

THAILAND MARKET **GUIDE**

Markets are a way of life in Thailand. There is at least one open in your vicinity at every hour of the day. As the clock strikes midnight, fresh flower markets are opening. As the sun rises, the produce markets are already in full swing. Then, there are the day markets, flea markets and floating markets selling everything you could imagine. They are all a shoppers' delight, a bargainers' challenge, an explorers' adventure. It's a great way to experience authentic Thai culture as well as find the extraordinary deals, from vintage and hot trend fashion to memorabilia. gadgets, art, handicrafts and local fare.

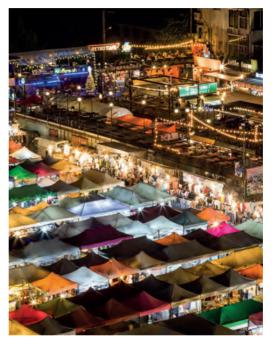
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DAY MARKET

In every city and town, you will discover bustling markets, some that open daily at dawn or as dusk descends, while others are held just once a week. The selection will always include fresh products, prepared delicacies, local handicrafts, fabrics and clothing.

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CHATUCHAK WEEKEND (JJ) MARKET BANGKOK

A true Bangkok, if not Thailand landmark. Many say you haven't been to Bangkok if you haven't been to Chatuchak, one of the world's largest and most eclectic bazaars in the world. Weekly open markets have a long tradition in Thailand, and this is the biggest. Wherever you travel in the country, you'll find markets held on different days of the week during the mornings or evenings. And, this tradition seems to be growing even now. Chatuchak continues to set the trend, though, with its books to plants to antiques, pets, food and drink, fashion, furnishings, collectibles,

ceramics and virtually most anything else you could imagine. It covers 35 acres, comprises 27 sections and includes more than 15,000 stalls. So, it is easy to get lost. Best to set your reckonings from the Central Clock Tower. It's also a safe place to set a time to meet, as the crowds can be dense and the lanes between stalls can make you dizzy. Still, everyone is friendly and extremely helpful. Bargaining is still required, but once a deal has been struck, smiles are seen on everyone's face.

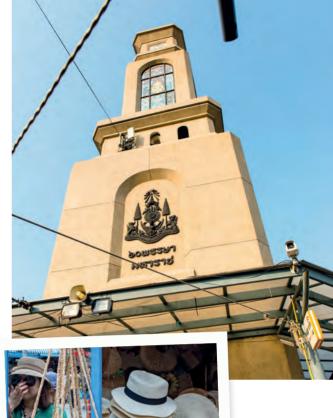




Recommended Shopping

Clothes, fashion accessories, collectibles, and souvenirs from all over the country. Whatever you might be looking for, there's a good chance you will find it here, and at a very reasonable price if you bargain.

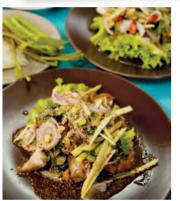














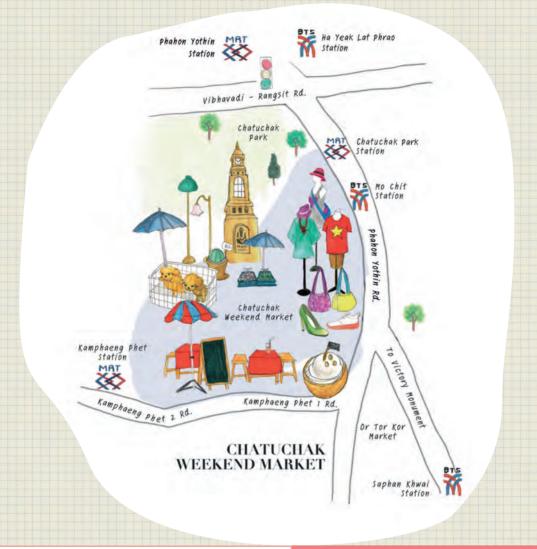
Recommended Food

You'll find food from the four regions that you can try. Where oncefruitwas very seasonal, here you can find many ripe, sweet species all year round.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Chatuchak Park and the Railway Park both offer very lush settings where you can have a picnic with the foods you've bought or read one of the books you've just purchased while sitting on your own new mat or one you can rent. Also nearby is Suan Mokkh Bangkok, or Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives, a very serene lakeside Buddhist center with a picturesque garden and meditation hall. When the sun goes down, many head over to Chatuchak Green, a community mall that transforms into a Gypsy Market, featuring vintage collectibles, entertainment and local and international eats.





HOW TO GET THERE

The fastest and easiest way is by BTS Skytrain to Mo Chit Station, the last station on the northern route of the Sukhumvit Line. The MRT subway will get you even closer by getting off at Kamphaeng Phet Station. Then just follow the people and the signs. You can also go by taxi.



CHATUCHAK



Plant Market: Wed & Thu

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SAMPHENG+YAOWARAT

MARKET BANGKOK

Sampheng Lane

After the Chinese immigrants moved here when Bangkok was established as the Thai capital by King Rama I the Great, Sampheng became the city's biggest open market. Today, it remains the city's cheapest wholesale market, selling hair care and salon paraphernalia at the east end followed by ceramics and Buddhist monk and temple supplies in the center and fabrics and clothing to the west with lots of knickknacks and bric-a-brac on the main lane and narrow intersecting alleyways. Also known as Soi Wanit 1, the lane and area takes its local name from the nearby Sampheng Canal. Always a busy place, it can feel claustrophobic on weekends when people come from far and wide to find big bargains to supply their own shops and outlets around the city and further afar.











Yaowarat - Bangkok's Chinatown

Yaowarat is the main thoroughfare through Bangkok's Chinatown, and that's why it refers to both. Shaped like a dragon, whether planned or not, it provides good omens for conducting business. It has been called the Road of Gold because of its many, many gold shops. You can also find textiles, garments, souvenirs, second-hand parts and equipment, electric goods, computer parts, antiques, imported musical instruments, quaint tea shops and delicious restaurants serving birds' nest soup and fresh seafood. There are buildings well over 100 years old as the district was established and has been thriving for well over 200. With Sampheng Lane dissecting the area along with 22 Chinese temples, there's a lot to see. When the sun goes down, the main avenue becomes a night market

for all sorts of delicious delicacies that have migrated to Bangkok along with the Chinese immigrants from the different regions of China.



Recommended **Shopping**



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

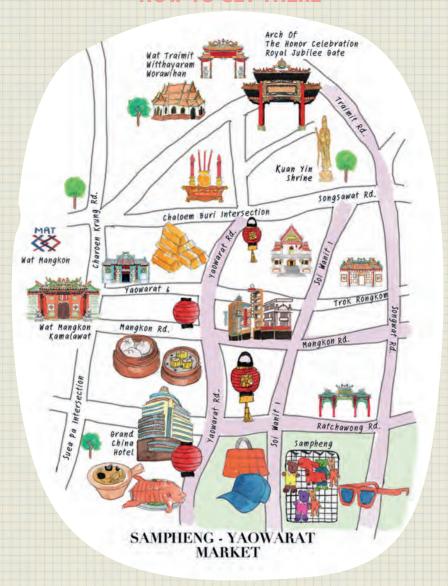
There are two temples that shouldn't be missed, especially Wat Traimit with its famous Gold Buddha, and then Wat Mangkon Kamalawat that becomes a centerpoint for Chinese New Year and the annual Vegetarian Festival. Close by is the Indian fabric market, Phahurat, that can be quite interesting.



