



The Up Rama 3

Bangkok is home to many community malls, smaller shopping and dining zones designed to serve the local community with a variety of unique and interesting outlets. The Up Rama 3 is one of the better known ones and apart from shopping mall staples such as KFC features a range of specialist restaurants, a microbrewery and a “cat café” where you can interact with the many felines inside.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. - midnight

Admission: Free

Address: 54 Naradhiwat Rajanagarindra Road, Chong Nonsi, Yan Nawa, Bangkok

Tel: (02) 116 5800

Central Rama 3

Central Rama 3 is one of the largest malls of the household name Central Group covering 9 floors of shopping heaven. The sprawling mall features a host of shops selling all manner of brand name and local goods as well as many dining options, an anchor outlet of the Central Department Store and a multi-screen Major Cineplex showing all the latest releases.

Opening hours: 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. on weekdays, 10.30 a.m. -9.30 p.m. on weekends

Admission: Free

Address: 79/3 Sathu Pradhit Road, Chong Nonsi, Yan Nawa, Bangkok

Tel: (02) 673 5555

Maeklong Train Market

The rather unassuming train route between Bangkok and Samut Songkhram Province has gained international notoriety due to the many videos posted online showing the Talat Rom Hup, or “Umbrella Pulldown Market”. The market is truly unique in that the stalls actually touch or spill over onto the railway track, and when a train passes the stallholders have to move their shop fronts and awnings back from the track until the train has passed.

Opening hours: 4 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Banremu Road, Ban Phrok, Muang, Samut Songkhram

Mahachai Market

Located in neighboring Samut Sakhon Province approximately 40 kilometers south of Bangkok Mahachai Market is renowned as one of the largest fresh seafood markets in Thailand. You'll find local fish of all kinds in abundance as well as crabs, prawns, eels, squid and shellfish which you can try for yourself à la minute at one of the many local restaurants, serving what is supposedly the best seafood in the land.

Opening hours: 5 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Tambon Mahachai, Amphur Mueang, Samut Sakhon

Pak Khlong Talat (The Flower Market)

Pak Khlong Talat is Bangkok's premier market for fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables and although being open 24 hours a day is at its busiest before dawn, when boats and lorries arrive from the capital's neighboring provinces and as far afield as Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai to deliver their wares. The market is the world's third largest for stunning orchids, and every possible variety of flowers is available at bargain wholesale prices.

Opening hours: 24 hours a day

Admission: Free

Address: 116 Chakphet Rd, Khwaeng Wang Burapha Phirom, Khet Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

Klong Toey Market

For super low prices on fresh meat and seafood, farm produce, clothing, kitchenware and all manner of goods Bangkok's canny shoppers know to head for Klong Toey and its pleasantly unexpected and laid-back environment. Pop on down and pick up a bargain when you're in town.

Take the MRT subway to Klong Toey Station and walk for about ten minutes.

Open 24 hrs.

Address: Soi Pattana 34, Klong Toey, Bangkok

Patpong Night Market

One of Bangkok's 'must visit' night shopping destinations many tourists make it their first stop to pick up a bargain watch, DVD or t-shirt and enjoy a good-natured haggle with the vendors over the price. 300 baht? That's way too much!

Patpong is also the place to people watch as the evening brings out the boys, girls and girls who would be boys from the nearby go-go bars.

Open daily from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Address: Patpong 2 Road, Bangkok

Nana Entertainment Plaza

Notorious for its racy themed go-go bars, from naughty but nice schoolgirls to Miss Whiplash leather dominatrix and eye-opening ladyboy shows Nana is a mass of glowing neon signs and open-air beer bars for you to sink a cold one and take in the myriad of sights and sounds.

Walk down Soi 4 from the Sukhumvit Road.

Open daily from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Address: Sukhumvit Soi 4, Bangkok.

Pratunam Shopping Mall

Like an indoor version of the world-famous Chatuchak Weekend Market this mega-mall is jam-packed with some 1,300 stalls spread out over 4 floors selling the latest in hip and hipster fashion and accessories with special prices for bulk buys.

If you fancy a bite from shopping til you drop there's a large food court as well as cafés and fast food chains of every description.

A 10-minute walk from either Ratchathewi or Chidlom BTS skytrain stations.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Address: Petchaburi, Ratchathewi District (next to Pantip Plaza), Bangkok

Pantip Plaza

The most famous Bangkok electronics mall and the mother of all IT shops in Thailand. If you can't find it at Pantip it probably hasn't been invented yet!

It's the go-to place for Bangkok's tekkies to find new and used computers and accessories at rock-bottom prices with unbeatable bargains and cheap technical specialists if your device, pc or laptop needs a repair or upgrade to the latest version.

Take the BTS to Chidlom Station (but be prepared for a bit of a walk).

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Address: Petchaburi Road opposite Pratunam's City Complex, Bangkok

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

100 kilometres southwest of Bangkok in Ratchaburi Province brings you to one of Thailand's most popular and vibrant floating markets. Hundreds of vendors in small rowing boats roam the river selling all manner of goods from exotic fruits and vegetables to agricultural produce and local food in a manner unchanged for centuries. Sightseeing boat trips are available to get a true insight into the traditional way of life but it is advisable to get there early to escape the throngs of visitors later in the day.

Open daily from 7.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Address: Damnoen Saduak, Ratchaburi Province.

