



Bangkok Attractions & Activities

Temple and Traditions

Bangkok's temples are a unique part of the capital's heart and soul. The architecture is inspiring and glittering decoration is stunning.

The Emerald Buddha Temple

The Temple of the Emerald Buddha, located in a separate complex within the compound of the Grand Palace, is Thailand's holiest shrine. Officially named Wat Phra Si Rattanasatsadaram, the temple complex was modeled on the temples of the Sukhothai and Ayuttaya eras. Even though small in size, the Emerald Buddha is considered one of the most important icons for Thai people. The sacred Buddha was first brought to Thonburi, currently the west side of Bangkok, by King Taksin the Great. In 1784, King Rama I moved the statue to the current location in Bangkok. It should be pointed out that the Emerald Buddha is in reality carved from a large piece of green jade. The word in Thai for emerald means "green colored".

Wat Arun

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

Wat Pho

This large and extensive temple neighbors the Grand Palace enclave on Thai Wang Road and contains a gigantic gold plated reclining Buddha some 46 meters long and 15 meters high, with inlaid mother of pearl soles.



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Golden Mountain

Wat Saket's major feature is the Golden Mount, dating from the mid 19th century. It is an artificial hill topped by a gilded pagoda, which is 260 feet in height. Begun by King Rama III and completed in the reign of King Rama IV, the golden mountain is one of the most celebrated landmarks in Bangkok's old area. The golden Chedi houses relics of the Buddha and affords visitors who climb its 318 steps a panoramic view of Bangkok from the top.

Shopping Paradise

Thailand is a paradise for shoppers. Regular visitors to Asia know that in many ways Bangkok beats Hong Kong and Singapore for deals in terms of handicrafts, textiles, gems, jewelry, art and antiques.

Fixed prices are the norm in department stores, but at most other places bargaining is a common practice and prices may be reduced by as much as thirty percent. Courtesy at all times is appreciated.

Shopping in Thailand is an adventure in itself. From modern department stores and shopping plazas, to flea markets and roadside stalls where bargaining is obligatory, even visitors with the greatest willpower will no doubt find something to their liking.

Shopping Spots

Siam Square: BTS Siam, 2 stops from BTS Phayathai Station

Pratu Nam: 10 minutes within walking distance



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Bang Lamphu: short ride by tuk tuk or Taxi within 15-20 minutes

Soi Lalai Sap: BTS Saladaeng

Silom

Sukhumvit

Chatuchak (Weekend Market)

Yaowarat (China Town)

Phahurat

Department Store / How to get there

Central World Plaza: BTS Siam

Siam Paragon: BTS Siam Station

Siam Discovery: BTS Siam Station

Siam Center: BTS Siam Station

Peninzula Plaza : BTS Rajadamri Station

Narai Phand: BTS Chidlom Station

Emporium : BTS Prom Pong Station

Pantip Plaza: Tuk Tuk or Taxi 10 minutes from the Siam City Hotel, Bangkok

Gaysorn Plaza: BTS Chidlom Station

[BTS MAP](#)



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Relaxing;

Bangkok's nightlife has a reputation for being wild and rowdy, but at the same time it is relaxed, safe and enjoyable. Rapidly establishing itself as Asia's capital of cool, Bangkok's diverse nightlife scenes feature everything from excellent live music, to good jazz clubs, ultra cool bars, exuberant dance venues and great restaurants, and go far beyond its once upon a time sleazy and naughty.

Notorious places like Patpong continue to attract curious tourists to the numerous neon-lit girly bars, while its adjacent night market, selling clothes and souvenirs is just as popular. But beyond souvenir shopping and bar hopping, Bangkok offers a much wider range of sophisticated entertainment, such as traditional performances.

Most locations are easily accessible by either BTS or MRT.

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Whether you're an interested spectator or simply wanting to do something active you'll be surprised at what Bangkok has to offer: from taking Thai food cooking classes to the inimitable Muay Thai (Thai boxing that uses the knees, elbows and kicking) that is currently gaining a huge worldwide popularity, to ice skating, bowling and cycling.

Cooking School

Thai cuisine has gained worldwide popularity over the years. When in Thailand,



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what better way to spend a part of your visit than to learn firsthand from renowned Thai chefs how to prepare Thai dishes.

Golf in Bangkok

Bangkok golf courses offer great value for the money with many excellent golf clubs offering a high level of service at very competitive prices. Golf tours and holidays have grown rapidly across Thailand, particularly in the Greater Bangkok Metropolitan Area where there are scores of delightful courses within easy reach of the city center.

Cycling

Cycle the back roads at the right time of day and you'll see another facet of this great city. Cycling tours have become more popular over the last few years, as visitors discover they can see places not accessible by bus or car. Several different types of cycling tours, usually in small groups, are now organized, mostly by independent operators who know the city like the back of their hand.

Boat Trip

The lifestyle of the Thai people has always been associated with waterways. With the coming of roads and tall commercial buildings, the view along Bangkok waterways has been constantly changing over the years.



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Spa

Retreat from the city's hustle and bustle and seek tranquility in a hotel or private spa retreat. Thai spas offer a perfect way to recreate the balance of body, mind and spirit. Blending Western and ancient Asian techniques that have been passed down over generations, Thai spas offer exotic and tropical surroundings, legendary hospitality and provide an ideal setting for the continuous pursuit of inner and outer beauty. Many high-end hotels and luxury serviced apartment residences in Bangkok take pride in their own lavish in-house spas. Private spas are just as abundant and luxurious.

Since 1999, Thai spas have managed to consistently secure a place as one of the world's Top-5 overseas spas by travelers and readers of renowned travel and lifestyle magazines. Today Thai spas compete on an equal footing with their international counterparts in the cosmopolitan centers and fashion capitals of the world.

For more information please visit our [Lotus Spa of Siam](#) at 6th floor at the Siam City Hotel, Bangkok.