

# FEBRUARY 2011 FINANCIAL JOURNAL

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## ***Tuesday, February 1, 2011***

- 37 Baht @ 7-11: 2 bottles of water, yogurt, and coconut crackers
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 5 Baht for a snack at Noonoy  
(free lunch at Noonoy)
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 99 Baht @ Tops: 2 large bottles of water, a large apple, and a bag of chocolate covered raisins, almonds, and hazelnuts.
- 125 Baht for yoga class
- 30 Baht for dinner: chicken and rice at the rice lady
- 67 Baht @ 7-11: popsicle (12) and acne treatment lotion (55)

Food/Drink Total: 183 Baht, Transportation Total: 30 Baht, Personal Total: 180 Baht, TOTAL: 293 Baht

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## ***Wednesday, February 2, 2011***

- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English  
(free lunch at Thida)
- 101 Baht @ Tops: 2 large bottles of water, large bag of raisins and nuts, large apple
- 5 Baht at Super English for cookies
- 20 Baht at the night market for chicken nuggets

Food/Drink Total: 126 Baht, Transportation Total: 15 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 141 Baht

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## ***Thursday, February 3, 2011***

- 76 Baht @ Tops: 2 large bottles of water, one large bag of sliced guava, one large apple
- 30 Baht for lunch: fried noodles with chicken  
(free dinner compliments of my yoga teacher – for Chinese New Year)
- tuk tuk home from the free dinner: 20 Baht

Food/Drink Total: 106 Baht, Transportation Total: 20 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 126 Baht

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***Friday, February 4, 2011***

- 48 Baht @ 7-11: yogurt, muffin, and three bottles of water
- 15 Baht for tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 5 Baht @ Noonoy for snack
- 15 Baht for tuk tuk ride to Super English from Noonoy
- 94 Baht @ Tops: large bottle of water, guava, large bag of raisins
- 30 Baht for dinner: chicken roti... mmmm.
- 35 Baht at the night market: shaved ice with strawberries and bananas
- 300 Baht for phone credit
- 37 Baht @ 7-11: pear slices and cookies

Food/Drink Total: 249 Baht, Transportation Total: 30 Baht, Personal Total: 300 Baht, TOTAL: 579 Baht

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***Saturday, February 5, 2011***

- 40 Baht @ 108 Shop for cashews
- 55 Baht to swim at the pool
- 240 Baht for dinner at Pizzeria Milano – one of the few places that can make a decent burger and pizza. It's a special treat.
- 50 Baht @ the Night Market for green apple guavas
- 100 Baht at the Night Market for a ring from one of the jewelry stands

Food/Drink Total: 290 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 155 Baht, TOTAL: 445 Baht

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***Sunday, February 6, 2011***

- 115 Baht for my share of our monthly electricity bill
- 70 Baht for lunch at Amphur Coffee Shop: fried rice, water, and tip. A little pricey but they have free internet and they don't care how long you stay.
- 43 Baht @ 7-11: three bottles of water, a yogurt, and a package of crackers
- 100 Baht @ the Don Nok Sunday Market for a new (really sweet Doraemon) towel
- 120 Baht for dinner at Earth Zone: sweet and sour vegetables, rice, water, and tip.

Food/Drink Total: 233 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 215 Baht, TOTAL: 448 Baht

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**WEEKLY FOOD/DRINK TOTAL: 1,187 Baht, WEEKLY**

**TRANSPORTATION TOTAL: 95 Baht, WEEKLY PERSONAL TOTAL: 850 Baht, WEEKLY TOTAL: 2,132 Baht**

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***Monday, February 7, 2011***

- 257 Baht @ Tops: 2 packages of Kleenex face wipes and a pack of baby wipes (81 Baht), large bag of oranges, bag of guava, large apple, crackers, yogurt, and two large waters.
- 241 Baht @ Sahathai: many different school supplies in the stationery
- 125 Baht for yoga class
- 40 Baht at the Night Market for two pieces of fried chicken and sticky rice
- 27 Baht at 7-11: bag of popcorn and two bottles of water

Food/Drink Total: 243 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 447 Baht, TOTAL: 690 Baht

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***Tuesday, February 8, 2011***

- 43 Baht @ 7-11: 3 bottles of water, yogurt, and banana cake
- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 5 Baht for a snack at Noonoy
- 20 Baht for a tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 94 Baht @ Tops: large bottle of water, green apple guava, large bag of raisins
- 200 Baht @ Earth Zone: dinner—cashew chicken, rice, water, and fruit plate. Really expensive but a fun place to hang out with friends and they have free internet. And the food is delicious.

