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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: Kampanphet road, Bangkok

BTS: Mo Chit station

MRT: Kampan 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



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 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



HAPPENING IN SIAM



King Maha Vajiralongkorn's Birthday

28 July 2024

Known as Rama X, King Vajiralongkorn has been the reigning monarch of Thailand since 2016. He is the only son of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit. When he ascended to the throne at the age of 64, he became the oldest Thai monarch to assume this esteemed position.

On H.M. King's Birthday, which falls on 28 July, the nation comes together to honour and celebrate their beloved king. It is a day of great significance, and as a result, most government offices, banks, and businesses will be closed, allowing people to actively participate in the celebrations. Most shops may remain open.

Asahna Bucha

20 July 2024

This public holiday in Thailand marks the day when the Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at Benares in India over 2,500 years ago. The exact date of the holiday is determined by the waxing moon and the lunar months, but it is usually held in July or August. The Buddha preached his first sermon at a deer park, and from this sermon, the Dharma (doctrine) of the Buddha was symbolised as a wheel. The Dharmachakra is also known as the Wheel of Life, Wheel of Law or Wheel of Doctrine and can be seen on flags in temples and buildings across Thailand. Similarly, pictures or models of deer can often be seen at temples or in depictions of the Buddha.

Novice monks meditate on Asahna Bucha Day.

Like many other Buddhist festivals and holidays, Asahna Bucha (also written as Asalha Puja and other combinations) is a day when Thai Buddhists will make merry and visit the local wat (temple). Traditionally, candles are amongst the items donated to the wat for Asahna Bucha, and processions featuring candles are held at various towns in Thailand. The tradition dates back to the time before electricity was available, when extra light was needed at the temple during the darker days of the rainy season. Local people will also ‘wian tian’, which involves walking around the wat with a lit candle, lotus flowers and incense.





Khao Phansa Day

21 July 2024

The day after Asahna Bucha is Wan Khao Phansa, which marks the start of the three-month Phansa period, also known as "Buddhist Lent." During this retreat, monks confine themselves to the temple and nearby areas, a tradition stemming from ancient times to protect crops. In Thailand, monks stay at the same temple instead of traveling. This period emphasises spiritual contemplation and practice.

Queen Mother Sirikit's Birthday and Thailand Mother's Day

12 August 2024

The 12th of August is an annual public holiday in Thailand in honour of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's birthday. HM Queen Sirikit is said to be the 'Mother of the Nation', which is why her birthday on 12 August is also celebrated as Mother's Day (Wan Mae) in Thailand. The Thai queen was born on 12 August 1932 and married HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej on 28 April 1950. Well known for her charity work, Queen Sirikit is also the honorary president of the Thai Red Cross, a post she has held since 1956.

Queen Sirikit has not enjoyed good health in recent years, with limited public appearances. A number of events take place throughout Thailand to commemorate the royal birthday. Merrymaking events are held at various temples with portraits of HM Queen Sirikit placed in prominent display in front of schools, government offices and temples. The Thai queen's royal blue flag (blue representing Friday, the day of her birth) can also be seen outside many businesses and private residences.





ART & EXHIBITION,
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Beyond the Last Miles

River City Bangkok is delighted to collaborate with ArtDepot to present the renowned Chinese contemporary artist Zhang Zhanzhan's inaugural solo exhibition 'Beyond the Last Miles' in Bangkok.

Zhang Zhanzhan has always pondered the strength of expression, and in this exhibition, he boldly removes unnecessary decorative details. Instead, he uses simple and concise artistic language to portray emotionally rich images. We cannot penetrate the serene expressions of the protagonists in his paintings to speculate on their stories, but their solitude is not lonely, subtly conveying warmth and happiness to the audience.

Date: 6 July–25 August 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 20:00 pm

Admission Fee: Free

Location: RCB Galleria 2, River City Bangkok

Bring to Light

In continuation of her exhibition at the Carrousel du Louvre, Chloé now arrives at River City Bangkok to present her new works entitled 'Bring to Light'.

Chloé Kelly Miller, equipped with a degree in psychology, being hard of hearing and not fitting into the societal norms for a woman in European society, has transformed her differences into strengths.

The exhibition 'Bring to Light' explores the dynamic relationship between artists and light, where artists use it to shape their works through different forms and shades. The way each artist captures and incorporates light into their work reveals the cultural diversity of art. Artistic expression is deeply rooted in the traditions and codes of each culture, making art a powerful reflection of societal identity. 'Bring to Light' aims to explore light as a source and medium of creation, offering a reflection of its impact on the artistic process.

Date: 11 July - 11 August 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 20:00 pm

Admission Fee: Free

Location: RCB Galleria 4, River City Bangkok

BRING TO LIGHT

BY CHLOÉ KELLY MILLER



11 JUL —
11 AUG 2024

RCB GALLERIA 4, 2ND FLOOR, RIVER CITY BANGKOK



RIVER CITY BANGKOK TUM ULIT

Who's Cutting Onions?

A SOLO EXHIBITION BY TUM ULIT



13 JUL - 25 AUG 2024,
RCB GALLERIA 1, 2ND FLOOR, RIVER CITY BANGKOK

Who's Cutting Onions?

River City Bangkok proudly presents ‘Who’s Cutting Onions?’, the debut solo exhibition by Tum Ulit, an artist, cartoonist and storyteller who captures loneliness, sorrow and profound emotions through his poignant illustrations that speak directly to the hearts of millions worldwide.

