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Dynamic, exotic and richly cosmopolitan, Bangkok is one of South East Asia's most vibrant and cherished travel destinations. A city of contrasts, this cultural epicentre and shopping paradise entices millions of travellers each year to its bountiful markets, luxury hotels, stunning scenery and tantalizing cuisine. Where ancient and modern coincide, Bangkok's glorious golden temples and world-class skyscrapers await. Revel in the frenetic pace as you soak up the sights, shop until you drop then tuk-tuk around town for a zesty slice of Bangkok's indulgent and risqué nightlife.



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THE CITY



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To arrive in Bangkok is to be thrust into the pulsing heart of the Orient, a sprawling mega city encompassing 50 districts and six ever-expanding provinces. Truly, the engine room behind 'Amazing Thailand', Bangkok will amaze, dazzle and humble the most seasoned global wanderers with its exciting fusion of cultural, spiritual, historical and cosmopolitan charm.

Dusit is the political core of Thailand, home to lavish architecture and gardens, while Bangkok's rustic 'Old Town' Rattanakosin holds 'must see' sights such as the Grand Palace, Wat Pho and royal gardens of Sanam Luang.

The city throbs and pulses with relentless heat and frantic pace, as tuk-tuks zip along concrete boulevards and Skytrains zoom overhead. Glitzy Siam Square carves the city's commercial core with an array of shops, malls and boutiques - a true shopper's paradise. Multicultural Yaowarat and Pahurat provide a feast for the senses, with the cuisine of Chinatown and flurry of Indian markets.

Sensational Sukhumvit Road roars at night with fine restaurants, bars and raunchy clubs, while the ever-indelible Khaosan Road area is a delight for budget travellers and revellers alike, buzzing with curbside vendors, stalls and wild nightspots. Known to the Thai's as 'Krung Thep,' South East Asia's own 'City of Angels' epitomizes the East meets West tradition, where ancient trends blend and thrive with cutting edge sophistication.

DO & SEE



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With a relentless array of sights, sounds, scents and tastes all immersed in a bevy of hidden treasures, Bangkok has an overwhelming variety of things to discover and absorb.

Grand Palace



Home to the famous Emerald Buddha, the most revered Buddha image in Thailand, the Grand Palace is a spiritual hub and glorious

architectural feat. Get in early to bypass the bustle and crowds, and remember to show respect by wearing long pants – no shorts allowed!

Photo: Travel mania/Shutterstock.com

Address: Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang,

Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

Public Transport: Take a river boat to Phra Arthit Pier at

Sapan Thaksin Skytrain Station Opening hours: 08:30-15:30 Phone: +66 2224 3273





Internet: www.palaces.thai.net

Email: Silaporn.k@palaces.mail.go.th

More Info: Dress code: Long trousers/skirts, long-sleeve shirts, foot-covering footwear. Appropriate trousers/skirts and shirts provided at entry with refundable deposit.

Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha)



Directly adjacent the
Grand Palace, Wat Phra
Kaew is known as the
Temple of the Emerald
Buddha and is the most
sacred Buddhist temple in

the country. It houses the magnificent statue of the Emerald Buddha, carved from a single piece of jade.

Photo: Travel mania/Shutterstock.com

Address: Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang,

Phra Nakhon, Bangkok Opening hours: 8:30-15:30 Phone: +66 2 623 5500 Internet: www.palaces.thai.net

More Info: Situated on the Grand Palace grounds. Dress code: Long trousers/skirts, long-sleeve shirts, foot-covering footwear. Appropriate trousers/skirts and shirts provided at

Grand Palace entry with refundable deposit.

Wat Phra Chetuphon (Temple of the Reclining Buddha)



Directly adjacent to the Grand Palace, Wat Pho is known as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, the largest reclining image of Buddha in the nation, at

an impressive 46 metres long and 15 metres high. It is adorned with mother of pearl and gold plating. Not limited to the one attraction, Wat Pho temple is home to over 1,000 images of the Buddha, towering statues, buildings and stupas. It is also home to the renowned Thai massage school for monks, and visitors can have this

exceptional service on the grounds.

Photo: Dmitry Rukhlenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Sanamchai Road, Grand Palace Subdistrict,

Pranakorn District, Bangkok Opening hours: 8:00-18:30 Phone: +66 2 225 9595 Internet: www.watpho.com Email: watpho.th@gmail.com

More Info: Next to the Grand Palace. Dress polite: no shorts,

flip-flops, tank-top shirts or short skirts.

Wat Arun (The Temple Of Dawn)



Named after the Indian God Aruna. Take in the majestic white porcelain spires of the iconic 19th-century 'Temple of Dawn.' Linger in mythical

gardens, climb the steep white stairs and soak up the romantic views at sunset. Take a taxi or a river ferry at Tha Tien Pier on Thai Wang Road across the Chao Praya River to the Thonburi area.

Photo: Sarawut Chamsaeng/Shutterstock.com

Address: 158 Wang Doem Road, Khwaeng Wat Arun, Khet Bangkok Yai, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon, Bangkok

Opening hours: 08:30 -17:30 Phone: +66 2 891 2185 Internet: www.watarun.org Email: champu th@hotmail.com

More Info: On the west side of the Chao Phraya River.

Opposite Tha Thien Pier.

Wat Saket And Phu Khao Thong (The Golden Mount)



Thailand's revered King Rama IV built this temple's large golden chedi atop the ruins of previous temple buildings. The chedi is

layered with centuries of gold leaf. Visitors can take the easy winding stairs that encircle the





mount to the viewpoint at the top. A small entrance fee allows you to enter the terrace and the temple area where you will have a 360-degree view of Bangkok.