The Chinese restaurants here are authentic, representing the different regions' cuisines. The seafood is savory, and when night descends, the streets are a buffet of delicacies that should be tasted.

Food





HOW TO GET THERE

It's probably easiest to just take a taxi. All the drivers know Yaowarat and Sampheng. You can also take the MRT to Hua Lamphong Station. Then cross the canal and keep walking west and you'll arrive at Yaowarat and Sampheng Market in about 30 minutes.



SAMPHENG+YAOWARAT MARKET



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PHAHURAT MARKET BANGKOK

While Phahurat, or Bangkok's Little India, is a fabric market, it's where you want to come if you are looking for the ambience of India. The area was first founded by Vietnamese immigrants when the Chinese settled in nearby Sampheng and Yaowarat. After a major fire at the end of the 19th century, King Chulalongkorn the Great had a new road built through here, which he named after his beloved daughter who had died very young, Phahurat Maneemai, and Indian immigrants took over the area, mostly Sikh.

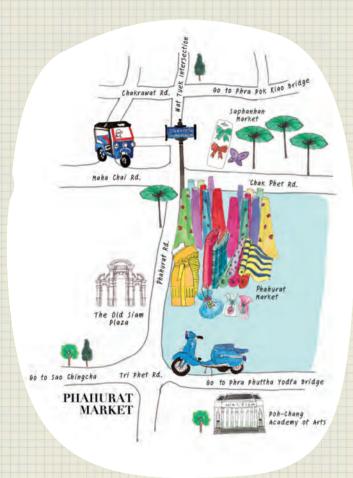
The selection of cloth, especially Indian cottons and silks, is awesome. The selection of colors, patterns and textures can be found nowhere else and at such attractive prices that can make you buy more than you planned. This is where members of Thailand's Indian community come to buy matrimonial clothing and accessories, which can be quite ornate.



Recommended Shopping

This is the best market in Bangkok for fabrics at very reasonable prices. The selection is remarkable. You car also find household and kitchenware commonly used in Indian homes.

You will also find delicious authentic Indian cuisine, both street food like samosas, momos and pani puri, and gourmet restaurants, the best featuring Northern Indian fare.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

For shopping, there is the India Emporium. If you would like to see a Sikh temple. Phahurat boasts the second largest Sikh temple outside of India, Guru Tawan, an impressive, white, six-story edifice crowned by a golden dome. Old Siam Shopping Center is another place that's fun to visit. Make sure to visit the food stall and try some of the traditional Thai desserts.





Recommended Food

Other than Nana, this is the place to come for authentic Indian cuisine. Be sure to try a refreshing lassi – yogurt-based drink, especially mango flavored. They can be so refreshingly delightful.

HOW TO GET THERE

As Phahurat is right at the end of Sampheng Lane, you can walk there from Yaowarat after taking the MRT to Hua Lamphong Station, crossing the canal and then walking.

PHAHURAT











EVERY DAY



BANG LAMPHU MARKET, BANGKOK

The area got its name from the village of lamphu trees that once grew here and attracted scores of fireflies. These trees are gone now, but the market does retain a laidback feeling. Close to the backpacker haven Khao San Road, this market still attracts mostly locals looking for good deals on inexpensive clothing, knockoffs and some of the real thing, and especially traditional fare - curries and sweet, coconut-based desserts. As more of the foreign visitors from the nearby guest houses are now making their way here, more cafes and eateries as well as used bookstores are springing up. Established in the early 1980's, the market itself hasn't changed so much, maybe just growing into the nearby lanes. Some as outdoor markets seem to be experiencing a resurgence in popularity. In addition to clothing, it is a good market for household wares, or items that travelers might find helpful when they get more off the beaten track.



Recommended Shopping

This is a good place to find inexpensive clothing. In addition to standard western fashion, you can find more local shirts, pants and shorts a little cheaper than on Khao San Road or out at Chatuchak Market.

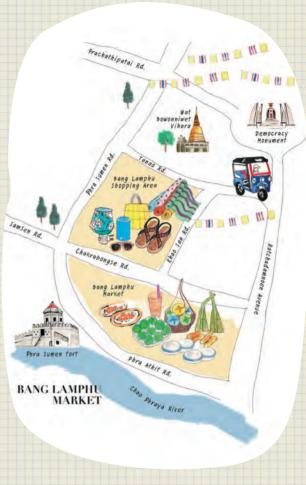


LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Khao San and Phra Athit Roads as well as Sanam Luang with the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo.



You can find really good Thai food as spicy as you want or can take it as the dishes are prepared for locals rather than the travelers staying on Khao San Road, many with more tender taste buds. Thot Man Pla, Thai fish cakes can be fun to dip into as you explore the aisles. Fried pork strips or spareribs with garlic is also especially good, and you can choose to dip into a sauce or not.



HOW TO GET THERE

Taxi to Khao San Road and then just walk up a few blocks, or you can take a river taxi to the Phra Athit Pier. Walk out to Samsen Road and either cross to Khao San or turn left and walk up a few blocks before turning right. A fun way to get here could be by taking the Saen Saep Canal boat taxi. You can catch it at Pathumwan or below the Elephant Bridge just up Phayathai Road from Siam.

BANG LAMPHU MARKET, **BANGKOK**





PRATUNAM MARKET BANGKOK

This market is certainly not hard to find. Just look for Bangkok's tallest tower – the 88 - story Baiyoke Sky Hotel, shimmering in the sunlight during the day and offering a nightly colorful lightshow at its peak. A 24-hour wholesale clothing market, almost all the shops and stalls are open to retail shoppers 10 a.m. to 9 p.m Crowding the northwest corner of the Phetchaburi Ratchaprarop Intersection, you will discover a menagerie of shops stretching back from Phetchaburi Road beginning with sequined and feather costumes catering to Thai cabaret entertainers. Then, the fashion and accessories become a little more trending, selling from boxers

and briefs, T-shirts and jeans to black tie formal attire for the men and bikinis to gowns, including wedding for the women. And, of course you can find all the accessories. Towards the back end of the market, you also find a number of ethnic eateries, Indian and Muslim, serving customers who have come from afar to purchase wholesale inexpensive fashions they can take back to their own countries to sell. Many Thais who have stalls at other markets, like Chatuchak in Bangkok, as well as from north to south, come here for the best bargains. The market is massive, the aisles a maze of colorful, chaotic business. It's what Bangkok shopping was all about before luxury, air-conditioned malls began to take over.

