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## ***Grand Palace and The Emerald Buddha Temple***

Wat Phra Kaew is regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic centre of Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, it enshrines the Emerald Buddha, the highly revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade. The Emerald Buddha is a Buddha image in the meditating position in the style of the Lanna school of the north, dating from the 15th century AD.

**Open daily 08:30 – 16:30 hrs.  
Admission fee 500 Baht**



## ***Wat Pho( The Temple of Reclining Buddha )***

Wat Pho is the first grade royal monastery, regarded as the most important one during the reign of King Rama I of the Chakri Dynasty. The importance of this is due to the King having managed the restoration of Wat Phodharam, an old monastery from the Ayudhya period, and had it re-established as a the royal monastery located near the Grand Palace. Some ashes of King Rama I were also kept under the pedestal of the principal Buddha image known as Phra Buddha Theva Patimakorn in the main chapel.

**Open daily 08:00 – 17:00 hrs.  
Admission fee 100 Baht**



## ***Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)***

Wat Arun or the Temple of Dawn, is named after Aruna, the Indian God of Dawn. Sitting majestically on the Thonburi side of the Chao Phraya River, the legendary Wat Arun is one of the most striking riverside landmarks of Thailand. Despite the name, the most spectacular view of the glittering monument can be seen from the east side of the river at sunset, when the spires of Wat Arun make an impressive silhouette against the skyline.

**Open daily 08:00 – 17:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 50 Baht**



## ***Wat Benchamabophit ( Marble Temple )***

Wat Benchamabophit is a temple compound of profound beauty and religious importance. Better known to foreigners as 'the Marble Temple', it is located close to Dusit palace. Wat Benchamabophit is not heavily promoted as a tourist destination, and therefore the number of foreign visitors is relatively small. If you stay in Bangkok for only one day, you could be forgiven for wanting to see the Grand Palace and Wat Pho only, but any longer stay should rightfully include a visit to the Marble Temple. The Ubosoth was constructed with Carrara marble from Italy.

**Open daily 06:00- 18:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 20 Baht**



## ***Wat Saket ( Golden Mountain )***

Wat Saket was another historic temple in Bangkok built during the reign of King Rama I. It is best known for Phu Khao Thong in Thai, a man-made hill with a golden chedi on the hilltop, which was completed during the reign of King Rama V after decades of construction. The golden chedi is where the sacred Buddha's relics are enshrined. When there wasn't buildings and skyscrapers, The Golden Mount was the tallest structure in Bangkok and it's also used to suspect fire accidents. Today, the platform on its top level is still a great place to enjoy a 360-degree panorama of Bangkok's old district. Every year in the mid of November, Wat Saket hosts its grandest festival urging Buddhists to hike up to the Golden Mount to pay respect to the Buddha's relics and later unwind with a number of delicious food and fun activities on its ground.

**Open daily 07:30- 17:30 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 20 Baht**



## ***Wat Traimit ( Golden Buddha )***

Wat Traimit Wittayaram is an ancient temple. The ordination hall houses the principal Buddha image—Phra Puttha Thotsaphonlayan, the Buddha image in the attitude of subduing Mara which is made of stucco and gilded lacquer. The Buddha image of the temple is Phra Sukhothai Traimit, housed in the image hall. It is the largest gold Buddha image in the attitude of subduing Mara and is recorded in the Guinness World Record. This gold Buddha image is 3.01 meters wide and 3.91 meters tall. It is also believed to be constructed during Sukhothai period.

**Open daily 08:00- 17:00 hrs.**

**Admission fee 40 Baht for temple, 100 Baht for museum**



## ***Vimanmek Mansion***

The Vimanmek Mansion was built in 1890 by the King Rama V and later became his residence for about five years. It is recognised as the world's largest teakwood mansion. Its magnificent architectural style reflects a western influence. The three-storey building is L-shaped, except for the part where the King resided, which has four storeys and is octagonal. The ground floor is built of brick and cement whereas the upper floors are golden teakwood planks. There are altogether 31 exhibition rooms, some of which still maintain the ambience of the past, particularly the bedrooms, the audience chamber and the bathrooms. Some rooms house exhibitions of artwork, including the silverware exhibition room, the crystal and glassware room, and the ivory room. The front of the Mansion exhibits a collection of the royal carriages used during the reign of the King Rama V. Each carriage boasts intricate decorations and historical values as ever-present impressive décor for major royal ceremonies.