Taling Chan Floating Market

Take in the atmosphere of a genuine Thai floating market and enjoy a delicious fresh seafood lunch on the banks of the river before browsing among the many vendors offering an amazing variety of tropical fruits, sweets and fun snacks.

You can even enjoy the unique experience of gliding along the nearby canals in a long tail boat passing by picturesque temples and observing the river dwellers going about their daily business before taking a relaxing foot massage under the cool trees.

A taxi is the easiest way to get to the market from the BTS skytrain at Wongwian Yai Station.

Open on Saturdays and Sundays from 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Address: Klong Chakphra, Taling Chan, Bangkok.

Terminal 21

With 9 floors of 600 shops in this themed mall and all the famous cities under one roof, you can truly travel the world under one roof, from Tokyo to London, Istanbul, Paris and beyond.

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Address: Sukhumvit Road (between Soi 19 and 21)

Tel : 02-108-0888

Platinum Mall

Thailand's largest fashion mall that features one stop wholesale shopping, Platinum Mall is a beloved designation for many shopaholics and retailers alike. No surprise there, given that there are over 2,000 shops bringing you the latest fashion pieces at wholesale prices.

Openinig: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Tel: 02-121-8000

Gaysorn plaza

An upscale shopping mall, Gaysorn Plaza boasts an exclusive selection of high-end goods and designer labels complemented by distinguished service—making it the best place to go for a luxurious lifestyle shopping experience.

Openinig: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Tel: 02 656 1149

Central Chidlom

Arguably Thailand's best-loved departmental store, Central Chidlom leaves you spoilt for choice with 7 levels of products dedicated to your needs. Beauty products, luxury goods, electronics, toys, lady's or men's fashion, or even home décor and more, you'll find it within the ever-friendly ambience here.

Openinig: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Tel: 02 793 7777

Central World Plaza

The largest shopping complex in Thailand, Central World Plaza is more than just a mega mall. It's a shopper's paradise. If you're looking to do all your shopping in one place, Central World Plaza's 550,000 square meters might just be the mall for you.

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Tel: 02 640 7000

MBK

Where do the locals shop? For the youth of Bangkok, it is likely to be MBK Center, a huge mall packed with plenty of stores selling practically anything, even dried fruits and Chinese-style snacks!

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Tel: 02 620 9000

The EM Quartier

This new shopping mall is part of The Mall Group's B20 billion restyling of the Phrom Phong area as Em District, a development of hotels, premium offices, luxury residences and entertainment facilities. Emquartier is opposite Emporium Suites by Chatrium where guests can find a collection of high-end boutiques including flagship stores from MCM, Jimmy Choo, Valentino, Sephora and A Bating Ape, plus cult Asian brands Stylenanda (Korea) and Beams (Japan).

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Address: Sukhumvit Road, Phromphong

Tel: 02-269-1000

Emporium Shopping Complex

The Emporium is a luxury shopping complex on Sukhumvit Road.

Along with The Emporium department store, the mall contains a cinema multiplex and book, fashion and trinket shops, a grocery store, a food court and many upscale restaurants. Entertainment offerings include SF cinema, an exhibition hall, and children's play centres. The Emporium's many dining options including all types of international cuisine.

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. - 10.00 pm.

Address: Sukhumvit Road, Klongton

Tel: 02 269 1000

Asiatique The Riverfront

Take a step back to the days of King Rama V's reign at Asiatique The Riverfront, Asia's largest waterfront retail and entertainment venue, created through the renovation of actual buildings from that era. Enjoy the world famous Thai Puppet Show, Joe Louis Theatre, a spectacular live performance of the Calypso Cabaret and more here, just 1 km from Chatrium Residence Riverside Bangkok on Charoenkrung "Historic" Road.

Paragon Shopping Mall

This world-class shopping center is regarded one of Thailand's most luxury shopping paradises. The mall contains more than 350 flagship stores of the world's top brands as well as high-street favorites. Siam Paragon also offers exotic Thai arts and crafts. On the basement kids will love to explore the underwater world at Siam Ocean World while the top floor is home to 16 cinemas of Paragon Cineplex where you never miss the latest blockbusters.

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am - 10.00 pm

Address: 991 Rama Rd.

Tel: 02-690-1000

China Town

Bangkok's Chinatown, the largest Chinese community is known as Yaowarat. The Chinese community dominated trades between Siam (ancient Thailand) and China since the reign of King Rama I.

Yaowarat is widely known as the kingdom's largest center of gold trade and a great foodie destination. Yaowarat after sunset, the road turns into a street food heaven from Chinese fried noodles to iced Chinese dessert.

Operating: Daily, 07.00 -24.00 hrs.

Address: Yaowarat Road

Khaosan Road

Khaosan Road is known as Bangkok's district among young and budget travelers. Described by Alex Garland in his bestselling book *The Beach* as "The centre of the backpacking universe," Khao San Road offers international foods and drinks, an army of food trucks offering Pad Thai and other Thai street dishes. During the annual Songkran (Thai New Year, every April 13-15) Festival, the street of Khao San turns into one of Thailand's main celebrating spots you can expect extravagant parades, entertainment showcases and big water splashing event.

Operating day: Daily, 08.00 - 02.00 a.m.

Address: Bang Lamphu, PhraNakhon

Sukhumvit

Sukhumvit is Bangkok's bustling business and shopping district by day. At night, the sidewalks along Sukhumvit Road, from BTS Nana to BTS Asok stations becomes a shopping heaven to fine bargained souvenirs, t-shirts and street foodies. The area is also home to a bunch of shopping centers such as Times Square, Terminal 21 and Robinson Sukhumvit as well as restaurants, bars and tailors.

