

The 23rd Thai International Swan Boat Race to be held between 16 and 17 September 2011

DirectRooms.com can confirm that the 23rd Thai International Swan Boat Race will take place on the 16th and 17th of September 2011.

August 9, 2011 (FPRC) -- This annual event can be seen on the Chao Phraya River, at the Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Crafts Centre in Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province, Thailand. The 23rd Thai International Swan Boat Race will feature 22 paddlers and 15 international teams. The US has its own Swan Boat team, and other countries competing include Japan, Australia, Malaysia and China.

A Swan Boat is a boat that is operated by a team of paddlers. The boat is named after the elegant prow that is carved into the shape of a swan; the stern of the boat represents the bird's elegant tail feathers.

The Thai Traditional Long Boat Race, which also takes place at this time, is made up of 55 paddlers from eight local Thai provinces. There will also be a secondary Thai Long Boat Race made up of 30 paddlers from four Thai provinces. It is easy to find a hotel in Ayutthaya in order to enjoy the many celebrations that accompany these colourful events.

Up until 1999 these famous races were restricted to Thai participants, but the growing popularity and interest in the event led the organisers to transform this event into an international exhibition. Boat racing has long been a major part of Thailand's cultural heritage and the races are seen as an ideal vehicle for sustaining this important part of Thai culture.

Transport to the region is relatively easy, and there are excellent rail, boat and motorway links from Bangkok.

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