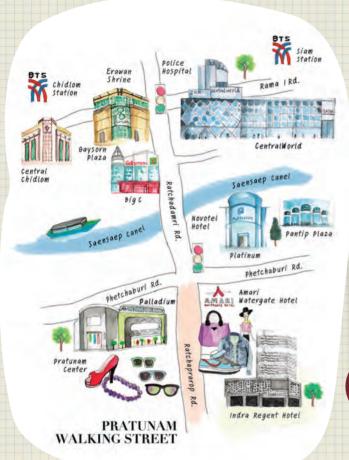


Recommended Shopping

For low-price apparel and accessories, you won't find any place better in Bangkok or even Thailand. But it can be chaotic with all the shoppers, particularly at the end of the workday and on weekends.







LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

On the opposite corners of this intersection, which means Water Gate. all sorts of fashion malls have sprung up. including the Platinum Fashion Mall. GLOW Pratunam and Palladium Shopping Mall. Further along Phetchaburi Road in the direction of the BTS Ratchathewi Station is Pantip Plaza, a great place to find fantastic deals on computers, cellular phones and all sorts of IT gadgetry.





Recommended Food

On the opposite Pratunam Center, you can find one of the most popular chicken rice in Bangkok and at the far end of the market, up around Soi Ratchaprarop Soi 3, you can find some great Indian and Muslim restaurants, Arab and African, each with their own specialties.

HOW TO GET THERE

Some choose to just take a taxi and avoid any walking. Others take the BTS to the Ratchathewi Station and then walk along Phetchaburi Road. Others will get off at either the Siam or Chidlom stations and then walk over to the Ratchaprasona intersection, where CentralWorld is located. After this, it's just a short walk north going by CentralWorld on your left and across the bridge.

PRATUNAM MARKET





EVERY DAY



YODPIMAN MARKET (PAK KHLONG TALAT) BANGKOK

Bangkok Flower Market

This is Bangkok's biggest flower market, and while renovations have taken place to the nearby Yodpiman fruit market, Pak Khlong Talat remains much the same with its kaleidoscope of brilliant floral colors filling the narrow lane. The vendors who occupy shop houses on both sides of Chak Phet Road spill out each day as they take delivery of their orders from all over the country during the night. Then, from 3 – 4 a.m. the market will be in full swing as retailers come into buy their supplies for the day. So, it's a great time to

come watch the action, but not the best time to disturb the merchants as they haggle over prices. The market is open around the clock, and the pace is much slower during the latter hours of the morning into the afternoon. What will you find? Locally grown roses, orchids, lilies, forget-me-nots, jasmine, chrysanthemum and gerbera as well as imported tulips, snapdragons, iris, delphinium and more, plus bouquets, garlands, wreaths and other arrangements as well as all the floral paraphernalia you can think of.

Yodpiman River Walk, Bangkok

Following the theme of a Thai heritage mall, Yodpiman is a combination of six low-rise. neo-classical buildings where you will also find flowers and fruit like in days of yore as well as Thai arts and handicrafts, and many OTOP products. With the longest riverfront walkway on old Rattanakosin Island, it's a delightful spot to take in the views of the majestic Chao Phraya River, particularly Wat Arun, or Temple of the Dawn at sunset as well as have a refreshing beverage at one of the cafes, if not a light meal.













Recommended Food

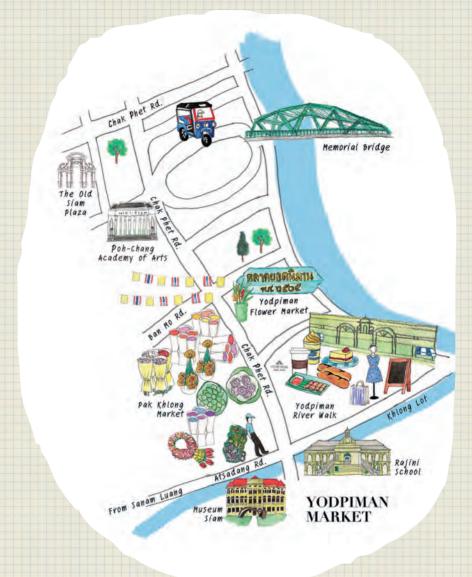
If you are there in the evening, check out the different vendors lined up on the riverfront around the Memorial Bridge. When in season, try the mango and sticky rice as you won't find any better. There are also some good Thai restaurants on the riverfront serving fresh seafood and often live entertainment.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Wat Arun is just across the river and Wat Pho, which houses the Reclining Buddha, is a short walk away. A little further by river taxi or foot and you come to the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo. In the evenings, a food market springs up with scores of push carts selling noodle and rice dishes as well as beverages and sweets.



HOW TO GET THERE

Well, of course, the easiest way is by Express River Taxi, which stops at Yodpiman Pier by the Memorial Bridge. You can also take a taxi. Some people choose to begin or end their walking tour here that includes Yaowarat and Sampheng Lane.



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SIAM SQUARE BANGKOK

Since the early 70s when Chulalongkorn University decided to introduce an open-air mall to earn some added income to its budget, Siam has been setting the trends. Today, the area has become known as just Siam (pronounced C-yam) now with Siam Discovery, Siam Center and Siam Paragon all across the way. Siam Square has gone through many renovations and now includes some high-rise buildings where once every shop was just one or two floors with tiny boutiques, salons, outlets and stalls squeezed into the narrow alleys connecting the different lanes (sois) running back from Rama I Road. And it's so easy to get to with the Siam BTS Station the interchange for the two lines, Sukhumvit and Silom offering convenient access from different corners of the city.

The latest addition to the neighborhood is Siam Square One, a 6-story lifestyle mall filled with digital IT stores, trendy Thai designer

boutiques, stylists' salons and cool cafés and hip restaurants serving an array of local, Asian and international cuisines, drinks and desserts. Students flock here after classes; some even cut to get there early to hang out with friends. It's the place to be when your twenty or want to feel that way.



Recommended Shopping

Siam Square still offers trendy apparel as those across the street can be much more costly. The Square does cater to the student and new worker markets, and so there are bargains to be had. It also is a hub for tutorial schools preparing youngsters for their entrance exam to Chulalongkorn and other top-notch universities.

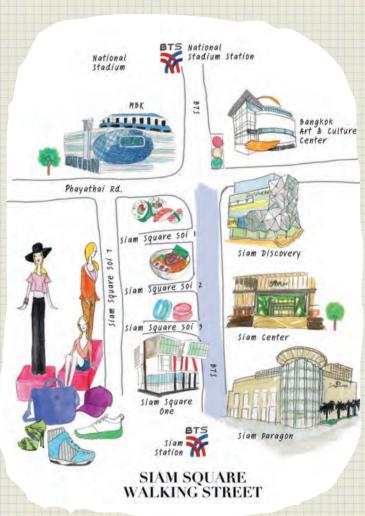
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

This is the start of the avenue for shopping with MBK, the Siam Trio, then CentralWorld, Gaysorn, CentralChidlom and Central Embassy all connected by the Sky Bridge as well as the BTS stations at the Chidlom and Phloenchit. For those interested in Thai heritage. there's Jim Thompson's House, the Queen Savang Vadhana Museum and Wat Pathum Wanaram offering serene reprieves from the bustle of the city.