Photo: Pikoso.kz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 344 Chakkraphat Diphong Road, Bang Bat, Pom

Prap Sattru Phai, Bangkok Opening hours: 08:00-17:00 Phone: +66 2 621 2280 Internet: www.watsraket.com/ Email: jariyatam@gmail.com

More Info: Ratchadamnoen Klong (Canal) and Boripihat Road

Sea Life Bangkok Ocean World



Found in Siam Paragon
Mall in the Siam shopping
district, Sea Life is
Bangkok's modern, sleek
aquarium complex, and
the largest aquatic centre

in South East Asia. Kids and adults alike will enjoy Ocean World's 30,000 aquatic creatures from 400 different species. Marvel at this remarkable underwater world and dive with the sharks if you dare!

Photo: Nine Tomorrows/Shutterstock.com

Address: B1-B2 Floor, Siam Paragon, 991 Rama 1 Road,

Pathumwan, Bangkok Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Phone: +66 2 687 2000

Internet: www.sealifebangkok.com/en/

Email: marketing.bangkok@merlinentertainments.biz

More Info: Print the confirmation, and bring the credit card
you used to purchase the tickets and a photo ID.

Lumphini Park



Expansive, lush green
Lumphini Park is
Bangkok's green lung - a
magnificent sprawling
park with gardens, ponds,
lawns and stages in the

heart of the city bustle. Named after Buddha's Nepalese birthplace, it is replete with karaoke singers, tai chi artists, joggers and kite flyers. Join the throng and take a break from Bangkok without having to leave the city.

Photo: newroadboy_/Shutterstock.com Address: Rama IV Road, Bangkok

Public Transport: MRT (underground transit train): Lumphini Station or Silom StationBTS (elevated Skytrain): Sala Daeng

Station

Opening hours: 05:00-19:00

More Info: Between Ratchadamri and Witthayu (Wireless)

roads.

Abhisek Dusit Throne Hall



This pinnacle
East-meets-West
structure was built by
King Chulalongkorn, the
first Thai monarch to visit
Europe. Visions of his

travels must have still been swimming in his head when he commissioned this stunning, grandiose building with distinct Western influences fusing with a glorious Thai exterior and oriental charm.

Photo: Werner Muenzker/Shutterstock.com Address: Ratchawithi Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 9:30-16:00

Phone: +66 026286300

More Info: Across from Dusit Zoo

Jatujak Weekend Market (Chatuchak)



Thailand's largest weekend market is a shopper's dream, with locals and tourists hitting Jatujak's labyrinthine stalls. Housing more than

10,000 stalls, you will discover amazing prices on silks, handicrafts, clothes, antiques, collectibles





and plants, to name a few. Get there early to avoid afternoon crowds and the sweaty hustle and bustle.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road, Bangkok

Public Transport: SkyTrain BTS: Sapan Khwai Station or

Mochit Station. MRT: Kamphaenpetch Station

Opening hours: Wednesday to Thursday (Plants & Flowers) 6:00-18:00. Friday (Wholesale day) 6:00-18:00. Saturday to

Sunday (Miscellaneous) 6:00-18:00. Internet: www.chatuchak.org/

More Info: Watch out for pick-pockets!

Sala Chalermkrung Theatre: Khon Masked Dance



Savour Thailand's classical masked dance at the Sala Chalermkrung Theatre, regarded as one of the most refined styles of performing art in the

world. Once privy only to the royal court of the King, Khon's masked dance is held every Thursday and Friday evening and is a rare treat for the culturally savvy.

Photo: artintowninstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 66 Chalermkrung Road, Sala Chalermkrung,

Bangkok

Opening hours: Thursday to Friday: 19:30-22:00

Phone: +66 2623 8148 9

Internet: www.salachalermkrung.com

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market



This floating market is truly an impressive sight as vendors on long boats brimming with fruits or brightly coloured trinkets, navigate the

'klong' (canal) to sell their produce to the tourists and locals standing along the canal's edge. This world-famous market, from a James Bond movie, is located 80 kilometres outside of Bangkok, but it is certainly worth the journey. Take an organised tour, or a regular bus from the Southern Bus Terminal and see what the hype is all about.

Photo: tonson/Shutterstock.com

Address: Damnoen Saduak, Damnoen Saduak District,

Ratchaburi, Bangkok Opening hours: 06:00-12:00

Internet: www.floating-market-bangkok.com/ Email: contact@floating-market-bangkok.com

Khaosan Road



Enter a bustling, exciting, vibrant mix of eateries, bars and lines of street stalls selling clothes, jewellery and tantalizing Thailand souvenirs. With

the rich smoky scents of vendors cooking fresh Pad Thai on the curbside, t-shirt and jewellery stalls decorating the road walkways, and a maze of ferny alleys lined with local and travelling characters, a trip to Bangkok is incomplete without a stroll through its most lively, action-packed area. The area was once the infamous backpackers haunt, but is now a family-friendly area where tourists towing prams and elite Bangkokians come to spend the day. Nightlife here is still robust however, and many are up until dawn enjoying the revelries on this street.

Photo: Twinsterphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bang Lamphu, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

Opening hours: 08:00-02:00

More Info: Banglamphu Old City near the Chao Praya River

and the Grand Palace



National Science Museum



The National Science
Museum is a great family
attraction, a place to
learn a little bit more
about science, the
environment and the

world. There are plenty of activities for everyone to participate. The building where the museum is located has been designed and constructed in a remarkable geometry.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: Technopolis, Klong 5, Klong Luang, Pathum Thani,

Bangkok

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 09:30-16.00. Saturday to

Sunday 09:30-17:00. Phone: +66 2 577 9999

Internet: www.nsm.or.th/english/index.php

Email: info@nsm.or.th

Bangkok Art & Culture Centre (BACC)



If you love art, you should visit BACC since it provides an interesting program with contemporary art, theatre, film, design and

cultural events. Contemporary Thai potteries and sculptures are also on display. You will be surprised how Thailand is full of wonderful artists and ideas.