Operating: Daily, Malls open daily 10am-10pm,
night market opens daily 5pm - 10pm

Operating time: 17.00 - 22.00

Address: Sukhumvit road

Chatuchak Weekend Market

This world's largest market is commonly known among Thais as JJ (jay jay). With more than 15,000 retailers in 27 sections, occupying some 27 acre space, what makes Chatuchak busy every weekend is not only the fun of bargaining prices but an incredible variety of merchandise it has to offer, from latest fashion items and vintage decor finds to Thai crafts and teak wood tables.

Operating: Saturday – Sunday, 07.00 - 18.00

Address: Kampaengphet 3 Road, KhetChatuchak,

Wat Phoman Khunaram

Wat Phoman Khunaram is one of the most stunning examples of temple architecture encompassing Chinese, Thai and Tibetan styles and is considered by many to be not only the most magnificent Chinese temple in Thailand but perhaps the whole of Southeast Asia. The temple was constructed in 1959 by a Chinese spiritual master who later became its first abbot and is currently the center of the Chinese Order of Buddhist Monks.

Opening hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: 323 Sathu Pradhit Soi 19, Yannawa, Bangkok

Bang Pa-In Royal Palace

This beautiful palace in Ayutthaya Province was built nearly 400 years ago by King Prasat Thong as the summer residence of the Thai royals, but fell into disuse and disrepair until King Chulalongkorn, or Rama V, started construction on the present buildings in the 1800's. Amidst the landscaped gardens visitors can find a Chinese-style royal palace and throne room, a royal residence, a lookout tower and a pavilion in the middle of a pond.

Opening hours: 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Admission:

Thai - Adult THB 50 / Child THB 20

Foreigner - THB 100

Address: Tambon Bang Len, Amphoe Bang Pa-In, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya

Tel: +66 3526 1548

Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Sanctuary

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Opening hours: 8.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Chom Bueng, Chom Bueng, Ratchaburi

Tel: 092 925 7798

Wat Bang Kung

Originally an Ayutthaya-era temple ordination hall Wat Bang Kung later doubled as a naval fort and was the site of a pitched battle over 200 years ago between what was then the Kingdom of Siam and marauding Burmese invaders. What makes the temple truly unique is the masses of banyan trees which have sprung up around the temple, their thick roots and branches making the ordination hall appear as if made from a mixture of brick and plant life.

Opening hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Bang Kung Sub-district, Bang Khontee District, Samut Songkhram

Ayutthaya Historical Park

Located 76 kilometres north of Bangkok Thailand’s ancient capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the world’s most dazzling historical cities. Once the centre of high culture, international trade and rich architecture which mesmerized foreign diplomats and merchants with its awe-inspiring splendour, nowadays visitors can wander the imposing, well-preserved buildings and temples and imagine how life must have been all those centuries ago. Long tailed boats are also available to rent for a magical trip upon the river with some absolutely picture-perfect photo opportunities available.

Open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Admission: Thai nationals 10 Baht per person. Non-Thais 40 Baht per person.

Address: Ayutthaya Province

Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)

One of Thailand’s most famous landmarks, Wat Arun is a striking sight named after the Indian God of Dawn, Aruna.

Head over to the west bank of the Chao Phraya River and take a closer look at the 79 meters high tower...you’ll be impressed by the intricate floral mosaics made from Chinese porcelain.

Wat Pho (Temple of the Reclining Buddha)

Located next to the Temple of Emerald Buddha is Wat Pho, the oldest and largest temple in Bangkok, famed for its majestic reclining Buddha which measures a massive 46 meters long and 15 meters high. Don’t forget to enjoy the renowned traditional Thai massage here too!

Vimanmek Mansion

The world’s largest teak architecture, Vimanmek is the main structure in the complex of Dusit Palace. This three-storey mansion made of gold-colored teakwood was once a royal resort retreat at Chonburi’s Koh Si Chang. King Rama V demanded the dismantled and reassembled at its current premise in 1901 to serve as his residence. The design was inspired by Victorian architecture, with interiors finished with five different theme colors: blue, green, pink, ivory and peach. The 81-room mansion now exhibits royal amenities and furniture belonged to King Rama V.

Operating: Daily, 09.30 am. - 04.00 pm.

Thai dancing shows : Daily at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Admission: 100 baht (Proper attire is required.)

Address: Ratchawithi Rd., Dusit

Tel :0 2628 6300-9

Erawan Shrine (Thao Mahaprom Shrine)

Erawan Shrine, also known as Thao Mahaprom Shrine, is a Hindu shrine in Bangkok famous for not only the gorgeous statue of Phra Phrom, but also for their regular Thai dance performances. With a constant stream of worshippers flocking to pay their respect, Erawan Shrine has a lively and homely atmosphere.

Opening: Daily, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm

Address: 494 Rajdamri Road, Bangkok, Thailand

Wat Benchamabophit (The Marble Temple)

Wat Benchamabophit Dusitvanaram (The Marble Temple) is traditional Thai-style symmetrical architecture designed by Prince Naris, a son of King Rama V and one of the greatest architects during his time, and fine marble imported from Italy. Inside the main ordination hall sees the sacred Phra Buddha Chinnarat image, reproduced from the original image in Phitsanuloke, which is also considered a Buddha image with the most beautiful figures.

