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Airport Rail Link

As the political, economic, cultural and culinary capital of Thailand, Bangkok features both oldworld charm and modern convenience, at times served up in an apparently chaotic manner, but always with a gracious smile. Bangkok exceeds 1,500 square kilometres in area and is home to one-tenth of the country's population.

Bangkok or Krung Thep "the city of angels" as it is known to its inhabitants. Many tourists who travel to Bangkok are immediately overwhelmed by the sheer size of the city and the vast number of attractions Bangkok has to offer. Indeed there is a wide variety of Bangkok sightseeing opportunities spanning more than two centuries of rapid development following the city's founding in 1782 by King Rama I, the first king of the present Chakri dynasty.

Attractions Bangkok contains, from exotic temples, which underscore Thailand's strong Buddhist history, to modern shopping malls,

which make shopping an integral part of any Bangkok holiday. Bangkok pleases visitors either simply passing through the city or spending their entire Thailand holiday in Bangkok.

Beware of scams involving tuk tuks, gem shops, and tailors, particularly around popular tourist attractions. Remember, there is no such thing as a free ride. Its better to flag down taxis that are already driving (the red light means empty); these will generally use the meter while parked taxis typically ask for higher fixed fares or will take you for the proverbial "ride".

During the monsoon season months of June through September rains come quickly and heavily, particularly in the afternoon. Adequate footwear and an umbrella are advisable.

# TRANSPORTATION

*Airport Rail Link* The train services between Suvarnabhumi Airport and Bangkok City from



BTS Sky Train



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06.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. There are two types of services : City Line taking 25 minutes with the fare calculated from the distance, starting from 15 Baht and up to 45 Baht. The train service is available from Phaya Thai BTS Station to Suvarnabhumi Airport via Ratchaprarop, Makkasan, Ramkhamhaeng, Hua Mak, Ban Thap Chang, Lat Krabang to its terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport. For more information, contact Tel. 1690, or www.srtet.co.th

*BTS Sky Train* BTS sky trains ply along Sukhumvit, Silom-Bangwa and Phahonyothin road. The routes connect Bangkok's leading hotels and major shopping areas such as Siam Square, Ratchaprasong, Silom and Chatuchak Weekend Market during 06.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. For more information, contact the Bangkok Mass Transit System at Tel. 0 2617 7341, 0 2617 7300, 0 2617 6000 www.bts.co.th

*MRT Subway* A Blue Line and a Purple Line Metro Service are available during 06.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. The fare ranges from 16-42 Baht according to the distance. Call 0 2624 5200 or www.bemplc.co.th

*Taxi* Metered-Taxi charge a minimum of 35 Baht for the first one kilometre, and approximately 5 Baht per kilometres there after or 2 Baht every minute during traffic jam. Passengers must pay tolls in the case of using an expressway.

*Tuk-Tuk* These three-wheeled motorised taxis are popular for short journeys. Fares must be bargained in advance. Minimum fares, for journeys of up to 3 kilometres, are approximately 50 Baht.

Tuk-Tuk



The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo

*Bus* A regular bus service is provided by the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) and its contracted operators throughout Bangkok as well as to its outskirts during 04.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m. and around the clock on certain routes. Public buses are plentiful and cheap, with a minimum fare of 8,10 Baht to most destinations within metropolitan Bangkok. Air-conditioned buses have minimum and maximum fares of 15-25 Baht, respectively. A Bus Route Map is available at bookshops. For more information, please call 1348.

*River Taxi* The river taxis that ply the Chao Phraya River. Some are just cross river ferries, but others serve the many landing stages on both banks and cover a route that goes up as far as the northern suburb of Nonthaburi, call 0 2445 8888, 0 2449 3000-2 or www.chaophraya expressboat.com

# **TOURIST SPOT IN BANGKOK**

#### **The Grand Palace & Wat Phra Kaeo**

#### The Grand Palace (พระบรมมหาราชวัง)

Constructed simultaneously with the establishment of Bangkok or Krung Rattanakosin by King Rama I the Great, the complex comprises 3 major quarters; namely, Phra Maha Prasat-the throne halls, Phra Ratchamonthian Sathan-royal residences and Wat Phra Si Rattana Satsadaram (Temple of the Emerald Buddha). Formerly, the Grand Palace served as a residential palace for the royal family, with a similar floor plan to that of the Grand Palace in the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha is a palace temple just as Wat Phra Si Sanphet used to be in the Ayutthaya Period. A blend of Western architecture prevailed during the



Phra Thinang Dusit Maha Prasat



Phra Thinang Chakri Maha Prasat

reigns of King Rama IV and King Rama V. Major throne halls include:

Phra Thinang Dusit Maha Prasat (พระที่นังดุสิต มหาปราสาท) formerly named as Phra Thinang Inthraphisek Maha Prasat, is the first throne hall to have been constructed within the Grand Palace to house royal remains of the kings, queens and members of the royal family. It is also for use in major royal ceremonies such as auspicious rites and merit-making.Phra Thinang Aphonphimok Prasat (พระที่นั่งอาภรณ์พิโมกข์



ปราสาท) located near Phra Thinang Dusit Maha Prasat served as the king's mounting platform as well as dressing area for a royal procession.

Phra Thinang Phiman Rattaya (พระที่นั่งพิมาน รัตยา) established in 1789 and served as the king's royal chamber as well as assembly hall for members of the royal family and audience hall for ladies of the court to receive royal decorations and title's paraphernalia in the reign of King Rama VI. It was also where the bathing ceremony for royal remains of the members of the royal family before the urn would be placed inside the Phra Thinang Dusit Maha Prasat.

Phra Thinang Chakri Maha Prasat (พระที่นังจักรี มหาปราสาท) built in the reign of King Rama V in 1876 to receive royal guests who were monarchs or heads of state. There are also several other principal throne halls such as Phra Thinang Ratchakaranyasapha, Phra Thinang Munlasathan Boromma-at, Phra Thinang Sommutithewarat Upbat, Phra Thinang Borommaratchasathit Mahoran, Phra Thinang Chakraphatdi Phiman, Phra Thinang Phaisan Thaksin, etc.

# Wat Phra Kaeo or Temple of the Emerald Buddha (วัดพระแก้ว)

Wat Phra Kaeo (Wat Phra Si Rattana Satsadaram) is a royal temple situated on the northeastern corner of the Grand Palace compound. It is where the image of the Emerald Buddha is enshrined as well as royal religious ceremonies have been performed. The construction of the temple was completed in 1784, and it has consistently undergone several times of restoration from the reign of King Rama I through to the reign of King Rama IX. The temple's ordination hall-Phra Ubosot-and enclosing cloister house fine murals. Other



Wat Phra Kaeo

interesting structures include a group of 8 Prang towers, Phra Si Rattana Chedi, model of Angkor Wat, Prasat Phra Thepbidon, etc.

*Open* : Daily (except during special royal ceremonies) from 08.30 a.m.-04.30 p.m. (Tickets are sold till 03.30 p.m.)

Admission : 500 Baht, visit The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo. (Personal Audio Guide in Thai, English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Mandarin : 200 Baht per hour Tel: 0 2623 5500 ext 3100 www.palaces.thai.net To get there :

*Bus*: No. 1, 3, 9, 15, 30, 32, 33, 43, 44, 47, 53, 59, 60, 64, 82, 91, 203, 503, 507, 508 *By MRT*: Take a train to Sanam Chai Station

#### The City Pillar Shrine (ศาลหลักเมือง)

According to an old Thai tradition, a city pillar had to be built upon the establishment of a new city. King Rama I had the Bangkok city pillar erected near the Temple of the Emerald



The City Pillar Shrine

Buddha on Sunday, 21 April, 1782, with the city's horoscope inside. The original pillar was made of cassia wood known as Chaiyaphruek, measuring 75 cm. in diameter and 27 cm. high. In the reign of King Rama IV, the old dilapidated pillar was replaced by a new one made of the same kind of wood, measuring 270 cm. high and



Wat Pho

standing on a base of 175 cm. wide, sheltered by a Prang-shaped shrine as it appears today. The shrine also houses images of protective deities including Thepharak, Chaopho Ho Klong, Phra Suea Mueang, Phra Song Mueang, Chaopho Chetakhup and Phra Kan Chai Si.

# **Temples/Mosque**

#### Wat Pho (วัดโพธิ์)

This large and extensive temple neighbours the Grand Palace enclave on Thai Wang Road and contains a gigantic gold plated Reclining Buddha some 46 Metres long and 15 Metres high with inlaid mother of pearl soles. The temple is also regarded as the first centre of public education and is sometimes called "Thailand's first university". Wat Pho Thai Massage is behind the temple. *Open* : Daily from 08.30 a.m.-06.30 p.m. *Admission* : 200 Baht

*Tel.* 0 2226 0335 www.watpho.com ; Wat Po Thai Traditional Massage School Tel. 0 2622 3551, 0 2226 4887, 0 2221 3686 www.watpo massage.com

*To get there* : Take a MRT Train service to Sanam Chai Station.

#### Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn) (วัดอรุณ)

This famous Chao Phraya riverbank landmark diagonally opposite the Grand Palace, is best known for a porcelain encrusted 79 metre central pagoda which sparkles in the sun. The temple can be reached either by Arun Amarin Road or by boat from Tha Tian Pier near Wat Pho.

*Open* : Daily from 08.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Admission* : 50 Baht



Wat Arun

*Tel.* 0 2466 9179, 0 2891 2185, 0 2465 5640, 0 2466 3167

#### Wat Mahathat (วัดมหาธาตุ)

This old temple was built in the reign of King Rama I. Located on Na Phrathat Road near Thammasat University, the temple houses Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University, one of the two highest seats of Buddhist learning in Thailand and also offers meditation classes for foreigners.





Wat Ratchapradit

*Open*: Daily from 07.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2221 5999, 0 2227984, 0 2221 1962, Meditation Centre: 0 2222 6011 *To get there*: Take a MRT train service to Sanam Chai Station

#### Wat Ratchapradit (วัดราชประดิษฐ์)

Situated to the north of Saran Rom Park. It was built in the reign of King Rama IV who intended it to be a temple in the Dhammayutika Sect as well as to be one of the 3 major temples as required by an old tradition to be situated within the capital. The place was originally a royal coffee plantation in the reign of King Rama



Wat Suthat and the Giant Swing

III. With his personal donation, King Rama IV bought the plantation and had a small temple constructed there, naming it "Wat Ratchapradit Sathitthammayutikaram". Later, he had the name changed to "Wat Ratchapradit Sathitmahasimaram". A place of interest in this temple is Phra Wihan Luang - the royal image hall - which houses mural paintings depicting "The Royal Ceremonies over 12 Months" and legend of the solar eclipse phenomenon.

Open : Daily from 09.00 a.m-04.30 p.m. Tel. 0 2222 0855, 0 2622 1030, 0 2622 2076

#### Wat Ratchabophit (วัดราชบพิตร)

The temple is located on Fuang Nakhon Road near Wat Pho. Built by King Rama V in 1869, it was in keeping with tradition that each monarch constructed a temple to mark his reign. The temple is a mixture of local and western styles, showing an awakening interest in new ideas and a desire to experiment with them. The exterior of the chapel is in the Thai style, but the interior is decorated in the European style.



Wat Ratchanatdaram

*Open*: Daily from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2222 3930, 0 2221 0904 *To get there*: Take a MRT train service to Sam Yot Station

#### Wat Suthat and the Giant Swing (วัดสุทัศน์ และเสาขิงข้า)

Located on Bamrung Muang Road, this temple is noted for its superb 19th century murals in the main chapel. The distinctive Giant Swing outside the temple was once used in Brahmanic ceremonies long since discontinued. Nearby shops stock a very comprehensive range of Buddhist religious supplies.

*Open* : Daily from 08.30 a.m.- 08.00 p.m. *Admission* : 20 Baht *Tel.* 0 2222 6935, 0 2622 2819 *To get there :* Take a MRT train service to Sam Yot Station

#### Wat Ratchanatdaram (วัดราชนัดดาราม)

Located on Mahachai Road, the temple was built in the reign of King Rama III in 1846. Loha Prasat, the temple's main attraction, standing 36 metres high with 37 surrounding spires, is the only one of its kind left in the world. Next to the temple is the area for welcoming an important foreign guest and a memorial statue of King Rama III.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2224 8807, 0 2225 7889 *To get there* : Take a MRT train service to Sam Yot Station





Wat Saket and the Golden Mount

#### Wat Thepthidaram (วัดเทพธิดาราม)

Located on Mahachai Road, the temple was built in the reign of King Rama III with a mixture of Chinese architectural styles. Sunthon Phu, one of Thailand's greatest poets, had resided in this temple during his monkhood from 1840-1842.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Tel*. 0 2222 5067, 0 2221 0903 *To get there* : Take a MRT train service to Sam Yot Station

## Wat Saket and the Golden Mount (วัดสระ เกศและภูเขาทอง)

Wat Saket's major feature is the Golden Mount, dating from the 1800s. A Lanka-style chedi on

the top contains relics of Lord Buddha and offers a panoramic view of historic Bangkok.

*Open* : Daily from 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Admission* : 50 Baht *Tel.* 0 2621 0576

#### Wat Bowon Niwet Wihan (วัดบวรนิเวศวิหาร)

The temple is located on Phra Sumen Road nearby Khao San Road and Bang Lamphu district. Built in 1829, interesting places inside the temple include:

*Phra Ubosot* or the ordination hall where two principal Buddha images are housed.

*Mural paintings,* which depict Buddhist puzzles and Thai customs and traditions.





Wat Bowon Niwet Wihan

Paintings on the columns of the ordination hall, which convey the mind of a person from being in the (dark) black to (bright) white states.

*Prang-spired arches* on both sides of the ordination hall, which house Buddha images.

*Phra Maha Chedi* or the great stupa, which contains the relics of the Lord Buddha. On this circumambulation platform, there are Prang-spired arches, which house Phra Phairi Phinat and a statue of King Rama IV. On the first circumambulation ground, there are deity images on four directions, together with four animal casts representing four cities surrounding Thailand.

*Wihan Keng* or Chinese image hall in Chinese-Thai mixed architecture, which has mural paintings and houses five Buddha images.

*Phra Wihan Phra Satsada* or the image hall of the founder of Buddhism, which houses a bronze Buddha image in the posture of subduing Mara and a bronze reclining Buddha image of the Sukhothai Period.



Phra Maha Chedi

*Replica footprints* of the Lord Buddha, which are enshrined in Sala Phra Phuttha Bat or the pavilion of the footprints of the Lord Buddha beside the ordination hall. The footprints are carved in the middle of a stone slab.

The temple is open daily from 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Tel. 0 2281 2831-3





Wat Chana Songkhram Ratchaworamahawihan

# Wat Chana Songkhram Ratchawora mahawihan (วัดขนะสงครามราชวรมหาวิหาร)

The temple is located on Chakkraphong Road nearby Khao San Road, Bang Lamphu district, Khwaeng Chana Songkhram. It is an ancient temple of the Ayutthaya Period. Important things inside the temple include:

*Phra Ubosot* or the ordination hall, which houses the stucco Buddha image lined with tin and gilded in the posture of subduing Mara, as the principal image. The Buddha image is flanked by the two great disciples. There are sixteen other images at the pillars standing around the principal image. At the back of the ordination hall, lay the replica footprint of the Lord Buddha, and the pagoda, which contains the relics of the Lord Buddha at its tip, as well as the drum and bell tower on the first floor. In front of the



Wat Intharawihan



Wat Benchamabophit

ordination hall, stands the cast of Somdet Krom Phra Ratchawang Bowon Maha Surasinghanat. On the side of the ordination hall, there is the Kuan Yin Shrine, which is of Chinese architecture. Inside the shrine, the presiding statue of Goddess Kuan Yin is housed accompanied with many Chinese deities.

The temple is open daily from 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

#### Wat Intharawihan (วัดอินทรวิหาร)

Located on Wisutkasat Road, this temple is well known for a huge standing Buddha image called Luang Pho To. The image, built in the reign of King Rama IV, is 32 Metres tall and 10 Metres wide. The topknot of the Buddha image contains a relic of Lord Buddha brought from Sri Lanka.

