



INSIAM DESTINATION GUIDE

Thailand was known as Siam until 1939 and this name is still dominant in many forms, including an area in the Pathumwan district of Bangkok known as Siam Square – just a short walk from the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok.



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THINGS TO SEE IN SIAM

The Royal Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha Temple

This is a 'must see' attraction for all visitors to Bangkok. This royal compound embraces a remarkable collection of structures including Wat Phra Kaeo, the temple that houses the famous Emerald Buddha. Built in 1782, the Grand Palace was a royal residence for many generations and is still used for ceremonies and for accommodating Heads of State.

Dress code: Visitors must be properly dressed when entering the grounds of the Grand Palace. Men are required to wear shirts with sleeves and long trousers. Ladies must likewise cover their shoulders and wear full length skirts or dresses. Clothing for men and women may be hired for a nominal fee from the office at the main entrance to the compound.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 to 15:30 hrs

Admission fee: THB 500

Location: Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Borom Maha

Ratchawan, Bangkok



Wat Pho

Temple of Reclining Buddha



Wat Pho, situated close to the Grand Palace, is home to the Reclining Buddha. The temple, built during the reign of King Rama I, is considered to be a place of healing and was famous many centuries ago for its pharmacy and as Thailand's first university – both established by King Rama III. Traditional Thai and foot massages are available at the traditional medical school. Expect to pay a premium compared to massage shops elsewhere in the city. The Reclining Buddha measures 45 metres long by 15 metres high. The soles of the feet, inlaid with precious stones, denote the 108 signs of true faith. The statue's long earlobes signify noble birth and the lotus-bud configuration of the hand symbolises purity and beauty.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 17:00 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: 2 Sanamchai road, Pranakorn, Bangkok





Wat Arun Temple of Dawn



Wat Arun dates back to ancient battles between the former Siam and neighbouring Burma. Having fallen to the Burmese, Ayutthaya was reduced to rubble and ashes, but General Taksin and the remaining survivors vowed to march 'until the sun rose again' and to build a temple at that precise location. Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn, is that temple and was later the site of a royal palace and a private chapel. This temple steps provide stunning views as the sun sinks over the Chao Praya River. Access is easy by boat to the temple's jetty.

Opening hours: Daily 08:30 - 17:30 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: Arun Amarin road, Bangkok

Jim Thompson's House Museum

Jim Thompson's three decades of dedication to the revival of Thai silk, then a dying art, changed the industry forever. After he disappeared in Malaysia's Cameron Highlands in 1967 but his legacy remains with the Jim Thomson brand synonymous with high quality Thai fabrics. The Jim Thompson House and Museum is a charming complex of six teak houses that contain priceless antiques and works of art. Tours are available in several languages.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 16:30 hrs

Admission: THB 150

Location: Soi Kasemsan 2, Rama I road, Bangkok





Erawan Shrine

The Erawan Shrine is one of the most popular places of prayer in Bangkok. This Brahman shrine sits proudly at Ratchaprasong, close to the BTS Sky Train network (Chidlom station) and many shopping malls. It's a fascinating experience with the clouds of incense, garlands of flowers and Thai performers displaying traditional dance moves. It was erected to appease works after many problems arose during the constriction of a nearby hotel.

Opening hours: Daily 06:00 - midnight

Location: Corner of Ploenchit and Ratchadamri roads

SHOPPING INSIAM

Siam Paragon &

Siam Paragon is the popular shopping mall located next to the Siam Kempinski hotel with direct access via a connecting walkway. The complex houses international high-end fashion brands, aquarium, a 16-screen Cineplex, supermarket and restaurants offering Thai and international cuisine.