Opening hours: Daily 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: 20 Baht

Address: Rama 5 Road, Chitlada, Dusit

Tel. 0 2281 2501, 0 2628 7947

Wat Suthat

Wat Suthat is one of Bangkok's hidden gems. The main ordination hall sits at the center is where the sacred Phra Sri Sakayamunee Buddha image, relocated from Wat Mahathat in Sukhothai, is enshrined. It is one of the largest ordination halls in Thailand with 72.25-meter-high ceiling, completed with stunning wall paintings. In front of Wat Suthat is the Giant Swing, a Brahman religious structure.

Operating: Daily, 08.30 am. - 9.00 pm.

Address: Bamrung Muang Road

Tel. 0 2221 4026

Wat Ratchanatdaram Woravihara (Loha Prasat)

A temple in Bangkok which was built in 1846 during the reign of King Rama III. Wat Ratchanatdaram is best known for the Loha Prasat, a 36-meter-tall multi-tiered structure featuring 37 metal spires, signifying the 37 virtues toward enlightenment in Buddhist belief. It is regarded the world's only brazen palace (a building of which its roof covered by bronze tiles) in existence. Next to the temple is the King Rama II Memorial Plaza.

Opening: Daily 8.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m.

Address: Maha Chai Road, Bowon Niwet

Admission: Free

Tel : 0 2224 8807, 0 2225 5749

The Golden Mount (Wat Saket)

Wat Saket was another historic temple in Bangkok built during the reign of King Rama I. It is best known for The Golden Mount, 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 relics

are enshrined. The platform on its top level is still a great place to enjoy a 360-degree panorama of Bangkok's old district.

Opening: Daily 7.30 am. - 5.30 pm.

Address: 344 Avenue Road Emperor Pong Ban Bat

Admission: 10 baht

Tel : 0 2621 0576

Temple of the Golden Buddha (Wat Traimit)

The three-meter-tall pure-gold Buddha statue was made of three tons of 18-carat gold during the ancient Sukhothai Kingdom, around 700-800 years old. It is believed that the original Golden Buddha was covered with cement plaster to hide it from enemies during the Sukhothai-Ayutthaya disputes. It is now the world's largest pure-gold Buddha image, enshrined at the newly-built multi-level stupa.

Opening: Daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Address: Traimit Road (west of Hua Lampong Station)

Admission: 20 baht

Grand Palace

The Grand Palace in Bangkok is where visitors must visit at least once in their lifetime. The construction of the Grand Palace began in 1782 during the reign of King Rama I, the founder of Chakri Dynasty, to become a royal residence, and it has been the utmost architectural symbol of Thailand ever since. The Grand Palace served as a significant royal residence until 1925 and is now used for ceremonial purposes only.

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Khao Yai National Park

Khao Yai, approximately 3 hours from Bangkok, is Thailand's oldest national park and has been designated a UNESCO "World Heritage Site". The park covers parts of Saraburi, Nakhon Ratchasima, Prachinburi and Nakhon Nayok provinces and comprises of rain forests, meadowland and waterfalls featuring more than 3,000 varieties of flowers, 250 breeds of birds and 67 kinds of mammals, including tigers and elephants.

Opening hours: 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Admission:

Thai - Adult THB 40 / Child THB 20

Foreigner - Adult THB 400 / Child THB 200

Address: Amphoe Pak Chong, Nakhon Ratchasima

Tel: 0 2579 7223 or 0 2579 5734

Siam Park City

If you need to escape from the glaring Bangkok heat then a visit to Siam Park City is a must. Located just 20 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport the park is spread over 100 acres and divided into an amusement and water park, the latter containing a wave pool certified by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest. There are a variety of rides and attractions for both thrill-seekers and those who seek something less strenuous, and the park welcomes over 2 million visitors a year.

Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Admission: Adults THB 900 for water park and unlimited rides, adults THB 420 for water park and limited rides, Kids (100-130 cm) THB 120 for water park and limited rides, and adults THB 330 for water park only.

Address: 203 Suan Siam Rd., Kannayao, Bangkok

Tel: (0)2 387 0020

Sai Yok Noi Waterfall

This immensely popular Kanchanaburi waterfall is especially loved by visitors because of its close proximity to the main road, meaning access to the waterfall and pool for a cooling dip is very easy. In the vicinity of the waterfall is Krasae Cave, a small Buddhist shrine built next to a section of the infamous "Death Railway", whose construction was featured in the classic movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai".

Opening hours: 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Located at Km. 46 on Highway 323 (Kanchanaburi – Sai Yok – Thong Pha Phum)

Erawan Waterfall

One of the most famous of Thailand's many waterfalls Erawan Waterfall is located in Erawan National Park in rural Kanchanaburi. The 7-tiered falls are said to resemble the "Erawan", the 3-headed elephant of Hindu mythology, and feature many pools and streams which visitors can bathe in. One of the most entertaining aspects of the falls is the many fish in the pools, which nibble at the dead skin of swimmers' feet for a naturally free spa treatment.

Opening hours: 8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Admission:

Thai - Adult THB 100 / Child THB 50

Foreigner - Adult THB 300 / Child THB 200

Address: Erawan National Park, Tha Kradan Sub-district, Kanchanaburi

Tel: +66 3457 4222, +66 3457 4234

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Admission: Free

Address: Chom Bueng, Chom Bueng, Ratchaburi

Tel: 092 925 7798

River Kwae Bridge

Home to the infamous "Bridge on the River Kwai" and "Death Railway" along which 1000s of Asian labourers and allied prisoners of war tragically lost their lives during its construction the area has become a poignant destination for many tourists to visit and pay their respects.