*Open* : Daily from 06.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2281 1406, 0 2628 5553

#### Wat Benchamabophit (วัดเบญจมบพิตร)

Located on Si Ayutthaya Road, this unique marble temple was constructed during the reign of King Rama V. It employs European ecclesiastic details, such as stained glass windows, and contains a superb cloister collection of bronze Buddha images.





Wat Trai Mit





*Open* : Daily from 08.00- a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Admission* : 20 Baht *Tel.* 0 2282 9686, 0 2280 2273

#### Wat Trai Mit (วัดไตรมิตรวิทยาราม)

Located at the end of Chinatown's Yaowarat Road near Bangkok Railway Station, this temple houses an ancient solid gold seated Buddha image of the Sukhothai Period, three Metres in height and weighing five and a half tons.

*Open* : Daily from 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Admission* : 20 Baht, Museum 140 Baht *Tel*. 0 2223 9350, 2623 3329, 0 2623 1227 *To get there* : Take a MRT train service to Hua Lam Phong Station

#### Gurdwara (ศาสนสถานคุรุดวารา/ วัดซิกข์)

The place of worship for Sikhs, on Chakraphet Road. Indian town, means the gateway to the guru, however, people of all faiths are welcomed in the Sikh Gurdwara. The people can eat free food served by the Sikh community.

*Open* : Daily from 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2221 1011 *Bus* : 4, 5, 21, 37, 53, 56, 73

# Maha Umadevi Temple (Hindu) (วัดศรีมหา อุมาเทวี/วัดแขกสีลม)

The temple is situated on Pan Road, Silom. It was built in 1879, houses of hindu goddess and gods. For those who visit the temple, photos, foods are prohitbited. The Navaratri is an important festival and celebrated in September-October.

*Open* : Daily from 06.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2238 4007, 08 4451 5722 *BTS Sky Train* : get off at Saladaeng Station *Underground* : get off at Silom Station

#### Haroon Mosque (มัสยิดฮารูณ)

The mosque is located on Charoen Krung 36



Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles

Road, was built in 1901 with two storeys stucco. The interior is decorated in Muslim style with wooden craft. They are some religious leader from other country had visited. The mosque warmly welcomes all visitors.

*Open* : Daily 09.00-11.00 a.m., 01.30-03.00 p.m. and 04.00-05.00 p.m., Friday 02.00-05.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2630 9435

#### **Museums / Art Exhibition**

#### **Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles** (พิพิธภัณฑ์ ผ้าในสมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิต์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ)

Located at the Ratsadakorn-bhibhathana Building in the Grand Palace, was established according to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's initiative with the purpose of disseminating and promoting knowledge of the art wisdom, culture, costumes, and textiles to be a sustainable



Tradition Thai Costumes

learning centre of fabric and traditional Thai costumes from the early Rattanakosin period to the present time showcasing in the form





National Museum

of exhibitions and related-documents. In the exhibition part, it includes Artistry in Silk : the Royal Style of H.M. Queen Sirikitî displaying the royal costumes in modern styles tailored from silk, and the national royal Thai costume exhibition showcasing a variety of royal Thai dresses in order to set as a sample of the traditional Thai dress for several occasions. Also, there is a video showing the evolution of Thai dresses from the past to present. In addition, a museum shop is available for selling products under the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques of H.M. Queen Sirikit of Thailand project which includes dresses, woven and silk fabrics, decorative items, and basketry.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-04.30 p.m. (ticket selling closes at 03.30 p.m.)

*Admission*: 150 Baht for adults, 100 Baht for seniors (above 65 years old) 80 Baht, and students (12-18 years old with ID), no admission fee for children aged below 12.

*Tel.* 0 2225 9420, 0 2225 9430 www.qsmt thailand.org.

*Bus* : No. 1, 3, 9, 15, 25, 30, 32, 33, 43, 44, 47, 53, 59, 60, 64, 82, 91, 203, 503, 507, 508

*To get there :* Take a MRT train service to Sanam Chai Station

#### National Museum (พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติ พระนคร)

A former palace of the Wang Na or second king-Kromphraratchawangbowon Mahasura singhanat - built simultaneously with the Grand Palace, the complex comprises several major throne halls such as Phra Thinang Siwamok Phiman, Phra Thinang Phutthaisawan and Phra





National Gallery Museum

Thinang Itsara Winitchai. In the reign of King Rama V, a national museum was first established at the Concordia Hall and known as "Miosiam" before being transferred to where it is now located. Currently, the second king's palace also houses Thammasat University, Bangkok Fine Arts College, Bangkok Dramatic Arts College and National Theatre. The complex also accommodates Wat Bowonsathan Sutthawat otherwise known as Wat Phra Kaeo Wang Na. The National Museum exhibits a large variety of antiquities and objets d'art, which represent the cultural heritage of Thailand and neighbouring countries. The Bangkok National Museum won the Award of Excellence in the category of **Tourism Promotion Organisations and Projects** of the Thailand Tourism Awards 2002 from its

"Museum Education for the Public" project, the main objective of which was to encourage appreciation in the country's cultural heritage in the local community for tourism purposes.

*Open* : Wednesday-Sunday from 09.00 a.m-04.00 p.m.

*Admission*: 200 Baht, Guided tours in English, French, German, and Japanese are provided on Wednesday and Thursday of the week.

*Tel.* 0 2224 1370, 0 2224 1333, 0 2224 1396, 0 2224 1402 www.nationmuseumsfinearts.go.th *To get there*: Take a MRT train service to Sanam Chai Station

#### **National Gallery Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑสถาน แห่งชาติ หอศิลป)

Situated on Chao Fa Road at the foot of Phra Pinklao Bridge, the museum is a former location, of the Royal Thai Mint and now exhibits collections of both traditional Thai and contemporary arts by past as well as present famous artists of Thailand. Oil paintings by His Majesty the King are also exhibited here.

*Open :* Wednesday-Sunday from 09.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Admission :* 200 Baht *Tel*. 0 2282 8525. 0 2281 2224

# Pipit Banglamphu (พิพิธบางลำพู)

The Museum preserves the history of Banglamphu, its communities, craftsmen, places and the way of life in this neighbourhood in old Bangkok. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the concrete has two sections; the first is an area for temporary exhibits for special occasions, the second records the history of the old city, the forts and the city gates.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor had several rooms with exhibits on the Treasury Department, coin minting, asset management, land appraisal at different periods and locations. The museum is extremely well equipped. There are touch screen videos in Thai with English sub-titles. All display boards are in English and Thai. Old scenes have been painstakingly recreated either by models, murals or projected images. There is a conducted tour in Thai of the upper stories in both buildings every half an hour. Register at the reception. Take a tour on your own of the ground floor before joining the conducted tour. Discover life and soul of Banglamphu in Pipit Banglamphu Museum.

*Open :* Tuesday-Sunday (closed Monday, Public Holidays) from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Tel*. 0 2281 9828

*Bus* : 3, 6, 9, 30, 32, 33, 53, 64, 524 or take Chao Phraya Express boat to Phra Athit pier. Then walk through the park past Phra Sumen Fort till reach a white concrete building.

#### **Coin Museum Treasury Department Thailand** (พิพิธภัณฑ์เหรียญ)

The museum is located on Chakkrapongse Road, Banglamphu. In the building is divided into three stories, showing several kinds of coins in the past through the present time, library, history of Thai life by 4D presentation, temporary exhibition.

*Open :* Tuesday-Sunday (closed Monday, Public Holidays) from 10.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

Admission : -

*Tel*.0 2282 0818 www.coinmuseum.treasury. go.th

#### **Bank of Thailand Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑ์ธนาคาร แห่งประเทศไทย)

Located on the Chao Phraya River inside Bang Khun Phrom Palace within the same compound as the Bank of Thailand, Sam Sen Road, Phra Nakhon District. The museum building is one example of the finest architecture of the same art style built by King Rama V to be a royal residence of HRH Prince Boriphat Sukhumphan, his 33rd son born with Oueen Sukhuman Marasi. After 1932, the palace was used as a governmental office for a certain period until 1945 when it became the Bank of Thailand. It was turned into the Bank of Thailand Museum in 1982, accommodating 14 rooms on 2 floors. Floor 1 houses rooms of ancient coins, the Phot Duang or Thai bullet coins, modern Thai coins and banknotes, golds and foreign currency. Floor 2 houses rooms of the 60th anniversary of the Bank of Thailand, banknote printing, and several others.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.30 a.m.-12.30 a.m., 02.30 p.m.-04.00 p.m.





Bank of Thailand Museum

#### Tel. 0 2256 7766, 0 2283 6152 www.bot.or.th

#### Devavesm Palace (วังเทวะเวสม์)

The ancient Palace is situated on the grounds of the Bank of Thailand by the Chao Phraya River. Exhibitions are organised in the main building, which has four floors. The ground floor displays the life story of the royal owner and architectural renovations of mansions inside the Palace. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is used for receiving important guests as in the past, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors function as the museum office.

*Open* : Mondays - Fridays from 9.00 - 12.00 a.m. and 1.30 - 4.00 p.m., closed on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and bank holidays. *Admission* : Free. *Tel.* 0 2283 5286, 0 2283 6723. A tour group is welcome; please make written contact at least a week in advance to the Director of the Bank of Thailand Museum.

## **Museum Siam Discovery Museum** (มิวเซียม สยาม พิพิธภัณฑ์การเรียนรู้)

Located on Sanam Chai Road in Phra Nakhon district, in the former building of the Ministry of Commerce. This building won an outstanding award of art and architecture preservation in 2006 from the committee on art and architecture preservation. The museum serves as a learning centre on ethnology, anthropology, and other fields related to Thai society and Southeast Asia, in order to instil consciousness and understanding of the Thai people in their history, nation, culture, and localities, as well as connect relative ties with neighbouring countries. New methods of a display with modern media have been applied to enable participation of visitors in learning and understanding historical stories of the Thai nation.

*Open :* Tuesday-Sunday from 10.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Admission :* 200 Baht *To get there :* Take a MRT train service to Sanam Chai Station *Tel.* 0 2225 2777 www.museumsiam.org

#### **Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall** (นิทรรศน์ รัตนใกสินทร์)

Located on Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue in the old building next to the Lan Phlapphla

Maha Chetsada Bodin Pavilion. The Crown Property Bureau renovated and decorated the original building to become a learning centre compiling historical knowledge and information, arts, and culture of the Rattanakosin Era, which is the most complete one of its kind in Thailand. The exhibition of the Rattanakosin Era presented with modern technology, display media, models, and virtual four-dimensional mixed-media. Visitors can experience and learn by themselves. There are also animated cartoons. A guide is provided in each of the nine exhibition rooms. A coffee shop with clear glass walls offers a beautiful sight of Loha Prasat (metal castle) of Wat Ratchanatda and the Golden Mount. Furthermore. there is a library and souvenirs shop.



Museum Siam Discovery Museum



Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall

*Open :* Tuesday- Sunday from 09..00 a.m.-07.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 100 Baht, child 100 Baht for children not over 110-cm.

*Tel.* 0 2621 0044, 0 2226 5050 www.nitasrat tanakosin.com

# The Queen's Gallery (หอศิลป์สมเด็จพระนางเจ้า สิริกิติ์ พระบรมราขินีนาถ)

It is situated within the compound of the Bangkok Bank Office, Saphan Phan Fa branch, on Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue.

*Open :* Thursday -Tuesday (closed on Wednesday) from 10.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. *Admission :* 50 Baht *Tel.* 0 2281 5360-1 www.queengallery.org

# King Prajadhipok Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์ พระบาทสมเด็จพระปกเกล้าเจ้าอยู่หัว)

The museum is located at the preserved building of the Public Works Department at the foot of Phan Fa Lilat Bridge at the corner of Lan Luang Road in Phra Nakhon district. The neo-classic architecture building was built in 1906. Then, it was renovated to serve as a museum exhibiting a rare collection of King Prajadhipok's (King Rama VII) personal belongings as well as photographs, documents and biography of Thailand's first constitutional monarch. It has become the first perfect monarchic museum, using modern technology in giving explanations and guidance. The exhibition including the succession to the throne, the king's biography before his accession to the throne, royal activities,



King Prajadhipok Museum

political reform, promulgation of the constitution, royal utensils and memorabilia, as well as his life after abdication and death in the United Kingdom.

*Open :* Tuesday-Sunday from 09.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. closed on Monday

*Tel* : 0 2280 3413-4 www.kingprajadhipok museum.com

**The Press Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑ์หนังสือพิมพ์ไทย) Located in the same building as the Press Association of Thailand on Ratchasima Road, Dusit district (opposite Suan Dusit Rajabhat University), this is the first museum to have been established to enhance press occupation and be a source of study and information as well as valuable historical data about the Thai press from past to present. The exhibition is displayed through modern information technology.

The first portion presents the press in the past by imitating the working atmosphere of reporters represented by wax models. Next are the political, economic as well as social roles of the press and biographies of outstanding personalities such as Dr. Bradley, Prince Narathipphongpraphan, M.R. Kukrit Pramoj, Kularb Saipradit, Malai Choopinij and Isra Amantakul. There are also images of King Rama IV-founder of Thailand's publishing business established to publish declarations and royal gazettes, the first newspaper for Thai peopleand King Rama VI-a press king who granted freedom for newspaper publication. The museum features an exhibition on newspapers and magazines and provides a library service as well.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

Tel. 0 2243 5876, 0 2669 7124-6

# Geological Resource Museum (Minerals and Rocks Museum) (พิพิธภัณฑ์ทรัพยากรธรณี)

Located on the first floor of the Emerald Building next to the Department of Mineral Resources on Rama VI Road, the museum is attached to the Bureau of Geological Survey, Department of Mineral Resources, and was established in 1948. It exhibits minerals, rocks, fossils as well as ancient tools made from minerals and rocks in three sections: Geology featuring the Earth, plate movements, earthquakes, minerals and rocks, geological surveys, ground water and fossils.Mineral Resources displaying specimens of gemstones and precious stones, uses of minerals, mineral fuels, petroleum and minerals from abroad.Special Exhibition currently showcasing dinosaur fossils in Thailand.

*Open :* Tuesday-Sunday (Closed Monday) from 08.30 a.m.-04.30 p.m.

*Tel*. 0 2621 9647, 0 2202 3670 Fax : 0 2621 9642 www.dmr.go.th

#### Suan Pakkad Palace (วังสวนผักกาด)

Located on Si Ayutthaya Road, this complex of five Thai-style houses was once the residence of one of Thailand's leading art collectors, Prince Chumbhot of Nagara Svarga. It houses an extensive collection of Asian art and antiques,



Suan Phakkad Palace

including items from the prehistoric Ban Chiang civilisation, and also an impressive collection of sea-shells.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m. - 04.00 p.m. *Admission* : Adult 100 Baht, 50 Baht for children *BTS Sky Train* : get off at Phaya Thai Station. *Bus* : No. 72, 77 *Tel*. 0 2245 4934, 0 2246 1775-6 ext 229 www. suanpakkad.com

#### Bangkok Dolls & Museum (บ้านบางกอกดอลส์ และตุ๊กตานานาขาติ)

Located at 85 Soi Ratchataphan (Soi Mo Leng) off Ratchaprarop Road. It was established by Khunying Tongkorn Chandavimol in 1956 after having completed a course on doll making from the Osawa Doll School in Tokyo, Japan. Her intention was to make as well as publicise Thai dolls. Bangkok Doll's products are well recognised internationally and renowned among doll collectors. They won the first prize and the Honorary Gold Peacock Feather Award from the 3rd International Folklore Dolls Biennial 1978 in Poland. The place serves as both a museum and workshop where various kinds of dolls are displayed and made totally by hand, using mainly locally available materials. There are several categories of dolls such as Khon dolls, hill tribes, Thai rural lifestyles as well as Khon mask miniatures. There is also a corner in the workshop where a private collection of some 400 dolls from around the world are displayed.

Open : Monday-Saturday from 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.



