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Bangkok rises to the top of the world's tourist destinations

Bangkok, being the world's top tourist destination, is also one of the top 3 destinations for travelers from Singapore, says online travel specialist GoingPlaces.sg.

Singapore, 19 June 2013 - A recent survey, the MasterCard Global Destination Cities Index 2013, revealed that Bangkok is the world's best tourist destination among 132 cities worldwide. These cities were ranked based on the number of their total international visitor arrivals and the spending by these visitors in the destination.

Bangkok has emerged as the number one city for travel with an estimate of 15.98 million tourists. London, the previous holder of the top place, is forecasted to have 15.96 million visitors and Paris, in third, is expected to have 13.92 million.



According to Lim Phing Phing, owner of the popular travel website, GoingPlaces.sg, "It is not surprising that Bangkok claims the title of the world's most visited city. The variety of shopping malls, chic bars, ancient temples and delicious street food are attractions that suit just about any type of travelers."

"In fact, Bangkok is usually the first overseas destination many young Singaporeans would have in mind when they plan to travel, followed by Hong Kong and Tokyo," she added.

Thailand's recent political stability and the convenience provided by the new expansion of the Bangkok Mass Transit System are making Bangkok more alluring to tourists. The demand for hotel rooms has increased over the past year and Bangkok's hotels are enjoying an 80 percent occupancy rate on average.

Below are the results of the top 10 cities in the MasterCard Top Global Destination Cities in 2013, of which, Asia bagged four winning entries:

1. Bangkok
2. London
3. Paris
4. Singapore
5. New York
6. Istanbul
7. Dubai
8. Kuala Lumpur
9. Hong Kong
10. Barcelona

To find out information on GoingPlaces.sg's top destinations, please visit <http://www.goingplaces.sg/destinations/>.

About GoingPlaces.sg:

A travel website based in Singapore, GoingPlaces.sg features travel articles, hotel reviews and travel deals to avid travelers seeking for travel ideas and planning getaway holidays out of Singapore to destinations in Asia and beyond.

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