Located on the Myanmar Border in visually stunning Kanchanaburi Province the countryside also provides a host of snapshot opportunities with the spectacle of the natural beauty of the surrounding mountains, lush forests and towering waterfalls.

Every late November to early December Kanchanaburi town is host to an amazing Light and Sound spectacular at the bridge commemorating the events that happened here in World War 2.

Address: Kanchanaburi Province

Calypso Cabaret Show

Located beside the Chao Phraya River at Asiatique the Riverfront, a vast open-air mall with a wide selection of restaurants, bars, shops and even a Ferris wheel, night after night the gorgeous ladies of the family-friendly Calypso Cabaret Show put on a stunning Hollywood-esque performance.

Except every single one of these exotic "ladies" was born a gentleman!

The neon-bedecked theatre is situated near Asiatique's town square and inside the auditorium sits 350 in comfortable groups of five around tables. There's even a chance to take some selfies with the "girls" after the show.

- Take the BTS to Saphan Taksin Station and jump on the free shuttle boat to Asiatique at the end of the pier.

Twice daily shows at 8.15 p.m. and 9.45 p.m.

Admission: 1,200 Baht per person

Address: 72-74 Charoen Krung Road, Bangkok.

Siam Niramit in Bangkok

Bringing Thailand's unique and colourful historical and spiritual heritage to life in a dazzling word-class stage show featuring stunning special effects and over 150 performers a visit to Siam Niramit is a must while in Bangkok. Tickets include a sumptuous authentic Thai cuisine buffet and visitors have the opportunity to wander through picturesque replica villages from country's rural regions and buy charming Thai handicrafts before the show.

Open daily from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Admission: 1,500 Baht per person

Address: Huai Kwang, Bangkok

Pattaya Beach

Thailand's hottest vacation destination really has it all from its world-famous naughty nightlife on "Walking Street" which comes alive after dark and a host of shopping, entertainment and dining opportunities to over 4 kilometres of wonderfully scenic coastline.

Thrill-seekers can get their kicks with the huge number of jet skis, parasails and speedboats available to rent and there are many tiny islands just off the mainland to explore including Koh Lan, with its golden sands, dive boats and seafood restaurants a mere 15-minute speedboat ride away.

Address: Pattaya, Chonburi Province.

Hua Hin Beach

Just a few hours south of Bangkok brings you to the pristine white beaches and luxury hotels and resorts of Hua Hin, a favourite retreat of the Thai royal family. While providing a more laid-back atmosphere than places such as Pattaya and Phuket, Hua Hin offers a number of great bars and dining opportunities including some of the best seafood in Thailand with succulent fresh lobsters, prawns, clams and fish caught and prepared daily at the seafront restaurants.

There's also a bustling night market which is considered by many to be one of the best in the region.

Address: Hua Hin, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province.

Benjasiri Park

Benjasiri Park is a major park in Bangkok, The park was built in 1992 to celebrate the Queen's 60th Birthday so the park is also known as Queen's park. Inside Benjasiri Park, there are a forest garden, artificial lake, multipurpose space, playground, basketball courts, and swimming pools.

Opening: Daily, 5.00 am. - 9.00 pm.

Address: Sukhumvit Rd between Soi 22 and 24

Chatuchak Park

A large public park that sits next to Chatuchak Weekend Market you usually see from the BTS Mo Chit's platform is a leisure and recreation spot for nearby residents. A visit to Chatuchak Park in the morning or during the weekend lets you see a slow side of Bangkok urbanites, who would come here to run, ride a bike or just relax under the trees.

Operating: Daily, 06.00 pm. - 06.00 pm.

Lumpini Boxing Stadium Ratchadamneon Boxing Stadium

Thai boxing is considered a sport as well as an defense arts. This artistic sport is found to be unique and one of Thai martial arts. Fight settings of both Thai and international boxing are regularly held and the champion of this stadium is perceived as if the winner of the Thai boxing championship.

Lumpini Boxing Stadium

Address: Lumpini park on Rama IV road

Tel: 02 251-4303, 02 280-4550

Ratchadamneon Boxing Stadium

Address: RatchadamneonNok Road, PhraNakorn

Tel: 02 281-4205, 02 281-0879

Opening: every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 18.00 to 21.00 hrs. every Sunday from 17.00 to 21.00 hrs.

except important Buddhist Days.

Admission fee: 1,000, - 2,000 baht

Lumpini Park

The green lung of Bangkok's city center, Lumpini Park is Thailand's very first public park. The park was open for the public uses in 1952, and remains Bangkok's top leisure park with some 10,000 visitors daily. During December to February, there's a series of free live orchestra concerts on Sundays "Concert in the Park" hosted by the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra featuring a number of guest singers, which makes a good opportunity for a chill-out picnic.

Opening: Daily, 5.00 am.- 9.00 pm.

Address: Lumpini

Admission: Free

MBK Fight Night

MBK Flight Night is organize a Thai boxing match. You can watch live muaythai boxing every Wednesday Night outside MBK shopping centre, the closest BTS stop is the national stadium. Competitive fights that include Thai fighters and foreigner.

Opening: Every Wednesday, 6.00 pm.