Food/Drink Total: 342 Baht, Transportation Total: 40 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 382 Baht

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***Wednesday, February 9, 2011***

- 66 Baht @ Tops: large bottle of water, bag of guava, yogurt, and crackers
- 40 Baht @ night market: guava and spring rolls

Food/Drink Total: 106 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 106 Baht

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***Thursday, February 10, 2011***

- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 530 Baht @ Tops Daily: large bottle of hand sanitizer (129), two-roll pack of paper towels (39), Vaseline dry skin lotion (130), Carex antibacterial hand soap (99), large bottle of water, yogurt, bag of guava, bag of cashews, large bag of raisins/almonds/macadamia nuts.
- 975 Baht at Salika Beauty store for costume items—really nice wig, hair net, lipstick, nail polish—because at our 90s party on Saturday I will be going as Mrs. Mia Wallace. Clearly this was not a necessary expenditure but I am pretty excited about how great my costume is going to be so it was worth it.
- 75 Baht @ the Night Market: egg noodle soup (20), shaved ice with strawberries, bananas, and syrup (35), and a pair of earrings (20)

Food/Drink Total: 188 Baht, Transportation Total: 20 Baht, Personal Total: 1,392 Baht, TOTAL: 1,600 Baht

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***Friday, February 11, 2011***

- 41 Baht @ 7-11: three waters, yogurt, and banana cake
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 30 Baht at the Pharmacy for Neosporin-type stuff
- 20 Baht for a bag of guava
- 30 Baht for dinner – chicken and rice
- 500 Baht for drinks at the bar (shots of Jose Cuervo for Blake's birthday)
- 50 Baht for late night second dinner of noodles and chicken

Food/Drink Total: 141 Baht, Transportation Total: 30 Baht, Personal Total: 530 Baht, TOTAL: 701 Baht

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***Saturday, February 12, 2011***

- 100 Baht to Wen for driving me to Khanom for the Super English end of the year party.

- 120 Baht for lunch: yellow shrimp curry, rice, and water
- 35 Baht at a bar for a water and a small bag of peanuts

Food/Drink Total: 155 Baht, Transportation Total: 100 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 255 Baht

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***Sunday, February 13, 2011***

- 10 Baht at the fruit stand for an apple
- 75 Baht @ Amphur Coffee Shop: food, water, and tip
- 33 Baht @ 7-11: three bottles of water, yogurt
- 120 Baht @ Earth Zone for food, water, and tip

Food/Drink Total: 238 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 238 Baht

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**WEEKLY FOOD/DRINK TOTAL: 1,413 Baht, WEEKLY**

**TRANSPORTATION TOTAL: 190 Baht, WEEKLY PERSONAL TOTAL: 2,369 Baht, WEEKLY TOTAL: 3,972 Baht**

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***Monday, February 14, 2011***

- 6 Baht @ 7-11 for water
- 40 Baht for lunch
- 77 Baht @ Sahathai for red paper to make Valentine's Day cards with
- 60 Baht for candy to give out for Valentine's Day
- 30 Baht for dinner at the night market
- 45 Baht for two large jugs and 6 large bottles of water

Food/Drink Total: 121 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 137 Baht, TOTAL: 258 Baht

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***Tuesday, February 15, 2011***

- 43 Baht @ 7-11: three bottles of water, yogurt, and banana cake
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 385 Baht @ Tops: windex (109), paper towels (39 Baht), baby wipes (46 Baht), face cleaning wipes (49 Baht), waters, yogurt, guava, apples, crackers.

- 99 Baht for dinner – buffet BBQ place. A little pricey, but all-you-can-eat, plus they have ice cream. I'm a fan.

