

...glaring at each other. The other car refused to back

people like you are the reason we have corruption in Uganda!" I was now screaming shrilly.
"Why do you think you deserved this space more than us when we bloody



MY MIND >

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THAI ADVENTURE. We were discovering the metro skywalk when a very gentle elderly woman approached us and warmly suggested to us to visit a mall that had great discounts.

Thailand is one of my favourite countries in the world. It is some kind of relationship between my heart and some places, sometimes without a proper reason.

After 10 years of not traveling to Thailand, I went there in December 2012 and I'm on my way there, again. There were many changes during my 10 year absence, changes that were actually quite positive, such as an excellent metro system that joins most of the famous districts and shopping centres. However, the number of cars on the roads has increased many fold and the nagging taxi drivers complaining about the traffic, does not help an already frustrated tourist.

Recent trip

So, during our last trip, as we were discovering the metro skywalk, a very gentle elderly woman approached us and warmly suggested to us to visit a mall that had great discounts on that particular day. I told her that I was going to the next mall which was a few steps away. Again, very politely and with a smile she told me that there was a big opening in the mall that day and a dignitary was visiting the mall, hence lots of

security and so on.

Before I knew it, we were convinced to give the new mall a try and went down the bridge to catch a tuck tuck, the local transport system in Bangkok. The woman gave us a piece of paper with the address. Interestingly, there was another person who asked us where we were going and we showed her the paper, she told us that we were lucky to go there as they had a big discount only today.

Getting to their destination

With another confirmation on our mind, we got on the tuck tuck and off we went. Ten minutes later, the driver made a turn into a long street getting further away from the metro station and another 10 minutes

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The 166-metre-skywalk was constructed to ease transport in Bangkok. It is well lit with emergency lighting and CCTV cameras.

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he stopped at a shop and told us this was our destination! This is not a mall, I told my husband! He said it might be a local mall let us enter. As soon as I stepped into the shop I realised we were actually in a huge jewellery shop. Every piece of the puzzle started to fall in place, the woman on the bridge was

not a good Samaritan, nor was the woman down the bridge. This was a ring of marketing agents who tricked tourists by sending them to shops that pay them to do exactly that.

Our lesson

Of course, we got out and had to pay double the price to find our way back to the metro station. That was not the issue, it was our pride that was broken, how could we fall for such a trick with all our experiences around the world!

However, one learns every day and I promise you the first thing I will do this time is to look for the woman on the bridge, and report back to you, watch this space!

The lady on the bridge