Recommended Food

There are lots of Thai. Japanese and Chinese restaurants as well as international fast food outlets. Cafés for coffee, teas and other concoctions served in comfort where you can also really get into people watching, a favorite activity here.



HOW TO GET THERE

Just take any BTS skytrain. All tracks lead to Siam Station.

SIAM SQUARE



KO KRET Nonthaburi







Ko Kret is much more than a bustling little market; it's also a tranquil island where the residents live a very slow and tranquil, rural, riverside lifestyle. The island was formed back in 1722, when the king of Ayutthaya had a canal dug to cut out the long winding curve in the Chao Phraya and made it easier for boats to reach his capital. This is a favorite destination for Bangkokians on weekends because it is such an easy escape. Even on weekdays, you'll see a number of locals among all the foreign tourists. The market is just to the right of Wat Paramaiyikawat and is formed by a narrow lane of wooden shop houses and homes hanging over the river selling mostly earthenware pottery, but also souvenirs, handicrafts and knickknacks. You can also have a Thai traditional massage on

a riverside deck as well as dine on tasty noodle and rice dishes while watching the river flow. Be sure to give yourself enough time to ride a bike or walk around the island on the cement path that leads you through small hamlets, rice paddies and orchards that make you feel like you are far from Bangkok in time and distance.



Recommended **Shopping**



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

If you go left from the island pier, you will find bicycles for rent, and, possibly, for this reason, it is recommended that people travel the island clockwise. Some of the earliest kilns still remain here along this path. Be sure to visit Wat Poramaivikawat across from the pier, a very beautiful example of Mon architecture. Adjacent is the Rama V Museum. At the northern tip of the island is the temple's small, leaning Chedi Mu Dao that is a recognized landmark for the island. Many choose to explore the island and riverbanks aboard a long-tail boat that can be hired at the island pier as well.



Recommended Food

Traditional Thai ice coffee and then a bowl of either kuai tiao rua (boat noodles), beef, pork or chicken made in an old skiff and Mon rice vermicelli khanom chin with either a fish-based or coconutbased broth should not be missed.



HOW TO GET THERE

A fun way to get here is by the Chao Phraya River Express Boat. On Sundays, it leaves from the Saphan Taksin Pier below the BTS station at 9.30 a.m. and returns at 3.30 p.m. All other days, there are boats express river taxis making the entire route from 6.05-8.05 a.m. and then again from 6.05 - 8.05 p.m. to serve local commuters. The rest of the time the express boat stops at Nonthaburi Pier. From here you can take a taxi or Bus 32 to Wat Sanam Nuea where a ferry crosses to the island pier in front of Wat Poramaiyikawat. You can also take a long-tail boat from Nonthaburi, but it can be rather expensive. If you don't want to go by boat, you can get a taxi or take Bus 166 from Victory Monument.

KO KRET

Pak Kret District.



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BEST TIME

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KHLONG BANG LUANG BANGKOK

Khlong Bang Luang has long been known for its Ban Silapin, or Artist House, and its Kham Nai Shadow Puppet Troupe that performs everyday but Wednesday. If you arrive by boat, you'll know you are there when you see the iconic Red Man sculpture dangling its feet over the canal in front of this two-hundred-year-old wooden structure that also offers you the chance to try your hand at printmaking and traditional mask making as well as have one of the artists sketch your own portrait. As Art House attracts more visitors, other residents have been opening tiny cafes, intriguing antique and art galleries, delightful shops and fashionable boutiques along the waterfront and lanes. You can also now try different dishes and sweets being sold by vendors paddling their low, flat-bottomed traditional canal boats protected by their woven hats. Now, while some want to expand and upgrade the community into a full-scale floating market, there are others who want to protect their laid-back, chilling ambience they so cherish.



Recommended Shopping

In addition to the 2nd floor gallery at Artist House, there are now a number of other galleries and studios along and near the waterfront as well as antique shops and boutiques.



Recommended Food

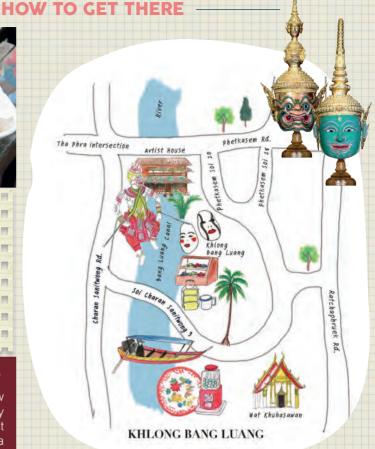
Be sure to taste the fresh fruit. Ban Silapin serves a selection of traditional Thai favorites as can also be found at the few nearby cafés. There are also boats selling fresh prepared noodles and home made ice cream.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The Sippatham Shadow Puppet Show is performed on Wednesday, Friday - Saturday at 2 p.m. Nestled just behind Ban Silapin is an Ayutthaya chedi dating back over 300 years that the locals still pay homage to.

Then there is the somewhat unkempt. but serene Wat Kamphaeng (Wall Temple) that's worth a visit for a moment of contemplation.









HOW TO GET THERE

If you don't have a car, the easiest way to get is to take the BTS Silom line to Wongwian Yai. Then get a taxi to take you to Charansanitwong Soi 3. Just follow the soi to the footbridge. You can also arrange to visit by one of the canal tour long-tail boats.

KHLONG BANG LUANG







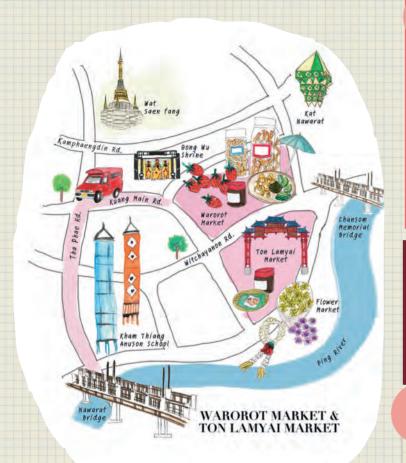
WAROROT + TON LAMYAI MARKET CHIANG MAI

Warorot Market

Warorot is also known as Kat Luang, which in northern dialect can mean Big Market or Royal Market, as it was first established by Princess Dararasmi, the Royal consort of King Chulalongkorn the Great and Prince Intawaroros. who governed the province. Like its name implies, the market is huge. It includes the main buildings as well as surrounding neighborhood stretching from the west bank of the Ping River nearly to the moat and Tha Phae Gate and includes the city's China Town. The market is for locals and sells nearly everything. In the main building, you'll find clothing and handicrafts on the upper level, fresh and preserved food and produce on the lower level, and then cooked food stalls in the basement.