Photo: Tao Thailand/Shutterstock.com

Address: 939 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00-21:00

Phone: +66 2 214 6630 Internet: en.bacc.or.th/ Email: info@bacc.or.th

Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum



With 10 zones and over 90 wax figures you will find yourself busy at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum-Bangkok. Here you can pose with A-list

celebrities such as Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts on the red carpet or hop on stage with your favourite stars such as Lady Gaga and Justin Bieber.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4th Floor, Siam Discovery, 989 Rama 1 Road,

Pathumwan, Bangkok

Public Transport: BTS Siam Station

Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Phone: +66 2 658 0060

Internet: www.madametussauds.com/bangkok/en/

Museum of Counterfeit Goods



This unique museum presents counterfeit goods seized in raids and gives educational tours about intellectual property infringement.

This very educational place shows case studies to display the consequences of fake products.

Admission is free but you have to book an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

Photo: Still AB/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26th Floor, Supalai Grand Tower, 1011 Rama 3

Road, Chongnonsi, Yannawa, Bangkok

Opening hours: Monday:14:00. Thursday:10:00.

Phone: +66 2056 5546

Internet: www.tilleke.com/firm/community/museum

Email: bangkok@tilleke.com



Queen Saovabha Institute Snake Farm



As the name indicates it, the Queen Saovabha Institute Snake Farm welcomes reptiles fan. There are demonstrations on how to handle snakes

and how to extract venom. First-aid exhibitions are given to tourists.

Photo: jeep2499/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1871 Rama 4 Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 08:30-16:30. Saturday:

08:30-12:00.

Phone: +66 22 52 0161

Internet: www.saovabha.com/en/snakefarm.asp

Email: info@saovabha.com

Bangkok Doll Museum



This little Doll Museum presents since around 50 years a prestigious collection of dolls. Around 500 hand-made dolls are presented. You will see

different traditional clothing. The gift shop is worth a tour.

Photo: Christopher PB/Shutterstock.com

Address: 85 Soi Mo Leng, Ratchaprarop Road, Bangkok Opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 08:30-17:00

Phone: +66 2 245 3008

Internet: www.bangkokdolls.com/

Batcat Museum & Toy Thailand



Batcat Toy Museum is definitively an unusual place in Bangkok. Over 50 000 artifacts celebrate the superhero Batman. It is a great place for kids

who will for sure enjoy the sight!

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7032 Srinakarin Road, Huamak, Bangkapi, Bangkok

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00-17:00

Phone: +66 2375 9006

Email: batcatmuseum@gmail.com

DINING



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If nothing else, Bangkok serves as an epicentre of South East Asian culinary sensation, with endless cuisine varieties and flavours to boot. Tantalize your taste buds with a journey thorough Bangkok's endless flurry of fine restaurants, delectable eateries and simmering roadside food stalls. Comprising the best places to dine with such a short list is an impossible task. However, here's what each of Bangkok's main culinary areas have to offer the gastronomic aficionado, with a sneak selection of some of the stand outs:

Yaowarat Road



Also known as Bangkok's Chinatown, this is a bustling, frenetic, neon artery featuring an impressive trail of Chinese and

oriental-inspired eateries and restaurants. Savour some of the best dim sum lunches in all of South East Asia.

Photo: Rachata Teyparsit/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yaowarat Road, Bangkok





Phahurat Road



Just a short stretch away from Yaowarat, sizzle the taste buds with the region's hallmark Indian fare - not to mention a spicy array of Pakistani

and Punjabi delicacies.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Phahurat Road, Bangkok

Siam Square



For a more modern, cosmopolitan air, check out the Siam shopping district and indulge in delectable choices of Thai, Chinese, Japanese,

Western and European fare. Choose from restaurants, laid back buffets, or casual food court dine-ins.

Photo: TopTakeKlong/Shutterstock.com

Address: Siam Square, Bangkok Public Transport: BTS Siam Station Internet: www.siam-square.com/

Sukhumvit Road



Variety is indeed the spice of life, a mantra that Sukhumvit Rd has taken to heart, offering a seasoned selection of local and international

food options. Enjoy quality Thai alongside European, American, Mexican, Indian, Middle Eastern or Japanese. The menu is endless along Sukhumvit.

Photo: jutamas/Shutterstock.com Address: Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok

Public Transport: Phra Khanong BTS Station

Silom Road



Bangkok's business core is a culinary cornucopia. Take a long lunch at the Soi Lalais lunch market, sup fresh seafood by the Saladaeng intersection,

Indonesian near Convent Road, Japanese by Soi Thaniya, or traditional Thai around Soi Pipat.

Photo: maxhaha/Shutterstock.com Address: Silom Road, Bangrak, Bangkok

Public Transport: Sala Daeng BTS Station. Or Silom MRT

Station.

Eat Me Restaurant



Elegant and cool, reserved and unassuming, delight yourself with the artistic vibe of Eat Me Restaurant. Savour its

decadent modern, international and regional plates, with sizzling meat and poultry, sumptuous seafood and hearty vegetarian options.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Convent Road, Silom, Soi Pipat 2, Bangkok Public Transport: Sala Daeng BTS Station. Or Silom MRT

Station.

Opening hours: 15:00-01:00 Phone: +66 2 238 0931

Internet: eatmerestaurant.com/
Email: info@eatmerestaurant.com

Suda Restaurant



Suda Restaurant is one of the oldest traditional Thai-Chinese family-run restaurants on Sukhumvit Road, and is conveniently situated underneath the





Asoke SkyTrain station. The family owners have an eye for the freshest ingredients and one favourite is their pork satay. As a bonus, their prices are not much higher than what you find at most street vendor stalls, so it's very popular with the locals as well. Visiting early evening should assure you immediate seating. If you are a group, please call and book beforehand.

Photo: Ann in the uk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6-6/1 Sukhumvit Soi14, Khlong Toei, Bangkok

Public Transport: Asok BTS Station

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 11:00-22:30

Phone: +66 2 229 4664

Internet: www.thaibis.com/bangkok/restaurants/suda

Baan Khanitha



With its walls lined with delightful artwork and homely Thai ambience, Baan Khanitha produces excellent signature Thai dishes. The recipient of

10 consecutive 'best Thai restaurant' awards. Indulge in delectable hallmark dishes of spicy river prawn soup with glass noodles, and prawns with tamarind sauce, roasted duck, mango and sticky rice.