Opening hours: Daily from 10:00 - 22:00 hrs **Location:** 991 Rama 1 road, Pathumwan, Bangkok

BTS: Siam station



Central World Plaza



Central World Plaza is another large complex offers that provides exciting shopping experiences with shops, restaurants, movie theatres, supermarket, beauty salons and much more.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00 - 22:00 hrs Location: Ratchaprasong intersection **BTS:** Chidlom & Siam stations





MBK 🚨



MBK is probably Bangkok's most legendary shopping mall. It's popular with both tourists and local residents because of the bargain prices. The eight floors contain some 2,000 shops that sell literally anything and everything from clothing, fashion accessories and leather products to luggage, furniture, computers, smart phones and IT accessories.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 - 22.00 hrs

Location: Phayathai road, Bangkok **BTS:** National Stadium station

Siam Square

Wander around Siam Square for up-and-coming Thai and Asian brands that offer a great mix of unusual designs at attractive prices. This is a popular chilling spot with students from nearby Chulalongkorn University. Visit in the late afternoon or early evening to catch the vibe of Siam Square.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 to 22.00 hrs

Location: Rama 1 road, Bangkok **BTS:** Siam Interchange station





Chatuchak Weekend Market



Chatuchak Weekend Market has reached landmark status as a must-visit place for tourists. Its sheer size and diverse collections of merchandise will bring any seasoned shoppers to their knees. This is a market where you can literally 'shop until you drop'. The 35-acre site is home to more than 8,000 market stalls. On a typical weekend, more than 200,000 visitors come here to sift through the plethora of goods on offer. It's sensible to wear comfortable footwear and lightweight clothing.

Opening hours: Weekends 09.00 - 18.00 hrs Location: Kampangphet road, Bangkok

BTS: Mo Chit station

MRT: Kampang Phet station

Asiatique Riverfront Night Market

Asiatique combines successfully two of the most popular shopping experiences in the city: a night bazaar and a mall. Just a short (complimentary) boat ride from Sathorn pier Asiatique features more than 1,500 shops and a multitude of bars and restaurants housed in replica warehouse complex. Entertainment options include the Calypso cabaret.

Opening hours: Daily 17.00 - midnight

Location: Charoen Krung road Soi 72-74, Bangkok BTS: Saphan Taksin station and then take the Asiatique

shuttle boat



Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin Thai Restaurant

Inspired by the award-winning Kiin Kiin restaurant in Copenhagen and its owner Henrik Yde Andersen this Michelin one star restaurant is famous for its modern interpretations of classic Thai dishes created from traditional recipes and authentic ingredients. Choose 'The Journey' menu to experience the outstanding culinary skills of Chef Chayawee and his team.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 12:00 - 15:00 hrs Dinner 18:00 - 23:00 hrs

Prices: \$\$\$\$

Location: Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok, Rama I road



Saneh Jaan Thai Restaurant

Thai dishes crafted from ancient recipes that once impressed the royal family are the draw here but don't discount the lovely setting, complete with vaulted ceilings and contemporary Thai touches. Dishes are a mix of classics and hard-to-find recipes such as hot and spicy soup, red curry with grilled pork, and sweet and sour coconut dip with crabmeat. For your dessert, try the khao moa rang - a rare creation made with young green rice grains.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:00 hrs Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$\$

Location: The Glasshouse at Sindhorn, Wireless road





Ma Maison Thai Restaurant



Ma Maison is a modern venue that combines an elegant ambience with traditional Thai fayre. Situated on the sprawling lawns of the Nai Lert Park Heritage Home, this restaurant provides a luxurious experience and prides itself on its family recipes passed down from generation to generation. Don't be fooled by the French name. This restaurant devotes itself to sharing the recipes of the Nai Lert family. Signature dishes include pork crackling noodles and a rich chicken massaman.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 hrs / Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$

Location: Nai Lert Park Heritage, Ploenchit Road





To find one of the oldest beef stew restaurants in Bangkok, head to Ekkamai by taxi or BTS SkyTrain. This venue is famous for its stewed beef and noodles. Sukiyaki, stir-fried beef in oyster sauce, and garlic pork with rice are other popular dishes.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 09:30 - 20:00 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: Ekkamai Soi 18-20, Sukhumvit 63 Road









Baan Pad Thai



Go-Ang Chicken Rice

This humble chicken and rice stall has drawn a devoted fan base of local and international foodies for more than 50 years. The aromatic rice is cooked with chicken oil and perfectly matches perfectly the flavour of the chicken.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: Lunch 06:00 - 14:00 hrs / Dinner 17:00 -

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Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: New Petchburi Road