The title ‘Who’s Cutting Onions?’ originates from an idiom we often use in delicate moments when articulating our true sentiments proves challenging. It encapsulates those times when our hearts yearn to shield the profound reasons behind sorrows that are too agonising for comfort. Vulnerability becomes the final frontier we hesitate to unveil. In such moments, we seek solace in whimsical excuses, suggesting that our tears stem not from the sorrow within our souls but from the overpowering presence of unseen onions.

Date: 13 July - 25 August 2024

Time: 10:00 am -20:00 pm

Admission Fee: Free

Location: RCB Galleria 1, River City Bangkok



Photography Never Lies

The exhibition ‘Photography Never Lies’ showcases 13 international artists’ photographic works that question the reality of what we see. Photography is a tool that most straightforwardly reflects reality and various possibilities, creating truths essential in telling stories in news, education and history. Even the judicial process uses photographs to reach resolutions in many matters.

The process of creating a photograph is complex. Intertwined ideas, myths, algorithms and mechanisms contribute to its creation. Selecting a particular photograph is a nuanced process, far from the simple procedure that many assume. This complicated process raises questions about the truthfulness of the images we observe daily. Can they still reflect reality as they once did? What is the nature of this truth? Whose truth does it conform to?

Date: 30 May–8 September 2024

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

Admission Fee: Free

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

TSO & RBSO Friendship Concert

For the first time ever, half of each orchestra will perform together to play six diverse pieces.

This concert is supported by the Asia Project, the Embassy of Japan, Thailand and Kings College International School.

Date: 30 July 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Admission Fee: THB 500 | 1,000 | 1,500

Location: King's College International School Bangkok, Great Hall

The poster features a large image of the Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra and Tokyo Symphony Orchestra performing on stage. In the foreground, conductor Keitaro Harada and violinist Mayuko Karino are highlighted. The text 'Dream team-up' is written in a stylized font, with 'ASIA PROJECT' underneath it. The program list includes works by J. Strauss II, Shostakovich, Waxman, Tchaikovsky, Sarasate, and Ginastera. Logos for B.GRIMM, King's College International, and The Japan Arts Council are visible at the bottom.

Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra
มูลนิธิราชประสงค์เพื่อการพัฒนาประเทศไทย

TOKYO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Tokyo Symphony Orchestra

TSO & RBSO Friendship Concert

Dream team-up
— ASIA PROJECT —

Keitaro Harada
Conductor

Mayuko Karino
Violin

Programme

J. Strauss II: "Die Fledermaus" Overture	Shostakovich: Festive Overture
Waxman: Carmen Fantasy	Tchaikovsky: Fantasy Overture "Romeo and Juliet"
Sarasate: Zigeunerweisen	Ginastera: Ballet Suite "Estancia"

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Tuesday 30 July 2024 at 7:30 pm
King's College International School Bangkok, Great Hall



Emmanuel Ceysson Plays Glière's Harp Concerto

Orchestra: Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra (RBSO)

Conductor: Douglas Bostock

Soloist: Emmanuel Ceysson

Programme: Narongrit Dhamabutra: Khon Overture

Reinhold Glière: Harp Concerto in E-flat major, Op. 74

Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 in E minor, Op. 39

Date: 9 August 2024

Time: 7:30 pm

Admission Fee: THB 600 | 1,000 | 1,800 | 2,400 | 3,000

Location: Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall



Immersive Disney Animation

Immersive Disney Animation is a 360-degree multi-sensory experience that takes you inside your favourite Walt Disney Animation Studios movies like never before! From timeless classics to modern blockbusters, these movies will be brought to life with state-of-the-art responsive projectors in millions of pixels, where visitors can experience iconic songs and scenes from over 40 of Disney's beloved animated films. You will surely feel like you are part of the stories.

Imagine travelling through Zootopia with Judy Hopps, diving to the ocean floor with Ariel, taking a magic carpet ride with Aladdin, witnessing Rafiki introduce Simba at Pride Rock while surrounded by the animal kingdom, or singing with Elsa in the world of Frozen—you will experience all these and more at the Immersive Disney Animation.

Date: Today - Monday, 29 July 2024

Time: 11:00 am, 14:00 pm, 15:30 pm, 18:30 pm and 20:00 pm

Admission Fee: THB 699 | 999 | 1,299 | 1,699 | 1,999

Location: 1st Floor, Em Tower, Emsphere



ONE Lumpinee

ONE Championship returns to Lumpinee Stadium on 5 July with another night of fights that promises to deliver unmissable action. ONE Friday Fights 69 brings a stacked card, including a battle of World Champions in the main event as Kulabdam takes on Nabil Anane. Plus, Pongsiri will go to war with ‘Man of Steel’ Soe Lin Oo in a showdown that has ‘fight of the night’ written all over it!

Date: Every Friday Night | 05, 12, 19 and 26 July 2024

Time: 19:30 pm

Admission Fee: THB 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,750 | 3,500 for Ringside

Location: LUMPINEE BOXING STADIUM (RAMINTRA ROAD)

ONE Fight Night 24: Brooks vs. Balart

ONE Championship returns to the world-famous Lumpinee Boxing Stadium for ONE Fight Night 24 on Saturday, 3 August. The card will feature several captivating battles, including Danielle Kelly's first-ever ONE Women's Atomweight Submission Grappling World Title defence against Mayssa Bastos, a dangerous multiple-time BJJ World Champion who has her eyes on the richest prize in the sport!

Date: 3 August 2024

Time: 7:00 am

Admission Fee: THB 1,200 | 2,400 | 3,750 | 4,500 for Ringside and THB 10,000 for Premium Ringside

Location: LUMPINEE BOXING STADIUM (RAMINTRA ROAD)





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