Photo: wing f chen/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36/1 Soi 23, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok Public Transport: Exit 1, Thonglor BTS Station

Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Phone: +66 2 258 4128

Internet: www.baan-khanitha.com/index.php

Email: info@baan-khanitha.com

La Dalat Indochine



La Dalat Indochine is a charming Vietnamese restaurant on bustling Soi 23, a short walk from Sukhumvit Road and Soi Cowboy. The restaurant

is housed in a charming converted 1950's villa, adorned with lush plants, modern art and French Vietnamese memorabilia. Savour La Dalat's crisp baguettes and bouillabaisse, mouth-watering local seafood and flourishing character.

Photo: senlektomyum/Shutterstock.com

Address: 57 Soi Prasanrnmitr Sukhumvit 23, Bangkok

Opening hours: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-22:30.

Phone: +66 02 259 9593 Internet: www.ledalatbkk.com/ Email: ledalat@ledalatbkk.com

Roti Mataba



Renowned for its no-frills, fast, tasty food and comfortable, lively setting, Roti Mataba provides top-notch budget Indian cuisine

that will not leave a dent in the wallet. For next to nickels, take in a cosy feast of Massaman Curry, crisp garlic roti and tantalising chicken Korma, and wash it down with rounds of ice-cold Tiger beer.

Photo: wolfmaster13/Shutterstock.com

Address: 136 Phra Athit Road, Phra Nakorn, Bangkok Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00-22:30

Phone: +66 2 282 2119 Internet: www.roti-mataba.net Email: rotimataba@gmail.com





Took Lae Dee



Literally translated as 'Cheap and Good,' look no further than Took Lae Dee for excellent Thai and Western cuisine that goes ever-so-easy on the

back pocket. On the long counter armed with chefs, delight in the simplicity, rich characters, busy action and hearty fare at this much revered Bangkok institution.

Ei8ht Thonglor Bldg. 88/36 Sukhumvit 55 (Thonglor) Klongton Nua, Wattana Bangkok

Photo: Kongsak/Shutterstock.com

Address: LG, Ei8ht Thonglor Building. 88/36 Sukhumvit 55

(Thonglor) Klongton Nua, Bangkok Opening hours: Opens 24 hours

Phone: +66 2 530 02 20

Internet: www.8thonglor.com/shop/took-lae-dee/

Email: supamit@foodland.thmail.com More Info: Foodland Supermarket

Lan Na Thai - Face bar



The lavish Face Bar complex is home to this wonderful Thai hub, while also housing an Indian (Hazara) and a Japanese (Mizaki) restaurant.

Traditional Thai artifacts and decor provide perfect ambience for a romantic meal. Sup aperitifs in the bar pre-meal, indulge in sublime cuisine and cap the night with a decadent digestive. Do not miss the pastry and chocolate shop Visage on the way out for unforgettable desserts.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 Soi Sukhumvit 38 Sukhumvit Rd. Prakanong,

Klongtoey, Bangkok

Public Transport: Thong Lo BTS Station

Opening hours: 11:30-23:00

Phone: +66 2 713 6048

Internet: www.face-bangkok.com Email: admin@face-bangkok.com

Khaosan Road



As well as its pulsing, energetic nightlife, Khaosan is a hub for excellent local and multicultural eateries - both affordable and

enticing. Indian, Korean, Japanese, Western and Thai all vie for attention along this busy stretch. Dine in, outside, or indulge in a steaming fresh plate of Pad Thai by the curbside.

Photo: Twinsterphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Khaosan Road, Bangkok

Seven Spoons



At this restaurant you can indulge yourself with Mediterranean influenced dishes made from locally produced and organic ingredients. Seven

Spoons Bar And Restaurant also provides good vegetarian options.

Photo: REDPIXEL.PL/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Chakkrapatipong Road, Bangko

Public Transport: Ratchathewi BTS Station

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 11:00-15:00,

18:00-23:00. Sunday: 18:00-23:00.

Phone: +66 2 629 92 14 Internet: sevenspoonsbkk.com/ Email: sevenspoons@live.com

More Info: Corner of Jor Por Ror (JPR) and Chakkrapatipong





The Reflexions



The Reflexions is a romantic restaurant where you can savour the finest modern French cuisine. This sophisticated

award-winning restaurant offers an intriguing menu where the dishes are only prepared with the best seasonal ingredients and beautifully executed and plated. You will definitely eat with your eyes!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61 Wireless Road, Lumphini, Pathumwan, Bangkok

Opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 12:00-14:00,

18:00-22:30. Sunday: 12:00-15:00.

Phone: +66 2650 8800

Internet:

www.plazaatheneebangkok.com/en/restaurant/thereflexions

Email: reflexions.bangkok@lemeridien.com

More Info: Located at Plaza Athénée Bangkok, A Royal

Méridien Hotel

CAFÉS



James Doberman/Shutterstock.com

Well known for its great selection of coffee beans and roasters, Bangkok offers a wide range of cafés. Don't hesitate to take a piece of cake to go with your tea or coffee.

Tazzina



This small and cosy café is held by young women who have learnt all the secrets of coffee in Australia. The result is amazing and you will for

sure appreciate the delicate aromas of the beverage. The food is also to try, as it is fresh and home-made.

Photo: YKTR/Shutterstock.com

Address: 55/1 Soi Naradhiwas 3 (Piphat 2), Bangkok

Public Transport: Chong Nonsi BTS Station Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 07:00-19:00

Phone: +66 81 550 7677 Email: tazziiina@gmail.com

Old Town Cafe Bangkok



Old Town Cafe in Bangkok offers a very great atmosphere. Quietness and attention are provided to the customers. The menu

items are delicious. You will leave the place feeling completely relaxed, with jazz music on your lips.

Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 130/12 Wang Burapha Phirom, Phra Nakhon,

Bangkok

Opening hours: Monday to Wednesday, Saturday to Sunday:

08:30-16:30

Phone: +66 81 810 8456

Authors' Lounge at Mandarin Oriental



A pricey experience in one of the most beautiful hotel in Bangkok. Be transported in another era and location while tasting wonderful English



tea and pastries.

Keep in mind that there is a dress code, you must avoid shorts and sandals.

Photo: Ruth Black/Shutterstock.com

Address: 48 Oriental Avenue, Bang Rak, Bangkok

Opening hours: 12:00-18:00 Phone: +66 2 659 9000

Internet: www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/fine-dining/aut

hors-lounge

Email: mobkk-restaurants@mohg.com

Ceresia Coffee Roasters



Here you can find the finest selection of coffee beans. The passionate owners conjugate Thai and Venezuelan culture for the best! With your

delicious cup of joe, don't hesitate to order tasty pastries.

Photo: Shaiith/Shutterstock.com

Address: 593/29-41 Sukhumvit Soi 33/1, Bangkok Public Transport: Phrom Phong BTS Station

Opening hours: 08:00-18:00 Phone: +66 98 251 4327

Internet: www.ceresiacoffeeroasters.com

Email: ceresiacoffee@gmail.com

Hello Kitty House



Drown into pink colours and cute kitty pictures in this café. Three floors are devoted to the Japanese character, including a souvenir shop, a spa and

this café. All is pink, from the cake to the whipped cream.

Photo: MOHD RAIS BIN JUMARY/Shutterstock.com Address: Siam Square 1, 991 Rama 1 Road, Bangkok

Public Transport: Siam BTS Station Opening hours: 10:00-22:00 Phone: +66 2 115 1335 Internet: www.sanriohellokittyhousebangkok.com

Email: info@dreamhousethailand.com

Gallery Drip Coffee



Ideal for art lovers, the gallery is held by a couple of photographers. Their trendy venue is located in the Bangkok Art & Culture Center. The

beans selected are from ecological and organic farms from Ethiopia, Kenya and Thailand.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 939 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Bangkok Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00-21:00

Phone: +66 81 98 95 244

More Info: 1st Floor, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

Bocha Tea & Bakery



This very pretty café is located next to the waterfront. The macarons are really tasty and very famous in Bangkok. The milk tea and the bubble

tea are to try.

Photo: 5 second Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5&6, Asiatique The Riverfront, Charoen Krung 74,

Bangkok

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 16:00-23:00. Friday to

Sunday: 16:00-24:00.
Phone: +66 84 942 9249
Internet: www.bo-cha.com
Email: bochatea@gmail.com

Audrey Cafe Glamour



This European-inspired café offers delicate cakes and sweet dishes. You should definitively try the gooey lava cake.





Photo: Ronnachai Palas/Shutterstock.com

Address: L5-03/1R, 5th Floor, Central Embassy, Ploenchit

Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok

Public Transport: Ploenchit BTS Station, Chidlom BTS

Station

Opening hours: 11:00-22:00 Phone: +66 2 160 5876

Internet: www.audreygroup.com/AudreyCafeGlamour/

Email: info@audreygroup.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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When the sun comes down, Bangkok is well-versed on how to have a seriously good time. A city infamous for its wild nightlife, Bangkok's bars, clubs, taverns and lounges light up the streets, bustling and bursting with action. Partiers and revellers will rejoice with an abundance of rock pubs, jazz cafés and sleek cocktail bars. Many nightspots have free entrance, though some more popular venues charge a modest entry fee. The city also yields an array of sophisticated entertainment for more refined pleasure seekers, including Broadway-inspired stage shows, traditional performances and night time river cruises.

Khaosan Road Area



Bangkok's backpacker hub caters in spades with an excellent collection of laid-back bars, frequented by swathes of

international tourists and

locals alike. Enjoy ice cold drinks at institutions like Gulliver's and Mulligan's, soak up excellent views of the street from Silk Bar, and dance the night away to smooth grooves at Reggae Bar. Be seen at local favourites The Club and Lava, with a midnight plate of fresh Pad Thai and pancakes to keep the festivities going.

Photo: Twinsterphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Khaosan Road, Bangkok

RCA - Royal City Avenue



RCA yields an array of bars, clubs and nightspots hugely popular with Thai locals. Venues such as Route 66, and Slim with night-round

action, live bands, techno halls, and spinning DJ's delving into hip-hop, house, rock and beyond. Night groovers are truly spoilt for choice at RCA.

Photo: cha cha cha studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Royal City Avenue, Bangkok Public Transport: Phetchaburi MRT Station, Asoke BTS Station, or Phrom Phong BTS Station.

The Bamboo Bar



For sensational live jazz, delicate service and a sophisticated array of décor, liquors and svelte cocktails, this legendary bamboo and palm



festooned 'Jungle Speakeasy' is a one of a kind in Bangkok. An institution in its own right, Bamboo Bar is a delightful nook to while away a hot tropical night.

Photo: Mooid Art/Shutterstock.com Address: 48 Oriental Avenue, Bangkok

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday, Sunday: 17:00-01:00.

Friday to Saturday: 17:00-02:00.

Phone: +66 2 659 9000

Internet: www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/fine-dining/the

-bamboo-bar/

Email: mobkk-restaurants@mohg.com

More Info: Located at Mandarin Oriental Bangkok

Vertigo and Moon Bar



Vertigo lingers loftily above the city on the 61st floor of the lavish Banyan Tree Hotel, with a recherché open-air lounge and sultry

selection of fine spirits and liquors. Patrons can enjoy a crisp cocktail and aperitif while taking in the amazing night-time vistas of bustling Bangkok below. There is an extensive cocktail menu that may seem a bit pricey, but the quality-price ratio is definitively worth it.

