 kilometres from Sang Khom.

Page 177, Ayutthaya - Travel between Bangkok and Ayutthaya is now permitted on rapid or express trains for Bt20 3rd class.

Page 184, Lopburi - The Den Chai train now leaves Bangkok (Hualampong) at 7:00 and reaches Lopburi at 10:00, but the Phitsanulok train no longer starts from Hualampong. It can be picked up at Bang Khen, about 40 minutes north of Hualampong, at 9:17, or at Don Muang airport station at 9:32. It reaches Lopburi at 12:00. The railcar, now a special express, leaves Bangkok (Hualampong) at 8:30 and reaches Lopburi at 10:45.

Page 189, paragraph 3 - The rapid train now leaves Bangkok at 6:20, arriving in Phitsanulok at 13:27. The ordinary train mentioned no longer starts from Hualampong (see amendment immediately above), but there is an ordinary train leaving Hualampong at 7:00 and reaching Phitsanulok at 15:17. The railcar is now a special express, leaving Bangkok at 8:30 and arriving in Phitsanulok at 13:55.

- Page 190, line 8 - Sadly, the night market has been moved away from the bank of the river. It is now to be found to the north-west of the railway station, near the Sivathep Hotel (see map on page 191).
- Page 192, paragraph before last - The Telephone Office now seems to close at 18:00.
- Page 193, Moving On - Ordinary train to Chiang Mai. Phitsanulok 7:32. Chiang Mai 15:50.
- Page 198, Sri Satchanalai, paragraph 4 - Direct train to Sawan Kalok now leaves Bangkok at 9:30 and arrives at Sawan Kalok at 16:30. Departs Sawan Kalok at 16:50 and arrives in Bangkok at 23:45.
- Page 200, Moving On - Note new times for the Bangkok train, as immediately above. The train to Uttaradit and Sila At now leaves at 14:30.
- Page 201, Uttaradit, paragraph 2 - Times of trains to Chiang Mai have changed slightly. Rapid departs Uttaradit at 6:07 and arrives in Chiang Mai at 11:50. Ordinary train departs Uttaradit at 9:26 and arrives in Chiang Mai at 15:50. Air-conditioned railcar departs Uttaradit at 15:00 and arrives in Chiang Mai at 19:45.
- Page 209, Lampang, paragraph 2 - Train times mentioned should be amended to the following. Special express railcar departs Bangkok at 8:30, arrives in Lampang at 17:44. Special express railcar departs Bangkok at 19:25, arrives in Lampang at 5:10. Rapid departs Bangkok at 6:20, arrives in Lampang at 18:52.
- Page 212, Chiang Mai, paragraph 2 - Train times mentioned should be amended to the following. Special express railcar departs Bangkok at 8:30, arrives in Chiang Mai at 19:45. Special express railcar departs Bangkok at 19:25, arrives in Chiang Mai at 7:20. Rapid departs Bangkok at 6:20, arrives in Chiang Mai at 20:55.
- Page 212, paragraph 3 - There is an accommodation information counter at the railway station and, in many cases, free transport is offered to your choice of accommodation. This counter is usually open for the arrival of the higher class trains, but not necessarily for the slower ones.
- Page 213, last paragraph - Wat Chedi Luang now also operates an activity named 'Monk Chat'. Visitors are invited to talk to English-speaking monks about their lives, about the Buddhist religion, or about anything else which attracts their curiosity.
- Page 218, Doi Suthep - Current fare to Doi Suthep is Bt40 up and Bt30 down.

Type of Train	Ord	Rap *	Ord	Rap *	Ord	Ord	S.E. *	Exp *	Rap *†	Exp *†	S.E. *†	S.E. *†	S.E. *	Rap *†
Classes	3	2,3	3	2,3	3	3	2	2	2,3	2,3	2	1,2	2	2,3
Chiang Mai				0655		0810	0830			1600	1645	1750	2030	2150
Lampang				0905		1102	1022			1813	1900	2002	2222	2355
Den Chai			0640	1117		1325	1220		1905	2027	2112	2215	0019	0230
Sila At		0730	0754	1220		1435			2013	2135	2212			0401
Uttaradit		0736	0800	1226		1442	1316		2020	2141	2218		0120	0407
Ban Dalar		0802	0827	1252	1325	1525		1730	2049					
Sawan Kalok					1415			1650						
Phitsanulok	0600	0903	0944	1421		1648	1449	1828	2207	2301	2335		0237	0536
Lopburi	1118	1252	1426	1830			1748		0248		0327			0942
Ayutthaya	1245	1405	1552	1935					0355	0408	0436			1050
Bang Pa In	1301	1416	1604											
Don Muang	1350	1445	1709	2020			1920	2303	0450	0500	0526	0557	0712	1133
Bangkok		1525	1800	2110			2005	2345	0545	0555	0615	0650	0820	1220

Page 257, Kanchanaburi - Note that Thonburi Station has been moved back about one kilometre from the river. See amendment to page 69.