**Open Tue.-Sun. 09:30- 16:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 100 Baht**

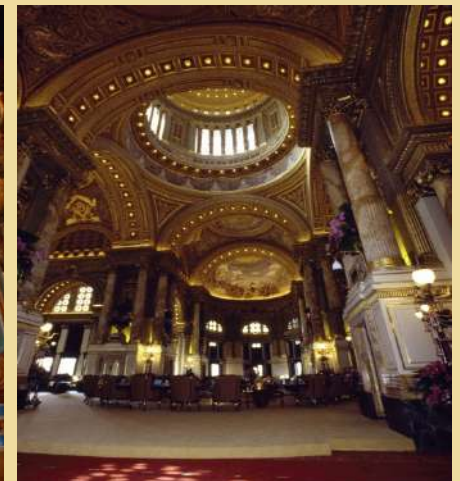




## ***Anantasamakom Thorne Hall***

The Ananta Samakom Throne Hall is a former reception hall within Dusit Palace. The Throne Hall had been built during the reign of the King Rama V. Since the reformation of Thailand to a constitutional monarchy from an absolute monarchy, the Ananda Samakom had been used as the first Parliament House until the new Parliament House, situated nearby, was opened. It was also a venue for many official functions.

**Open Tue.-Sun. 10:00- 18:00 hrs.  
Admission fee 150 Baht**



## ***Suan Pakkad Palace***

The Palace consists of eight traditional Thai houses, which are organised into two groups of four houses, the first in the north and the second in the south. Houses One to Four (the first group) are joined together by a covered hallway. Houses Five to Eight (the second group) are built separately along the west wing of the premise. The Lacquer Pavilion stands in the south of the compound. The Ban-Chiang Museum and Marsi Gallery can be found in the Chumbhot-Pantip Centre of Arts within the compound.

**Open Daily 09:00- 16:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 100 Baht**



## *Jim Thompson House*

The two-storey teakwood house once was the home of Jim Thompson. The first floor comprises a dining room, a living room, a study room, a guest room and Thompson's bedroom. Collections of antiques from Southeast Asia are on display throughout. The ground floor is filled with antiquities such as a Benjarong (traditional five-coloured Thai porcelain) collection, 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> century Chinese Ming dynasty china sets, Vietnamese artworks, and paintings by Thai artists in 1860 depicting lives in the old Siam period. Another attraction of the house is a collection of one hundred pieces of fabric with drawings by Ayutthaya and Rattanakosin artists depicting stories about Lord Buddha.

**Open Daily 09:00- 17:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 100 Baht**



## ***National Museum***

The National Museum houses a vast collection of artifacts and antiques founded throughout Thailand, divided into periods of time: from pre-historic eras to old kingdoms (Srivijaya, Dvaravati, Khmer Kingdoms, Sukhothai, Ayutthaya) and the current Rattanakosin era. These include Neolithic tools, painted pots, bronze objects, Buddhist sculptures in stone, bronze and terracotta as well as illustrated scripture books manuscript cabinets and votive plaques.

Guided tours are given free by volunteers in English and French starting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tours are also given in German on Thursdays and in Japanese on Wednesdays of the first & the third week of each month. Guided tours in some other languages can be arranged.

**Open wed.-sun. 09:00- 16:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 200 Baht**



## ***Museum Siam***

The museum exhibits a series of chronological stories beginning from the third floor working its way down to the ground floor. Themes include the Founding of Ayutthaya, Buddhism, a War Room, the Map Room, the Retracing Suvarnabhumi, a Sahachatphan Community, Inburi Water Town, Village Life, Politics and Communications.

**Open tue.-sun. 10:00- 18:00 hrs.  
Admission fee 300 Baht**



## ***Royal Barge Museum***

The National Museum of Royal Barges was once a dock for royal barges. The Bureau of the Royal Household and The Royal Thai Navy ordered the Department of Fine Arts to undertake a major restoration of the royal barges in 1947 after World War II bombs had left them in a seriously damaged condition. These royal barges represent a fascinating collection of artistically crafted barges, some of which are still in use in today's royal processions. The royal barges were granted World Heritage status and the royal dock was upgraded to the National Museum of Royal Barges in 1974. The museum also houses collections of antiques and accessories used in the royal processions in the past such as the Kanya throne and Bussabok throne.