Ton Lamyai Market

This is Chiang Mai's flower market. Situated next to Warorot Market, many like to combine their visits to both, but then, it's best to get there very early morning. The market is actually open around the clock, but it's late at night and before dawn when the fresh blooms arrive from gardens situated around the province. As Chiang Mai is in the north and the temperatures can drop pretty low in winter in addition to orchids and jasmine you can find roses, pussy willow, chrysanthemums, lotus flowers, and exotic birds of paradise, depending on the season. The flowers are very inexpensive, but even if you don't want to buy any, they make the best photo opportunities.





Recommended Shopping

that can be bought in bunches or bouquets.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

It's a pleasant walk to Tha Phae Gate and all along the way, you'll find shops selling something of everything. Then there are ancient Buddhist temples. You might also choose to board a boat to explore the River Ping.

Recommended Food

Khao Soi, northern-style noodles in a coconut-based curry broth are exceptional. Then there are the vast array of 'Nam Phrik', spicy sauces or dips, you should try.

HOW TO GET THERE

The two markets are just a short walk from the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar Market, and a little longer if you leave from Tha Phae Gate. You can hire a songthaeo or taxi, but it can get pretty congested around the market. Some prefer to hire a bicycle or motorbike to walking.

WAROROT MARKET



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TON LAMYAI MARKET



Hours: 24 hours daily

SAMCHUK MARKET SUPHAN BURI

Often referred to as the 100-Year-Old Market, this living museum is actually a little older now with its red post box at the entrance erected in 1911 and has retained its age-old charm. In fact, in 2009, it was recognized by UNESCO at their annual Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. Set along the Tha Chin River, this was once a very important commercial center for the Chinese traders who settled here. Many of the wooden buildings are well over 100 years old, and you can see as many as 19 different gingerbread patterns decorating the eaves and balconies. The market still features shops from pastimes, like traditional Thai coffee (Kafae Boran), a barbershop, toy shop and photo studio where you can have your picture taken with a camera over 100 years in age as well. There is also a 3-story building, Ban Khun Jamnong Jinarak that has been converted into a museum with photographs and exhibits tracing the history of Suphan Buri and start of the market up to the present. This is truly a rare chance to immerse in the life of a riverside community and market from the days of yore.







Recommended **Shopping**

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

It's fun to take a boat trip up the river from the pier located by the Sam Chuk District Office.



Recommended Food

Make sure to try a glass of traditional Thai coffee, either hot orcold, with a Chinese teachaser. Then try some of the market's famed 100-year-old noodles followed by rive wrapped in lotus leaf if you have the room. Otherwise one or the other before finishing with the local Khanom Gong dessert.

HOW TO GET THERE

Buses leave regularly for Suphan Buri from Mo Chit 2, the northern bus terminal. After you arrive, go to the Lotus Department Store where you'll find local buses with Sam Chuk written across their front and sides. Tell the driver to let you off at Talat Roi Pi (100-Year-Market).



SAMCHUK MARKET

Highway 340, by the Tha Chin River next to Sam Chuk District



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MIGHT MARKET

More and more night bazaars are springing up around Bangkok as well as throughout Kingdom. They're fun to explore and usually offer delectable dishes to try as well as a great place to chill, people watch and be treated to entertainment.

KHAO SAN ROAD BANGKOK
ASIATIQUE THE RIVERFRONT BANGKOK
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CHIANG KHAN WALKING STREET LOEI
FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WALKING STREET KO SAMUI
KRABI WALKING STREET KRABI

LAT YAI SUNDAY WALKING STREET MARKET PHUKET





KHAO SAN ROAD BANGKOK

Khao San Road has long been known as the center of backpackers. The roughly one-kilometer-long strip is filled with countless budget guest houses and mid-range hotels, Internet cafes, swank bars and clubs, restaurants, Thai massage shops travel agents, bookshops, market stalls, tattoo shops and much, much more.









Recommended **Shopping**

Even if Khao San is particularly popular among backpackers, but it's also a great option for the Thai vendors. Every evening, a lot of Thai traders, independent designers, women and men alike thrive to this place and start selling their creatively hand-made products; such as, designed clothes, T-shirts, fashion accessories and handicrafts, making fun strolling down the street to shop for one-off items and gawk at interesting tourist characters. Plenty of travel guides, fiction, foreign magazines and newspapers can be found here. A few bars in there also become talk-town nocturnal haunts among Thai nightgoers, young hipsters, shakers and movers, students with artists in mind, including foreigners.









Recommended Food

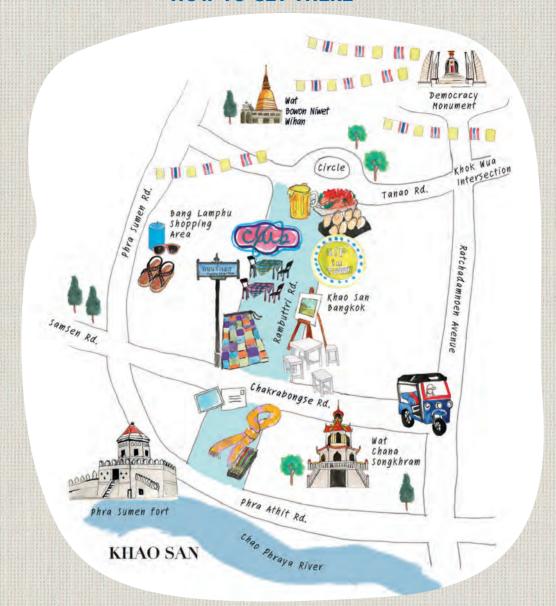
In the late evening, this place gets a carnival kind of setting with music thumping. Khao San Road is also a great place for dining out with a raft of Thai cuisine that comes with comfortable and laidback atmosphere, vegetarian food at good prices, other finedining eateries, and Western junk food and upscale restaurants and bars, which are growingly surging in recent years. A trip to Khao San Road wouldn't be complete without sampling the street vendors, specializing in gourmet international cuisine like pizza, sushi, falafel, seafood, fish and chips, and pasta, not to mention"Phat Thai"andThai-style omelets. Meanwhile, nearby Phra Arthit Road is filled with arty restaurants.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Since it's located in the circle of the Old City (Rattanakosin), Khao San provides proximity to a myriad of classic and cultural attractions; such as, Phra Sumen Fort and Santi Chaiprakarn Park on Phra Arthit Road. You can also walk on the waterfront boardwalk to get to the famous Royal Ground (Sanam Luang), the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo.



HOW TO GET THERE

Khao San Road connects to Chakrabongse Road and Tanao Road, just off Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue. All cabbies and tuk-tuk drivers know it.

KHAO SAN ROAD

139 Khao San Road, Phra Nakhon District





ASIATIQUE THE RIVERFRONT BANGKOK

Asiatique the Riverfront is Bangkok's first large-scale riverside community mall created to render the ultimate shopping experiences in the city with the impressive moment of a night bazaar. This place is the cluster of a modern life style featuring shopping, dining, sightseeing, activities and events under one roof.