Baan Phad Thai is named after one of Thailand's most popular dishes. The secret to its success is the combination of 18 to 20 ingredients used in making each dish. The organic, home made tofu and the fresh crab are also noteworthy at this restaurant where locals and tourists eat side by side.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 11:00 - 21.30 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: 21-23 Soi Charoen Krung 44 Road

HAPPENING INSIAM



Asaha Bucha Day

10 July 2025

This important public holiday in Thailand commemorates the day when the Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at Benares, India, over 2,500 years ago. The date of Asahna Bucha is determined by the waxing moon and lunar calendar, and typically falls in July or August. The Buddha's sermon marked the birth of the Dharma, the core doctrine of Buddhism, which is symbolised by the Dharmachakra, also known as the Wheel of Life, the Wheel of Law or the Wheel of Doctrine. This sacred symbol can be seen on flags adorning temples and buildings throughout Thailand. Images or sculptures of deer, representing the site of the sermon, are commonly displayed in temples and Buddhist art.

As with many Buddhist festivals, Thai devotees celebrate Asahna Bucha (also written as Asalha Puja and other combinations) by making merit and visiting their local wat (temple). One traditional offering is the donation of candles, a custom that originated in pre-electricity times to provide light during the darker days of the rainy season. Candlelight processions are held in various towns across Thailand to mark the occasion. Worshippers also engage in 'wian tian', a sacred ritual involving walking clockwise around the temple three times with a lit candle, lotus flowers and incense in hand. The following day is also significant, marking the start of the three-month 'Phansa' period, known as 'Buddhist Lent'.

Khao Phansa Day

11 July 2025

Khao Phansa Day, observed the day after Asahna Bucha, marks the beginning of Phansa, the three-month Buddhist rains retreat. Often referred to as 'Buddhist Lent', this period traditionally sees monks remain within the temple rather than travelling. Even before the time of Buddha, ascetics and holy men observed this retreat during the rainy season to avoid damaging crops and young plants. Buddhism in Thailand has preserved this ancient practice, and while monks may still be seen outside during the day, they are required to reside at the same temple each night throughout the Phansa period.

This tradition underscores the deep connection between Buddhist practice and seasonal rhythms in Thai culture, offering a time of reflection, learning, and spiritual focus for both monks and laypeople.





King Maha Vajiralongkorn's Birthday

28 July 2024

King Vajiralongkorn was born in Bangkok on 28 July 1952. From 2017 onwards, his birthday has been observed annually as a public holiday in Thailand.

Following the passing of his father on 13 October, the Crown Prince did not immediately accept the crown. Instead, he informed the leader of the ruling military junta and the Thai parliament that he wished to take time to mourn before accepting the invitation to ascend the throne. The Royal Cremation Ceremony will be held at Sanam Luang, the royal ceremonial ground in front of the Grand Palace.

Queen Mother Sirikit's Birthday and Thailand Mother's Day 12 August 2024

12 August is observed annually as a public holiday in Thailand in honour of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's birthday. Revered as the 'Mother of the Nation', HM Queen Sirikit's is also celebrated as Mother's Day (Wan Mae) in Thailand. Born on 12 August 1932, Her Majesty married HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej on 28 April 1950. Renowned for her charitable work, Queen Sirikit has served as the honorary president of the Thai Red Cross Society since 1956.

In recent years, Her Majesty's public appearances have been limited due to health concerns. A number of commemorative events are held throughout the country to honour her birthday, including merit-making ceremonies at various temples. Portraits of HM Queen Sirikit are prominently displayed at schools, government offices and temples. Her royal blue flag (blue symbolising Friday, the day of her birth) is commonly seen outside both commercial and private properties.



ART & EXHIBITION, LIVE SHOWS & CONCERTS

Circles Of Centres This exhibition is a curation of glass plate photographs by the National Archives of Thailand for this year. This is a collaboration between the Fine Arts Department, Sirivadhanabhaki Foundation, Thai Beverage Public Company Limited, The Royal Photographic Society of Thailand and The Photographic Arts Foundation.