Page 261, last sentence - Amazingly, after half a century of talking, the railway line actually has been extended to the waterfall now (Nam Tok Sai Yok Noi Station). However, only the midday train uses this section of track, and even that train goes only at weekends at present, although it may soon be extended every day. When it terminates at Nam Tok, one can at least walk to the waterfall along the railway line now.

Page 262, paragraph 6 - Hell Fire Pass. The walking track has now been extended and one can cover four kilometres of the old railway line. There are informative signs along the way and steps have been built in places where there were originally bridges and viaducts. One has to return by the same route. A further four kilometres of track is being cleared and it is already possible to walk this section too, although no improvements have yet been made beyond clearing the undergrowth. If you attempt any of this interesting walk, remember to take plenty of water, and also insect repellent as there are plenty of mosquitoes. Watch out for snakes too. On request, the museum will lend you a radio transmitter for emergencies. The bus fare from Kanchanaburi is now Bt35 (or Bt15 from Nam Tok).

Page 264, paragraph 1 - At present, only unofficial day trips into Myanmar are being permitted at the Three Pagodas Pass. This means that passports will not be stamped and no extra stay will be granted upon return to Thailand. However, the situation changes periodically, so enquire locally, but do not rely upon this as a means of extending a stay in Thailand.

Page 264, paragraph 2 - It seems as though the two air-conditioned buses from Kanchanaburi to Three Pagodas Pass are no longer operating, so it will be necessary to take a *songtaew* from Sangklaburi to the border.

Page 264, paragraph 3 - Unfortunately, there is now an entrance fee of Bt200 for the Erawan National Park.

Page 264, Kanchanaburi, Tigers - A relatively new but increasingly popular attraction near Kanchanaburi is the tigers being kept at Wat Thamsuadad. These tigers, together with some other animals, have been rescued from captivity, usually as pets. They cannot be returned to the wild, but are being given as pleasant a lifestyle as possible by the monks here. These are free-range tigers, and one takes one's own risk, but not too many visitors fail to return. Feeding time is mid-afternoon. Wat Thamsuadad is about 30 kilometres north of Kanchanaburi and is reached by bus no. 8203 at a cost of Bt15. Upon alighting, one has to walk two kilometres to the left of the main road to reach the monastery.

Page 265, railway timetables between Bangkok (Thonburi) and Nam Tok

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	Ord
Classes	3	3	3
Thonburi		0740	1345
Nakhon Pathom		0908	1457
Nong Pla Duk	0425	0941	1516
Kanchanaburi	0607	1050	1630
River Kwai Bridge	0613	1056	1636
Nam Tok	0825	1240	1820

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	Ord
Classes	3	3	3
Nam Tok	0525	1300	1515
River Kwai Bridge	0713	1442	1735
Kanchanaburi	0720	1451	1745
Nong Pla Duk	0826	1602	1900
Nakhon Pathom	0857	1628	
Thonburi	1010	1740	

Page 268, Moving On, paragraph 1 - Train to Thonburi now leaves at 6:57, reaching Thonburi at 10:45. Other trains at 12:03 (Thonburi 16:10) and 14:36 (Bang Sue 18:45, Sam Sen 18:54, Makkasan 19:12). Ordinary train to Chumphon and Lang Suan at 11:11. Rapid train to Haad Yai and Yala at 19:36.

Page 270, top - Some minor changes to train times. See amendments to page 74. The Sungai Golok rapid train now leaves Bangkok at 13:00 and reaches Hua Hin at 17:02. An air-conditioned special express leaves Bangkok at 7:45 and reaches Hua Hin at 11:00.

