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# Events & Holidays

**MARCH 15th - Miss Crown Lager Pageant**

Held each Wednesday for ten weeks at the Two Black Sheep from 5pm.

**APRIL 6th - Chakri Day**

Commemorates the founding of Thailand's reigning Chakri Dynasty by Rama 1 in 1782 after he overthrew the increasingly despotic Taksin of Thon Buri. The capital was then moved to what is now Bangkok from Thon Buri on the other side of the Chao Phraya river.

**APRIL 11th - Mawlid al-Nabi**

The Prophet Muhammad's birthday and an Islamic holiday.

**APRIL 13th - 15th - Songkran**

The Thai New Year and Water Festival. Be prepared to get seriously wet. Luckily, in Phuket the water splashing only goes on for a day (13th) although you will get some happening on the 12th and 14th.

**MAY 1st - Labor Day**

Holiday for private sector workers. Government offices open but the banks will close.

**MAY 5th - Coronation Day**

Commemorates the ascension to the throne of HM King Bhumipol Adulyadej on May 5th, 1950.

**MAY 11th - Royal Ploughing Ceremony Day**

This marks the beginning of the rice planting season.

**MAY 12th - Visakha Bucha**

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of the lord Buddha.

**MAY 24th - Miss Crown Lager Pageant Final**

Held at Two Black Sheep from 5pm.

**JULY 10th - Asarnha Bucha**

Marks the anniversary of the Lord Buddha giving his first sermon more than 2,500 years ago.

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