Jim Thompson Museum



Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

*Tel.* 0 2245 3008, 0 2245 4532 www.bangkok dolls.com

# Jim Thompson Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์ จิม ทอมป์สัน)

This collection of traditional Thai-style houses, fashioned into one dwelling, belongs to the man who helped restore the Thai silk industry after World War II, and today, preserved as a museum, contains a priceless collection of Asian objects d' art. The canalside museum is located in Soi Kasemsan 2 on Rama I Road opposite the National Stadium.

*Open*: Daily from 09.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Admission*: Adult 200 Baht, child 100 Baht *Tel*. 0 2216 7368 www.jimthompsonhouse.com *To get there*: Take a BTS train service to National Stadium Station

#### **Bangkok Art and Culture Centre** (หอศิลป วัฒนธรรมแห่งกรุงเทพมหานคร)

The Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC) is located at the Pathumwan Intersection, facing the MBK and Siam Discovery Centres. It is a new mid-town facility for the contemporary arts. Programmes for art, music, theatre, film, design, and cultural/educational events take place in a friendly and recreational atmosphere - with cafe, restaurants, bookshops, and an art library being part of the facility. The BACC aims to create a meeting place for artists, to provide cultural programmes for the community giving importance to cultural continuity from past to contemporary. It aims to open new grounds for cultural dialogue, networking, and create new cultural resources from both the public and





Madame Tussauds Bangkok

the private sectors. It is intended as a venue for cultural exchange in terms of content, curatorial and cultural management, giving Bangkok an operational base on the international art scene.

*Open*: Daily from 10.00 a.m.-09.00 p.m. (closed on Mondays) *Tel.* 0 2214 6630-8 www.bacc.or.th *To get there*: Take a BTS train service to National Stadium Station

# **Madame Tussauds Bangkok** (พิพิธภัณฑ์หุ่น ขี้ผึ้งมาดามทุสโซ กรุงเทพฯ)

Situated in the Siam Discovery Department Store on the 6th Floor, the world-class wax model museum has its 10th branch operated in Thailand. Figures of world-famous celebrities are categorised as important persons in history, arts and science, football stars, artists, performers, and singers. Open : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-09.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 990 Baht, child (5-12 years) 790 Baht

*Tel*. 0 2658 0060 www.madametussauds.com/ bangkok.

*To get there*: Take a BTS sky train service to Siam Station, or a bus service : bus nos. 15, 25, 40, 54, 48, 73, 79, 204, 508.

#### **Museum of Imaging Technology** (พิพิธภัณฑ์ เทคโนโลยีทางภาพฯ)

This is the first museum of cameras and photographs of Thailand and Asia located at the Department of Photographic Science and Printing Technology Building, Faculty of Science. It collects as well as portrays the history of photograph-taking, evolution of cameras from past to present, electronic imaging, photographic accessories, film manufacturing, 3-dimensional images and photography, principles of light and colour and also contemporary photographs.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.30 a.m.-04.00 p.m.

Admission : 100 Baht Tel. 0 2218 5581-3 www.sc.chula.ac.th

# Gem and Jewellery Institute of Thailand (สถาบันวิจัยและพัฒนาอัญมณีและเครื่องประดับแห่ง ขาติ (องค์การมหาชน)

Located ITF Tower, Silom, the museum was established with the objective to enhance knowledge as well as encourage awareness among the youth and public of the significance of jewellery, in addition, to emphasise the image of Thailand as one of the world's coloured stones and jewellery trading and industrial centres. It is also intended to give inspiration to jewellery designers as well as to preserve fine specimens of jewellery for later generations. Displayed items include gems and jewellery donated by the private sector, precious metals for use in jewellery making, tools and equipment, as well as rotating exhibitions of jewellery borrowed from various jewellery companies. The permanent exhibition features history of gems and jewellery, model of a gemstone mine and production procedures including size selection, sectioning, cutting, polishing, etc.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m.

Admission : 200 Baht Tel. 0 2634 4999 ext. 201 www.git.or.th.

# **Mr. Kukrit's Heritage Home** (บ้าน ม.ร.ว. คึกฤทธิ์)

Located at 19 Soi Phra Phinit, Sathon Tai Road, the traditional Thai style house belonged to the late M.R.Kukrit Pramoj, a former Prime Minister who contributed significantly to the country's politics as well as arts. The residential complex comprises a group of 5 teakwood buildings of different sizes as well as a sittinghall (Ho Nok) and Buddha image hall (Ho Phra), all built on posts with a connected balcony. There is a large traditional Thai stlye pavilion situated separately from the living compound for various activities

*Open* : Daily (except Songkran Day and New Year Day) from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Admission* : Adult 50 Baht, child 20 Baht *Tel.* 0 2286 8185, 0 2287 2937-8

#### Kamthieng House (เรือนคำเที่ยง)

Located at 131 Sukhumvit Soi 21 Road (Asok) inside the compound of the Siam Society under Royal Patronage, Kamthieng House was originally built in Chiang Mai some 150 years ago. The traditional northern-style house was later donated to be under the care of the Siam Society and was demolished to be reconstructed in Bangkok. It serves as a folk, ethnological museum exhibiting the way of life of the Northerners and various household items and equipment used in their daily life.

*Open :* Tuesday-Saturday from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

Admission : 100 Baht Tel. 0 2661 6470-7 www.siam-society.org

# Museum of Thai Pharmacy (พิพิธภัณฑ์ เภสัชกรรมไทย)

The museum is located on the third floor of the Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage Building at 40 Soi Santisuk, Sukhumvit 38 Road (diagonally opposite Soi Thong Lo). It was established to publicize traditional Thai medicine from past to present for later generations to learn and treasure. The exhibition is featured by various topics; namely, the Birth of Pharmacy, the Evolution of Oriental Pharmacy and Basic Wisdom, the Evolution of Western Thai Pharmacy and the Evolution of Herbs and Natural Products. (Advance contact in writing is required for a group visit.)

*Open*: Monday-Friday from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Tel*. 0 2391 6243, 0 2712 1627-8

# Science Centre for Education (ศูนย์ วิทยาศาสตร์เพื่อการศึกษา-ท้องฟ้าจำลอง)

Situated next to the Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekkamai) on Sukhumvit Road, this is an exhibition centre on a variety of scientific knowledge. Among the attractions are a planetarium, an aquarium as well as permanent exhibitions of sports science, communication technology and natural environment.

*Open : Exhibition :* Tuesday-Sunday (except Momday and public holidays) from 09.00

a.m.-04.30 p.m. Planetariam : 1-hour shows at 11.00 a.m. and 02.00 p.m. Additional shows on Tuesday-Friday at 11.00 a.m., 03.00 p.m., Saturday-Sunday at 11.00 a.m. and 01.00 p.m., 02.00 p.m., 03.00 4.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 50 Baht, child 30 Baht *Tel.* 0 2391 0544, 0 2392 0508, 0 2392 1773 www.sciplanet.org

Thai Labour Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์แรงงานไทย) This museum is located at the former office of the State Railway of Thailand Labour Union on Nikhom Rotfai Road, Makkasan, Ratchathewi. It exhibits a historical background of Thai labour. The exhibition in each room is displayed through various media such as television, slides and computer, which make it more interesting and easier to understand. The museum also provides a library service with books and research reports about labourers and computer training for workers.

*Open*: Wednesday-Sunday and Public holidays from 10.00 a.m.-04.30 p.m.

Tel. 0 2251 3173 www.thailabourmuseum.org

#### **Thai Life Permanent Exhibition Hall** (ทอ ไทยนิทัศน์)

Located in the Thailand Cultural Centre on Ratchadaphisek Road, this is a venue for displaying the history of the Thai people and different aspects of Thai culture, as developed from pre-historic times up to the present. The exhibition is presented under five topics : The Evolution of the Thai Nation, Rice and Thai Way of Life, Thai Language and Literature, Thailand and the World, and Important Achievements and Events in Thai Society.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. (except public holidays)





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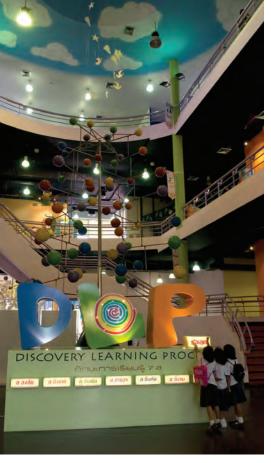
Tel. 0 2247 0028 ext. 4142, 4206, 4207, 4224

Art in Paradise Bangkok (อาร์ท อิน พาราไดซ์) Located on the 4th floor of the Esplanade Plaza, Ratchadaphisek Road, is a 3 dimensional art museum where visitors can be involved and enjoy taking pictures.

Open : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. Admission : 400 Baht for adults, 200 Baht for children (not more than 120 cm. height) Tel. 0 2660 9130 www.facebook.com/artin paradisebangkok MRT Subway : get off at the Thailand Cultural Centre Station, Exit 3 To get there : Take a MRT train service to Thailand Cultural Centre Station, Exit 3

# **Philatelic Museum Sam Sen Nai** (พิพิธภัณฑ์ ดราไปรษณียากรสามเสนใน)

Located on the 2nd floor of the Metropolitan Postal Bureau (North) (behind Sam Sen Nai Post Office), Phahonyothin Road. It displays the history of the Thai postal service and development of Thai stamps from the past until present time. Moreover, "Solot", the first Thai stamps used in the reign of King Rama V and the foreign ones of the member countries of the Universal Postal Union are on display. Also, there is a library collecting books and knowledge on post both in Thai and foreign languages. In the same area, stamps and accessories for stamp collection are on sale at the ground floor of the building. Next to the museum, there is also a room imitating the



Children's Discovery Museum

operational site and equipment of the post office in the past, providing services of postal money orders, selling stamps, etc. In front of the building, Thai postal boxes in various periods, as well as, those from foreign countries are exhibited.

*Open :* Wednesday-Sunday from 08.30 a.m.-04.30 p.m. (except Monday Tuesday and public holidays)

Tel. 0 2271 2439, 0 2831 3722

#### Children's Discovery Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์เด็ก)

The museum is located inside Queen Sirikit Park and was established under the royal initiative

of Her Majesty the Queen, in her realizing the significance of creating a pleasurable learning process for Thai children. The museum offers exhibitions as well as funny activities for children to enjoy and learn about human life, sciences, culture and society, nature and the environment, including an exhibition in honour of Her Majesty the Queen.

*Open*:Tuesday-Friday from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m., Saturday-Sunday from 10.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. *Admission*: -*Tel*, 0 2272 4500

# Bangkok Butterfly Garden and Insectarium (อุทยานผีเสื้อและแมลงกรุงเทพฯ)

Situated in the southeastern area of Vachira benjatas Park (Railway Park), Kamphaeng Phet 3 Road. It displays 20 kinds of more than 500 butterflies. The garden, which connects to the Chatuchak and Queen Sirikit Parks, is an appropriate natural classroom for learning, conducting research, as well as, collecting and exchanging the knowledge on butterfly species and insects, their life cycles and their ways of living.

*Open :* Tuesday - Sunday and public holidays from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Tel*. 0 2272 4359-60

#### Royal Barge National Museum (พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติเรือพระราชพิธี)

Thailand's ornately carved and decorated Royal Barges are displayed in boatsheds on Bangkok Noi canal, just off the Chao Phraya River near Phra Pin Klao Bridge on the Thon Buri side. The barges are used on royal occasions and formerly served as war vessels.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. *Admission* : 100 Baht *Tel*.0 2424 0004



Royal Barge National Museum

## Siriraj Bimuksthan Museum (พิพิภัณฑ์ศิริราช พิมุขสถาน)

It is situated on the bank of Khlong Bangkok Noi, Chao Phraya River. At the front of the museum is located a building in a traditional Thai style pavilion, housing the statues of King Rama V the Great and HRH. Prince Sirirai Kakuttaphan. The Museum comprises the vintage railway station building, clock tower, and warehouse which have been renovated to be a location for displaying the 200-yearold history of the early Rattanakosin period, multimedia exhibition with light and sound about the kings and royal family members' story related to medicine and the founding of Siriraj Hospital for the public's benefits, the evolution of traditional Thai medicine from the past to present, the surgical simulation in which visitors can experience the roles of physicians

and nurses like being in the surgical room. The warehouse section showcases a theatre, poetry, shops, and Dhamma hall that depicts the art, culture, traditions, and local wisdom of the Bangkok Noi community's way of life. A 24-metre antique wooden ship, which was buried for more than 100 years, is also on display.

Open : Monday, and Wednesday-Sunday (closed on Tuesday and public holidays) from 10.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. Ticket sold till 04.00 p.m.

Admission : visit one museum 200 Baht, visit Siriraj Bimuksthan Museum and Siriraj Medical Museum (located in the Siriraj Hospital area) 300 Baht with audio.

*Bus* : No. 57, 81, 91, 146, 149, 157, 177 *Tel.* 0 2419 2601, 0 2419 2618-9 www.siriraj museum.com



## Siriraj Medical Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์การแพทย์ ศิริราข)

Located on the 2nd floor of the Adulayadej vikrom Building, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital on Wanglang Road, which is Thailand's first medical institute. The museum comprises the Congdon Anatomical Museum, Songkran Niyomsane Forensic Medicine Museum, Prehistoric Museum and laboratory, Pathology Museum and Touch Exhibits Museum in honor of Her Majesty the Queen.

*Open*: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday from 10.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. (closed on official holidays) *Admission*: 200 Baht, visit Siriraj Bimuksthan Museum and Siriraj Medical Museum 300 Baht *Tel*: 0 2419 2618-9, 0 2419 2601 www.siriraj museum.com

## Touch Exhibits Museum in Honour of Her Majesty the Queen (พิพิธภัณฑ์สัมผัส เฉลิม พระเกียรติสมเด็จพระบรมราชินีนาถ)

is locted in the Songkran Niyomsane Forensic Medicine Museum, Adulyadej Vikrom Building, 2nd Floor, Siriraj Hospital. The Museum allows the blind to learn stories through touching and hearing. People with normal sight can also visit the Museum. It is a way of extending an opportunity to access knowledge on medicine and care. The displays include the imitated Ceres coin, which was bestowed to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit by the Food and Agriculture Oganization (FAO) of the United Nations, and are divided into eight learning bases on medicine and healthcare. It is open on Wednesdays to Mondays from 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., and closed on Tuesdays and public holidays. The ticket office closes at 4.00 p.m. Admission fee is 300 Baht. For more information, contact Tel. 0 2419 2601, 0 2419 2618-9, Fax: 0 2411 0166, www. sirirajmuseum.com.

*To get there*: From Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue, cross the Somdet Phra Pinklao Bridge, turn left at the Somdet Phra Pinklao Junction and drive on to cross the Arun Amarin Bridge, and turn left at the traffic lights junction.

From the Rama VIII Bridge, drive through the Somdet Phra Pinklao Junction, go on to cross the Arun Amarin Bridge, and turn left at the traffic lights junction.

*By bus*: Bus nos. 57, 81, 146, 149, air-conditioned bus nos. 91, 157, and 177, or a 'Song Thaeo' mini-car service, which operates from Khlong San to Siriraj, or from Bang Khun Non via Charan Sanit Wong Road.

## Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (ศูนย์มานุษยวิทยาสิรินธร)

Located on Borom Ratchonnani Road beyond the Southern Bus Terminal, this centre is a national institution responsible for systematic gathering processing and servicing of anthropological data scattered throughout the country. A variety of exhibitions on Social and Cultural Development in Thailand, Ethno-Archaeology, Thai Ceramic Collections, as well as the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's Biography can be viewed.

*Open :* Monday-Saturday from 09.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m.

Tel. 0 2880 9429 www.sac.or.th

#### Buddha Art Gallery (หอศิลป์พุทธะ)

Located at 1 Borommaratchachonnani Road, Sala Thammasop, displays Buddhism-related artworks, which is offered in rotation and permanent exhibitions in digital, art printing, exquisite printed Buddhist-related pictures on a canvas, and the life of the Buddha. The gallery is also a place for studying the Tripitaka, Dhamma preaching, and Dhamma practice for interested persons.