There is a dress code : dress smart casual (no shorts and open shoes for men)

Photo: ExsoMinute/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21/100 South Sathon Road Sathon, Bangkok

Opening hours: 17:00-01:00 Phone: +66 2 679 1200

Internet: www.banyantree.com/en/ap-thailand-bangkok/verti

go-and-moon-bar

Email: bangkok@banyantree.com

Sirrocco



At Bangkok's highest open-air bar and restaurant, take a seat amongst the A-list at classy Sirrocco. Here you can expect smooth jazz,

crisp drinks and delectable décor. If Vertigo's views do not cut it, then Sirrocco's sprawling panorama will definitely take your breath away.

Photo: Songchai W/Shutterstock.com Address: 1055/111 Silom Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: 18:00 - 01:00 Phone: +66 2624 9555

Internet: www.lebua.com/sirocco Email: reservations@lebua.com

More Info: Hotel Lebua at State Tower

Phranakorn Bar



Hugely popular with university students and backpackers, Phra Nakorn is the perfect spot to chill and knock back a few bottles of Chang in

the summer steam, located just a short saunter from the bustling Khaosan Road.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 58/2 Soi Damnoen Klang Tai, Ratcadamnoen klang

Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: 18:00-01:00 Phone: +66 2 222 0282 Email: syamyai@hotmail.com

More Info: Off of Ratchadamnoen Road



SHOPPING



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Have we mentioned that Bangkok is a veritable shoppers' paradise? You'll find pretty much everything and anything you could ever want, need or desire in this town - from fashion to electronics, novelties and crafts. Hit up and indulge in Bangkok's enormous array of modern shopping hubs, contemporary stores, cosmopolitan boutiques and exotic, labyrinthine markets for every conceivable consuming penchant.

Peninsula Tailors



With its high reputation, Peninsula Tailors offers quality craftmanship and the latest fashion from around the globe. The friendly staff are very

experienced, providing a wide range of fabrics in a relaxed atmosphere. Reasonable prices combined with the highest quality, makes Peninsula Tailors one of the best tailors in town.

Address: 153 Rajdamri Road, Golden place plaza 2nd floor,

Room 222-3, Lumpini, Pathumwan Bangkok

Phone: +66 2652 2033

Internet: www.peninsulatailors.com Email: peninsulatailors@hotmail.com

Step One Tailor

A custom tailor serving you in a relaxed

atmosphere. Take your pick from pants, blouses, suits, overcoats and much more.

Address: 1086/18 Charoen Krung Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 10:00-19:00. Saturday:

10:00-18:00.

Phone: +66 2234 7949

Internet: www.steponetailor.com Email: tony@steponetailor.com

Clothing & Tailors



Bangkok is known for its inexpensive clothing and talented tailoring industry. There are tailor shops throughout the city, but it is best to ask

around for reputable places. Some tailor shops will take your money, but will not deliver quality products.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com

Jatujak Weekend Market (also: Chatuchak)



With over 10,000 stalls, you'll find literally everything and anything at this extravagant weekend bazaar, from plants to crafts, pets,

clothes, food and antiques – you name it. You'll need a map so you don't get lost in the maze of aisles, though the market is incredibly organised considering its behemoth size.

Wednesday to Thursday: Plants & Flowers.

Friday: Wholesale day

Saturday to Sunday: Miscellaneous

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road, Bangkok

Public Transport: SkyTrain BTS: Sapan Khwai Station or

Mochit Station. MRT: Kamphaenpetch Station



Opening hours: 6:00-18:00 Internet: www.chatuchak.org/ More Info: Watch out for pickpockets!

Patpong Night Bazaar



Infamous Patpong is home to the steamier side of Bangkok's night scene, but also caters for die hard shopaholics these days. At around 7 pm

every day, the sidewalks of Patpong and Silom Rd come alive with a plethora of stalls offering clothing, trinkets, music, watches and myriad varieties of treats.

Photo: elwynn/Shutterstock.com Address: Phat Pong 2 Alley, Bangkok Opening hours: 18:00-01:00

Antiques



Antique sales in Bangkok are strong, but antiques are not always what are sold. The word antique could actually mean that it was made to look old

yesterday. That being said, Thailand antiques, whether old or young, display intricate craftsmanship and make for great gifts and decoration. There are antique stores around the city, especially in the more touristy areas of Siam, Silom, Sukhumvit and Khaosan Road.

Photo: Charlie Edward/Shutterstock.com Address: Khaosan Road, Bangkok

Mahboonkrong (MBK) Center



The 'grand-daddy' of Bangkok's big shopping centres yields a market feel in indoor air-conditioned comfort, with floor upon floor of

shops selling just about anything, and is topped with a movie theatre. An entire floor is devoted to mobile phones and digital cameras. Ample clothes, bag and furniture stores spread across the remaining levels. Tourists can apply for a special Tourist Discount Card (MBK) at the information desk, which entitles you to between 5–30 percent discounts on selected merchandise and in some restaurants.

Photo: Kar Tr/Shutterstock.com Address: Phayathai Road, Bangkok Opening hours: 10:00-22:00

Phone: +66 2620 9000

Internet: www.mbk-center.co.th
Email: marketing@mbk-center.co.th

Siam Paragon



Holding centre stage in the heart of the Siam shopping district, Paragon is modern, sleek and spacious. With names like Armani, Chanel and

Maserati on hand, the Paragon is decidedly high-end, but its monumental cinema screens, delectable food court options and Asia's largest aquarium will keep you sheltered from the heat.

Photo: Khajonwit Somsri/Shutterstock.com Address: 991 Rama 1 Road, Puthumwan, Bangkok

Public Transport: Siam BTS Station Opening hours: 10:00-22:00

Phone: +66 2 690 1000

Internet: www.siamparagon.co.th





The Emporium



The emporium is a high-class centre located on Sukhumvit Road at the Phromphong Skytrain station. With a variety of high and mid-end stores,

this happening hub is popular with foreign residents and wealthy locals for beauty, fashion, threads and more.