Recommended **Shopping**

The sense of joy and shopping spree starts from 5 p.m. until midnight, there are more than 1,500 boutiques selling ultimate souvenirs, fashionable clothes, textiles, accessories and home decor items. A section in the bazaar called "Charoen Krung District" is where you will find the majority of the small boutiques selling souvenirs, handicrafts, jewelry, and clothing. Furthermore, you find lots of fashionforwarded souvenirs, design-inspired items, furniture, home furnishings and other idea-oriented things in the "Factory District".









Recommended Food

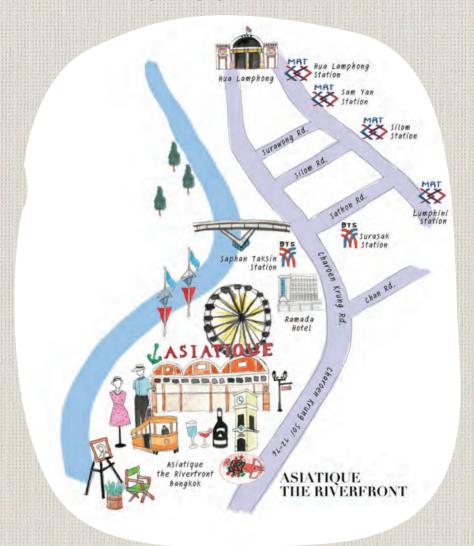
There are more than 40 restaurants under a huge replica warehouse complex. There are plenty of international dining options, ranking from Japanese, to Italian, Korean, American, Thai, seafood, Chinese, etc. An upscale dining selection can be found in the Waterfront District, with smart Italian, Thai and seafood restaurants. The Town Square district highlights bars and outdoor space while some independent cafes are ubiquitously dotted.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Enjoy Thai fighting in the modern age, don't miss to book tickets for the exciting local culture "Muay Thai Live" Show to witness flying fists, gravity-defying kicks and superhuman acts of speed. Here is the chance to explore the roots of Thailand's ancient martial art. Moreover, the Joe Louis Puppet Theater is a traditional puppet performance, but with modern choreography, and it will take your mind on a wonderful mystic funny journey of ancient Thai characters.



HOW TO GET THERE

Ten minutes downriver from Taksin BTS and hop on the free shuttle at the end of the Taksin Pier. The boat leaves from the Saphan Taksin BTS Station every 15 minutes, starting from 4.30 p.m. and the last boat leaves from the Asiatique Pier back to Saphan Taksin at 11.30 p.m. Asiatique the Riverfront is idyllically situated between Charoen Krung Soi 72-74.

ASIATIQUE THE RIVERFRONT BANGKOK

2194, Charoen Krung 72-74 Road, Wat Phraya Krai, Bang Kho Laem Bangkok 10120



EVERY DAY

I 6 0 0 Until midnight

BEST TIME

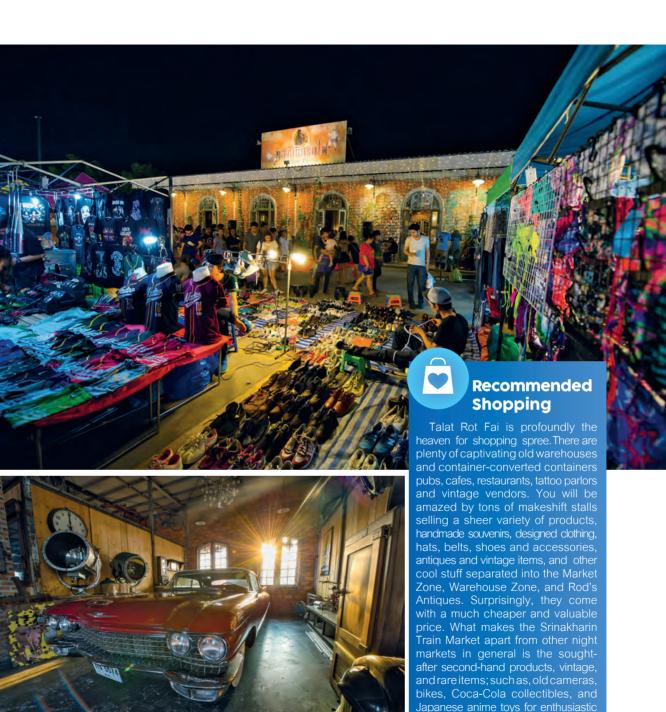
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SRINAKHARIN TRAIN MARKET BANGKOK

Having an alternatively taste of Bangkok at the Srinakharin Train Market or locally known as Talat Rot Fai, this is one of the Bangkok's open-air night bazaars mainly catered to young, Thai hipster hangouts, arty students, city's hipsters, retro freaks, and antique hunters. The market offers a chilled out atmosphere with some of the coolest pubs and eateries to uplift a unique and distinctive shopping phenomenon in a more welcoming and festive environment while having a fun and extraordinary night out from sunset to midnight on Thursday to Sunday.



collectors and hobbyists.





HOW TO GET THERE

Located on Srinagarindra Soi 51, just behind Seacon Square Shopping Mall. The best way to get there is to take a taxi after getting off the BTS Sky Train at On Nut Station. Alternatively, you can opt to get off at Udom Suk Station and take the city "Red Songthaeo" at the corner of Sukhumvit Soi 103.



SRINAKHARIN TRAIN MARKET **BANGKOK**

Located on Srinagarindra Soi 51, just behind Seacon Square Shopping Mall.



I 8 0 0 Until Late

EVERY DAY: MONDAY CLOSE



PAI WALKING STREET MAE HONG SON

Once in a lifetime is about a new way of traveling to destinations and staying there, and spending your holiday break in the mountainous Mae Hong Son province is a way towards achieving such an unparalleled experience. The province's Pai district is an attraction featuring a fascinating list of interesting activities, particularly when night falls, tourists should never miss to visit the Pai Walking Street as many discerning travelers have said the night atmosphere of Pai is cool. The Walking Street is decorated with hanging lamps to add color to the dark sky.



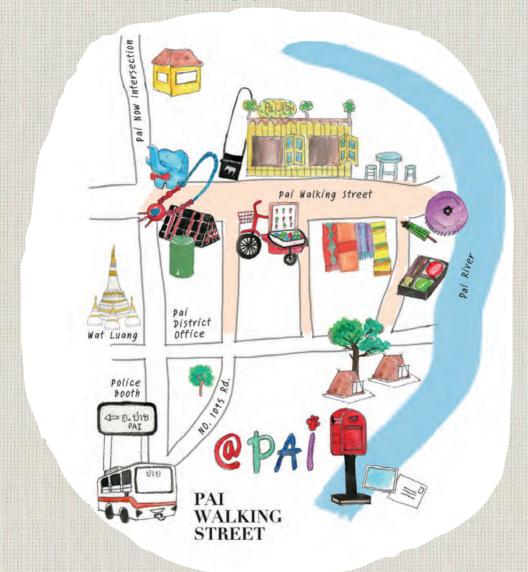




Recommended Food

During the tourist season the walkway around the Jong Kham Lake becomes a lively night market spanning everything from food to handicrafts. There are many restaurants situated along the main road and the night market. Many street stalls selling tasty foods; such as; Khanom Chin Nang Yong can also be found as many people have said the hot sesame rice cake "Khao Puk Nga" from the oven has a considerably different taste from others. Moreover, there is a number of makeshift eateries and bistros selling local delights to grab for dinner. Don't miss trying the tasty range of grilled meats, Pai-style noodles and drinks.