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*Open :* Daily from 10.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2441 1980, 08 8277 1099 www.thebuddha artgallery.com

#### To get there :

*Bus* : from the Victory Monument, take No. 515, 539 or from Sanam Luang, take No. 124

## House of Museums (บ้านพิพิธภัณฑ์)

The House of Museums is located at Soi Khlong Pho 2, Sala Thammasop Road, Thawi Watthana. The exhibition features a collection of old as well as modern items of various uses of both townspeople and villagers such as toys, books, stationery and kitchen and household utensils, forming a legacy of the past to be inherited by the present. The modern  $3\Omega$ -storey building of 3 chambers. The first floor lends an old atmosphere of shop houses before 1957 including a cafÈ, drugstore, barber's, etc.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday from 10.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 40 Baht, child 10 Baht *Tel.* 08 9666 2008, 08 9200 2803

## Sunthorn Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์สุนทร)

Situated on Sukhaphiban 1 (off Phetkasem Road near Lotus Supermarket), this is a private museum operated by Mr. Sunthorn Chuno thaisawat. It houses invaluable antiques from different periods such as BMW Motorcycles in the World War Periods, various kinds and types of old clock, lamps, children toys made out of zinc, irons, type writers, fans and sewing machines which are in good condition.

*Open* : Saturday from 10.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m. *Admission* : Adult 100 Baht, child 50 Baht *Tel.* 0 2802 0863-4

# Library

## **Bangkok City Library** (หอสมุดเมืองกรุงเทพฯ) Located at No. 39 Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue, Khwaeng Bowon Niwet, on a corner

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Santa Cruz Church



Ban Kudi Chin Museum

of the Khok Wua Intersection, nearby Bang Lamphu district, the Library is in an old threestorey building by the roadside of Ratcha damnoen Klang Avenue. It serves as a public library, which consists of spaces for rotating exhibitions, a magazine and newspaper room, a video room for screening features, a library for people with disabilities, especially those with visual impairment, space for youth, section of Thai and international literature, exhibits and books on King Rama IX, including books on the city of Bangkok in many aspects as well as about capitals around the world.

*Open*: on Tuesdays to Saturdays from 8.00 a.m. -9.00 p.m., on Sundays from 9.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. (Closed on Monday) Foreigners can show their passports to enter the Library.

## Community (ชุมชน)

## Kudi Chin Community (ชุมชนกุฏีจีน)

Located by the Chao Phraya River on Thetsaban Sai 1 Road, Khwaeng Wat Kanlaya, Thon Buri, the Community is a historical place of the Thon Buri Period. At present, important places in the Community include:



Wat Kanlayanamit Woramahawihan

*Santa Cruz Church,* which is a Roman Catholic church of neoclassical architecture of the Renaissance.

Kian An Kong Chinese Shrine, which has beautiful wooden carvings and mural paintings. Importantly, here is housed the over-onehundred-year-old goddess statue of Kuan Yin. The Shrine also won the Architectural Conservation Award.

Ban Kudi Chin Museum, which gathers information on the history of the Kudi Chin Community. Ancient objects are on display, and the top floor of the Museum has a viewpoint for a panoramic view of the Community. Furthermore, the famous sweet of the Community, 'Khanom Farang Kudi Chin', has been made since the late Ayutthaya Period and passed down to the Rattanakosin Period at present.

*Ban Sakun Thong,* which offers traditional Thai food in the recipe of the royal kitchen in the reign of King Rama V the Great.

Wat Kanlayanamit Woramahawihan, which is an important temple in Buddhism, and houses Phra Phuttha Trai Rattana Nayok or 'Luangpho To', called by the Chinese 'Sam Po Hut Kong' or 'Sam Po Kong'. In the temple's ordination hall or Phra Ubosot, there is the principal Buddha image in the posture of receiving offerings from an elephant and a monkey.





Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute (Snake Farm)

*To get there:* Take a boat from Atsadang Pier at Pak Khlong Talat to the Wat Kanlayanamit Pier or the Kudi Chin Community.

## Zoos / Aquarium

## Sea life Bankok Ocean World (ซีไลฟ์ บางกอก โอเขี่ยน เวิลด์)

It is situated on B1-B2 floors of Siam Paragon, an extravagant department store located in the heart of the metropolis.

The largest aquarium in Southeast Asia, exhibiting over 30,000 marine animals from all over the world and featuring a wide range of rare and exotic species. The area of the aquarium spans as wide as two football fields, and uses worldclass advanced technology to provide a rewarding underwater experience to visitors. Feel like walking under the ocean and be amazed with the fascinating underwater world. *Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m. *Admission* : Adult 490 Baht, child 350 Baht *Tel.* 0 2687 2000

## Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute (Snake Farm) (สถานเสาวภาสภากาชาดไทย-สวนงู) Located near Chulalongkorn Hospital on the corner of Henri Dunant Road and Rama IV Road,

this institute contains a collection of poisonous snakes which are "milked" daily for their venom in order to produce invaluable anti-snakebite serum.

*Open* : Monday-Friday from 08.30 a.m.-04.30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 09.30 a.m.-01.00 p.m.Venom extraction : Monday-Friday at 11.00 a.m. and 02.30 p.m., holidays at 11.00 a.m.

*Admission* : Adult 200 Baht, child 50 Baht *Tel.* 0 2252 0161-4 *To get there* : Take a MRT train service to Sam Yan Station

## Safari World (ซาฟารีเวิลด์)

Bangkok's greatest open zoo and leisure park is located in Min Buri, via Km. 9 on Raminthra Road. The 300-acre complex comprises a Safari Park populated by African and Asian mammals, a Marine Park with amusing performances of well-trained dolphins and seals, a Bird Park and a Games Corner.

*Open :* Monday-Friday from 09.00 a.m.-04.30 p.m; Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 09.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 800 Baht, child 500 Baht *Tel.* 0 2518 1000-19, 0 2914 4100-19 www. safariworld.com

## **Amusement Parks**

## Kids Zania Bangkok (คิดส์ ซาเนีย)

Located on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of Siam Paragon Centre, Rama I Road, is a learning and entertainment centre for children in the form of a model city that displays the roles of various occupations through virtual activities consisting of the Airport Zone to get into the city, City Square Zone with a mock up of a governmental office centre, universities, hospitals, banks, etc., and performance activities, and Suburb Zone featuring different kinds of factories. The place is well equipped with facilities for the disabled; such as, elevators for wheelchair users and kidZos cash for the eyesight impaired.

*Open*: Daily on Monday-Friday from 11.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. and on Satureday, Sunday and public holidays 10.00 a.m-08.30 p.m.



Safari World



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Flow House Bangkok

*Admission*: For children aged 2-14 years old on Monday-Friday 1,100 Baht, on Saturday-Sunday and Public Holidays 1,350 Baht, for adults on Monday-Friday 640 Baht, Saturday-Sunday and Public Holidays 800 Baht

#### Tel. 0 2683 1888 www.kidzania.com

Flow House Bangkok (โฟลว์ เฮาส์ แบงค์คือก) Located in the A Square Community Mall Project, Sukhumvit 26, Khlong Toei, is a location of the biggest surfing sport simulation in the South East Asia region, with a water flowing speed at 20 miles per hour (32 kilometres per hour). Adults or children are welcome to play. *Open*: Monday-Friday from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. and on Saturday-Sunday from 08.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Admission*: 750 Baht per hour *To get there*:

*BTS Skytrain*: get off at the Phrom Phong Station then go to Soi Sukhumvit 24 or Sukhumvit 26 to the end of the road.

*Bus* : No. 2, 25, 38, 46, 48, 116 *Tel.* 0 2108 5210, 0 2108 5211-16 www.flow housebangkok.com.

## Funarium (ฟันเนเรี่ยม)

Located on Sukhumvit 26. It is a playground theme park that small children to adults can participate. The space is divided into 4 zones: theToddlerZoneisaplayzoneforthe development of small children aged 1-4 where they can play in a soft playground, slider, and a small ball pool, the Junior Zone for children between 4-13 years old features a two-storey-tall play structure ideal for climbing, jumping, crawling and balancing, a ball-blower machine, and a large 4-lane slider that can accommodate adults and children at the same time, the Sport Zone offers a bike rink, a basketball, or football court, and the Sand and Water Zone includes a puddle and a large sand pit for building sand castles.

*Open*: Monday-Thursday from 09.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m., Friday-Sunday and public holiday from 09.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m.

*Admission*: 300 Baht/3 hours for children (up to 105 centimetres high), 320 Baht/3 hours for children above 105 cm. high and aged not more than 13, and 110 Baht for adults. *Tel.* 0 2665 6555 Fax: 0 2661 5056

#### To get there :

*By BTS*: At Phrom Phong Station, then take a cab to get into Soi Sukhumvit 26 about 250 metres. *By MRT*: At Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre Station, and walk toward the Big C Superstore direction on Rama IV Road.



Siam Park City

#### Play Time (เพลย์ ไทม์)

Situated in the Park Lane Shopping Centre, Sukhumvit Soi 63, Ekkamai, is an edutainment park that promotes learning development skills for children. The area is divided for each activity; for example, the Spaceship Adventure Zone features space playing machines, the Electric Mini Car in the Street Zone provides mock up traffic in which kids can learn the traffic rules, the Dino Rock and Cliff Zone takes kids from the virtual space time in transition to the Dinosaur era via a time machine, the Toddler Zone is for small children to climb. Arts and Craft Room is an art workshop in various forms, Kids Career Courses are a role play activity in different careers, and Kids Sports offers sport activities for children to learn about playing with spirit.

*Open*: Monday-Thursday from 09.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m., Friday-Sunday and public holidays from 09.00 a.m.-07.30 p.m.

Admission : 130 Baht for children not taller than 105 cm., 250 Baht for children taller than 105 cm., and 390 Baht for adults. Tel. 0 2382 0077 Fax : 0 2382 0083

#### Siam Park City (สวนสยาม)

Located in suburban Min Buri on Sukhaphiban 2 Road, this water amusement park contains a man-made sea with towering slides. Satellite attractions include children's playgrounds, aviaries, an open zoo and a botanical garden.

*Open :* Daily from 10.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Admission :* Siam Day Pass 900 Baht, Siam Fantasy Pass (Water Park) 750 Baht *To get there : Bus :* No. 26, 60, 512 *Tel.* 0 2919 7200-19 www.siamparkcity.com

In addition to the amusement parks as mentioned above, many leading department

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Lumphini Park

stores in Bangkok also provide an indoor amusement area such as : Fantasia Lagoon 4<sup>th</sup> floor, The Mall (Bang Khae) Tel. 0 2487 1000 **Fantasia Lagoon** 4<sup>th</sup> floor, The Mall (Bang Kapi) Tel. 0 2173 1000

**Funplanet, Leo Land Water Park** 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> floor, Central City (Bangna) Tel. 0 2725 5000 **Yo Yo Land** 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Seacon Square (Si Nakharin) Tel. 0 2721 8888

#### **Public Parks**

#### Sanam Luang (สนามหลวง)

A vast open ground situated near the northern wall of the Grand Palace and the eastern wall of the former Viceroy Palace or Wang Na. At the time when Bangkok was first established, the ground was a rice field and was sometimes used as a location for a royal crematorium, Phra Men in Thai. The ground was, thus, otherwise called as "Thung Phra Men" which means the crematorium ground. In considering that the name was inauspicious, King Rama IV had the ground renamed as "Thong Sanam Luang", or the Royal Ground, and the rice farming there cancelled. Later, King Rama V had the Wang Na's eastern wall demolished. The place has been used as the crematorium ground for kings, members of the royal family and nobility, in addition, to being a royal sporting ground. The king also had 365 tamarind trees planted around it.

## Santi Chai Prakan Pavilion and Public Park (พระที่นั่งและสวนสาธารณะสันติขัยปราการ)

The park is on Phra Athit Road on the bank of the Chao Phraya River. It was constructed near Phra Sumen Fort under the cooperation between



Suan Luang Rama IX

the Royal Thai Government and the general public to mark the auspicious occasion of the sixth cycle birthday anniversary of His Majesty the King on 5 December, 1999. The spacious area provides a pleasant atmosphere as well as a scenic view of the Chao Phraya River and the Rama VIII Bridge. It is popular among both Thais and foreigners, especially from the nearby Bang Lamphu community.

Open : Daily from 05.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m.

#### Lumphini Park (สวนลุมพินี)

This was a huge open space once belonging to King Rama VI, who issued a royal command to turn the area into a public park as a gift to Bangkok residents. It is located on Rama IV Road, between Ratchadamri and Witthayu (Wireless) roads, with entrance gates on all sides. Open : Daily from 05.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m.

#### Suan Luang Rama IX (สวนหลวง ร. 9)

The 200-acre botanical garden-cum-public park is located deep inside Sukhumvit Soi 103 (Udomsuk) and was opened in 1987 to commemorate the 60th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

*Open* : Daily from 05.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. *Admission* : 10 Baht *Tel*. 0 2106 2674 www.suanluangrama9.or.th

#### Chatuchak Park (สวนจตุจักร)

This is located at the junction of Phahonyothin and Vibhavadi Rangsit roads. There are nine pieces of ASEAN sculptures that enhance the character of the park.

Open : Daily from 05.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m.





Chatuchak Park



Queen Sirikit Park

## Queen Sirikit Park (สวนสมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์)

This is situated east of Chatuchak Park on Phahon yothin Road. It was built to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of HM Queen Sirikit. A big pool in the park contains three fountains and a fine collection of both Thai and foreign lotuses.

Open : Daily from 05.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m.

## Shopping

Shopping in Bangkok is not limited there are many areas throughout Bangkok affording ample choices and easy access. The following is just a selection of some of the principal shopping areas.

## Siam Square-Ploenchit-Ratchaprasong-Ratchaprarop (สยาม-เพลินจิต-ราชประสงค์-ราชปรารภ)

Top department stores and luxury shopping malls are concentrated in the area, namely Siam Discovery, Siam Paragon, MBK, Tokyu, Central World, Gaysorn Plaza, Isetan, Zen, Amarin Plaza, Central Ambassy all of which together make the largest shopping promenade in Ratchaprasong area. Furthermore. Ratchaprasong intersection is the gateway to several shopping areas.

#### Ratchadaphisek Road (ถนนรัชดาภิเษก)

There are department stores and shopping complex, such as Central Grand Rama 9, Esplanade (Ratchadaphisek), The Street Ratchada, Fortune Town (IT Center)

#### Sukhumvit (สุขุมวิท)

Sukhumvit is one of Bangkok's main thoroughfares, and the long road is lined with shops, boutiques and modern shopping plazas ranging from Soi 3 (Nana Nua) up to Soi 63 (Ekkamai), such as Robinson and The Emporium (luxuary department store). Most shops and restaurants are concentrated between Soi 3 and Soi 21 (Asok) and along shortcuts between Asok and Ekkamai.

## Emquartier (เอ็ม ควอเทียร์)

located on the opposite of the Emporium, Sukhumvit Road. It's the Luxury Mall, filled with shops selling high end local and international brands, international food court, beauty institute, fitness center, IT shops, Quartier Cineart Theater, Sky outdoor garden and a highest manmade waterfall in Asia.

*Open :* Daily from 10.00 am.-10.00 pm. *Tel.* 0 2269 1000

## Terminal 21 (เทอร์มินัล 21)

Is situated at Soi Sukhumvit 19, Sukhumvit Road. The highlight of this place is that it was built as a market street simulating international airports from around the world in order to bring visitors to the cities; such as, Caribbean, Rome, Paris, Tokyo, London, etc. Each floor has been decorated harmoniously with every city zone.



Siam Paragon



Emquartier



Terminal 21

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2108 0800 www.terminal21.co.th

## K Village (เค วิลเลจ)

Located at the end of Soi Sukhumvit 26, is a community mall in which its space is mostly allocated for restaurants and shopping stores for the rest.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2258 9919-21 www.kvillagebkk.com

#### Rain Hill (เรนฮิลล์)

Situated at Soi Sukhumvit 47 Sukhumvit Road. It is a community complex combining restaurants, coffee and bakery shops, clothing, fashion, jewellery stores, health and beauty parlours, and academies. *Open :* Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *BTS Skytrain :*between Phrom Phong and Thong Lo Stations.