**Open Daily 09:00- 17:00 hrs.  
Admission fee 100 Baht**



## ***Chaophraya River Tour***

Go to Sathorn Pier. Take sky train to Saphan Taksin station.  
Cost of ticket 11-50 Baht depend on boat type and destination.



***Exploring Canals of Bangkok by long-tailed speed boat.***

Go to Sathorn Pier, Shangri-la Pier or Chareon Krung 32 Pier.  
Cost of long-tailed speed 1,500 -2,000 baht per hour





## ***Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall***

The exhibition invites the public to learn, appreciate and take pride in Thailand's artistic and cultural legacies of the Rattanakosin Era. Advanced technologies - such as presentation devices, models, four-dimensional multi-media techniques, multi-touch and multi-media animation technologies- are used in presenting the exhibitions about the Rattanakosin City, through interactive self-learning devices. The exhibition's content is divided between nine halls, depicting the following subjects :

- Grandeur Rattanakosin , - The Prestige of the Kingdom,- Remarkable Entertainment,- Renowned Ceremonies,- Graceful Architecture,
- Impressive Communities,- Sight-Seeing Highlights,- The Colorful Thai Way of Living , - The Heart and Soul of The Nation

**Open tue. – sun. 10:00- 19:00 hrs.**  
**Admission fee 100 Baht**



## ***The Art Gallery National Museumn***

The National Gallery compiles and displays both classical and temporary arts.

- *Permanent Exhibition*, presenting the traditional and contemporary arts. It also displays the evolution of the creative visual arts since the Ayutthaya period until now and the important valuable arts in Thailand especially HM the King Rama VI and HM the King Rama IX's paintings as well as the works of National Artists and famous artists of the country.
- *Temporary Exhibition*, also change all year, presenting every kind of Thais or foreigners's arts which collected by Committee of Art Experts.

***Open wed.-sun. 09:00 – 16:00 hrs.***

***Admission fee 200 Baht***



## ***Bangkok Art and Culture Center***

The Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC) becomes a meeting point for artists or audiences and also a creative hub for everyone. The exhibition and events are not only involving art but also theatre, film, writing, music and design and included with art library, shops, restaurant and coffee shop for all art lovers.

***Open Tue. – Sun. 10:00 – 21:00 hrs.***  
***Admission fee 350 Baht***



## ***Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)***

The museum has five-storey exhibitions including with Temporary Exhibition, Exhibition room, Thai National Artist and other well-known Thai Artist Exhibition room, Contemporary Thai Art Exhibition room, Junior and Senior artists' work room. And it also exhibited a wide range of major artists of the era and the contemporary art exhibit that come from many countries around the world. The Romantic Classic Art in Victorian era for over 200 years, that is very rare to see in Thailand, is also exhibit here too.

***Opening Hours : Tue- Sun. 10:00 -18:00 hrs.  
Admission fee 18 Baht***



## ***Sombat Permpoon Art Gallery***

Sombat Permpoon Gallery is modern and contemporary art gallery located in the centre of Bangkok City. Exhibiting the most extensive private collection of Thai art spanning from well established to emerging artists. The gallery founded in 1979 is one of Thailand's leading collectors of Thai's national artists, modern masters and emerging talents

- Impressive Communities,- Sight-Seeing Highlights,- The Colorful Thai Way of Living ,- The Heart and Soul of The Nation

**Open sun.-mon. 09:00- 20:00 hrs.**  
**No admission fee**



## ***ASIATIQUE The Riverfront***

ASIATIQUE The Riverfront will be Bangkok's first large-scale riverside project combining shopping, dining, sightseeing, activities and events under one roof. The strong cultural aspect is what sets it apart from other shopping malls. Embracing history, but avoiding the cultural clichés and traditional symbols, it strikes a balance between tradition and globalization.