HOW TO GET THERE

Pai is only about 80 kilometers from Chiang Mai. The Walking Street is located on Rungsiyanon Road. Starting from Chiang Mai to tourism-oriented Pai district of Mae Hong Son province, take the Chiang Mai – Mae Rim route, turn left on to Highway No. 1095, and then drive ahead to Pai district. The total distance is 137 kilometers.

PAI WALKING STREET

Rungsiyanon Road, Wiang Tai, Pai, Mae Hong Son 58130



EVERY DAY

1 5 0 0 - 2 4 0 0 hrs.

BEST TIME

1 8 0 0 - 2 0 0 0 hrs.



CHIANG RAI WALKING STREET CHIANG RAI

A Walking Street is one of the best gimmicks in an inbound tourism campaign to attract tourists' attention and the eclectic crowds. The Chiang Rai Walking Street is the ideal location for a leisure break and an enjoyable shopping experience to find distinctive goods, handicrafts, arty and designed products for students, and local goods at an affordable price when the sun vanishes and the night hawks emerge.



Recommended **Shopping**

If you are in Chiang Rai during the weekend evening and really wish to discover a lifestyle of Chiang Rai, be sure not to miss to visit the Walking Street along 1.5km-stretching Thanalai Road on Saturday and a second Walking Street along Sankhongnoi, southwest of the town centre, on Sunday. There are lots of various stores, handicraft, handmade products, souvenirs, Thai massage and foot massage, and of course local foods to experience the taste. Along the open-air market, there is live music, food stalls and a large area to sit back, relax, eat, and drink. Here you will find the best places to get authentic Thai food at a really low price.









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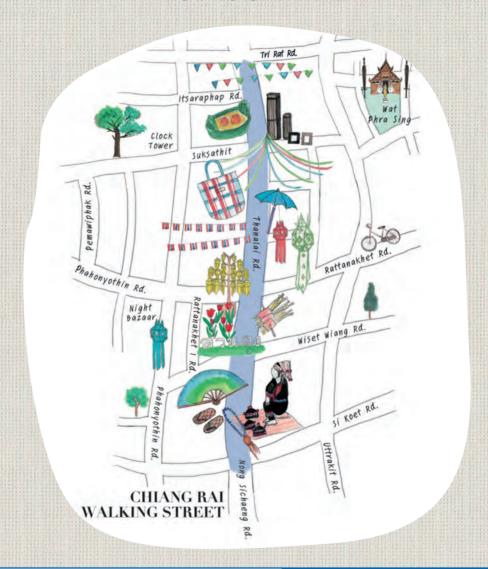
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Chiang Rai has many places that might have never been graced in your travel notebook. A night market in Northern Thailand still has scope for rediscovery. If you arrive at the walking street on Saturday evening, be sure not to miss taking group selfies at the beautiful and glittering Chiang Rai Clock Tower. Situated in Wiang Mueang area, the golden clock tower is a must if you are visiting Chiang Rai over a weekend with a light and sound show, making an interesting addition to the city's central landmark.



HOW TO GET THERE

The Saturday Walking Street on Thanalai Road starts from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m, It spans from Thanalai Road from Thung Garden to Chiang Rai Vocational College. Thanalai Road is located in the Chinese quarter of the City. Notice the light from the decorated Chinese lanterns. The local Songthaeo service from the city to Thanalai Road is available.

CHIANG RAI WALKING STREET

Sankhong Noi Road, it starts from Sankhongnoi Soi 2.



CHIANG RAI NIGHT BAZAAR CHIANG RAI

Chiang Rai is going beyond pondering about the pristine quaint, rustic town of the picturesque way of living and farmers in ox-carts along the road as generally depicted in travel brochures. But the province is still the gem of the North with a thriving tourism industry. On the opposite spectrum, Chiang Rai has various artisan communities that promote certain crafts, whether spa products, herbal teas, health food, textiles, or tribal crafts. The Doi Tung brand, part of the Mae Fah Luang Royal Development Project, offers some of the finest quality crafts from across Chiang Rai. You can find them all at the Night Bazaar.





The Chiang Rai Night Bazaar is like the center of the Lanna culture showcasing a variety of crafts and souvenirs in Lanna style; such as, carpets, curtains, scarves, silk, bags, jewelry, etc. There is also a zone for art; such as, woodcarving, marble carving, painting, nail painting, and traditional Thai massage. There are plenty of stalls selling hill tribe handicrafts, including multi-colored textiles, bedspreads, bags, purses, and clothing, as well as Thai silk, woodcarvings, incense, etc, along with cheap clothes, T-shirts, and the like. This is an exciting place for locals as well as tourists looking for distinctive souvenirs for friends and family back home.







Recommended

The Chiang Rai Walking Street has semi-permanent shops and sellers coming to spread out their wares on the ground. It offers a walk through hundreds of local stalls featuring everything from local food and fresh produce, ingredients and student-made DIY gifts. It's the perfect place for shopping for Thai souvenirs, local and authentic handmade and handicraft, including hilltribe fabrics. silver, spa products, tribal crafts, beads and needlework at bargain prices for friends and family back home. It is also a place for entertainment, Thai classical dancing shows, and many activities, making a great way to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday evening.

HOW TO GET THERE

Chiang Rai's Night Bazaar is conveniently situated near the city center with only a short walk from the bus station.

CHIANG RAI NIGHT BAZAAR

On Thanalai Road, near the city center, a short walk from the bus station.



1 8 0 0 - 2 3 0 0 hrs.

EVERY DAY







THA PHAE WALKING STREET CHIANG MAI

Visiting Chiang Mai is not complete without experiencing the Tha Phae Walking Street, the iconic weekend market, the highlight of your trip in Chiang Mai, where you can find an abundance of the art and craftsmanship of Northern Thailand along the length of Ratchadamnoen Road continuing on until Wat Phra Sing. Moreover, visitors are able to see genuine Thai style street entertainment by ardent artists of all descriptions, traditional musicians, Thai dancers, living statues, puppet shows and local folk bands, making the Tha Phae Walking Street top of list for an unmissable experience of a lifetime.