Tel. 0 2260 7447 www.rainhill47.com

## J Avenue Thonglor (เจ อเวนิว ทองหล่อ)

Located at SoiThong Lo 15, Sukhumvit 55 Road. It is a shopping arcade combining Japanese fusion restaurants.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2660 9000 www.facebook.com/Javenue. Thonglor

### Pratunam-Phetchaburi (ประตูน้ำ-เพชรบุรี)

A highlight in the district is Pratunam market, one of Bangkok's biggest centres for readyto-wear.





Pratunam-Phetchaburi



Silom

#### Baiyoke Tower (ตึกใบหยก)

Located next to Bangkok's tallest hotel building, Baiyoke tower is one of the city's renowned garment centres.

## Silom-Surawong-Patpong (สีลม-สุรวงศ์-พัฒ พงษ์)

Silom Road is the main artery of Bangkok's commercial heart and is paralleled by Surawong Road, while Patpong runs crosswise between the two. In addition to housing dozens of specialist shops and boutiques, this area also boasts many branches of well-known retailers and several shopping plazas. Street stalls also abound, most notably at Patpong's famous night market.

## Silom-Mahesak-Charoenkrung Road (สีลม-มเทศักดิ์-เจริญกรุง)

Silom leads into Charoen Krung Road which parallels the Chao Phraya River, and notable shopping opportunities include gems and jewellery stores (Mahesak Road is a gem trading centre), Oriental Plaza and River City shopping complex. Narai Phand Pavilion, host the official handicraft centre selling items from all parts of the country (www.naraiphand.com).

## Ratchadaphisek Road (ถนนรัชดาภิเษก)

There are department stores and shopping complex, such as Central Grand Rama 9, Esplanade (Ratchadaphisek), The Street Ratchada, Fortune Town (IT Center)

## **Chatuchak Weekend Market** (ตลาดนัด จตุจักร)

Located adjacent to Chatuchak Park, the weekend market, open on Saturday and Sunday, is a Bangkok landmark where the tourists can buy everything from clothing to potted plants, a paradise for browsers and bargain-hunters alike. The market also offers items of furniture and home decor. It is also where professional and amateur art-lovers and artists meet.

#### Chinatown Yaowarat (ย่านเยาวราช)

Centre on Yaowarat Road and Sampheng Lane, Bangkok's Chinatown offers a profusion of gold shops as well as several nearby traditional



Chatuchak Weekend Market

shopping places such as Ban Mo Jewellery Street, Yaowarat Road The 1.5-km-long road offers a variety of food, sweets, fresh fruits, and fruit juice. Also, there are markets selling fresh food and ingredients, and sales of Chinese costumes in different colours.

Furthermore, Yaowarat Road is a venue for organising major events of the Chinese; for instance, Chinese New Year Festival in January/ February and Vegetarian Festival in October. It is also a road of places of worship of many religions; Buddhism : Hinayana and Mahayana sects, Christianity, and Islam, as well as many Chinese shrines with Chinese deities and old buildings with beautiful architecture.

Phahurat and Saphanhan Cloth Market and the Old Siam Plaza.

#### Bo-be Market (ตลาดโบ๊เบ๊)

Situated close to Bangkok Railway Station, It is one of the city's renowned ready-to-wear clothing centres, both wholesale and retail.

#### Lang Krasuang (หลังกระทรวงกลาโหม)

The name literally means "behind the Ministry" and refers to an area behind the Ministry of Defence on Atsadang Road, which runs along Khlong Lot. On sale are military items such as uniforms, territorial defence student uniforms, shoes as well as travelling accessories like tents, sleeping bags and camping pots. There are shops selling musical instruments nearby.

#### Woeng Nakhon Kasem (เวิ่งนาครเกษม)

A quarter of Thai and Chinese antiquities and art objects such as blue-and-white porcelain, brass ware and furniture decorated with mother-of-





Chinatown Yaowarat



Pak Khlong Talat

pearl inlay. It is located near Charoen Krung and Yaowarat Roads.Handicrafted products are available :

Chitralada Shop www.chitraladashop.com Doi Kham Shop www.doikham.co.th Phufa Shop www.phufa.org

Patpat Shop www.patpat9.com, which offers items from the Royal Project SUPPORT Foundation

#### Pak Khlong Talat (ปากคลองตลาด)

This is a wholesale market for all kinds of cut flowers and vegetables. It is located on Maharat Road near the Memorial Bridge. The market is crowded in the early morning and in the evening.

#### Yodpiman River Walk (ยอดพิมาน ริเวอร์วอล์ค)

Situated near Pak Khlong Talat, Khwaeng Buraphaphirom, it is under the project which has an aim to renovate six neoclassic colonial architectural buildings. In each building, there are restaurants, and shops selling various items as well as spa and OTOP products. Remarkably, the riverside location makes visitors enjoy the vistas of the Chao Phraya River and interesting places; for instance, Phra Phuttha Yodfa Bridge or Memorial Bridge, Santa Cruz Church, Wat



Yodpiman River Walk

Kanlayanamit, and Wat Arun Ratchawararam or Temple of Dawn, the 300-metre-long walking corridor along the Chao Phraya River, and the jetty.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

For more information, contact Tel. 0 2623 6851-55, www.yodpimanriverwalk.com.

*To get there : By car* : It can be accessed from Chak Phet, Atsadang, and Maharat Roads.

*By bus:* Bus nos. 6, 8, 9, 37, 53, 73.

By MRT: Take a MRT train to Sanam Chai Station.

*By boat* : Take a Chao Phraya Express boat with blue or orange flag

## Yan Sam Phraeng (ย่านสามแพร่ง)

The three areas, Phraeng Phuthon, Phraeng

Nara, and Phraeng Sapphasat, are located on the linking Atsadang and Tanao Roads. The three areas are symbolic with old-time delicious food. There are various dishes and worldrenowned restaurants of good taste Thai food.

#### Bang Lamphu (บางลำพู)

The shopping area is connected to many streets including Chakkraphong, Sam Sen, Khao San, Ram Buttri, Phra Sumen, and Sip Sam Hang. It is located on Rattanakosin Island nearby Khao San and Phra Athit Roads. Various items are sold, from fashioned clothes, Thai costumes and Thai fabric dresses, shoes, to bags. Street-side stalls are open on Tuesdays to Sundays from around 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. (closed on Mondays). Shops inside the buildings open every day. In addition, from the evening to late night, there are shops selling boiled rice and food stalls to



Tha Maharaj

service tourists. Two small department stores are available in this area.

#### Tha Maharaj (ท่ามหาราช)

The Maharaj Pier is situated nearby the Grand Palace on Maharat Road. It features a community mall by the Chao Phraya River, having shops selling food and beverage, and stalls of various items. The place is beautifully decorated. Tourists can enjoy food and scenic views of the river in the daytime, or the illuminated Temple of Dawn at night. Additionally, the Pier offers a service "Tha Maharaj Walking Tour" on a 5-km-long route to see the historic city, communities and lifestyles from the Pier to the Maha Kan Fort. The trip takes around two hours, starting at 10.00 a.m., and costs 500 Baht (lunch not included). It is available on Saturdays and Sundays. Booking for the trip can be made to E-mail: info@ thamaharaj.com, Line ID: @thamaharaj, at least two days in advance. For more information, contact Tel. 0 2866 3163-4, 09 0926 5265, www. thamaharaj.com.

*To get there:* From Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue, turn left past the Mother Earth Goddess statue to turn right at the City Pillar Shrine past the Grand Palace, and turn right at Tha Chang just to see Tha Maharaj on the left-hand side.

#### *By bus:* Bus nos. 32, 53, 203, 524.

*By boat:* Take the Chao Phraya Express boat with green, orange, red, or yellow flag, to get off at Tha Phran Nok/ Wang Lang, and a ferry boat to Tha Wat Mahathat, or Tha Chang and walk on to Tha Maharaj.

#### Wang Lang (วังหลัง)

Situated near Siriraj Hospital on Wang Lang



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Road, Khwaeng Siriraj, the site sells fashion items, shoes, bags, Thai fabric dresses, food, sweets, fruits, miscellaneous items, as well as second-hand goods. It operates daily from 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Besides, riverside buildings have restaurants where visitors can enjoy food and views of the Chao Phraya River. On the street side opposite Siriraj Hospital, there are many pharmacies with medical devices and cosmetics for skin nourishment.

*To get there*: It is recommended to take a public bus service: bus nos. 57, 81, 91, 146, 149, 157, 177, or a Song Thaeo mini-car service from Khlong San Pier, to get off at the bus stop at the foot of Arun Amarin Bridge near Siriraj Hospital, and walk on to turn left at the traffic lights.

*By boat :* Take the Chao Phraya Express Boat service, or a ferry from Phra Chan Pier or Chang Pier to Wang Lang Pier (Siriraj).

## ASIATIQUE The Riverfront (เอเชียทีค เดอะ ริเวอร์ฟร้อนท์)

Located on Charoen Krung Road, Soi 72-76, the complex has been constructed into a colonial style. It is divided into 4 sections: the Charoenkrung section consisting of more than 1,000 shops selling souvenirs and decorative items. the Town Square section staging shows like Jo Louis Puppet Theatre, Calypso Cabaret and Muay Thai Lives including international restaurants. the Factory section is a more than 100-year-old sawmill refurbished into a modern look to be shopping stores of apparel and accessories, the Waterfront section comprising restaurants on the Chao Phraya Riverside and the longest boardwalk along the Chao Phraya River. Visitors can see a panoramic view and take Asiatique Sky, a 60-metre high ferris wheel, to see a panoramic view.

*Open* : Daily from 04.00-12.00 p.m. *To get there* : *By BTS Sky Train* : At Saphan Taksin Station, take the free Asiatique's shuttle boat service

between 05.00-10.00 p.m.

*Tel.* 0 2108 4488

## ICON SIAM (ไอคอนสยาม)

located on 299 Charoen Nakhon 5 Charoen Nakhon Road, Khlong Ton Sai, Khlong San. It is a complex of department and luxury shopping malls. Visitor can enjoy various experience such as River Park is a riverside community space covering a 10,000-sq.m. an enchanting view of the Chao Phraya River amid lush. Sook Siam the latest city of wonder brings together all aspects of unrivalled Thai wisdoms, including arts, culture, tradition, food and way of life from 77 provinces across the country, ICONIC Multimedia Water Feature, light and sound dancing fountain, presents a great spectacle along a 400-metre stretch of the Chao Phraya River, the longest in Southeast Asia. Global Diversity Incorporated into Thainess the venue proudly elevates the success of Thai arts to the international level. It presents Thainess through various forms of art such as sculptures, paintings, engravings and chandeliers created by over 100 national and global artists. Alangkarn the paradise of eatery, it is showcase the atmosphere of a Thai farm, which is considered the heart and culture behind Thai food. The Dining Pavilion follows interiors that are semi-hand-crafted.



ICON SIAM

with 10 pavilions. ICONSIAM is not only home to over 7,000 brands from around the world, as it is also a new and leading food destination with over hundreds of eateries all across every floor in The 7 dining zones each have their own characteristic is street food.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2495 7000 www.iconsiam.com

Crystal Design Centre (คริสตัลดีไซน์ เซ็นเตอร์)

Situated on Pradit Manutham Road (alongside the Ekkamai-Ram Inthra Expressway). It is the first and only design centre in Thailand that provides the biggest and most complete package of design products and services in Asia combining furniture in various styles, art gallery, modern architectural decoration, etc., as well as offering a library that contains more than 4,000 wellselected design books from all around the world, plus restaurants, and supermarkets. In addition, there is a night market on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5.-9 p.m.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2515 0922 www.sbdesignsquare.com

The Portico Langsuan (เดอะปอร์ติโก้หลังสวน)

Located at 31, Lang Suan Road, Lumphini, Pathumwan, is a building complex combining various kinds of stores; such as, international stylish restaurants, fashion stores, Japanese style gift shops, dancing school, yoga studio, etc.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. *To get there* :

BTS Sky Train : about 100 metres from Chit Lom Station

## The Nine Neighbourhood Centre (เดอะไนน์)

Located on Rama IX Road, Suan Luang, is a community mall with the design that combines

nature and architecture in the concept of a tropical village style, enchanting the mall to look modern and pleasant under the shade of trees.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. www.thenine.co.th

## Festival Walk Nawamin Art Village (นวมินทร์ เฟสติวัล วอล์ค)

Situated at 200 Soi Senanikhom Niwet, Prasoet Manunkit Road, Lat Phrao. It is an open-air shopping mall built in semi-ancient European and modern architecture consisting of restaurants and shops selling clothing, jewellery, home decorations, etc. The outer space is designed into a green area with a pool. Every Saturday, the "Festival Art@Festival Walk" will be held. The event features shops selling creative ideas or hand-made work.

*Open :* Daily 10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2660 9000 www.facebook.com / Nawamin-Festival

## Amorini Boutique Lifestyle (อะมอรินี่ ไลฟ์ สไตล์ มอลล์)

Located on Ram Inthra Km. 12 Road (at the entrance of the Suan Siam Water Park). It is a shopping mall that built in Greek-style architecture by imitating Santorini Island. This place is remarkable with a large windmill and big bell tower, featuring shopping stores and restaurants.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2518 1669 www.amorinimall.com

## Chang Chui or Talat Chang Chui (ข่างชุ่ย หรือ ตลาดข่างชุ่ย)

Located at 460/8 Soi Rung Pracha, Sirindhorn Road, Khwaeng Bang Phlat, Bang Phlat District, the place is created with imagination and inspiration of the arts. It consists of restaurants,





Chang Chui

beverage shops, a centre of tea where tea is served with delicious sweets, and shops which focus on creative art, selling various products. Furthermore, there are galleries of antiques, a learning centre for taking photographs, a creative space where objects can be changed into items of state-of-the-art design, and a green zone where a nursery in the skull-shaped building has small plants and rarely-found species.

Service hours: The night zone is open on Mondays to Sundays, except for Wednesdays, from 4.00 - 11.00 p.m. The green zone is open every day from 11.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m. For more information, contact Tel. 08 1817 2888, www. changchuibangkok.com. *To get there*: From Sirindhorn Road, make a U-turn under the bridge in front of the Eye Ear Nose Throat Hospital and turn into Soi Rung Pracha for parking under the Si Rat Expressway. From the Pinklao Central Department Store, drive past The Trust Residence and Sai Tai Kao Pinklao for over 2 km, keep on the left and turn into Borommaratchachonnani Road for 260 m, use the left lane and make a U-turn, keep left and go straight for 300 m. Parking is available under the Si Rat Expressway on the side of Gate 2-3 from 4.00 p.m. onwards, or at the Bang Bamru Railway Station from 11.00 a.m- 12.00 p.m. There is a Song Thaeo mini-car shuttle service which costs 10 Baht.



Lhong 1919

*By bus*: From the Victory Monument, take bus nos. 515, 539 to get off at the bus stop at the entrance to Bang Kruai, and catch a motorcycle taxi.

*By boat:* Take an express boat to the Krung Thon (Sang Hee) Bridge Pier and get on bus nos. 515, 539.

#### Lhong 1919 (ลัง 1919)

Situated at 248 Chiang Mai Road, Khwaeng Khlong San, Khlong San District, Lhong 1919 was a pier in the name "Tha Ruea Huai Chung Lhong" in the reign of King Rama IV. It served as a pier and warehouse and has been passed down as heritage of the Wanglee clan. Later, there was an idea to renovate the old pier to be preserved as a Sino - Thai historical site and tourist spot of art and culture. In the compound, there is a wooden building of ancient Chinese architecture, which is over 160 years old. Inside the building, striking brush paintings by Chinese artists are found on window panes, doors, and walls. Also, there is the Mazu Shrine (Khlong San), as well as shop of design products and handicrafts, restaurant, and activity court.

It is open daily from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. The Mazu Shrine and Art and Craft Shop is open from 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

For more information, contact Tel. 09 1187 1919, www.facebook.com/lhong1919.

*To get there:* Follow Charoen Krung Road and turn onto Chiang Mai Road (opposite the Somdet Chaophraya Institute of Psychiatry and in the same alley as Wat Thong Thammachat Worawihan), and go straight nearly to the end of the alley.

