



Zach, Bradley and Ed spent nine weeks in Thailand filming *The Hangover Part II*.

STARS HIT THAILAND!

The *Hangover Part II*'s cast aren't the only celebs who've sampled Southeast Asia's delights

SHOP AND SIGHTSEE IN BANGKOK



Cruise along the river for great city views — without the traffic jams — in Bangkok.

Thailand's vibrant capital, Bangkok, is the setting for the jaw-dropping action in *The Hangover Part II*. "It's the most un-boring place," *Hangover* star Zach Galifianakis told *Entertainment Tonight*. "I just love it."

Most international flights to Thailand land in Bangkok, so exploring the city is a great place to start, and it's easy to avoid the trouble the movie's reunited Wolf Pack gets into!

Avoid the notoriously bad traffic by taking a boat. The Chao Phraya Express Boat is cheap and drops off near must-see locales like the Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaew temple and the reclining golden

Buddha at Wat Po. (chaophrayaexpressboat.com)

Bangkok's wildest nightlife is found in Patpong, but if you're not up for an infamous "ping-pong" show (involving exotic dancers and ping-pong balls — don't ask), shop the night market or dine at a top Thai restaurant, like Sala Sawan. (patpongnightlife.com)

FIND A BARGAIN Don't miss the vast Chatuchak weekend market. More than 15,000 booths sell everything from antiques to alligators, but the best buys include fashion and home decor. Don't be afraid to negotiate on prices but make sure you do it Thai style, with a polite smile. (chatuchak.org)

RELAX ON THE BEACH IN PHUKET



No trip to Thailand is complete without hitting one of the country's world-class beaches. The southwest is home to dramatic limestone cliffs, white-sand beaches and colorful coral reefs. Paula Abdul, Kevin Spacey and Kate Moss all love the isle of Phuket, which boasts a number of five-star resorts, including Amanpuri, where Kate spent New Year's Eve with her fiancé, The Kills rocker Jamie Hince.

The Hangover Part II's resort scenes were filmed nearby in picturesque Krabi. The cast stayed in luxurious

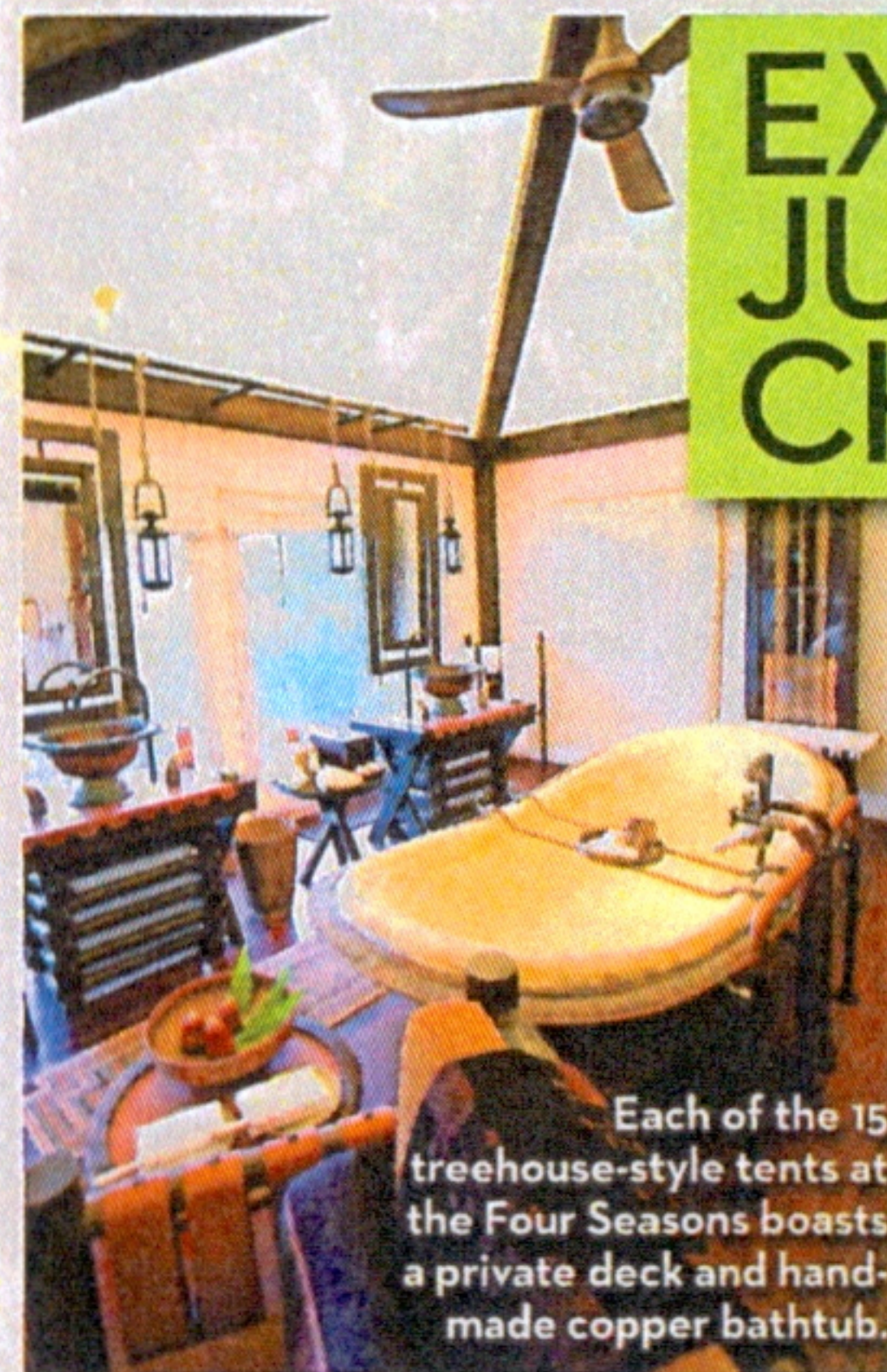
villas at The Ritz-Carlton Phulay Bay, where amenities include private outdoor baths and Thai cooking classes. (ritzcarlton.com)

