

Thai Festival in support of the needy

The exotic sights, sounds, flavours and spirit of Thailand will be celebrated on South African shores at the Loy Krathong Thai Festival & Culture II, to be held at Brightwater Commons in Randburg, Johannesburg on 26 November 2011.

The annual festival will begin at 11am and includes an array of exciting events. Hykie Berg, well-known actor and winner of Survivor Maldives, will present the competition draw as well as the main ceremony. Proceeds from the event will go towards alleviating the suffering of those in Bangkok affected by the Thai floods as well as Peace for Africa.

The festival culminates in the main event, Loy Krathong, which is the spectacular lighting and releasing of the traditional Thai Krathongs - floating water lanterns - and Sky Lanterns. This is a practice dating back thousands of years and is symbolic of the release from the trappings of sin and is seen as an act of atonement by the Thai people.

Enter and win a trip to Thailand

A highlight of the festival is a prize draw competition that will bag the lucky winner a trip for two to Thailand, including return flights, accommodation and breakfast, worth R46 000 compliments of Kai Thai Travel, Thai Airways and Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Besides the shopping, food and entertainment, there are spoiling mini spa treatments available and for the brave few a Yam Kang (traditional Thai fire massage) demonstration will thrill. Visitors will also have the opportunity to experience the art of meditation with the Forest Monks present at the festival, who seek peace and tranquillity in order to study meditation. In addition, there will be yoga demonstrations and classes on the lawn.

The highlight of the day will be the launching of hundreds of sky lanterns all in the name of Peace for Africa and bringing relief to Thai flood sufferers, creating an awesome and breath taking sight.