



BANGKOK

THAILAND

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About Bangkok

Bangkok is a vast, sprawling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River and is one of the most prominent cities in South East Asia. Thailand's cosmopolitan capital has a lot to offer and is best known for its sumptuous Grand Palace, its ornate temples, and its bustling street markets. With an ancient culture, a buzzing nightlife, and many possibilities for shopping, visitors are spoilt for choice.

Travel Basics

When to visit:

Ideal season: November to March

Stay 3+ days

Currency: Thai Baht

Budget: from 900 –1150 BHT (\$25–35 USD)
per day and upwards

Fly to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Mueng, International airport.

Train: Hua Lamphong is Bangkok's main station for intercity and international trains

Travel locally: Tuk-tuk, taxi, motorbike taxi,
Train: MTR & BTS SkyTrain, bus, ferry

Travel overland from Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar

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Top Things to Do

- Visit Bangkok's stunning **Palaces & Temples**
- Sample the local cuisine and the fantastic **street food**
- Explore Thai food with a **Thai cooking course**
- **Travel by ferry** on the Chao Phraya River
- Take a ride in a **tuk-tuk**
- Visit a **floating market**
- Shop for souvenirs at the **Chatuchak** weekend market or **Asiatique**, a more touristy option
- Go **bargain shopping** at the mall: Visit the MBK Centre, The Emporium or Central World for this type of shopping
- Hang out at a **rooftop bar** & watch Bangkok light up at night
- Enjoy Bangkok's vibrant **nightlife**
- Relax & unwind with a **Thai massage**
- Try **Fish Spa Therapy** and let the fish nibble your toes

Top Places to Visit

- The Grand Palace
- The Temple of the Emerald Buddha
- Wat Pho
- Dusit Palace
- Vimanmek Mansion
- Wat Arun
- Chinatown
- Chatuchak weekend market
(great for souvenirs)
- Asiatique Markets
- Maeklong Railway Market
- Tailing Chan Market
- Jim Thompson's House
- Ayutthaya: Day Trip

Best Areas to Stay

- **Khaosan Road** is a good choice if you're looking for cheap accommodation in a central location
- **Chinatown** is also very central with great street food & an energetic vibe near the Chao Phraya River
- **Sukhumvit** is one of Bangkok's most action-packed areas, with excellent shopping, dining and nightlife.
- Stay **near Asiatique** for shopping & fine dining. Travel to the main sights by ferry
- Head to the **City Centre** & **Riverfront** for luxury 5 star accommodation

Where to Eat & Drink

- Head to **Chinatown's** bustling night market for a more authentic eating experience & an amazing selection of local street food on **Yaowarat Road**
- **Asiatique** offers fine dining and a beautiful riverfront location
- **Octave Rooftop Bar**, one of Bangkok's most popular Bars and restaurants. Located on the 45th floor of the Marriot Hotel Sukhumvit (Thong Lor Skytrain Station)
- **Redsquare Rooftop Bar and Restaurant** is located on top of the new Novotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 4
- **Legend Rooftop Bar** on top of Pisawit Tower in the north part of Bangkok
- **The Sky View** 360 degree restaurant & bar

Bangkok Travel Tips

- From **Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the city centre** it takes an hour by car or taxi
- **The BTS Sky Train** is a comfortable, economical and reliable way to travel from Suvarnabhumi Airport to the city
- **Negotiate the price** before you ride in a tuk-tuk
- **Taxi's fare's are metred** but make sure the metre is running when you start your trip
- **Dress conservatively** with shoulders and knees covered when visiting Thai Temples & Palaces or you may not be allowed to enter
- **Never point your feet** towards the Buddha
- **Don't drink the water**
- **Bargain** for a better price when shopping at markets
- Watch out for **scams, rip offs & petty theft** however Bangkok is relatively safe to visit

My Recommendations

Bangkok is one of my favourite cities in South East Asia!

Bangkok's Palaces and Temples are breathtakingly beautiful & should not be missed!

Bangkok's markets are a local highlight, especially the floating markets and the khlongs (canals)

My favourite way to get around Bangkok is by river ferry & in a local tuk-tuk.

Street food in Bangkok is a way of life so make sure you try some delicious local dishes on Yaowarat Road in China Town.

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