Address: Phayathai Road, Patumwan

Admission: Free

Tel. 02 620 9111

Bang Pa-In Royal Palace

This beautiful palace in Ayutthaya Province was built nearly 400 years ago by King Prasat Thong as the summer residence of the Thai royals, but fell into disuse and disrepair until King Chulalongkorn, or Rama V, started construction on the present buildings in the 1800's. Amidst the landscaped gardens visitors can find a Chinese-style royal palace and throne room, a royal residence, a lookout tower and a pavilion in the middle of a pond.

Opening hours: 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Admission:

Thai - Adult THB 50 / Child THB 20

Foreigner - THB 100

Address: Tambon Bang Len, Amphoe Bang Pa-In, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya

Tel: +66 3526 1548

The Museum of Floral Culture

The museum features unique exhibits of important floral cultures from civilizations across Asia. Built in the reign of King Rama VI, it is housed in a beautifully preserved, 100-year-old teak mansion with colonial architecture, covering a total ground area of 1,800 square meters that has been transformed into an impeccably-landscaped Thai-meets-Zen-style garden.

Opening Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Admission: 150 baht for adults and 75 baht for children, inclusive of a guided tour.

Address: Samsen Road Soi 28

Tel: 02 669 3633

Madame Tussauds Bangkok

Here 's your chance to brush shoulders with your favourite Hollywood stars, local celebrities, sports heroes and heroines, even heads of state. Madame Tussauds– the wax museum with exhibits you can touch, hug, play with and even kiss. Pose with the U.S. President and the First Lady in the Oval Office, play basketball with the NBA star Yao Ming, or give Leonardo Di Caprio an air-kiss. Waltz down the red carpet and join the party of the Hollywood A-List, including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts and Angelina Jolie, to name just a few.

Opening: Daily, 10.00 am. – 9.00 pm.

Admission: 800 Baht for Adult and 600 Baht for Children

Address: 6th Floor, Siam Discovery, Phatumwan

Tel :02 2658 0060

SuanPakkad Palace Museum

The SuanPakkad Palace is the first museum in Thailand where the owner, their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Chumbhot of NagaraSvarga, decided to convert their private residence, built in the traditional Thai style opened in 1952, containing their collection of antiquities, which has been passed down through successive generations. The SuanPakkad Palace is a combination of fine arts and ancient artifacts from the era of H.R.H. Prince ParibatraSukhumbandhu, son of His Majesty King Chulalongkorn, Rama V and Her Majesty Queen SukhumalaMarasri.

Opening: Daily, 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Admission fee: 100 Baht

Dress Code: Proper attire is required.

Address: Ratchathewi Rd.

Tel: 02 245 4934

Museum of Siam

Housed in a charming vintage mansion formerly the home of the Ministry of Finance, Museum Siam: Discovery Museum is perhaps the first truly interactive museum in Thailand. The museum's permanent exhibition emphasizes on the history of the Thai people and their connections to neighbouring cultures through 17 rooms of multimedia displays and presentations. It also hosts regularly rotating exhibitions on a variety of topics, from food culture to new science innovations.

Opening: Tuesday-Sunday, 10.00 am. -6.00 pm.

Admissions: 300 Baht

Address: 4 Sanam Chai Rd., PhraNakhon

Tel: 02-225-2777

The Corrections Museum

The Corrections Museum is the place to learn about the gruesome punishments meted out to offenders in Thailand in the not so distant past. It was once the site of the Bangkok Remand Prison, an old and overcrowded penal facility. Grisly corporal punishment tools and weapons exhibit the severities of the old penal system, a sadistic system based on retribution through severe punishment and suffering.

Opening: Monday – Friday, 09:30 am.- 04:00 pm.

Address: Mahachai Road, near RommaniNart Park

Tel: 02 226 1706

Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles

The museum is located in the Ratsadakorn-bhibhathana Building, just inside the main visitor's gate at the Grand Palace. It is the gift of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit and Her SUPPORT Foundation to the people of Thailand. The museum's mission is to collect, display, and preserve textiles from Southeast, South, and East Asia, with a special emphasis on the textiles of and related to the Royal Court and to serve as a centre for all who wish to learn about textiles past and present.

Opening: 9.00-16.30. Last admission is at 15.30. Admission to the museum is included in your Grand Palace entry fee.

Address: Ratsadakorn-bhibhathana Building, inside the main visitor's gate at the Grand Palace

Tel. +66 2225 9420, +66 2225 9430

Siriraj Medical Museum

Siriraj Hospital is Thailand's first modern medical hospital and school, founded by King Rama V in 1888. The hospital complex is home to a collection of small museums, which are Congdon Anatomical Museum, SoodSangvichien Prehistoric Museum & Laboratory, SongkranNiyomsane Forensic Medicine Museum, Parasitology Museum, Ellis Pathological Museum, SirirajBimuksthan.

Opening: Monday - Sunday except Tuesday, 10.00 am.– 5.00 pm. except SoodSangvichien Museum, which is open on Monday - Friday 9.00 am. – 12.00 pm., 1.00 pm.– 4.00 pm.

Admissions: 200-300 Baht

Address: 2 PhranNok Rd.

Tel: 0 2419 2601, 0 2419 2618-9

Erawan Museum (Chang Sam Sian)

Erawan Museum on the way to Ancient City and created by the same man, this museum is actually a five-storey sculpture of Erawan, Indra's three-headed elephant mount from Hindu mythology. The museum is 8kms.from Bangkok's Ekamai bus station and any SamutPrakan-bound bus can drop you off.