**Open daily 16:00 – 24:00 hrs.**

### **How to get there:**

- **Take the BTS to Saphan Taksin and jump on the free shuttle at the end of the pier. It only takes ten minutes, and the boat runs until 4.00 - 11.30 pm.**
- **Taxi approximately 250 Baht**



## ***Pratunam Market***

Pratunam Market – and wholesalers who come to get their supplies – targets lower- to lower-middle income buyers, and as with other outdoor markets in Bangkok, price reflects quality. Shops offer wholesale prices when you buy three pieces or more, although buying single pieces won't cost you that much more. On top of that, bargaining is acceptable, though you barely need to – items are already very cheap. Some rules of thumb: No exchange, no trying on and no refund. When you see brand-name items, expect, at best, copies. The market itself is open 24 hours, but the dynamic is different throughout the day.

Retail shops open at about 10:00 until 21:00, but again this may vary. For visitors and shoppers, the best time to go is between 11:00 and 20:00

How to get there : by taxi approximately 60-100 Baht, bus no. 11, 23, 60, 93, 113 app. 9 – 14 Baht



## ***Platinum Fashion Mall***

Platinum Fashion Mall is like an indoor version of the Chatuchak Weekend Market. It specializes in wholesale fashion clothing and accessories, with four floors of shopping space, packed with some 1,300 shops. Here, haggling is part of the fun, and you'll save more buying in larger quantities.

Basically, you can find anything to embellish yourself with from head to toe, so it's a good idea to do some mixing and matching in your head as you browse along.

Open daily 08:00 – 20:00 hrs.

How to get there : by taxi approximately 60-100 Baht,  
bus no. 23, 60, 93, 113 app. 9 – 14 Baht



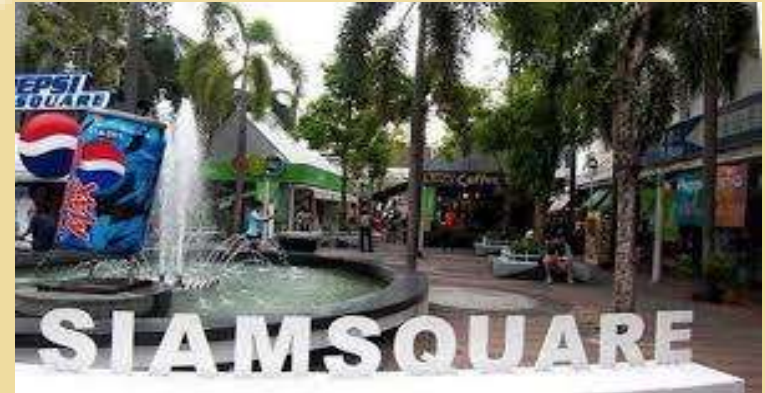


## *Siam Square*

Siam Square is an open-air shopping complex that radiates a feeling of creativity. Recently, new malls have been taking the place of the street vendors but there are still lanes upon lanes to explore. Tribes of bright and bold slogan T-shirts meet with tailored suits and hipster fashion. Siam square is a popular haunt of university students, media types and generally Bangkok's 'bright young things'.

How to get there:

- Take sky train from Thonglor station to Siam station
- Take taxi approximately 80 - 150 baht



## ***Sampheng Market***

Sampeng Market is one of the best destinations to buy products at wholesale rate in Bangkok. Sampeng Market, located at Chinatown Bangkok. Sampheng Lane is a narrow road that runs parallel to Yaowarat and bisects the commercial areas of Chinatown and Phahurat. This is a great area to buy lots of supplies and crafts to design your own product to sell!

Sampeng Market is crowded most of the times. Sometimes, it becomes hard for visitors to pass through the lane to reach their desired shops. It may appear as if you are on an adventurous tour with all the people at Sampeng Market. Due to a large variety of shops, it is interesting to visit different stores and buy  
The Sampeng Market is flooded with all kinds of items that you need in your daily life. In the Sampeng Market, you will find pens, stickers, hair accessories, shoes, clothes, flashing knick-knacks, gems, jewelries and household items at a wholesale price.

If you are good at bargaining, you can buy products at a much cheaper price at Sampeng Market. Many retail shopkeepers visit this market to maintain their product stock.

**Open daily 09:00- 17:00 hrs.**

**How to get there : by taxi approximately 150-200 Baht**



## ***Phahurat ( Indian Market )***

Pahurat market located near Chao Praya River consists of many Indian shops, stores and Indian businesses. Visitors can purchase all kinds of Indian items in these store.In this market, one can buy traditional Indian sarees, blouses, Salwar suit, Lehenga, Choli, Kashmiri costumes, Kurta, Pajama, pants, children clothes and embroidered dresses. You will get all styles of Indian dresses at very cheap prices.Leather products: Many stalls in Phahurat Market offer handmade leather bags, shoes and sandals. They are available at cheap prices.