Food/Drink Total: 284 Baht, Transportation Total: 30 Baht, Personal Total: 243 Baht, TOTAL: 557 Baht

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***Wednesday, February 16, 2011***

- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 66 Baht @ Tops: water, yogurt, crackers, and guava
- 40 Baht for dinner – chicken and rice

Food/Drink Total: 106 Baht, Transportation Total: 15 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 121 Baht

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***Thursday, February 17, 2011***

- 66 Baht @ Tops: large bottle of water, bag of guava, crackers, and yogurt
- 37 Baht @ Thailand Post to send a letter to America
- 100 Baht @ the pharmacy for medicine
- 100 Baht @ Milano Pizzeria for dinner

Food/Drink Total: 166 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 137 Baht, TOTAL: 303 Baht

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***Friday, February 18, 2011***

- 100 Baht phone credit
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 66 Baht @ Tops: large water, guava, yogurt, and crackers
- 239 Baht @ Coliseum for a new pair of shoes; it was necessary, I swear!
- 30 Baht for dinner: chicken and rice
- 61 Baht @ 7-11 for a large bottle of water and two candy bars

Food/Drink Total: 157 Baht, Transportation Total: 15 Baht, Personal Total: 339 Baht, TOTAL: 511 Baht

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***Saturday, February 19, 2011***

- 85 Baht @ Amphur Coffee Shop: iced mocha coffee, water, and tip
- 70 Baht for my share of the monthly electric bill

- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride to the market
- 55 Baht at the night market for shaved ice and snacks
- 100 Baht for a birthday present for Mitch
- 100 Baht for dinner at Pizzeria Milano – pasta and tip
- 10 Baht for a ceramic fish to paint by the river
- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride home

Food/Drink Total: 240 Baht, Transportation Total: 40 Baht, Personal Total:  
180 Baht, TOTAL: 460 Baht

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***Sunday, February 20, 2011***

- 20 Baht at a fruit cart for a bag of watermelon slices
- 100 Baht @ Coffee Zone: hot tea, and a green tea latte and tip
- 96 Baht @ Tops: large water, yogurt, guava, crackers, and a chocolate bar
- 300 Baht @ the print shop to print testing and travel documents
- 150 Baht @ Photo shop for passport photos
- 160 Baht for dinner for Mitch's birthday
- 20 Baht for tuk tuk from restaurant to bar
- 240 Baht on drinks at the bar

Food/Drink Total: 376 Baht, Transportation Total: 20 Baht, Personal Total:  
690 Baht, TOTAL: 1,086 Baht

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**WEEKLY FOOD/DRINK TOTAL: 1,450 Baht, WEEKLY**

**TRANSPORTATION TOTAL: 120 Baht, WEEKLY PERSONAL TOTAL:  
1,726 Baht, WEEKLY TOTAL: 3,296 Baht**

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***Monday, February 21, 2011***

- 51 Baht @ Tops: water, bag of guava, and yogurt
- 30 Baht for lunch: noodles and chicken
- 22 Baht @ Family Mart for a dark chocolate bar
- 320 Baht for dinner at Good Health for Mitch and I (because it's the last Monday I'll ever see him! So sad).

Food/Drink Total: 423 Baht, Transportation Total: 0 Baht, Personal Total: 0 Baht, TOTAL: 423 Baht

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***Tuesday, February 22, 2011***

- 41 Baht @ 7-11: banana cake, three water, and a yogurt.
- 300 Baht phone credit – here's my phone credit disclaimer for the month; don't think you have to spend as much as I do on phone credit, most do not. I have a boyfriend in the USA so I do a lot of very expensive calling and texting.
- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 5 Baht snack at Noonoy
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Suoer English
- 183 Baht @ Tops: reusable grocery bag (89 Baht... seems ridiculous but what is more ridiculous is how every single thing you buy in this country (including an iced coffee) comes in its own plastic bag. This way I can just save 7-11 and Tops from the 2-4 plastic bags they give me a day), large water, guava, and really expensive but delicious chocolate covered raisins and macadamia nuts.
- 85 Baht at the Night Market: fried chicken, sticky rice, shaved ice and fruit

Food/Drink Total: 225 Baht, Transportation Total: 35 Baht, Personal Total: 389 Baht, TOTAL: 649 Baht

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***Wednesday, February 23, 2011***

- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 104 Baht @ Tops: 2 large waters, 2 bags of guava, crackers, yogurt.
- 3,800 Baht @ Immigration for a multiple re-entry permit. When traveling\*\* outside of the country, it is necessary to have a re-entry permit. This enables you to keep your non-immigrant visa and work permit in order. Failure to get one of these re-entry permits will result in you getting a 30-day tourist visa and having to do border runs. For a single re-entry it only costs 1,000 Baht, but if you plan on leaving and re-entering multiple times it makes sense to buy the multiple entry visa. Expensive!!!
- 20 Baht at the night market for chicken nuggets.
- 40 Baht for a tuk tuk home – expensive because I had a ton of stuff with me.