#### *By bus* : Bus nos. 6, 43, 57, 88, 120, 167.

*By boat:* Take a boat from the Si Phraya Pier to Khlong San Pier and go along the alley of Wat Thong Thammachat Worawihan, or from the Si Phraya Pier, take Lhong's boat to Wanglee Pier.

*By BTS sky train:* Get off at Krung Thon Buri Station, Exit no. 3, and take a taxi, or get off at Saphan Taksin Station, Exit no. 2, take a boat at the Sathon Pier to Pepsi Pier and catch a taxi.

#### Baan Bangkhen (บ้านบางเขน)

Located at 104/58 Phahon Yothin Road, Khwaeng Anusawari, Bang Khen District, opposite the 11th Infantry Regiment, King's Guard (Bang Khen), the site presents stories of the past through collections of antiques. It also includes food stalls, souvenir shops, and the Coke museum. Furthermore, the Ban Pho Luang Building displays objects concerning King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX). At the old market zone, there are old-time consumers' products in their packages; such as, toffee, medicine, detergent, as well as clock, lamp, and electric appliances including old televisions, radios, and telephones. In addition, one zone is set aside for reading and educational activities.

It opens every day from 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 a.m. Admission fee: 20 Baht. For more information, contact Tel. 08 5921 6666.

*To get there*: Take a bus service: bus nos. 26, 34, 39, 59, 107, 114, 129, 185, 503, 512, 522, 543, and get off at the bus stop just in front of Baan Bangkhen.



Baan Bangkhen

## **Train Night Market Ratchada** (ตลาดนัด รถไฟ)

Located on Ratchada Road and near the Esplanade Department Store, the Market is accessible by the MRT: Thailand Cultural Centre Station, Exit no. 3, or by bus: bus nos. 63 Ko, 73 Ko, 136, 137, 172, 185, 206, 514, 529.

## **Talad Neon Downtown Night Market** (ตลาดนีออน)

Located between Soi Phetchaburi 23 and Soi Phetchaburi 29 on Phetchaburi Road, nearby the Berkeley Hotel Pratunam and the Palladium World Shopping, the Market is accessible by bus: bus nos. 11, 23, 38, 60, 93, 99, 113.

# **RIVER & CANALS**

## The Chao Phraya River & Canal Tour

The Chao Phraya river and canals may be conveniently explored by chartered boat :

Chao Phraya Express Boat at Tha Chang Pier near The Grand Palace Tel. 0 2623 6001-3 www. chaophrayaexpressboat.com

Mit Chao Phraya at Tha Chang Pier Tel. 0 2225 6179, 0 2221 2297

Si Phraya Boat Trip at Si Phraya Pier near the River City Shopping Complex. Tel. 0 2235 3108

Tourists can also book such a tour through travel agents.

## Taling Chan Canal Tour (ล่องเรือเขตตลิ่งขัน)

Taling Chan District on the bank of Khlong Bangkok Noi, is well-known for canal tour. Visitors will have a chance to explore the way of Thai live along the canal.

Canal tour by boats on 4 routes every Saturday-Sunday, visitors can buy tickets and take a boat at the Taling Chan Floating Market. *Tour 1*: Visit Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market, Wat Saphan Market, and Taling Chan Floating Market. The 3-hour tour operates once a day at 09.30 a.m. Tickets: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour 2*: Visit Orchid farm, Wat Saphan Market, feeding fish at Wat Pak Nam, and buying Khao Lam (glutinious rice roasted in a bamboo joint) on a canal side. The 3-hour tour operates once a day at 01.30 p.m. Ticket 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour 3* : Klong Bangluang Artist's House, watch the Hun Lakhon Lek puppet show and sightseeing the atmosphere of Khlong Bang Luang Floating Market. The 3-hour tour operates once a day at 01.30 p.m. Tickets: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour 4*: An hour boat tour cruising around and sightseeing the way of life along the riverside. The boat operates every hour from 12.00-03.00 p.m. Ticket: 100 Baht each. Special activity in April, during the Songkran Festival, visitors can enjoy splashing water while riding on a boat.

*Bus*: Take air-conditioned bus No.79 and get off at Taling Chan District Office.

*Tel* : 0 2424 1742, 0 2424 5448. Taling Chan District Office

## **Dinner Cruise**

Riverine Bangkok offers some of the capital's most arresting sights, particularly at night when the weather is cooler and light reflections bestow the Chao Phraya River with flickering magic and romance. An ideal way of combining dining with riverine enchantment is to enjoy a river dinner cruise. Reservations, current prices, conditions and departure times may be obtained from travel agents or the following organisers:

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**Dairy Queen** 280/seat (A la carte) boat leave King Rama III Bridge pier Tel : 0 2921 8670-5

*Wonderful Pearl, Grand Pearl* 2,000-2,500 Baht (international buffet with Thai performance) boat leave River City pier) Tel : 0 2861 0255-60 www.grandpearlcruise.com

**Horizon Cruise** 2,500 Baht (international buffet) boat leave Shangri-la Hotel pier Tel : 0 2236 7777 www.shangri-la.com

*Loy Nava* 1,972 Baht (buffet with Thai performance) boat leave Si praya pierTel. 0 2437 4932, 0 2437 7329 www.loynava.com

*Manohra 2*,300 (buffet with Thai music) boat leave Taksin pier Tel. 0 2476 0021-2 www. anantara.com *Riverside* 2,000 Baht (Buffet with live music, Thursday-Sunday Thai performance) Boat leave Riverside Hotel pier. Tel. 0 2883 1588 www. riversidebangkok.net

*Wan Fah* 1, 500 Baht (set menu Thai, international with Thai performance) boat leave The River City Hotel pier, Charoen Krung Soi 30 Tel. 0 2622 7657-61 ext. 405 www.wanfahcruise1987.com

*Yok Yor Marina* 200 Baht/seat (A la carte) Tel. 0 2863 0565-6 www.yokyor.co.th

## **Floating Market**

Taling Chan Floating Market (ตลาดน้ำคลึ่งขัน), located near the Taling Chan District Office on the bank of Khlong Bangkok Noi, is wellknown for its various kinds of food as well as vegetables, fruits, and decorative trees sold by orchardists. The Market opens on Saturday,



Taling Chan Floating Market

Sunday, and consecutive public holidays with Saturday-Sunday from 8.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. Canal tour by boats on 4 routes are in service in which visitors can buy tickets and take a boat at the Market.

*Tour No.1* Tour 3 Markets in one day: Khlong Lat Mayom, Wat Saphan, and back to the Taling Chan Floating Market. The 3-hour tour operates once a day at 9.30 a.m. Tickets: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour No. 2* Orchid gardens, Wat Saphan Floating Market, feeding fish at Wat Pak Nam South Side, and buying Khao Lam (glutinious rice roasted in a bamboo joint) on a canal side. The 3-hour tour operates once a day at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour No. 3* Khlong Bangluang Artist's House, watch the Hun Lakhon Lek puppet show by

the Kum Nai Hun Lakon Lek (Puppet Troupe) and sightsee the atmosphere of Khlong Bang Luang Floating Market. The 3-hour tour including the puppet show operates once a day at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

*Tour No. 4* An hour boat tour cruising around the island and sightseeing the way of life along the riverside. The boat operates every hour from 12.00-3.00 p.m. Visitor pays 60 Baht each.

Special activity in April, during the Songkran Festival, visitors can enjoy splashing water while riding on a boat.

For further information, please call the Taling Chan District Office at Tel : 0 2424 1742, 0 2424 5448.

*To get there :* From Ratchadamnoen Klang Road, go over the Somdet Phra Pinklao Bridge



bound for Borommaratchachonnani Road, keep going straight and cross the bridge over Khlong Bangkok Noi (former Southern Bus Terminal). Go down and stay on the left to enter the frontage road, keep going straight and turn left to a sublane. Go straight until reaching a T-junction, make a left to the Taling Chan District Office.

*By Bus*: Take air-conditioned bus No. 79 and get off at the Taling Chan District Office.

## Wat Taling Chan Floating Market (ตลาด น้ำวัดตลิ่งขัน),

located inside Wat Taling Chan near the Taling Chan District Office, is a floating market of the community and temple. The trading shops have been constructed with thatched roofs to match with the environment of this place where bamboo table sets are provided for enjoying eating a variety of food in a riverside atmosphere. Visitors can also buy fresh fruits, vegetables and many kinds of plants sold by orchardists. The Market opens on Saturday-Sunday from 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. For further inquiries, call the Taling Chan District Office at Tel : 0 2424 1742.

*To get there*: From Ratchadamnoen Klang Road, go over the Somdet Phra Pinklao Bridge and get onto Borommaratchachonnani Road. Keep going straight across the bridge over Khlong Bangkok Noi (former Southern Bus Terminal). Go down from the bridge and stay on the left to enter the frontage road. Keep left, go straight and turn left to a sublane of Chaiyaphruek Road.

Go straight until reaching a junction, turn right onto Chak Phra Road and keep going to reach Wat Taling Chan, the Market is on the left inside the temple compound. *By Bus*: Take air-conditioned bus No. 79 and get off at the Taling Chan District Office.

Wat Champa Floating Market (King Rama III Park) (ตลาดน้ำวัดจำปา) (อุทยาน ร. 3) Located Taling Chan District, constructed into an open Thai style hall with a thatched roof, is a small floating market that reflects the community lifestyle while on the opposite side is a garden in the city, featuring fruits, vegetables and lotus field, which is guite rare to see nowadays. Some interesting activities are available; such as, Thai desserts cooking class at Ban Mae Chuap, Ban Sawang Chan Homestay, a traditional Thai house that suits those who love the atmosphere of a canalside orchard. Wat Champa is an ancient temple from the late Ayutthaya to the early Rattanakosin periods. It was restored in the reign of King Rama III to King Rama V the Great, featuring crockery decoration on the gables of the Ubosot and Mondop and stucco relief of Chinese deities in the Chinese art style as well. The Ubosot roof is decorated with stucco of a large alligator casting its body along the roof ridge, which was made according to the myth that there was a big alligator inhabiting Khlong Bang Ramat.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday and public holidays from 09.00 a.m.-03.00 p.m.

#### To get there

*By Bus* : air-conditioned bus No. 79 and get off at Taling Chan District Office, then take mini bus

## Wat Saphan Floating Market (ตลาดน้ำวัด สะพาน)

Located inside Wat Saphan on the bank of Khlong Bangkok Noi, Pak Nam-Krachom Thong Road, Bang Phrom, Taling Chan. Wat Saphan is





Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market

an ancient temple since the Ayutthaya period as evidenced from the discovery of a sandstone Buddha image and the three other Buddha images: Luangpho To, Luangpho Klang, and Luangpho Dam. The Market offers a variety of food and desserts including fresh fruits and vegetables from gardeners.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday and public holidays from 09.00 a.m.-03.00 p.m.

#### To get there :

*Bus* : air-conditioned bus No. 79 and get off at Taling Chan District Office, then take mini *Tel* : 08 6035 0424

# Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market (ตลาด น้ำคลองลัดมะยม)

Situated on Bang Ramat Road, Taling Chan, is a large floating market with an area on both sides of the street where it offers numerous kinds of food and desserts, clothes, house decorative items, pottery with a moulding demonstration, various kinds of plants brought and sold by gardeners, and Suan Chiam Ton or a nature learning centre to educate the new generation to learn the original gardeners' way of life that is simply living with nature. A sightseeing boat tour along Bang Ramat Canal is available including visiting Ban Khanom Thai or Thai desserts house, in which visitors can taste and buy for a souvenir.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday and public holidays from 08.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

*Bus* : No.68, 147 get off at Macro department Store, Charan Sanitwong branch then take mini bus

Tel. 0 2422 4270, 08 9215 2659

## Khlong Bang Luang Community and Klong Bangluang Artist's House (ขุมขน คลองบางหลวง และบ้านศิลปินคลองบางหลวง),

is located at Soi Phetchakasem 28, Phetcha kasem Road, Khuha Sawan, Phasi Charoen. During the period of the Thon Buri settlement, noblemen and aristocrats settled down and inhabited their floating houses in this canal area. Therefore, the locals in the community called it Khlong Bang Kha Luang (nobleman canal) and it has since become Khlong Bang Luang now. This place is a cultural and community lifestyle attraction in which visitors can still see the original community's way of life from the row of wooden houses of the vendors on both sides of the street and row of wooden buildings selling several kinds of



Klong Bangluang Artist's House

products to visitors who come to admire the authentic atmosphere of the community's way of life at Khlong Bang Luang. Moreover, there is the Klong Bangluang Artist's House, a wooden house in the Manila style with an L shape body. In the house's courtyard is compounded an old pagoda, which was presumably a pagoda marking one of the four directions of Wat Kamphaeng. On the upper floor is a gallery displaying artworks, drawings, and photographs. Downstairs sells souvenirs and art postcards. Art teaching classes, especially jewellery class are offered every Sunday. Furthermore, visitors can enjoy a performance of puppetry by the Kum Nai Hun Lakon Lek (Puppet Troupe) one more show is available on Wednesday, Friday-Sunday at 02.00 p.m. except for Monday-Tuesday and Thursday.

The Artist's House is open on Monday-Tuesday between 10.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m., Wednesday-Friday between 9.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday between 9.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m., or www. klongbangluang.com.

*To get there :* 1. From Charan Sanitwong Road, turn onto Soi 13, park at Wat Kamphaeng 2. From Phetchakasem Road, turn onto Soi 20, park at Wat Kamphaeng or go to Soi Phetcha kasem 28, park at Wat Khuha Sawan, then walk along Khlong Bang Luang.

*By Bus* : Nos. 80, 81, 91, 146, 157, 509, and 542. Get off at Soi Charan Sanitwong 13 and take a Song Thaeo to get off at the Khlong Bang Luang Community.



*By boat*: Canal tour by boat routing Taling Chan Floating Market - Khlong Bang Luang on Saturday - Sunday at 1.30 p.m. Price: 99 Baht for adults and 60 Baht for children.

## **Kwan-Riam Floating Market** (ตลาดน้ำขวัญ เรียม)

Situated on the bank of Khlong Saen Saep, Wat Bamphen Nuea (Soi Seri Thai 60) and Wat Bang Pheng Tai (Soi Ramkhamhaeng 187), Min Buri district, offers various food from nationwide where visitors can eat on boat or on land. Local souvenirs are on sale. There is an antique boat on display. The highlights of this market are a bridge in a boat shape connecting Wat Bamphen Nuea and Wat Bang Pheng Tai, and alms offering on a boat every Saturday and Sunday at 7.30 a.m. with chanting for blessings to visitors. A boat tour along the canal is offered and narrates the history and stories of the Khlong Saen Saep Community lifestyle by a youth guide. In addition, there are Thai cultural performances of each region by children, a variety of activities on the stage; such as, musical performances and sermons by monks, etc.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday and public holidays from 07.00 a.m.-08.00 p.m. *To get there : Bus :* No.27, 58, 113, 502, 514

# Tel. 08 7701 2878, 08 1635 1491

# **CULTURAL PERFORMANCES**

Details of current programmes and events can generally be found in Bangkok's major Englishlanguage newspapers, namely Bangkok Post and The Nation. www.bangkokpost.com or www.nationmultimedia.com



Kwan-Riam Floating Market



The National Theatre

## Theatres

#### The National Theatre (โรงละครแห่งชาติ)

located on Na Phra That Road next to the National Museum, is the official centre of Thai classical performance.

#### Tel: 0 2224 1342

#### Wangna Theater (โรงละครวังหน้า)

is located near Sanam Luang, in the compound of the Bunditpatanasilpa Institute on Rachini Road, Khwaeng Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon District. It has a capacity of 250 seats. Traditional Thai dances, music, plays, and Khon mask performances performed by teachers and students of the Institute are presented in a show lasting 75 minutes every day.

Tickets. 600, 800, and 1,000 Baht

*Tel*. 0 2224 4704 ext. 408 www.wangnatheater. bpi.ac.th

## Chalerm Krung Royal Theatre (โรงมหรสพ หลวงศาลาเฉลิมกรุง)

is located on Charoen Krung Road (New Road) near the Old Siam Plaza. Thai dramas and plays are usually held while Khon or Thai musical dance drama is a special event that is staged occasionally.