In Pahurat Market, you will find many valuable spices at cheap prices such as Ginger, Cardamom, Cinnamon and others. If you buy the same spices in US or European countries, they will cost you too much. Stalls offer loose spices in small polythene bags.

Dried Fruit and Nuts: You will find a large variety of dried fruits and nuts in many stalls. They are very delicious and available at very cheap price. It is a great idea to buy a few bags of dried fruits and nuts. This could be a great gift for your family members, relatives and friends.

In sweet shops, you can find all kinds of delicious Indian desserts such as Gulab, Kheer, Dharwad pedha, Ras malai and others. A large variety of Indian snacks is also available in these stores.

**Open tue.-sun. 10:00 – 18:00 hrs.**

**How to get there : by taxi approximately 150- 200 baht**



## ***Chatuchak Weekend Market***

The number one shopping market located on Paholyothin road. On weekends, there are more than 8,000 shops and are divided into 27 zones. There are all kinds of products which are categorized in 8 categories, vegetables & fruit, new & second hand clothes, food, pottery & ceramic, local products, basketry, accessories, pets and flowers. It is also a big treasure for antique lovers especially rare books. This market is opened from Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except clothes shops are opened only on weekends. For those who want to avoid the hot weather can also shop during Friday night especially for shop owners, here is the biggest wholesale market.

Opening Hours : Saturday - Sunday from 07.00 hrs - 18.00 hrs.

### How to Get There

: SkyTrain from Thonglor station to Mo Chit Station , Take exit 1 and walk straight 200 m to Chatuchak Park on your right.

: MRT from Petchburi station to Khamphaengphet station, Take exit 1 or 2.



## ***Srinakarin train Market***

Rot Fai Market (Train Market) in Bangkok is an authentic open-air bazaar selling an incredible array of vintage collectables and memorabilia from yesteryear, from antique furniture to hippy fashion and Mao kitsch. With three sections to this huge market space, there are also many traders selling modern fashion and apparel more typical of other night markets in Bangkok; however it's the one-off and hard to find items that really make Rot Fai Market superior to all other night markets in the city. Where else in the Thailand would you find a pristine 1950s Cadillac next to vintage leather jackets, French chandeliers and 1960s action figures from Japan? Combine all this with cool restaurants, bars and snack stalls and you have a fun night out from sunset to midnight, Thursday to Sunday.

Opening Hours: 17:00-24:00 (Thursday-Sunday)

How to get there

: Taxi approximately 150-200 Baht



## ***Ratchada train Market***

The market is split into long avenues with antiques, secondhand toys, and kitsch curios found in the central few avenues. On the periphery, there is a combination of more general market type clothes, shoes, handbags, and plenty of snack stalls. Up towards the back end of the market are a row of bars, with VW Vans pumping out a mixture of Thai and western pop tunes, and adorned with fairy lights. Rot Fai Market Ratchada bargaining is expected as there is no set price for anything.

Opening Hours: 17:00-24:00 (Thursday-Sunday)

How to get there

: MRT from Petchburi station to Thai Cultural Centre station exit no.3

: Taxi approximately 80 -150 Baht



## ***Suan Lum Night Bazaar Ratchada***

is a night market located on Ratchada Road, close to Lad Phrao MRT station. With 1,800 stalls, shops, restaurants and plenty of entertainment options, it is looking to recreate the experience of the original Sun Lum Night Bazaar, which was a mainstay on tourists' itineraries until it closed several years ago. This new location is slightly more out-of-town and has a more modern vibe than its predecessor.

Open daily 18:00 -24:00 hrs.

How to get there.

- MRT go to Lad Prao station exit no. 1
- Taxi approximately 100 – 150 Baht



## ***JJ Green Night Market***

JJ green might be the coolest place to shop in Bangkok, with its much more chilled-out, bohemian vibes when compared to the capital's gargantuan Chatuchak Weekend Market just down the road. Part vintage flea market, part local drinking hangout,.

Open Thursday to Sunday from 17:00 to 24:00