Opening: Daily, 8.00 am.–5.00 pm.

Admission: adult/child 300/150 Baht

Jim Thompson House

Visit the former house of the late silk tycoon for a true beauty of Thai architecture and a stunning collection of rare Asian artifacts. The exquisite complex of six traditional Thai teak houses once belonged to James H.W. Thompson. An avid collector himself, his house displays antiques and collectibles he sourced from around Asia such as Buddha images from 13th century, original Thai paintings from 18th century and Chinese porcelains from 14th century.

Opening: Daily 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Address: Thanon Rama I, Wang Mai, Pathum Wan

Admission: Adult 100 baht, Child 50 baht

Contact: Tel. 0 2216 7368

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

Museum of Contemporary Art (Moca Bangkok) was built by Mr.BoonchaiBencharongkul to celebrate and appreciate the great favor of King Rama 9 and to honor “Father of Thai Contemporary Arts” or Professor SilpaBhirasri.The museum opens Tuesday to Sunday from 10am - 6pm.It is located on VibhavadiRangsit road, Chatuchak, Bangkok.

Open: Daily,10:00 am. - 6:00pm.

Address: 499/50, VibhavadiRangsit Rd.

Tel: 02 953 1005-7

The National Museum

Some objects have a story to tell and at the National Museum, the vast collection of art, archaeological and cultural objects helps convey the entire history of the Siam Kingdom. Best experienced through the free guided tours, the many exhibits of the National Museum are located on Na Phra That Road, next to Thammasat University.

Siam Park City

If you need to escape from the glaring Bangkok heat then a visit to Siam Park City is a must. Located just 20 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport the park is spread over 100 acres and divided into an amusement and water park, the latter containing a wave pool certified by the Guinness Book of Records as the world’s largest. There are a variety of rides and attractions for both thrill-seekers and those who seek something less strenuous, and the park welcomes over 2 million visitors a year.

Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Admission: Adults THB 900 for water park and unlimited rides, adults THB 420 for water park and limited rides, Kids (100-130 cm) THB 120 for water park and limited rides, and adults THB 330 for water park only.

Address: 203 Suan Siam Rd., Kannayao, Bangkok

Tel: (0)2 387 0020

Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Sanctuary

Located in rural Ratchaburi Province this scenic wildlife sanctuary is situated at the foot of Khao Prathap Chang Peak, and features a cliff top reservoir. The park is the ideal place to find a wide variety of the flora mentioned throughout Thai literature along the 900-meter “Phrueksa Nana Phan” nature trail and visitors can find monkeys, porcupines, mongooses and pangolins among the animals kept at the sanctuary.

Opening hours: 8.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Admission: Free

Address: Chom Bueng, Chom Bueng, Ratchaburi

Tel: 092 925 7798

Samut Prakarn Crocodile Farm and Zoo

Located in 300 acres and home to “Yai”, at an incredible 6 metres long and weighing in at 1100 kg the world's largest crocodile in captivity, the farm and zoo houses over 100,000 crocodiles as well as a wide variety of other animals including elephants, lions, tigers, monkeys, hippos and horses.

Fun-filled elephant and heart-stopping crocodile shows are available throughout the day or visitors can enjoy a sedate paddle boat ride or browse the many exhibits at the Dinosaur Museum.

Open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Admission: Thai Nationals 60 baht. Non-Thai Adults 300 baht. Non-Thai Children 200 baht.

Address: Samut Prakarn Province

SEA LIFE Bangkok Ocean World

Located on two storeys beneath the luxurious Siam Paragon Mall enter an aquatic wonderland the size of three, yes three, Olympic swimming pools full of fascinating creatures from the ocean depths. As one of the largest in Southeast Asia the aquarium houses over 30,000 curious-looking creatures from across the globe including menacing, predatory sharks, stunning wide-finned rays, ginormous crabs and even a shoal of Finding Nemo clownfish, all up close and personal when viewed from the spectacular 270-degree underwater tunnel.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Address: Basement Floor, Siam Paragon, Siam, Bangkok.

Safari World

Thailand's greatest open zoo transports you to the great plains of Africa and beyond with an entertaining day out for folks of all ages as you get up close and personal with thousands of wild animals straight out of the pages of National Geographic including rhinos, deer, bears, zebras, giraffes, lions, tigers and many more kings of the jungle. You can also enjoy an intimate encounter with a bunch of friendly dolphins and take in the fast-paced action stunt spectacular for a day you won't forget.

Open daily from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Admission: 1,000 Baht for adults. 900 Baht for children.

Address: Klong Sam Wa, Bangkok.

Dream World Amusement Park

Located on the outskirts of Bangkok Dream World is the perfect place to spend a day for both the young and young at heart with a host of fun-filled rides for all ages, including a number of white-knuckle roller coasters such as the infamous "Hurricane", wet and wild rides like the "Super Splash" boat ride and "Grand Canyon" rapids where you're guaranteed to get a thorough soaking plus a number of exciting attractions for the little ones including racing cars, bumper boats, a sightseeing "Choo Choo" train and traditional sideshow games.

If you're feeling a little bit peckish from all that fun then just take a break at one of the many kiosks or restaurants dotted around the park selling soft drinks, ice creams and Thai and Western food.

They've even got a KFC!

Open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (weekdays) and 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. (weekends).