*Tel*. 0 2225 8757-8, 0 2623 8148-9 www.sala chalermkrung.com

## Hun Lakhon Lek Khlong Bang Luang by the Khamnai Puppet Show Company (หุ่น ละครเล็ก คลองบางหลวง คณะคำนาย)

is performed at Ban Sinlapin in the Khlong Bang Luang Community, Soi Phetchakasem 28, One more show is available on Wednesday, Friday,



Ratchadamnoen Stadium

Saturdays and Sunday at 02.00 p.m. except for Monday-Tuesday and Thursday.

*To get there : By bus :* No. 509, 157, 80, 81. *Tel*. 0 2868 5279

**Thailand Cultural Centre** (ศูนย์วัฒนธรรม แห่งประเทศไทย) on Ratchadaphisek Road, is a fully integrated venue for social education and cultural activities.

#### To get there :

*By MRT*: Take a train to Cultural Centre *Tel.* 0 2247 0028, 0 247 0013 for a current programme or www.culture.go.th

## Siam Niramit (สยามนิรมิต)

is located on Thiam Ruam Mit Road, diagonally across from the Thailand Cultural Centre, next to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. It has state-of-the-art cultural performances which have achieved international standards. It uses special techniques integrated with drama to depict the history of each region of Thailand. The story also includes depictions about hells, the forest of Himmaphan, heavens and lands beyond imagination from Thai literature, all of which are influenced by the Thai common beliefs. There is also a spectacular performance of Thailand's arts and cultural heritage. The show is staged by more than 150 performers in a luxurious theatre with a capacity of more than 2,000 seats. The showtime is at 08.00 p.m. only and the ticket costs 1,500-2,000 Baht. Before admiring the performances, visitors can walk outside the theatre to see typical Thai houses in various styles depending on the four different regions. Food and drink shops are available.

Tel. 0 2649 9222 www.siamniramit.com

## **Dinner and Thai Classical Dance**

Reservations can be made through travel agents or the following restuarants :

Piman Tel: 0 2258 7866, 0 2258 7861

*Sala Rim Nam* (Mandarin Oriental Hotel Bangkok) Tel. 0 2659 9000, 0 2437 3080

Sawasdee Tel. 0 2237 6310-1, 0 2237 7114;

Silom Village Tel. 0 2234 4448

# **SPECIAL INTEREST**

#### **Thai Boxing**

Muay Thai or Thai boxing is both a sport and means of self defence. Contestants are allowed to use almost any part of their body:



Lumphini Stadium

feet, elbows, legs, knees, and shoulders, are all weapons. The playing of traditional music during bouts makes for even greater excitement. There are two Boxing Stadiums :

#### Ratchadamnoen Stadium (สนามมวย

ราขดำเนิน) Ratchadamnoen Nok Road, open every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 6.30 p.m.-11.30 p.m.

*Ticket* : 500-2,000 Baht *Bus* : No. 70, 157, 503, 509 *Tel*. 0 2281 4205, 0 2280 1684-6

**Lumphini Stadium** (สนามมวยคุมพินี) Ram Indra Road KM.2, open every Tuesday 06.00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday at 04.30-08.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.-12 p.m. Ticket : 500-2,000 Baht.

*Bus :* No. 26 *Tel.* 0 2521 5338-39, 0 2521 4708

## **Thai Boxing Schools**

*Eminent Air Boxing Gym (ค่ายอีมิเน้นท์แอร์)* Soi Punnawithi 20, Sukhumwit 101 Rd., Bangkok. Tel. 08 9217 0822 www.eminentgym.com

Fairtex Muay Thai Fitness (ค่ายมวยแฟร์เท็กซ์)

Mu 8 Soi Buntham Anuson, Amphoe Bang Phli, Samut Prakan. Tel. 0 2757 5147, 0 2386 6117-9, 0 2755 3329, 0 2385 5148-9 www.worldpress.com

**The Muay Thai Institute** (โรงเรียนมายไทย) Phaholyothin Road, Amphoe Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani. Tel. 08 1828 5115, 0 2992 0096-9 www.muaythai-institute.net

## **Thai Cooking**

The Thai cuisine gains increasing international favour. Visitors wishing to learn how to cook Thai food can contact:





Thai Cooking School

**Bai Pai Thai Cooking School** (โรงเรียนสอนทำ อาหารไทยใบพาย) Ngam Wongwan Soi 54 Road, Chatuchak Tel. 0 2561 1404 www.baipai.com

Blue Elephant Bangkok Cooking School and Restaurant Blue Elephant Building South Sathon Road, Tel. 0 2673 9353-8 www. blueelephant.com

International Baking and Cooking School (โรงเรียนขนมอบนานาชาติ) (Opposite Chatuchak Weekend Market), Tel: 0 2272 5692-3, 09 5269 4565 www.international-bakingcooking-school.com

*Siam Square* 180-184 Bakery House Bldg., Siam Square Soi 1, Patumwan Tel. 0 2252 7286, 0 2252 7520, 08 1359 2774 www.ufmeduca tion.com

*Suan Dusit International Culinary School* (โรงเรียนการอาหารนานาขาติสวนดุสิต)Tel.0 2244 5391-3 www.chefschool.dusit.ac.th **Thai & International Food Academy** (โรงเรียนธุรกิจการอาหารไทยและนานาชาติ) Rama III Road, Yannawa, Tel. 0 2682 7644 www.ying sakfood.com

**The Modern Woman Institute** (แม่บ้านทัน สมัย) Setsiri Road, Phaya Thai, Tel. 0 2279 2831, 0 2279 2834, 0 2279 3524, 08 9199 7370 www. mwthaicook.com

The Thai House (บ้านไทย) Amphoe Bangyai, Nonthaburi, Tel. 0 2997 5161 , 0 2903 9611 www. thaihouse.co.th

**UFM Baking & Cooking School** (โรงเรียนสอน การผลิตอาหารและขนมมาตรฐาน) Sukhumvit Soi Sukhumvit 33/1, Sukhumvit Road Tel. 08 1359 0069, 0 2259 0620-30, 0 2260 5280-300 www. ufmeducation.com

**Wandee Culinary School** (โรงเรียน ครัววันดี) Padiphat Road, Phayathai Tel. 0 2279 9844, 06 2652 2442, 08 1442 8956 ww.wandeethaicooking.com



Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives

Thai cooking class is also arrange by many hotels including :

**Mandarin Oriental Hotel** (โรงแรมแมนดารีน โอเรียนเต็ล) Charoen Nakhon Road., Tel.0 2659 9000 ext. Thai cooking school www.mandarin oriental.com

**Anantara Resort and Spa** (โรงแรมอนันตรา รีสอร์ท แอนด์ สปา) (Near Krung Thep Bridge), Thon Buri Tel. 0 2476 0021-2

#### Meditation

Meditation is one of the most popular aspects of Buddhism, practiced regularly by numerous Thais, and laymen as a means of promoting inner peace and happiness. The following are meditation centres which offer a class in English for foreign visitors who wish to find out more about Buddhism and Buddhist meditation.

#### Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives (หอ จดหมายเหตุพุทธทาส อินทปัญโญ หรือสวนโมกข์ กรุงเทพฯ)

Located at the entrance of Wachira Benchathat Park (Railway Public Park) behind the PTT Headquarters Building, Chatuchak, is a learning and recreational centre as well as spiritual fitness and edutainment centre for happiness and serenity. Moreover, the Archives collect written documents, printed materials, and audio-visual aids for propagating Achan Buddhadasa Indapanno's sermons, which can be used as a reference for education, and research on Buddhism academia. The Dhamma activities are meditation,





Thai Traditional Massage

music, Edutainment, arts, photography practice, Yoga and Tai Chi.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-06.00 p.m. *Tel.* 0 2936 2800 www.bia.or.th

BTS Sky Train : get off at Mo Chit Station, then take taxi.

*MRT Subway* : get off at Chatuchak Park Station, then take taxi

# **The International Buddhist Meditation Centre** (ศูนย์วิปัสสนานานาชาติ) Wat Mahathat,

Tha Phrachan, Bangkok Tel. 0 2222 6011, 0 221 5999

**The World Fellowship of Buddhists** (องค์การพุทธศาสนิกสัมพันธ์แห่งโลก) Sukhumvit Soi 24, Khlong Toei, Bangkok Tel : 0 2661 1284-7 www.wfbhq.org

# Thai Traditional Massage

This therapeutic and highly soothing form of massage purportedly evolved from rishis (forest-dwelling Brahmin hermit ascetics) who relieved the physical stress of extended periods of meditation by adopting certain postures. Wat Pho is the best known centre for massages and massage tuition. Major hotels also offer Thai massage services. For more information, call Wat Po Thai Traditional Massage School Tel. 0 2221 3686, 0 2622 3551 www.watpomassage. com

#### Spas

Spas, traditionally, were towns where public baths, hospitals or hotels were built on top of mineral springs so that people could come and make use of the healing properties found in the water and its mud for medical purposes. These days, a spa doesn't have to be a town built on natural thermal springs. It can be a place anywhere that anyone can go to, to relax in tranquil surroundings with a variety of treatment administered to recontour and rejuvenate the body and mind.

## **Street Food**

Street foods have become a heaven for those looking for good taste. Dotted on almost every street in Bangkok, food stalls are open in the evening, ranging from rice, noodle, somtom, grilled chicken to fresh seafood. It could be found in Bang Lamphu, Yaowarat, Silom, Chong Nonsi, Pratunam, Ratchaprasong, Phetchaburi Soi 10-12,

BTS Ratchatewi Station, Siam, Sukhumvit.





Spas

# TOURIST SPOT AROUND BANGKOK

# Ayutthaya

The luxurious package cruise from Bangkok to Ayutthaya is operated by; Anantara Cruises Tel : 0 2477 0770

## Nonthaburi

A budget tour to Ko Kret, Nonthaburi is operated every Saturday, Sunday by Mit Chao Phraya from Tha Chang pier. Ticket 500 baht Tel. 0 2225 6179, 0 2221 2297 River Sun Cruise Tel.0 2266 9316

## **Nakhon Pathom**

#### **Suan Sampran Riverside Rose Garden** (สวนสามพราน)

This tourist attraction is located on Phetcha kasem Road 32 Kms. It is located adjacent to the Nakhon Chai Si River. There are a multitude of beautiful floral displays of great variety. A Thai-style houses; parts of the area are hotel, lodges, and golf course. In addition, every morning at 10.00 a.m.-12.00 a.m. there will be 12 performances reflecting the Thai ways of life such as Thai traditional music, Thai dancing, flower garland stringing, fruit carving, pottery molding, martial arts, silk weaving, basketry, umbrella painting, etc. In the afternoon, at 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m., there will be performances concerning Thai local traditions such as ordination, wedding ceremony, rice growing, and dances of the four regions. It also features an attractive Thai cultural show that commences daily in the afternoon.

*Open* : Daily from 08.00 a.m.-03.00 p.m. *Admission* : 500 Baht

*Bus* : No.123 Sanam Luang (Tha Chang), 539 Victory Monument till Big C (Om Yai) then take mini bus to Samphran

Tel. 0 3432 2588-93 www.riversidesampran.com

## Thai Human Imagery Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์ หุ่นขี้นี้งไทย)

is located at Km. 31, Borommaratchachonnani Road (Pinklao-Nakhon Chai Si). Visitors can see many life-like and beautiful fibreglass wax models. All of them are made by Khun Duangkaew Phityakornsilp and a group of Thai artists. The building has 2 floors. there are 7 permanent exhibition rooms containing rooms to show sets of wax models as follows: The Great Buddhist Monks; Former Kings of the Chakri Dynasty; One side of Thai Life, which includes Playing Chess, Three Generations, Abolition of Slavery, There are temporary exhibition rooms depending on various occasions. world important persons, Thai literature, Phra Aphaimani in Sunthon Phu's novel, Thai children's folk games, and Thai history.

*Open*: daily from 09.30 a.m.-05.30 p.m. (weekdays), 08.30 a.m.-06.00 p.m. (Weekends and public holidays)



Suan Sampran Riverside Rose Garden



Thai Human Imagery Museum

Admission : Adults 300 Baht, child 150 Baht Tel. 0 3433 2109, 0 3433 2607, 0 3433 2601

#### **Pathum Thani**

#### The Golden Jubilee Museum of Agri culture (พิพิธภัณฑ์การเกษตรเฉลิมพระเกียรติ)

The museum is situated on Km. 46-48 Phahon yothin Road, comprises a group of 9 bulidings connecting to one another. It displays the story on agriculture through modern techno logy and models, covering every aspect of the agricultural process such as land development, forestry, fishery, animal husbandry, and ecological system, while outside are the greenhouses, demonstrating rice fields, and a presentation of the farmers' lifestyles in every region of Thailand. Moreover, it is a training centre, an academic seminar venue on agriculture, and a source for education on the royal projects.

*Open*: Tuesday-Sunday and public holidays from 09.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. and closed on Monday Tel. 0 2529 2212-3 www.wisdomking.or.th

#### Dream World (ดรีมเวิลด์)

Situated at km.7 of Rangsit-Ong kharak Road, this large amusement park houses a European style plaza, miniature land of major world legends, and offer exciting rides, shows and games.

*Open* : Weekdays from 10.00 a.m.-05.00 p.m. Holidays from 10.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m *Admission* : 1,100-1,300 Baht *Tel.* 0 2577 8666 www.dreamworld.co.th



National Science Museum Thailand

#### National Science Museum Thailand (พิพิธภัณฑ์วิทยาศาสตร์แห่งชาติ)

Located in Tambon Khlong 5 within the compound of the Technopolis complex. The museum is distinguished due to its design into a die shape. Inside the building displays an exhibition of science through modern technology and inventions that visitors can use for conducting research, an experiment or self-learning. It is to strengthen understanding in science and technology to youth and the general public. The Museum exhibits photo gallery, scientific pieces of work and a gigantic globe.

On the 2nd Floor lies a lifereconstruction of "Lucy" fossils, a replica of an astronaut, a

shadow tunnel and wooden house to present the information on light, basic information and technology in Thailand, geographical, geological and ecological characteristics, agricultural production, as well as construction technology. There is an analysis of human parts and utensils used in daily life. A presentation on Thai folk intellect, a natural science museum which manifests knowledge on natural science, various academic papers, a display of animal skulls, animal horns, fossils.

*Open :* Tuesday-Friday and public holidays from 09.30 a.m.-04.00 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 09.30 a.m.-05.00 p.m.

*Admission* : Adult 150 Baht, child 50 Baht *Tel.* 0 2577 9999 www.nsm.or.th



## Samut Prakan

#### Ancient City (เมืองโบราณ)

Situated on Sukhumvit Road (old route) towards Bang Pu, at Kilometre 33, the Ancient City is on the left and 8 kilometres from Samut Prakan town. It is a centre of replicas of important historical sites in the country. Major historical sites in the Ancient City are Khao Phra Wihan (Preah Vihear), Prasat Hin Phanom Rung, Wat Mahathat Sukhothai, Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, Floating Market etc. The replicas were elaborately constructed in both smaller-scaled sizes, while some are in the actual size. Besides, it is a source of local Thai arts and culture which is disappearing from modern society.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. *Admission* : Adult 700 Baht, child 350 Baht (6-14 years) *Bus :* 511 to the end of the line. Then, take mini-bus No.36

*BTS* : Take a BTS train to Kheha station exit 3, Then take mini bus car Song Thaeo No.36 *Tel*.023234094-99,027091644 www.ancientcity. com

**The Erawan Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑ์ข้างเอราวัณ) Located on Sukhumvit Road (old route) passing Bang Phli Intersection prior to the Pak Nam Intersection. The museum displays the antiques and cultural heritage of various kinds and to pass on and preserve Thai arts for the future. The Erawan or three-headed elephant is the first free-standing sculpture of the world to be constructed with a hundred thousand pieces of copper. The height of the elephant and the building combined is 43.6 metres. The upper





The Erawan Museum

part consists of the head of the elephant weighing 100 tons and the body weighing 150 tons. The belly of the elephant or called the iHeavenî was lined with the designed to exhibit the precious objects. At the lower part structure is made of reinforced concrete with the weight of the elephant being supported by the ring beams outside and inside the building or called the "Earth" displays antiques comprising a pavilion. Furthermore, staircase is decorated with silver and gold, ceiling decorated with stained glass into an ancient map.