Glass Plate Negatives: Circles of Centre - Special Exhibition

As Part of the Project Glass Plate Negatives: A Thousand Historical Images of Rattanakosin – 3rd Edition B.E. 2568 (2025)

This year's exhibition features a curated selection of glass plate photographs from the National Archives of Thailand. The event is a collaborative initiative involving the Fine Arts Department, Sirivadhanabhakdi Foundation, Thai Beverage Public Company Limited, The Royal Photographic Society of Thailand and The Photographic Arts Foundation.

Circles of Centres captures a unique period in Siamese history through the lens inspired by Roland Barthes, aiming to freeze a moment just before transformation. The exhibition portrays the many roles the King Chulalongkorn, not only in Bangkok but also during his journeys across mainland Southeast Asia, from Prachuab Khiri Khan to Songkhla and further south to the Sultanates, including Terengganu.

Date: 22 May–27 July 2025

Time: 10:00–20:00 | Tuesday–Sunday (Closed on Mondays)

Admission: Free

Location: Main Exhibition Gallery, Floor 9, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

LOCAL MYTHS: The Intrinsic Aesthetic

Amidst an ever-evolving cultural landscape shaped by the aftermath of a global pandemic and ongoing geopolitical and economic tensions, the lines of power and influence are increasingly complex. The world is no longer defined by a single centre but by a plurality of ideas, lifestyles and artistic expressions deeply rooted in local contexts. Once seen as peripheral, these regions are now acknowledged as rich sources of knowledge, beauty and creativity.

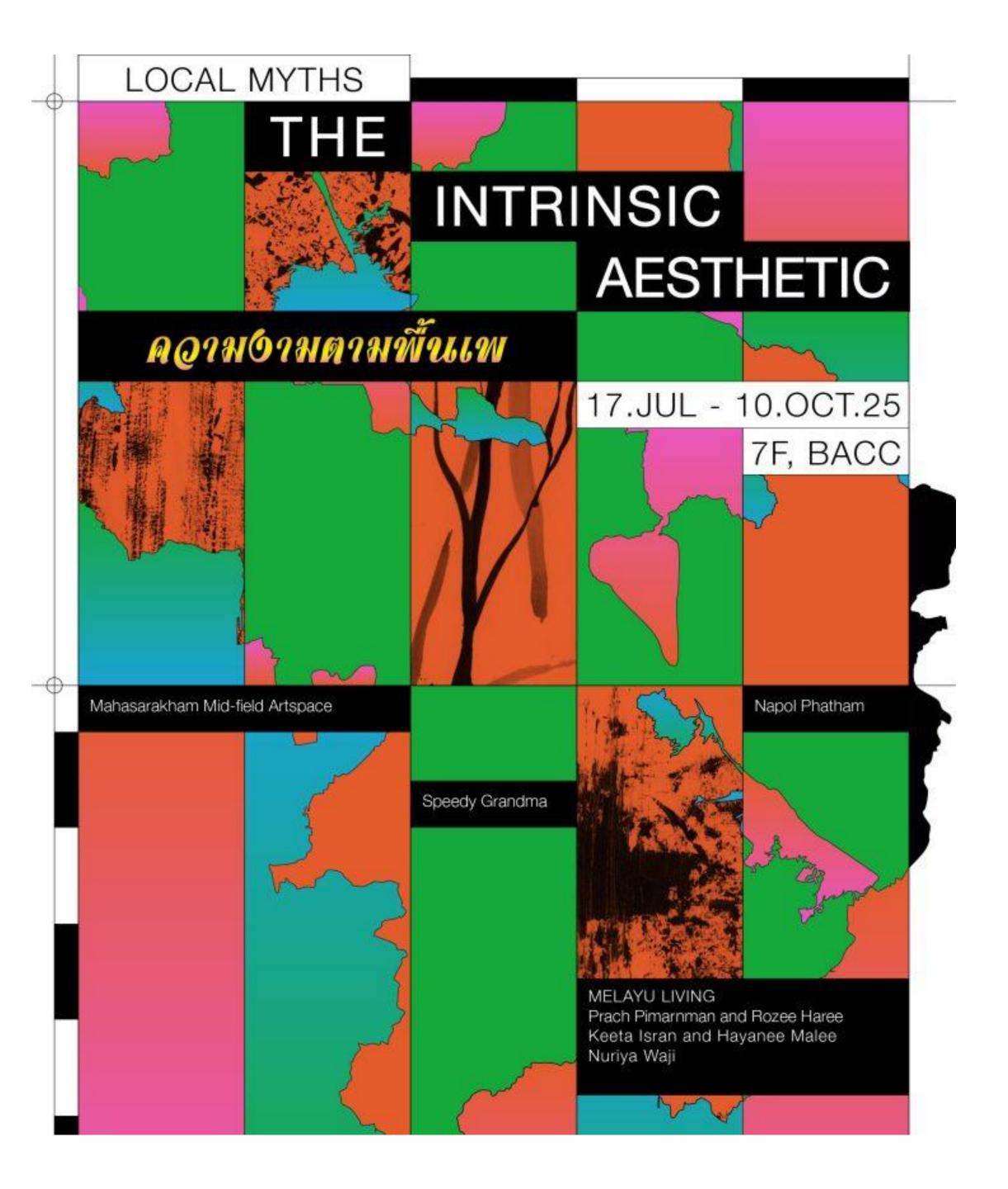
Set within this dynamic context, The Intrinsic Aesthetic provides the conceptual framework for a new initiative by the Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC). The exhibition explores beauty born organically from the socio-cultural fabric of local communities, through myths, folktales, belief systems and daily life. It presents an aesthetic not tailored for global markets, but one that emerges from deep-rooted connections to land and sky, language and collective memory.

