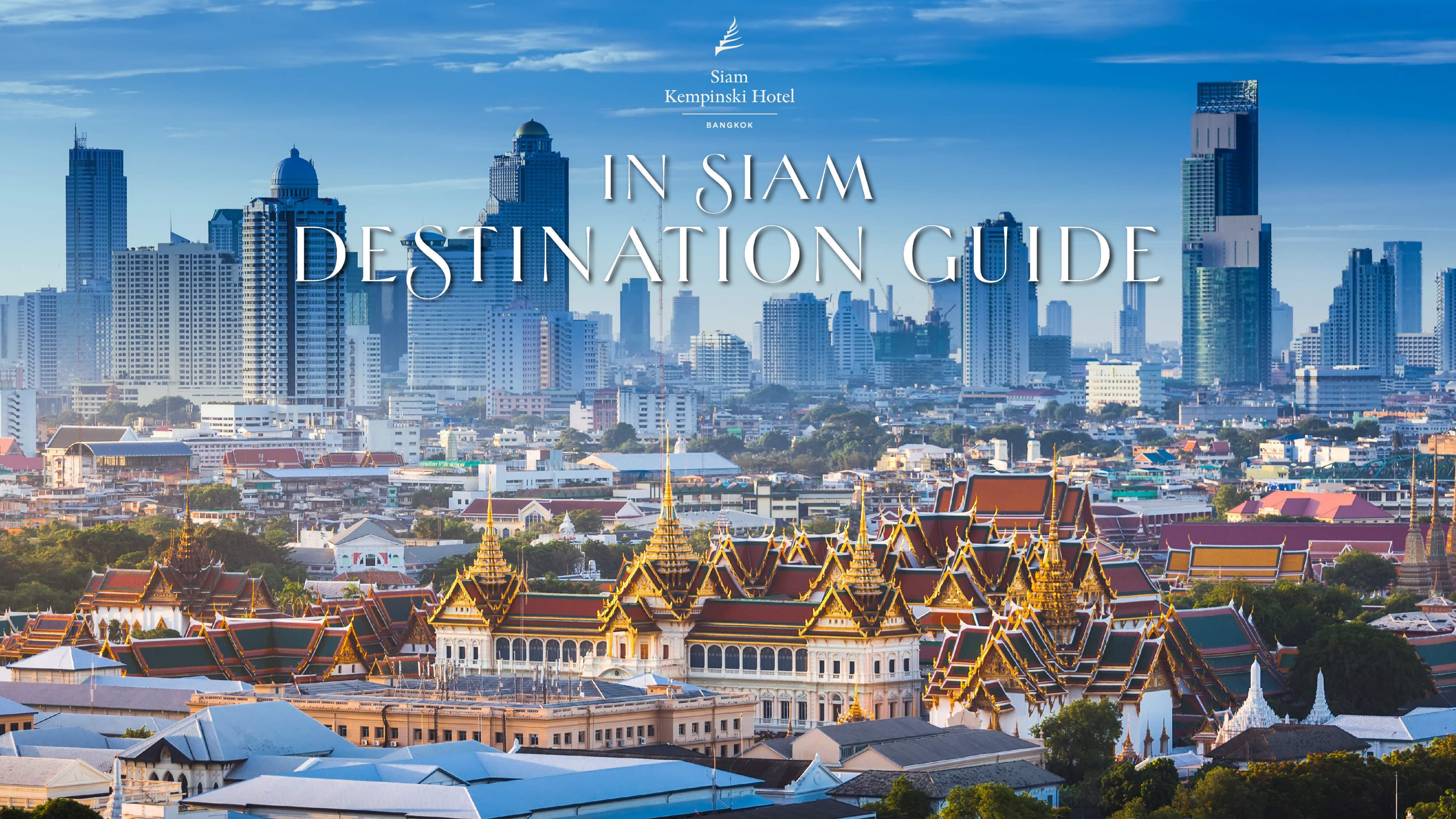




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Thailand was known as Siam until 1939 and this name is still dominant in many forms, including an area in the Pathumwan district of Bangkok known as Siam Square – just a short walk from the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok.



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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 *in SIAM*

# 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:** Kampanghet road, Bangkok

**BTS:** Mo Chit station

**MRT:** Kampanghet 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





Dine *in SIAM*

# 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



## Wattana Panich *Beef Noodle*

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



## 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 - 02:00 hrs

**Price:** \$ (cash only)

**Location:** New Petchburi Road



## Baan Pad Thai

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

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