Admission: 1,000 Baht per person including ride passes. Children under 90 cm tall get in free.

Address: Rangsit-Ongkarak Road, Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani

Dinosaur Planet Theme Park

A new fantastic attraction has recently opened in the heart of Bangkok on Sukhumvit Road and is conveniently near Emporium Suits by Chatrium and Maitria Hotel Sukhumvit 18 – A Chatrium Collection. The new attraction is Dinosaur Planet Theme Park. If you are ready to explore the prehistoric world and run away from Raptors to stay alive, this is the best chance for you. Dinosaur Planet Bangkok will take you back in time to an ancient world where visitors can experience various types of prehistoric animals and enjoy exciting presentation techniques, memorable activities, and world-class performances. Dinosaur District, Starts of Dino, Dino Eye, 4D Deep-World, The Great Volcano & The Extinction Live Show, Raptor X-Treme and Dino Farm are all perfect for family members to enjoy during a stay at Emporium Suits by Chatrium or Maitria Hotel Sukhumvit 18 – A Chatrium Collection.

Admission is 600 baht for adults and 400 baht for children, Children under 90 centimeters get in free.

Dinosaur Planet is located at EmSphere between Soi Sukhumvit 22 and Benjasiri Park. Operating Hours are 10.00 am – 10.00 pm daily.

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Escape Hunt

Escape Hunt is an adventure like no other – exciting, addictive, challenging, educational & above all, fun! You will voyage back 100 years in time & play the part of a famous London detective solving challenging mysteries set in Bangkok. Opening: Daily, 9.30 am – 8.30 pm.

Admission: 395-795 Baht

Address: Interchange 21 Tower, Sukhumvit Road

Tel: 02 611 2828

Funarium

Funarium is Bangkok's largest indoor soft-play area all kids can't miss to love. Covering the space of 2,000 square meters, this international-standard air-conditioned playground offers a wide range of activities like painting, crafts making, bike riding, roller blading and cooking as well as two giant play areas where you kids (up to 13 years old) will be having so much fun while you, parents, are chatting over cups of coffee.

Opening: Monday - Thursday 9am - 7pm, Friday - Sunday & Public Holidays 8:30am - 8:30pm.

Admission: 180-300 Baht for children and 90 Baht for adults for three hours.

Address: 111/1 Sukhumvit 26 Rd.

Tel: 02 665 6555

Snake Farm (Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute)

A visit to the institute offers you a chance to explore the intensive exhibition about various kinds of snakes as well as to watch snake-handling and venom-milking live demonstrations, both of which require special techniques from experts.

Opening: Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m., Saturday- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Admission: Adults 200 Baht, Children 50 baht

Address: Thai Red Cross, Rama 4 Rd.

Tel. 0 2252 0161-4, 0 2252 0167

Flow House Bangkok

If you've got an hour to kill or a half day to chill then Flow House Bangkok has everything for you, surfing, plunge pool, bar, pool table and plenty of space to just kick back and relax. Travelling with family and friends and looking for a new spot to have fun and relax.

Opening: Monday - Friday: 10am - 12midnight.

Saturday - Sunday: 8am - 12midnight

Address: A-Square, SukhumvitSoi 26 Klong-Toey

Admission: 750 Baht/hour

Tel: 02 108-5210

Hotel's Complimentary Shuttle Boat

Chatrium Hotel Riverside Bangkok offers our complimentary shuttle boat service; a convenient way to catch your destinations. You can travel comfortably to and from Saphan Taksin BTS Station where you can easily connect to numerous tourist attractions in Bangkok. The shuttle boat service is available daily from 6.00 a.m. - 11.50 p.m. Please be advised that in the event of heavy rain, our shuttle boat service will be temporarily suspended.

Chao Phraya River

The Chao Phraya River is the most important waterway in Thailand. Boats of all sizes ply this river ranging from huge container ships that berth at KlongToey Port to small dugouts. Its most recognized water transporters are the rice barges and the long-tail boats. A cruise on the Chao Phraya River gives you a new perspective on Bangkok as you pass by the imposing Prangs of WatArun, the majestic Grand Palace and the Temple of The Emerald Buddha.

Operating: Daily, 24 Hour

Airport Rail Link

The Airport Rail Link is an airport rail link from Suvarnabhumi Airport, via Makkasan, to Phaya Thai station in central Bangkok. Services consists of two Express Lines, a 15-minute nonstop service between the Makkasan city air terminal and the airport and an 18-minute nonstop service between Phaya Thai and the airport, and the City Line, a commuter rail service with 8 stations. Travelling Time 30 minutes.

Opening: Daily, 6.00 - 24.00 hrs.

Tickets: Suvarnabhumi Airport Express-Makkasan or Phaya Thai at 150 Baht (round trip), 90 Baht (single trip)

Tel: 1690 , 02-308-5600 Ext. 2906 - 2907

Metropolitan Rapid Transit (MRT) Subway

The First Metro in Thailand! Being one of Bangkok's heavy mass rapid transit, the M.R.T. Chaloen-Ratchamongkhon Line (The MRT System), its initial system section of HuaLamphong to Bang Sue is the first railway system in Thailand that kept on underground level.

The MRT System starts from Bangkok Railway Station (HuaLamphong) along Rama 4 road, and finally ends at Bang Sue Railway Station.

Operating: Daily, 06.00 am - midnight

Frequency: Less than 5 minutes during the peak hours 06.00 - 09.00 am. and 04.30 - 07.30 pm.