Photo: Milles Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 622 Sukhumvit, Khlong Toei, Bangkok Public Transport: Phrom Phong BTS Station

Opening hours: 10:00-22:00 Phone: +66 2 269 1000

Internet: www.emporium.co.th

Siam Centre & Siam Discovery



Set side-by-side and connected by a sky walk on the fourth floor, these sister malls are yet two more fabulous shopping centres in the Siam

shopping district. Siam Centre is geared toward the teenager crowd with frequent singing and fashion shows and a live radio broadcasting booth where up-and-coming pop stars cut their tunes. Discovery is more upscale, with many artsy furniture stores and upscale clothing stores.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: 989 Rama I Rd, Khwaeng Lumphini, Khet Pathum

Wan, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon, Bangkok

Opening hours: 10:00-22:00 Phone: +66 2 658 1000

Internet: www.siamcenter.co.th

Panthip Plaza Bangkok



In the heart of the Siam shopping district, Panthip Plaza is a mecca of all things IT. From video games, to computers, software to movies,

anything you need to increase your tech connections can be found here.

Photo: fotoinfot/Shutterstock.com

Address: 604/3 Petchaburi Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Phone: +66 2 254 9797

Internet: www.pantipplaza.com/ Email: Panuwat.r@tcclr.co.th

More Info: Opposite Pratunam's City Complex

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Suvarnabhumi International Airport



Suvarnabhumi
International Airport is a major international gateway to Asia. This immaculate, shining
Suvarnabhumi Airport is

the newest of Bangkok's airway hubs. It is located in Samut Prakan Province, just 30 kilometres east of Bangkok. Suvarnabhumi — pronounced soo-WAHN-ah-poom, means 'golden land' in Thai — and this new airport welcomes



thousands of visitors daily who are anxious to see the country's golden attractions.

Getting into Bangkok is easy with regular shuttle bus and airport taxi service. The recently opened Suvarnabhumi Airport Link provides direct train service into the terminal city station. Airport Express also provides four main direct bus services to various inner city hotels. A 24-hour public bus service is also provided from the Bus Terminal at the Transport Centre.

Taxis can be found on Level 1 of the terminal. Alternatively, take a shuttle bus (Express route) to the Transport Centre taxi stand.

Photo: Juan Garce

Address: Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok

Phone: +66 2 132 1888

Internet: suvarnabhumiairport.com/en

 $Email: suvarnab_suggestion@airportthai.co.th$

Don Mueang International Airport



Bangkok's first airport now serves mainly short-haul flights for budget airlines on domestic routes. It lies 25 kilometres north of

central Bangkok. There is a 500 metre walkway that connects the International and Domestic terminals, with a free Thai Airways shuttle bus available.

Photo: Juan Garce

Address: Don Muang International Airport, Bangkok

Phone: +66 2 535 1192

In ternet: donmue angair port thai. com/en

Email: aotpr@airportthai.co.th

Public Transport



The Skytrain (BTS) is an extensive, modern air-conditioned monorail network. It is composed of two lines that reach the popular destinations

of Bangkok. One line stretches east to Sukhumvit Soi 77 at the On Nut terminus all the way north to Jatujak Park and the Northern Bus Terminal at the Mo Chit terminus. Its other line runs from National Stadium at MBK Shopping Centre south across to the west side of the Chao Praya River at the Wongwan Yai terminus. Individual ticket fares are available, as well as a continuous top-up card.

Tuk Tuk

Bangkok's iconic transport, the three-wheeled mini taxis known as tuk-tuks, are not as common for transport these days. Producing new tuk-tuks has been banned by the government due to the pollution they produce. However, these three-wheeler 'mobile lawnmowers' are a true adventure ride. Let your locks flow in the breeze as you absorb the sights, sounds and frenetic chaos of Bangkok's bustling roads in these hair-raising open-air carts. Price depends on distance, time of day (peak hour afternoons) and the mood of the driver. A common offer by tuk-tuk drivers is a ride around the city for a good price as long as you stop off at an over-priced tailor or jeweller afterward. Be wary of these offers.

Bus

Bus lines are a very common form of transport for locals getting to work and around the city. For visitors from foreign countries, it is less ideal





as the lines follow major traffic arteries that are often clogged with traffic. The bus routes aren't laid out in English, so find a Thai speaker to help out with getting from here to there. The Bangkok Mass Transit Authority does have a website in English for bus numbers that reach popular tourist attractions.

www.bmta.co.th

Envisioned as a key rail artery from the city districts to Bangkok's major airline hub, commercial airport link services connect Suvarnabhumi Airport and Makkasan area in downtown Bangkok.

The express service is a 15-minute non-stop journey between the City. Alternatively, the commuter rail service is expected to make stops at eight different stations along the network, connecting with both the subway and Skytrain services.

www.bangkokairporttrain.com

MRT

The underground MRT train line runs north to south and covers the eastern edge of the city that the Skytrain doesn't serve. Its northern terminus is Bang Sue Station in the Northern Bus Terminal/Jatujak Park area. Its southern terminus takes passengers to the edge of Chinatown (Yaowarat) at Hua Lamphong Station.

www.bangkokmetro.co.th

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are readily available all over the city. Be sure to make sure the driver shows a working meter prior to the ride. Avoid touts offering a taxi

service for a fixed fee, which is illegal and unsafe.

Post



Generally, post offices are open from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, though some refuse international parcel shipments after 3.30 pm. Many shopping

centres and stores will send purchases from their locations during their business hours.

Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Charoen Krung Road, Bangkok

Opening hours: 24 hours

More Info: International phone calls can also be made here

Pharmacy



Thailand pharmacies are exceptional with most pharmacists speaking excellent English. In tourist areas, many stay open until midnight or 1

am. Bangkok pharmacies will generally sell most medicines over the counter without prescription. The pharmacy directly across from Nana complex is open 24 hours.

