

## **About Bangkok**

An increasing of tourists visiting Bangkok each year has proven that Bangkok is always a popular city for tourists.

For major tourist attractions in Bangkok, most of them are Historical sites or religious sites such as temples in Bangkok. There is a beautiful architecture, wall painting and also important in History, such as Wat Phra Sri Rattana satsadaram (Phra Kaeo), Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkalaram (Wat Pho), Wat Arun Ratchawararam, Wat Sa Ket, and Phu Khao Thong (Golden Mountain), Wat Ratchanatdaram (Loha Prasat), Wat Traimit, Wat Benchamabophit, Wat Bowon Niwet Ratchawarawihan, Wat Suthat Thepwararam etc.

There are also other interesting places such as palaces, museums, parks, as well as various shopping centres in Bangkok. There are both chilling places like Chatuchak Weekend Market, Sampeng Market, Yaowarat and Phahurat night market or luxury level such as many leading department stores in all areas of Bangkok as well.

Bangkok began as a small trading centre and port community on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River some 200 years ago. Today, while the city is up to speed with modern times, the grandeur and glory of its illustrious past still prevails. Be it dazzling temples, spectacular palaces, a world-famous floating market or colourful Chinatown, each of these famous places has an intriguing story to tell.

Wat Phra Kaeo was constructed in 1784 and has been restored throughout every reign since the reign of King Rama I the Great to King Rama IX the Great. Inside the Ubosot and the balcony around the temple are very beautiful murals of "Ramakian". Other interesting items in the temple include eight chedis, Phra Sri Rattana Chedi, replica of Angkor Wat, Prasat Phra Thep Bidon, etc.





Palace. It is a first class royal temple and is an ancient temple, which King Rama I the Great ordered to be built for monks to study Dharma. This is the temple of the reign of King Rama I the Great. During the reign of King Rama III, the King graciously renovated Wat Pho and brought academic texts in different fields to be inscribed around the temple in order to disseminate knowledge to the people. It is considered as the first university of Thailand.

Wat Pho Is located on Maha Rat Road next to the Grand

**Phu Khao Thong** Is an ancient temple of the Ayutthaya period, which is a first-class royal temple of the Ratchawora Maha Wihan class. Originally, it was known as Wat Sakae then later the whole temple was re-established in the reign of King Rama I the Great and given the new name of Wat Saket. On the top of Phu Khao Thong is the chedi that enshrines the Buddha's relics received from India, which were dug from the hill of the old chedi in Kapilavastu.

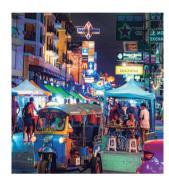




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**Chao Phraya Sky Park** Is located in Wang Burapha Phirom Subdistrict. Originally, this area used to be the structure of the Lavalin Skytrain, which has been abandoned for more than 30 years. This park has some interesting items like the design of the pedestrian and bicycle path, a distance of 280 metres, to facilitate traffic between the two sides of the bridge.





**Khao San Road** Is a popular budget accommodation destination for international tourists and a meeting point for travellers from all over the world. There are many guest houses; therefore, it is convenient for accommodation.

Asiatique the Riverfront Is located on Charoen Krung Road and is a gigantic shopping venue on the bank of the Chao Phraya River. It modified the former port warehouse of the East Asiatic Company, and the colonial-style structure is according to the culture of the reign of King Rama V the Great. Factory District is a 100-year-old sawmill area decorated to be modern to make it a fashion store, both costumes and accessories. Waterfront District comprises restaurants in the atmosphere of the Chao Phraya River and a walkway along the Chao Phraya River, a distance of 100 metres to see the scenery like a panoramic view.





Yaowarat Road Is the largest Chinese community in Thailand. There are restaurants both inside buildings and set up along the road. In other words, there are all kinds of international dishes to choose from. In addition, Yaowarat Road is the venue for important Chinese festivals, e.g., Chinese New Year (during January) and the Vegetarian Festival (around October).

Taling Chan Floating Market Is located in front of the Taling Chan District Office and is a semi-rural floating market that perfectly combines waterfront life with nature. The interesting aspect is preserving and conveying the beautiful way of life of the agriculturists along the canal. The vendors rowing boats sell food and fruit around the pontoon and along the canal. There are also handicrafts with good craftsmanship from local wisdom, as well as marine tourism activities.



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