Food/Drink Total: 124 Baht, Transportation Total: 55 Baht, Personal Total: 3,800 Baht, TOTAL: 3,979 Baht

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***Thursday, February 24, 2011***

- 30 Baht @ 7-11: 3 bottles of water and a banana cake
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 28 Baht to send a letter home to the USofA
- 45 Baht @ Family Mart: water, yogurt, and cashews
- 20 Baht at a fruit cart for a bag of guava
- 150 Baht for dinner at Earth Zone: food, water, and tip
- 70 Baht @ 7-11: large water, Hershey bar, and pens (30 Baht)

Food/Drink Total: 285 Baht, Transportation Total: 15 Baht, Personal Total: 58 Baht, TOTAL: 358 Baht

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***Friday, February 25, 2011***

- 45 Baht @ 7-11: 3 bottles of water, yogurt, and banana cake
- 20 Baht tuk tuk ride to Noonoy
- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 225 Baht for dinner at Baan Sateak: cheeseburger, fries, water, and contribution to Brian's meal because it was his birthday dinner
- 742 Baht @ 7-11: bottle of Absolut vodka (699 Baht – this is way more expensive than Thai alcohol, but Absolut is imported so it's expensive), 7-Up, Sprite, cups.

Food/Drink Total: 313 Baht, Transportation Total: 35 Baht, Personal Total: 699 Baht, TOTAL: 1,047 Baht

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***Saturday, February 26, 2011***

- 15 Baht tuk tuk ride to Super English
- 73 Baht @ Tops: large bottle of water, bag of guava, cashews, and sunflower seed bars
- Laundry: 260 Baht
- 125 Baht for dinner at Earth Zone: food, water, and tip

Food/Drink Total: 198 Baht, Transportation Total: 15 Baht, Personal Total: 260 Baht, TOTAL: 473 Baht

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***Sunday, February 27, 2011***

- 20 Baht tuk tuk to the bus station
- 390 Baht bus to Hat Yai
- 180 Baht @ 7-11: water (6), mouthwash, tooth paste, tooth brush, loofa, body wash
- 116 Baht @ McDonald's (yes I know I'm a terrible American and I should be ashamed of myself): chicken sandwich meal.
- 80 Baht for gelato... mmmm
- 180 Baht for a tee shirt for my brother

Food/Drink Total: 202 Baht, Transportation Total: 410 Baht, Personal Total: 354 Baht, TOTAL: 966 Baht

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**WEEKLY FOOD/DRINK TOTAL: 1,770 Baht, WEEKLY**

**TRANSPORTATION TOTAL: 565 Baht, WEEKLY PERSONAL TOTAL:**

**5,560 Baht, WEEKLY TOTAL: 7,895 Baht**

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***Monday, February 28, 2011***

- 150 Baht taxi ride from the hotel to the airport
- 90 Baht for a bus from the airport in Kuala Lumpur to the subway station
- 16 Baht for subway ride to the hostel
- 1,600 Baht for hostel for four nights in Kuala Lumpur
- 150 Baht for dinner
- 50 Baht for snacks

Food/Drink Total: 200 Baht, Transportation Total: 256 Baht, Personal Total: 1,600 Baht, TOTAL: 2,056 Baht

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**FOOD/DRINK TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: 6,020 Baht,**

**TRANSPORTATION TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: 1,226 Baht,**

**PERSONAL TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: 12,105 Baht,**

**GRAND TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: 19,351 Baht**

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***Reflections on February Financial Journal:***

\*\*I have not included a lot of my travel expenditures in this report, although in the month of February I did make many, many travel arrangements. My reason for this was because I used America money; I had saved up some money in my checking account at home and used my American credit card to make these arrangements, so the cost of them did not come out of my Thai pay for the most part. This is clearly a good thing, because as you will see I spent quite a lot of money this month due to the travel expenses that did come out of my pay.

As before, the lesson remains—even being a financially irresponsible person like me, you can save here. I again spent almost 10,000 Baht less than what I made in the month of February.