Photo: Gemma Garner





Telephone



Country code: +66 Area code central Bangkok: 02

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 Volts

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Taxes



In restaurants (not noodle shops or local cafés) a 7% VAT is applicable. A service charge of around 10 to 15% is often added in hotel restaurants and

bars. If your bill doesn't contain a service charge, then a tip of around 10% is appreciated if the service has met your expectations. However, tipping is not expected in Thailand.

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Royal Reverence: A Special Reminder



One of the first things tourists arriving in Thailand will notice is an abundance of portraits of the King and the Royal Family. Thais hold a

profound respect for their King, and foreign

visitors are expected to also respect this reverence. Disrespecting the King is a punishable offence in Thailand, and it includes jail time, fines and/or deportation. While you're in the Land of Smiles, remember to be respectful of the culture, and your travels will be all the more pleasant.

Photo: WEB-DESIGN/Shutterstock.com

Population

Approximately 10,500,000

Currency

Thai Baht 1 Baht = 100 Satang

Opening hours

Shops are generally open Mon-Sat 8 am-9 pm. Banks are generally open Mon-Fri 9.30 am-5 pm except on public and bank holidays. Banks located in major shopping malls are generally open Mon-Sun, 7 days a week, 10 am-7 pm.

Newspapers

Bangkok Post The Nation

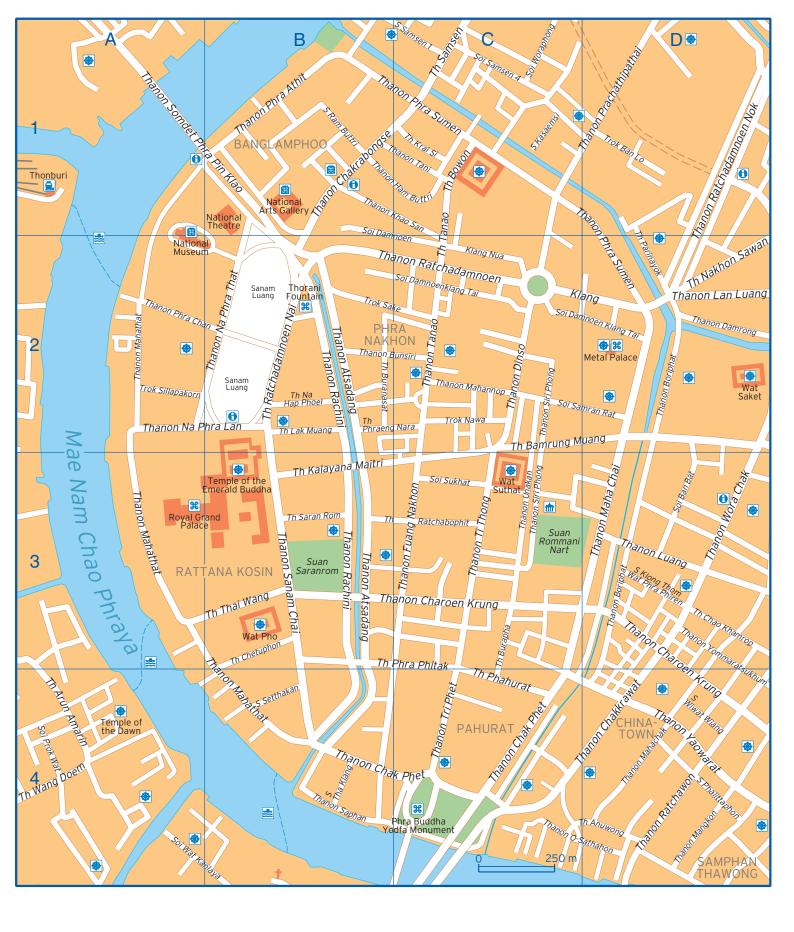
Emergency numbers

Tourist Police: 1155 Police, Ambulance: 191 Fire Brigade: 199

Tourist information

Tourism Authority of Thailand TAT 1600 New Phetchaburi Road, Makkasan, Rajatevee, Bangkok +66 2 250 5500 Opens 08:30-16:30







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Soi Damnoen Klang Nua	B1 C2	Thanon Chetuphon	В3	Thanon Rachini	B2 B3
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Soi Damnoenklang Tai	C2	Thanon Dinso	C2	Thanon Ratchadamnoen Klang	B2 C2 D2
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Soi Phalittaphon	D4	Thanon Ham Buttri	B1 C1	Thanon Ratchadamnoen Nok	D1 D2
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Soi Samsen 1	C1	Thanon Lak Muang	B2	Thanon Saphan	B4
Soi Samsen 4	C1	Thanon Lan Luang	D2	Thanon Saran Rom	В3
Soi Setthakan	B4	Thanon Luang	D3	Thanon Siri Phong	C2 C3
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Soi Tha Klang	B4	Thanon Mahachak	D4	Thanon Tanao	C1 C2
Soi Wat Kanlaya	A4 B4	Thanon Mahannop	C2	Thanon Tani	B1 C1
Soi Wiwat Wiang	D4	Thanon Mahathat	A2 A3 B4	Thanon Thai Wang	В3
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Thanon Anuwong	C4 D4	Thanon Na Hap Phoel	B2	Thanon Tri Phet	C4
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Thanon Atsadang	B2 B3	Thanon Na Phra That	B2	Thanon Wang Doem	A4
Thanon Bamrung Muang	C2 D2	Thanon Nakhon Sawan	D2	Thanon Wora Chak	D3
Thanon Boriphat	D2 D3	Thanon O-Sathahon	C4 D4	Thanon Yaowarat	D4
Thanon Bowon	C1	Thanon Parinayok	D1 D2	Thanon Yommaratsukhum	D3 D4
Thanon Bunsiri	B2 C2	Thanon Phahurat	C4	Trok Ban Lo	D1
Thanon Buranasat	B2	Thanon Phra Athit	B1	Trok Nawa	C2
Thanon Burapha	C3	Thanon Phra Chan	A2 B2	Trok Sake	B2 C2
Thanon Chak Phet	B4 C4	Thanon Phra Phitak	B3 C4	Trok Sillapakorn	A2
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