



Buddhist monks

Young boys are able to leave home and join Buddhist monasteries as a samanera (novice monk). They can become monks at the age of 20. Young Buddhist girls can train to become nuns.



Statues of the Buddha

Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahothat is a Buddhist temple in Thailand. It is famous for its gold sculpture of the Buddha. The pose of the statue celebrates the moment that the Buddha achieved enlightenment.



A Buddhist temple

Wat Buddhopadipa is in Wimbledon, London. It opened in 1976 and was the first Thai Buddhist Temple to be built in the UK. It is home to both monks and nuns.



The Buddhist statue at Po Lin, Lantau Island, Hong Kong