**Spotlight on**

Buddhist architecture

Cartoons of dragons and Buddhist symbols.

The red of the walls are gold in colour and frames elaborate designs. Buildings constructed by skilled craftsmen. The Buddha images carved into the walls are beautifully decorated.

The local Buddhists

A shrine, including the image of the Buddha. Each image is unique. Over 200 images of Buddha are enshrined in India. Each image is unique. The images are made of gold and silver.

Religion and culture

Religion and culture are highly interwoven in Thailand. The main religion is Buddhism, which is the state religion. Most people are Buddhists. Christian and Muslim minorities exist, but they are a small percentage of the population.

**Fact file**

- **Buddhism**: 95%
- **Christianity**: 3%
- **Islam**: 1%
- **Other**: 1%

1. Life is like suffering (pain).

2. Suffering is caused by desire.

3. Releasing desire will release suffering.

4. Following the ethical path will relieve suffering.

- **Repeating these words**.
Thai silk

Thailand is famous for its production of silk. These clothes are made of this natural fabric which is spun by silkworms and woven into traditional Thai silk. Thai silk is a popular form of dance, with traditional dance and theater wear elaborately constructed.

Thai theater and dance

Thai theater is closely related to Thai history and modern life in Thailand. They tell stories of people and gods from ancient times, and they entertain villagers around Thailand. L-Khe is a popular form of dance, withstanding traditional dance and theater wear elaborately constructed.

Sculpture

Buddha's skin is covered with gold and silver, and his eyes are made of stone or shell gold. The statue is usually made of concrete and can be heavy if influenced by the traditional Thai culture.