Page 271, Moving On, paragraph 1 - To go to Bangkok, there are ordinary trains at 6:33 and 11:35 which run to Thonburi, arriving at 10:45 and 16:10, and another at 14:15 which runs to Bang Sue (18:45), Sam Sen (18:54) and Makkasan (19:12). The fare is Bt44. There is also a second class air-conditioned railcar running to Bangkok (Hualampong) at 16:38 and arriving at 20:40.

Page 271, Prachuap Kiri Khan - Morning train leaves Thonburi at 7:15 and reaches Prachuap Kiri Khan at 12:57. Afternoon train leaves Thonburi at 13:10 and reaches Prachuap Kiri Khan at 19:10. Sungai Golok train leaves Hualampong at 13:00 and reaches Prachuap Kiri Khan at 18:20. Air-conditioned special express leaves Hualampong at 7:45 and reaches Prachuap Kiri Khan at 12:05.

Page 272, Moving On - The morning ordinary train still leaves at 5:00, but reaches Thonburi at 10:45. The second ordinary train is at 9:49, arriving in Thonburi at 16:10. A rapid train departs from Prachuap Kiri Khan at 23:14 and reaches Bangkok at 5:00, and there is an air-conditioned railcar at 15:36, arriving in Bangkok at 20:40. Going south, the ordinary train passes through at 12:57, reaching Chumphon at 16:12 and terminating in Lang Suan at 17:20.

Page 274, paragraph 3 - The ordinary train leaves Thonburi at 7:15 and reaches Chumphon at 16:12.

Page 315, Ferries to Ko Tao and Chumphon - Printing error. Sections reversed.

Page 316, last paragraph - Train departure times from Bangkok are unchanged, but the rapid now arrives in Nakhon Si Thammarat at 8:50 and the express arrives at 10:15.

Page 317, first paragraph - From Sungai Golok the train departs at 8:45. From Yala departures are at 6:32 and 11:18, and from Haad Yai they are at 9:20 and 13:55. The two trains arrive in Nakhon Si Thammarat at 13:50 and 18:00.

Page 321, Moving On - Train times are as follows.

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	Rap *†	Exp *†	Ord
Classes	3	3	2,3	1,2,3	3
Nakhon Si Thammarat	0610	1020	1300	1400	1500
Surat Thani			1643	1726	
Chumphon			1935	2014	
Prachuap Kiri Khan			2314	2346	
Hua Hin			0047	0112	
Nakhon Pathom			0325	0349	
Bangkok			0500	0520	
Pattalung	0838	1237			1730
Haad Yai	1032	1425			
Yala	1241	1725			
Sungai Golok	1520				

Page 323, line 9 - This train now arrives in Chumphon at 16:12.

Page 323, last two lines - This rapid train now leaves Bangkok at 13:00 and arrives in Chumphon at 21:25.

Page 347, paragraph 2 - The 17:05 from Bangkok now reaches Trang at 7:35. The 18:20 from Bangkok reaches Trang at 10:16 (destination Kantang at 10:50).

Page 356, Trang, paragraph 2 - The 17:05 from Bangkok now reaches Trang at 7:35. The 18:20 from Bangkok reaches Trang at 10:16 (destination Kantang at 10:50).

Page 360, Moving On - The rapid train now departs from Kantang at 13:10, Trang 13:45, and arrives in Bangkok at 6:35. The express departs from Trang at 17:30 and arrives in Bangkok at 8:35.

Page 368, last line - Train times: Haad Yai 14:50, Butterworth 20:55, Kuala Lumpur 6:45.

Type of Train	Ord	Exp *†	S.E. *	Rap *†	Exp *†	Rap *†	Rap *†	Exp *†	Rap *†	S.E. *	S.E. *†	S.E. *†	Ord
Classes	3	1, 2	2	2,3	1,2,3	2,3	2,3	1,2,3	2,3	2	1,2,3	1,2	3
Sungai Golok							1150				1405		
Yala							1334		1415	1500	1547		
Kuala Lumpur ‡		2010											
Butterworth ‡		0555										1410	
Padang Besar		0932										1715	
Haad Yai	0630	1015					1525		1608	1630	1740	1820	
Nakhon Si Thammarat				1300	1400								
Kantang						1310							
Trang						1345		1730					
Surat Thani	1305		1125	1643	1726	1749	2033	2108	2125	2015	2226	2306	
Lang Suan	1507		1236	1822	1858	1930	2209		2259	2124			0530
Chumphon	1625		1327	1935	2014	2044	2322	2345	0012	2215	0116	0150	0640
Prachuap Kiri Khan			1536	2314	2346	0012	0226		0326	0059	0357		0949
Hua Hin			1638	0047	0112	0132	0348	0417	0451	0201	0520	0544	1135
Cha-Am									0510				1203
Nakhon Pathom			1909	0325	0349	0422	0613	0654	0728	0408	0759	0819	1458
Thonburi													1610
Bangkok			2040	0500	0520	0605	0755	0835	0905	0535	0935	0955	