Date: 17 July–10 October 2025

Time: 10:00–20:00 | Tuesday–Sunday (Closed on Mondays)

Admission: Free

Location: Main Exhibition Gallery, Floor 7, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre



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Constellation of Complicity: Visualising the Global Machinery of Authoritarian Solidarity

What unites regimes across geographies today is not ideology alone, but a shared infrastructure – of arms, surveillance, trade and silence. Constellation of Complicity examines both formal and informal alignments between authoritarian states through the lens of artists who have lived under – or in exile from – their consequences.

This exhibition presents works from Myanmar, Iran, Russia, Syria, Hong Kong, Tibet and the Uyghur diaspora, regions too often viewed as isolated crises. Yet through these practices, we see a re-mapping: a common grammar of power exposed through diplomacy, economic exchange and militarised suppression. These regimes collaborate, reinforce each other andperpetuate violence under the guise of sovereignty and order.

Rather than simply illustrating trauma, the exhibition offers a counter-cartography: tracing how state violence mutates, circulates and replicates, and how resistance reverberates across borders. The title, Constellation of Complicity, embodies this dual gesture: revealing networks of authoritarian collaboration while imagining new forms of cross-border solidarity. Here, aesthetics function not merely as metaphor, but as method – evidentiary, ritual, forensic and speculative.

Date: 24 July–19 October 2025

Time: 10:00–20:00 | Tuesday–Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Admission: Free

Location: Main Exhibition Gallery, Floor 8, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

KHON: Epic Thai Masked Performance 2025

Khon is a traditional Thai dance that fuses elements of drama and movement. Although its exact origins remain uncertain, it is referenced in the Thai literary work Lilit Phra Lo (c. 1529), predating the reign of King Narai Maharaj.

By the 17th century, Thai theatrical art had reached an advanced stage of development. In 1687, Louis XIV of France dispatched diplomat Simon de la Loubère to the Kingdom of Siam. In his renowned account Du Royaume de Siam, La Loubère documented his observations of classic Siamese theatre, including an epic battle scene from a Khon performance.

Date: Every last Thursday of The Month

Time: 15:00, 18:00 (Two rounds daily)

Admission: Free

Location: MBK Centre G Floor, Avenue Zone A | Floor 2 Skywalk





RBSO 2025:

Royal Celebration - Eternal Grace

Johan van Iersel, Assistant Principal Cellist of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, will perform Elgar's Cello Concerto in the first half. The second half features a live performance of Boléro by the Bangkok City Ballet and Pett I Clausen-Knight. This presentation is supported by the British Council's Connection through Culture Programme.