*Open* : Daily from 09.00 a.m.-07.00 p.m. (Tour Guide serve Monday-Saturday 09.00 a.m.-05.30 p.m.) *Admission* : Adults 700 Baht, child 350 Baht *Bus* : No. 25, 142, 365, 102, 507, 511, 536 *BTS* : Chang Erawan Station *Tel* , 0 2371 3135-6

#### **Bang Nam Phueng Floating Market** (ตลาด น้ำบางน้ำผึ้ง)

Situated at Wat Bang Nam Phueng, Phra Pradaeng district. The Market was constructed into a more than 2-kilometre walkway along a small canal that is separated from the Chao Phraya River, a water source of the agricultural area of the community. The Market offers authentic food and sweets and crop produce from local gardeners. Furthermore, the Market sells local products. A paddle boat service for sightseeing the Bang Nam Phueng community is offered during the day and sightseeing fireflies at night. Bikes for rent and traditional Thai massage are also provided.

*Open :* Saturday-Sunday from 08.00 a.m.-04.00 p.m.

*Bus* : No. 82, 138, 140, 506 to Phra Pradaeng Market and take the bus routing Phra Pradaeng-Bang Ko Bua.

#### Bang Kachao (บางกะเจ้า)

Located in Phra Pradaeng district, is a green area for agricultural conservation. The area is abundant with flora and an 18-kilometrelength of the Chao Phrava River, which is a perfect combination with the atmosphere of ecotourism, agro-tourism and cultural community lifestyle. The attraction in the area includes "Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan Park and Botanical Garden" to be used for accommodating tourism and as a nature learning centre for youth. The area is divided into two parts: the front area features a public park with a large pond providing a gazebo for relaxation. In the back part stays the original environment of the park and is a habitat of the community. This is also a place for studying local flora, and agricultural crops, which includes a 7-metre high birdwatching tower. In addition, there is a bike route to explore community's ways of life, homestay or a boat ride.

Bus : No. 82, 138 Tel. 0 2819 6575

#### Mega Bangna (เมกะ บางนา)

Located on Bang Na-Trat Road, Bang Phli district, is divided into 7 zones: Mega Fashion, Mega Banking, Mega Food, Mega Tech, Mega Wellness, Mega Home, Mega Lifestyle, Mega Kids, and Mega Sport.

*Open* : Daily from 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.

*Bus :* No. 38, 46, 48, 115, 139, 180, 182, 207, 552, 551, 558

*BTS Sky Train :* Udomsuk Station (Exit 5) and take a shuttle bus operating from 10.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.

Tel. 0 2105 1000 www.mega-bangna.com





Bang Kachao

# SUGGESTED ITINERARY IN AND AROUND BANGKOK

## Route 1

- Morning The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo
  - Canals Tour
- Afternoon Royal Barge Museum
  - Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)
  - Wat Pho
  - China Town

# Route 2

- Morning WatBenchamabophit(TheMarble Temple)
  - Vimanmek Mansion Museum

- Anantasamakhom Throne Hall.
- Afternoon Jim Thompson Museum/ Suan Pakkard Palace
  - Shopping in the shopping area (Siam Square and Ratchaprasong)

# **Evening Programmes**

- Thai Boxing at boxing stadiums
- Chao Phraya River Dinner Cruise
- Dinner and Thai Classical Dance at the restaurant
- Thai Cultural Performance
- Experience Bangkok Street Food
- Shopping at night market

# Route 3 Ratchaburi and Nakhon Pathom

- Morning Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Afternoon Samphran Elephant Ground & Zoo
  - Rose Garden Riverside
  - Thai Human Imagery Museum

#### **Route 4 Samut Prakan**

- Morning Ancient City
- Afternoon Crocodile Farm
  - The Erawan Museum

# Tips for Visiting a Temple/ Palace/

# Museum

- Dress politely and be composed.
- Take off your shoes before entering a religious building or area.
- Avoid touching monk an artefact or ancient object, especially the reliefs or paintings to maintain their original condition.
- Follow the instruction sign.

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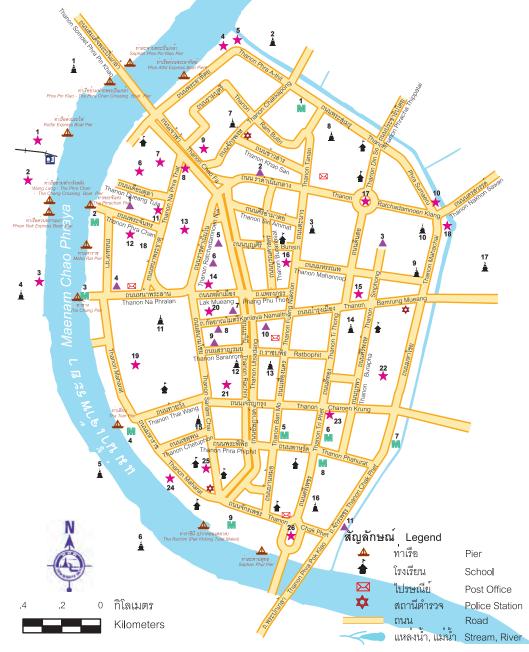


Street Food

Ratchadamnoen Road Area



# แผนที่เกาะรัตนโกสินทร์ MAP OF THE RATTANAKOSIN ISLAND



## ★ สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว 🛛 Tourist Attraction

- 1 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแหงชาติ เรือราชพิธี Royal Boat National Museum
- 2 พิพิธภัณฑ์การแพทย์ศิริราช Siriraj Museum
- พระที่นั่งและสวนสาธารณะสันติชัยปราการ Santi Chai Prakan Pavilion and Public Park
- 4 ป้อมพระสุเมรุ Pom Phra Sumen
- 5 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติ พระนคร Bangkok National Museum
- 6 โรงละครแห่งชาติ The National Theatre
- 7 อนุสาวรีย์ทหารอาสา Monument to the Expeditionary Force
- 8 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติ หอศิลป National Gallery Museum
- 9 หอศิลปสมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ The Queen's Gallery
- 10 พิพิธภัณฑ์เครื่องปั้นดินเผา Pottery Handicraft Museum
- 11 วัดมหาธาตุยุวราชรังสฤษฏิ์ ราชวรมหาวิหาร Wat Mahathat
- 12 สนามหลวง หรือ ทุ่งพระเมรุ Sanam Luang or Thung Phra Men
- 13 ศาลหลักเมือง The City Pillar Shrine
- 14 ศาลเจ้าพ่อเสือ Chao Pho Suea Shrine
- 15 เสาซิงซ้า The Giant Swing
- 16 อนุสาวรีย์ประชาธิปไตย Democracy Monument
- 17 ป้อมมหากาฬ Pom Maha Kan
- 18 พระบรมมหาราชวัง The Grand Palace
- 19 พิพิธภัณฑ์ปีนใหญ่โบราณ Canon Museum
- 20 สวนสราญรมย์ Saranrom Park
- 21 สวนรมณีนาถ Rommaninat Park
- 22 ศาลาเฉลิมกรุง Sala Chaloem Krung Theatre
- 23 วังจักรพงษ์ Chakrabongse Villas
- 24 มิวเซียมสยาม พิพิธภัณฑ์การเรียนรู้ Museum Siam Discovery Museum
- 25 อนุสาวรีย์พระบาทสมเด็จพระพุทธยอดฟ้าจุฬาโลก Rama I the Great memorial

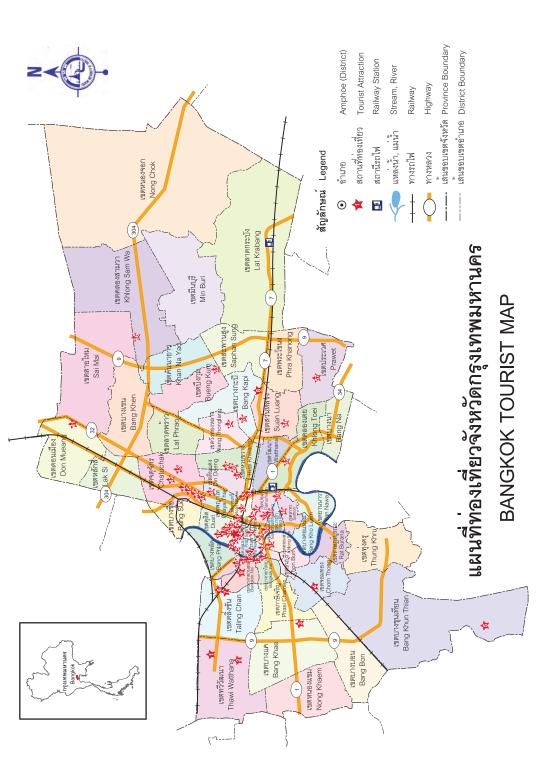
#### 🔺 สถานที่สำคัญ 🛛 Place of Interest

- 1 มหาวิทยาลัยธรรมศาสตร์ Thammasat University
- 2 ศาลาวาการกรุงเทพมหานคร Bangkok Metropolitan Administration City Hall
- มหาวิทยาลัยศิลปากร Silpakorn University
- 4 ศาลยุติธรรม Courts of Justice
- 5 ศาลฏีกา Supreme Court of Thailand
- 6 กระทรวงกลาโหม Ministry of Defence
- 7 กรมแผนที่ทหาร Royal Thai Survey Department
- 8 กระทรวงต่างประเทศ Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand
- 9 กระทรวงมหาดไทย The Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Thailand
- 10 ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ Constitutional Court

- M ตลาด Market
  - 1 ตลาดบางลำภู Bang Lamphu Market
  - 2 ตลาดทาพระจันทร์ Tha Phrachan Market
  - 3 ตลาดท่าข้าง Tha Chang Market
  - 4 ตลาดท่าเตียน Tha Tian Market
  - 5 ตลาดบานหม่อ Ban Mo Market
  - 6 ดิโอลด์สยาม The Old Siam
  - 7 ยานสะพานเหล็ก Saphan Lek Market
  - 8 ตลาดพาหุรัด Phahurat Market
  - 9 ปากคลองตลาด Pak Khlong Talat Market

# 🛓 วัด Temple (Wat)

- 1 วัดดุสิตาราม Wat Dusitaram
- 2 วัดสังเวชวิศยาราม Wat Sangwet Wityaram
- 3 วัดมหรรณพาราม Wat Mahannapharam
- 4 วัดระฆังโฆสิตาราม วรมหาวิหาร Wat Rakang Kositaram Woramahawihan
- 5 วัดอรุณราชวราราม Wat Arun Ratchawararam
- 6 วัดกัลยาณมิตรวรมหาวิหาร Wat Kanlayanamit Woramahawiharn
- 7 วัดชนะสงคราม Wat Chana Songkhram
- 8 วัดบวรนิเวศวิหาร Wat Bowon Niwet
- 9 วัดเทพธิดาราม Wat Thepthidaram
- 10 วัดราชนัดดาราม Wat Ratchanatdaram
- 11 วัดพระศรีรัตนศาสดาราม หรือ วัดพระแก<sup>้</sup>ว Wat Phra Si Rattana Satsadaram or Wat Phra Kaeo
- 12 วัดราชประดิษฐ์สถิตมหาสีมาราม Wat Ratchapradit Sathitmahasimaram
- 13 วัดราชบพิธสถิตมหาสีมาราม Wat Ratchabophit Sathitmahasimaram
- 14 วัดสุทัศน์เทพวราราม Wat Suthat Thepwararam
- 15 วัดพระเชตุพนวิมลมังคลาราม หรือที่เรียกว่า วัดโพธิ์ Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimonmung Kharam (Wat Pho)
- 16 วัดราชบูรณะ Wat Ratchaburana
- 17 วัดสระเกศ (ภูเขาทอง) Wat Saket and The Golden Mount



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4 ตุลาคน้ำวัดใหร Wat Sai Floating Market	33 พิพิธภัณฑ์เทคโนโลยีทางภาพ ฯ
5 พิพิธภัณฑท้องถิ่นกรุงเทพมหานคร เขตบางขุนเทียน Bang Khun Thian Local Museum	Museum of Imaging Technology
6 ศูนย์มานุษยวิทยาสีรินธร Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre	34 สถานเสาวภาสภากาชาดไทย
7 ตลาดน้ำตลิงชัน Taling Chan Floating Market	Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute, Thai Red Cross Society (Snake Farm)
8 พิพิธภัณฑาปราศาท Prasart Museum	35 สูนามมวยลุมพินี Lumpini Stadium
9 พิพิธภัณฑ์ท้องถิ่นกรุงเทพมหานคร เขตบางกอกน่อย Bangkok Noi Local Museum	36 บ้าน ม.ร.ว.คึกฤทธิ์ Mr.Ban Kukrit's Heritage Home
10 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแหงชาติ เรือพระราชพิธี Royal Barge National Museum	37 พิพิธภัณฑ์กองทัพอากาศ Royal Thai Air Force Museum
11 พิพิธภัณฑ์การแพทย์ศิริราช Siriraj Museum	38 พิพิธภัณฑ์ธนาคารไทย Thai Bank Museum
12 วัดอรุณราชวราราม Wat Arun Ratchawararam	39 พิพิธภัณฑ์อัยการไทย The Thai State Attorney Museum
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14 จุทยานเฉลิมพระเกียรติสมเด็จพระศรีนครินทราบรมราชชนนี Princess Mother Memorial Park	41 อุทยานผีเสื้อและแมลงกรุงเทพฯ   Bangkok Butterfly Garden and Insectarium
15 พิพิธภัณฑ์หนังสือพิมพ์ใหย่ The Press Museum	42 พิพิธภัณฑ์เด็ก Children's Discovery Museum
16 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแหงชาติ ช้างต้น Chang Ton National Museum	43 ตลาดนัดสวนจตุจักร Chatuchak Weekend Market
17 วัดเบญจุঝบพิตรดุสิตวนาราม Wat Benchamabophit Dusit Wanaram	44 พิพิธภัณฑ์ธนาคารจอมสิน Government Savings Bank Museum
18 พิพิธภัณฑ์ธนาคารแหงประเทศไทย Bank of Thailand Museum	45 สยามนิรมิต Siam Niramit
19 วัดอินทรวิหาร Wat Intharawihan	46 ศูนย์วัฒนธรรมแหงประเทศไทย Thailand Cultural Centre
20 พิพิธภัณฑ์กองทัพบบณลิมพระเกียรติ	47 เมืองไทยรัชดาลัยเถียร์เตอร์ Muangthai Rachadalai Theatre
Royal Thai Army Museum in Honour of His Majesty the King	48 ศูนย์วิทยาศาสตร์เพื่อการศึกษา (ท้องท้าจำลอง) Sky Museum
21 พระที่นั่งและสวนสาธารณะสันดิชัยปราการ	49 พิพิธภัณฑ์เสร้ไทยอนุสรณ์ (พิพิธภัณฑ์ท้องถิ่นบึงกุม)
Santi Chai Prakan Pavilion and Public Park	Sari Thai Memorial Museum (Bueng Kum Local Museum)
22 วัดสระเทศ (ภูเขาทอง) Wat Saket and The Golden Mount	50 พิพิธภัณฑ์เจ้าพระยาบดินทร์เคชา (สิงห์ สิงหเสนี)
23 พระบรมมหาราชวังและวัดพระศรีรัตนศาสดาราม (วัดพระแก้ว)	Chao Phraya Bodindecha (Sing Singhaseni) Museum
The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Si Rattana Satsadaram or Wat Phra Kaeo	51 หอพิพิธภัณฑ์กีฬาแหงชาติ National Sports Museum
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28 จังชานนักกาด Suan Pakkad Palace	
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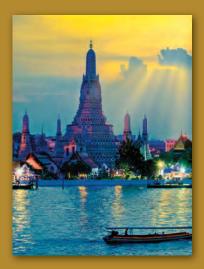
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