Type of Train	S.E.	Ord	Rap *	Ord	S.E.	Ord	Rap *	Ord	S.E. *	Ord	Ord	Exp *†
Classes	1,2	3	2,3	3	1,2,3	3	2,3	3	2	3	3	1,2
Haad Yai	0625	0630	0642	0655	0710	0810	0843	1032	1210	1250	1425	1450
Pattani		0733	0756	0834	0820	0941	0959	1200	1312	1426	1628	
Yala		0802	0828	0910	0850	1020	1030	1241	1355	1524	1725	
Sungai Golok		0950	1020	1110	1040	1240		1520		1735		
Padang Besar ‡	1000											1730
Butterworth ‡	1255											2055
Kuala Lumpur ‡												0645

Page 375, third paragraph - The express buses to Kuala Lumpur from Padang Besar no longer travel via Butterworth. Instead, separate services go to Butterworth. The times stated are still correct for the Kuala Lumpur services. There are buses to Butterworth only in the afternoon. At other times, take one of the express buses or a local bus to Kangar, from where there are express services to Butterworth. Note, though, that the local bus uses a different bus station in Kangar from the express services.

Page 375, Moving On - Train to Haad Yai and Bangkok now leaves Padang Besar (Thailand) at 17:15. Train to Butterworth leaves Padang Besar (Thailand) at 7:10 and Padang Besar (Malaysia) at 10:00 (Malaysian time). Train to Butterworth and Kuala Lumpur leaves Padang Besar (Thailand) at 15:30 and Padang Besar (Malaysia) at 17:30 (Malaysian time).

Page 378, map - Printing error. Near the bottom left of the map, for Mae, read Mae Lan.

Page 390, paragraph 2 - Current times of trains from Pasir Mas are as follows:

3:48 Ordinary train to Gua Musang (arrival at 9:05).

7:33 Ordinary train to Gemas (arrival at 21:45).

14:15 Ordinary train to Gua Musang (arrival at 19:05).

17:17 Express to Kuala Lumpur (Saturdays and Sundays; arrival at 5:50).

18:31 Express to Kuala Lumpur (arrival at 7:25).

19:31 Express to Singapore (arrival at 8:50).

The Malaysian (K.T.M.) rail pass now costs U.S.\$35 for five days, U.S. \$55 for ten days, or U.S.\$70 for fifteen days. First class seats may now be reserved only 24 hours in advance if a rail pass is being used. Second class seats may be reserved at any time and then converted into first class seats, subject to availability, 24 hours prior to departure. Sleeping berth charges are not included in the pass, but '2+' ('dua plus') sleepers may be used free, if available, by first class ticket holders. There are '2+' sleepers on the night trains to Kuala Lumpur.

Page 391, Moving On - Timetable from Sungai Golok to Bangkok

Type of Train	Ord	Ord	Ord	Rap *†	Rap *†	Ord	S.E. *	Ord	S.E. *†	Ord	Ord
Classes	3	3	3	2,3	2,3	3	2	3	1,2,3	3	3
Sungai Golok		0630	0845	1150		1210		1325	1405	1455	1540
Yala	0632	0829	1118	1334	1415	1434	1500	1526	1547	1635	1755
Pattani	0708	0918	1201	1405	1444	1513	1524	1626	1616	1700	
Haad Yai	0920	1110	1355	1525	1608	1700	1630	1745	1740	1800	
Pattalung	1120	1307	1540	1644	1753	1845	1732		1900		
Nakhon Si Thammarat	1350		1800								
Surat Thani		1805		2033	2125		2015		2226		
Lang Suan				2209	2259		2124				
Chumphon				2322	0012		2215		0116		
Prachuap Kiri Khan				0226	0326		0059		0357		
Hua Hin				0348	0451		0201		0520		
Cha-Am					0510						
Nakhon Pathom				0613	0728		0408		0759		
Bangkok				0755	0905		0535		0935		

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