



# PHIMAI

At the height of the Khmer empire in the 12th Century with its spectacular capital known to the West as Angkor Wat, much of what is now Thailand was under their influence.

Temples and other important structures dating from this era can be found all around the Esarn area of Northeast of Thailand.

The region was far from being a backwater. One very important site is undoubtedly Phimai which is located about 50 kilometers (33 miles) from Korat.

The area around the modern town of Nakorn Ratchisima (Korat), was in fact the birthplace of a whole succession of Angkor's kings throughout the 12th century, a period which many consider the height of the empire's power.



the central sanctuary of Angkor is a huge man-made mountain, the much smaller main sanctuary of Phimai is laid flat on a platform only a few feet off ground level.

One unusual thing about Phimai is that it is a Buddhist temple, while almost all the great temples of Angkor are dedicated to Hindu deities.

The overall plan consists of three concentric rectangular enclosures.

Standing majestically on the banks of the Mun River, the stunning complex of Prasat Phimai is without a doubt the most important Khmer monument in Thailand and after a visit you will realize that it surely deserves its position as being classed as a top United Nations World Heritage site in the North East (Esarn) of Thailand.

Although a small town today, Phimai in Khmer times was an important city lying at the end of an imperial road from Angkor Wat.

The temple was built early in the 12th century and is similar in size and layout to the temple of Angkor Wat.

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# FARANG PLACES IN ESARN

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"Pattaya People Weekly" list here some of these places. Please do not hesitate to inform us of any other places and any changes.

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