Date: 17 July 2025

Time: 19:30

Admission: THB 2,000 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 800 | 400

Location: Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall

The Phantom of the Opera

After a 12-year absence, the global phenomenon 'The Phantom of the Opera' returns to Thailand for a strictly limited season. Nearly four decades since its West End debut, 'Phantom' has captivated over 160 audience members across 195 cities in 47 countries. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience the beloved musical live at Muangthai Rachadalai Theatre from 5 to 31 August 2025.

Based on Gaston Leroux's 1910 novel, Le Fantôme de L'Opéra, the story follows a mysterious masked figure who haunts the Paris Opera House, wielding fear and fascination in equal measure. He falls desperately in love with a young soprano, Christine Daaé, and obsessively mentors her talent using every means at his disposal.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera is regarded as one of the most visually stunning and musically powerful productions in theatrical history, playing to over 160 million people in 47 territories and 195 cities in 21 languages.

Date: 05-31 August 2025

Time: 19:30 (Sundays at 13:00 and 18:30

Admission: THB 6,500 | 6,000 | 5,500 | 4,300 | 3,500 | 2,500 | 1,800

Location: Muangthai Rachadalai Theatre





Tyler, The Creator - CHROMAKOPIA: THE WORLD TOUR

Chromakopia: The World Tour marks the seventh global headlining concert tour by American rapper and producer Tyler, the Creator, in support of his eighth studio album Chromakopia.[1]. The tour began on 4 February 2025 at the Xcel Energy Centre in Saint Paul, Minnesota and is set to conclude on 21 September 2025 at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, Philippines. Joining him on tour as supporting acts are Lil Yachty and Paris Texas.

Date: 16 September 2025

Time: 20:00

Admission: THB 11,500 (VIP) | 10,500 (VIP) | 9,500 (VIP) | 5,000 | 4,500 | 4,000 | 3,200 |

3,000 | 2,000

Location: Impact Arena

ONE Fight Night 33: Rodrigues vs Persson

In the main event, two of the world's top strikers will battle for the ONE Women's Atomweight Muay Thai World Title.

For nearly five years, reigning champion Allycia Hellen Rodrigues has successfully defended her crown. The Brazilian 'mom champ' now faces WBC Muay Thai World Champion Johanna Persson, who is determined to capture the title in her highly anticipated promotional debut.

In a featured bout, #3-ranked featherweight Muay Thai contender Shadow Singha Mawynn makes his U.S. primetime debut as he eyes a World Title opportunity. Standing in his path is Algerian knockout artist Mohamed Younes Rabah, renowned for his near-perfect record.