HIT THE WATER Traditional Thai longboats offer endless island-hopping possibilities. Check out beautiful Ko Khao Phing Kan, better known as "James Bond island" after its role in *The Man With the Golden Gun*, then make a beeline for the islands of Koh Phi Phi. Leonardo DiCaprio filmed the backpacker adventure *The Beach* on uninhabited paradise Koh Phi Phi Leh. (phiPhi.phuket.com)



Phuket's tranquil Amanpuri resort lives up to its name, which means "place of peace." No wonder supermodel Kate loves it there! (amaniresorts.com)

EXPLORE THE JUNGLE IN CHIANG RAI



Each of the 15 treehouse-style tents at the Four Seasons boasts a private deck and hand-made copper bathtub.

Over 400 miles north of Bangkok, the city of Chiang Rai is the perfect jumping-off point for Thailand's vast jungle region, known as the Golden Triangle. Last summer, actress Rachel Bilson enjoyed a summer vacation at the Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Thailand, 40 miles north of Chiang Rai. "It's spectacular," she tells OK! "It's an elephant camp, and it's in the mountain region of Thailand where Laos, Thailand and Burma meet."

While you're there, go elephant trekking

in the bamboo jungle, visit the 10th-century temples at Wat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti or go rafting down the Mekong River. (fourseasons.com/goldentriangle)

ENJOY A SPA TREAT Try a traditional Thai massage, which stimulates pressure points and gently stretches out limbs to aid in circulation, flexibility and relaxation. Try the renowned Pai Massage center in Chiang Rai or Wat Po in Bangkok. (watpomassage.com)



Rachel pedaled in Golden Triangle.



5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

- 1 USE THE LOCAL HELLO.** "Locals may greet you with a *wai*, a palm-to-palm gesture," says *Lonely Planet* travel editor Robert Reid. "It's polite to return the gesture."
- 2 DRESS RIGHT.** "If you visit one of the country's many temples, take off your shoes before entering, and don't wear shorts or sleeveless shirts, which are looked upon as disrespectful."
- 3 NO KING JOKES.** "It's okay to crack a joke about the queen in the UK, but Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej — on the throne for over 60 years — is highly revered."
- 4 NOSE PICKING IS ALLOWED!** Don't be aghast if you see people doing it. Thailand is one of the places where the habit isn't considered impolite.
- 5 WATCH YOUR FEET.** "Feet are considered the dirtiest and lowest part of the body. Always remove your shoes in temples and homes and avoid pointing your feet at people, stepping over people or showing the soles of your shoes."



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