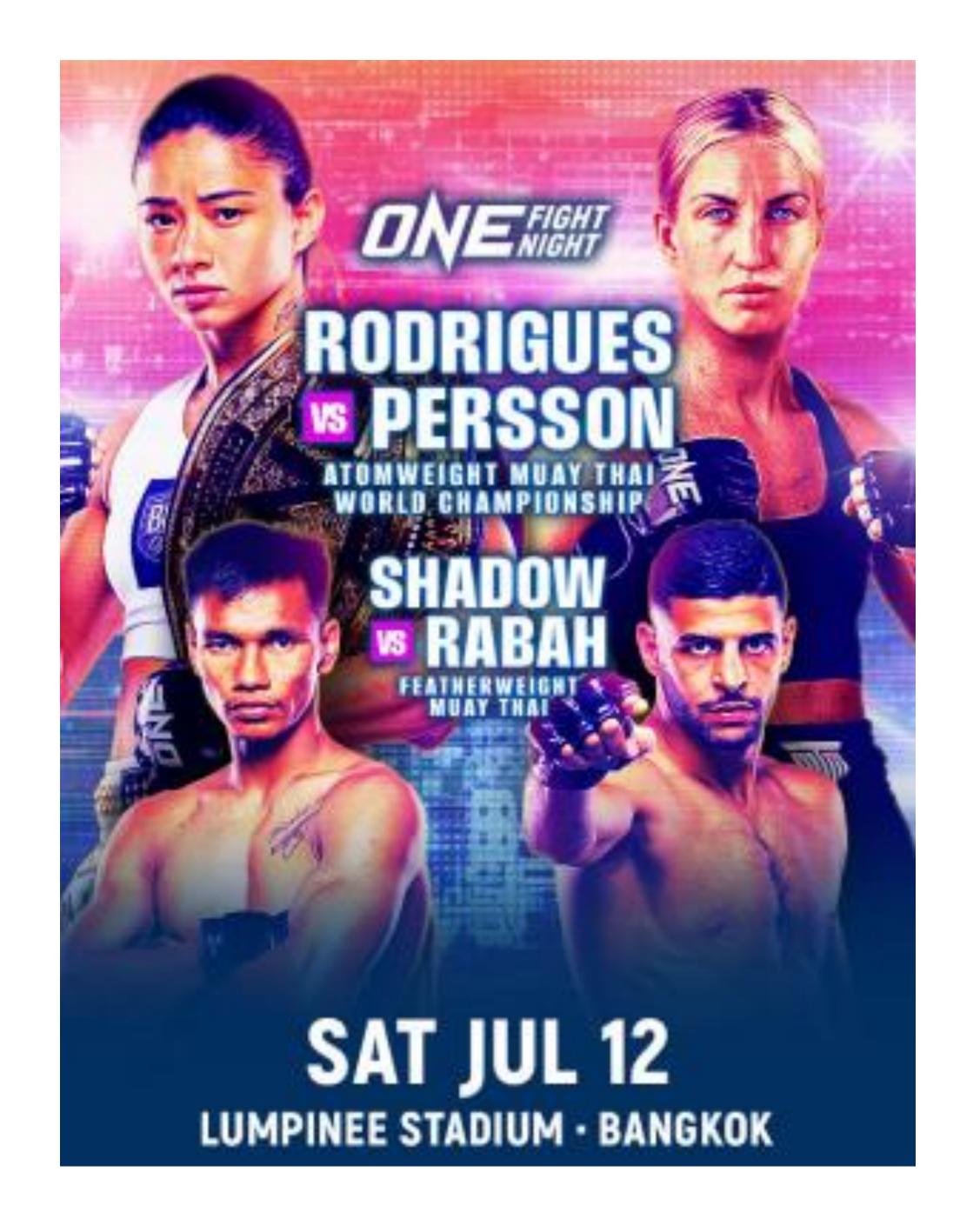
Also returning to the global stage are Australian grappling sensation Izaak Michell, Filipino MMA prodigy Jhanlo Mark Sangiao and top-five MMA contenders Ilya Freymanov and Chihiro Sawada.

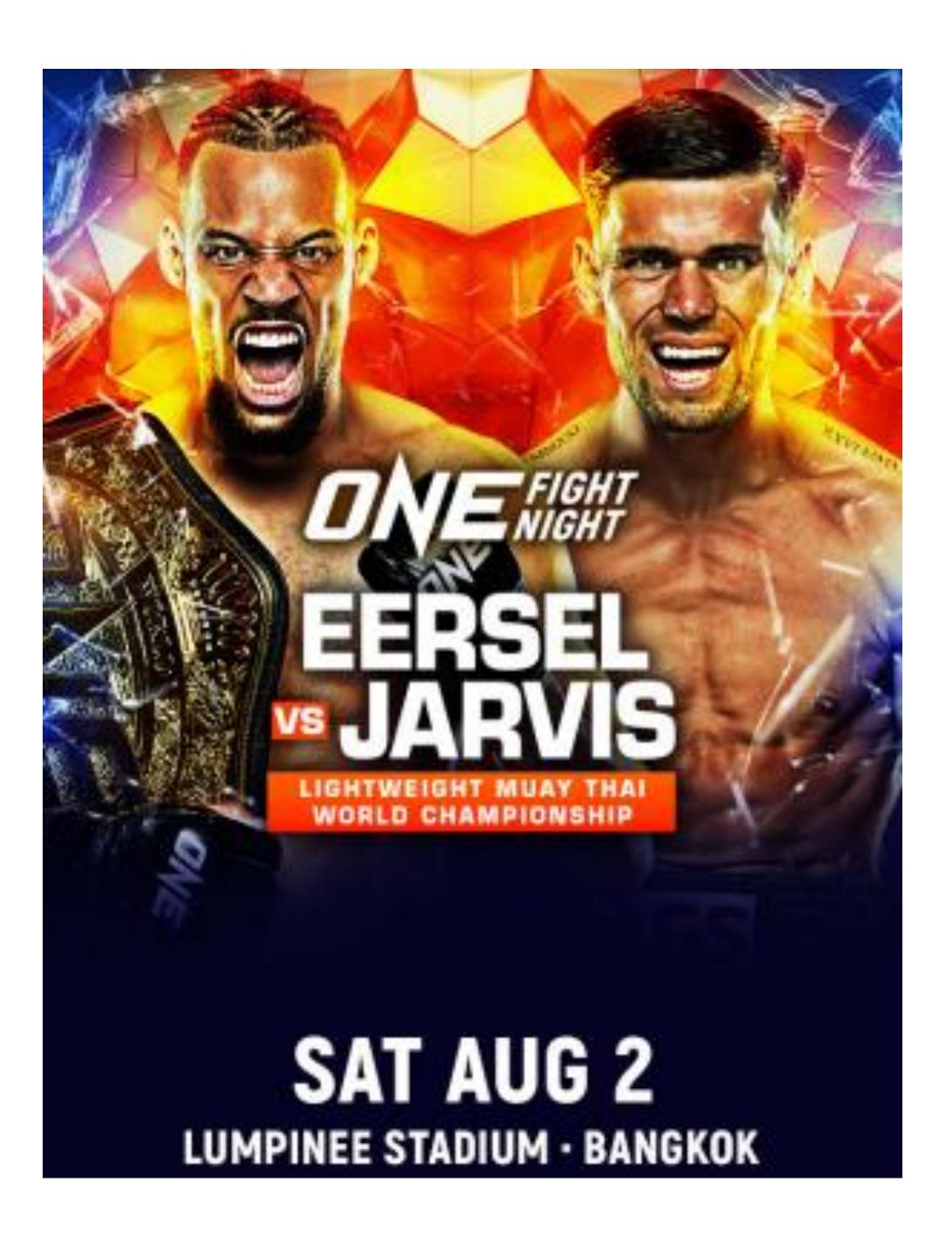
Date: 12 July 2025

Time: 08:00

Admission: THB 1,200 | 2,400 | 3,750 | 4,500 (Ringside) | 10,000 (Premium Ringside)

Location: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium, Ramintra Road





ONE Fight Night 34: Eersel vs. Jarvis

In the headline event, two of the most dangerous lightweight strikers in the world collide for the ONE Lightweight Muay Thai World Title.

Reigning champion Regian Eersel, undefeated in knockouts, has successfully defended his title since its inception three years ago. Now, British powerhouse George Jarvis challenges him, believing he can topple the Dutch-Surinamese legend and claim the belt.

The card also features American grappling icon Garry Tonon in a long-awaited rematch against Shamil Gasanov. Tonon aims to replicate his previous win and break into the title contention, while Gasanov seeks redemption for the only defeat of his career.

The night also showcases high-profile returns from former title contender Kirill Grishenko, undefeated heavyweight phenom Ben Tynan, viral sensation Anna 'Supergirl' Jaroonsak, top-five bantamweight MMA fighter Jeremy Pacatiw and local knockout specialist Rungrawee Sitsongpeenong.

Date: 02 August 2025

Time: 08:00

Admission: THB 1,200 | 2,400 | 3,750 | 4,500 (Ringside) / 10,000 (Premium Ringside)

Location: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium, Ramintra Road

ONE Fight Night 35: Buntan vs. Hemetsberger

A new champion will be crowned in the main event of ONE Fight Night 35, as the ONE Women's Strawweight Muay Thai World Title is up for grabs.

Filipino-American sensation Jackie Buntan, already the reigning ONE Women's Strawweight Kickboxing World Title, aims to become the third female athlete in ONE Championship history to hold titles in two disciplines.

Standing in her way is Austrian dynamo Stella Hemetsberger, who looks to capitalise on her rising momentum, achieve a career-defining victory in Bangkok and secure the sport's most coveted prize.

Date: 6 September 2025

Time: 08:00

Admission: THB 1,200 | 2,400 | 3,750 | 4,500 (Ringside) | 10,000 (Premium Ringside)

Location: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium, Ramintra Road



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