Recommended **Shopping**

Starting from the Tha Phae Gate and running through the length of Ratchadamnoen Road, there is a brilliant array of idea-ispired products, decorating your home; such as, Thai handicrafts, clothing, shoes, food, handmade soaps, dolls, pillowcases, art work and more. Not only is the Tha Phae Walking Street the place for shopping, but it's also place for sitting back and relaxing as it's teeming with coffee shops, sidewalk cafes, bars, restaurants, and of course beautiful Thai temples.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Many foreigners visiting or living in Chiang Mai enjoy spending their leisure time, shopping and eating out, the Tha Phae area provides travelers with an excellent selection at very good prices while the walking street market, which is the main tourist area featuring all kinds of local events, can make you get a truly pleasurable many temples in the area, which you can visit and enjoy the charming night view. Tao, Wat Chedi Luang, Wat Phra Sing,



Recommended Food

The Chinese restaurants here are authentic, representing the different regions' cuisine. The seafood is savory, and when night descends, the streets are a buffet of delicacies that should be tasted.





THA PHAE WALKING STREET

HOW TO GET THERE

Ratchadamnoen Road, starting at the Tha Phae Gate and running along the length of Ratchadamnoen Road through the heart of the Old City.

THA PHAE WALKING STREET

Ratchadamnoen Road, Phra Sing, Mueang, Chiang Mai 50000



EVERY SUNDAY

6 0 0 - 2 4 0 0 hrs.

BEST TIME

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WUALAI WALKING STREET CHIANG MAI

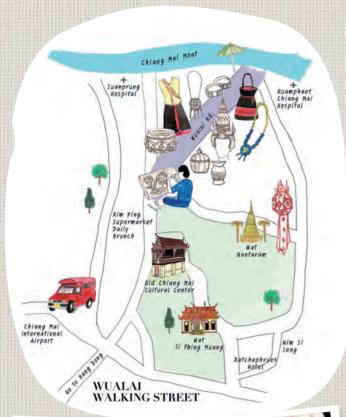
Wualai Walking Street is a popular destination during the weekend on the south part of the Chiang Mai Moat. A visit is most pleasant on Saturday when the Wualai Road is closed to traffic and becomes a endearing pedestrian zone, conforming the open-air market for the famous handicraft area. Tourists can enjoy the local food and Thai traditional performances.

Since Wualai is the old silver-making district of Chiang Mai, so visitors will see traditional silver and jewelry workshops as silversmithing in Chiang Mai is still thriving.



Recommended Shopping

Wualai Walking Street features many products; such as, lamps, woodcarvings, clothes, woven silk and fabrics, scarves, postcards, home décor, and various artworks, including silver products as Wualai has been so far known for its quality authentic Northern silver and lacquer wares. There are various kinds of local products at a reasonable prices along both sides of the street, including genuine Thai style street entertainment. Wide selections of hill tribe souvenirs and "I love Thailand or Chiang Mai' T-shirts are also available.









Recommended Food

The fun night market and the leisure stroll at Wualai starts in the late afternoon and continues until around 10.30 p.m. There are not only plenty of handicraft items and locally-made products, but also a variety of tasty local eateries serving Thai food: barbequed fish, Som Tam, fried rice and Phat Thai. There are also noticeable stands selling snacks and drinks to eat as you walk. Don't miss to try traditional Thai sweets made from coconut, freshly blended smoothies and Satay with fiery peanut sauce.

HOW TO GET THERE

Just a short walk from the old city walls or around a ten-to fifteen-minute walk from the Tha Phae Gate. Wualai Road is linked to Thiphanet Road, near the south side of the old city walls.

WUALAI WALKING STREET

Wualai 2 Road, Haiya, Mueang, Chiang Mai 50000



1 7 0 0 - 2 4 0 0 hrs.

EVERY SATURDAY



KAT KONG TA

If you visit Lampang province on the weekend, do not miss to visit the Kat Kong Ta Walking Street. This unique shopping experience on the Old Market Road is a major attraction for both tourists and locals. The roads are closed off as hundreds of vendors set up shop to sell their crafts, food stuffs and clothing. Every weekend evening, the street is closed from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and it's time to focus on devouring Thai street food and shopping for some Thai souvenirs available along the Wang River between the Ratchadapisek Bridge and the Riverside Guest House.









Recommended **Shopping**

Many have said that tourists prefer to go out of their way to try out a new shopping and sightseeing experience in Thailand; it's not always so anymore as a quaint style or historically old destination can still retain a sense of interest, playing as the magnet to lure discerning travelers nationwide. Enjoy shopping for handmade teddy bears, woven bags, clothes, shoes, local Lanna style hand bags, resin products, musical instruments, Northern folk songs, local toys, handmade jewelries, Lanna drawings and paintings. What should steal the scene while shopping along the street is the architectural charm, showing the interesting mixture of a colonial trading community and the well-preserved buildings and wooden houses that are still in good condition dotting along the road as Kat Kong Ta has been known as the historical trading zone over 100 years ago.



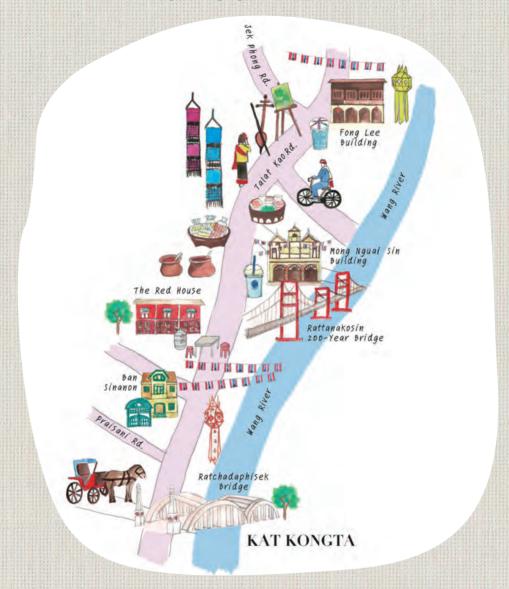


Recommended Food

Starting from 4 p.m. onwards, it comes alive with eating, bargaining, and buying. The old market road will be fraught with local traders and craftsmen selling souvenirs, handicrafts, clothes, antiques and local food. The market also provides nightly traditional Thai musical entertainment along the riverbank. Have dinner while enjoying the enduring beauty of the living tradition or the past life from the Chinese, European and Burmese architectural styles, some of them have been eclectically converted into gift shops, cafes and guest houses. Don't miss trying out a lot of local delicacies, including Khanom Khao Pun, also known as Khanom Thuai Chin, Khanom Chin Pa Bong, Khai Pam, Khao Pan Boran, Luk Chin Khiang. Some restaurants present a myriad of soups and curries for you to try in a lively and buzzing atmosphere.







HOW TO GET THERE

From the clock tower intersection (Ho Nalika) in Lampang town, go down Bunwat Road and turn left on Thipwan Road. Continue straight towards the river. The walking street is along the river.

KAT KONG TA

Kong Ta Road, Old Chinese Street, Lampang



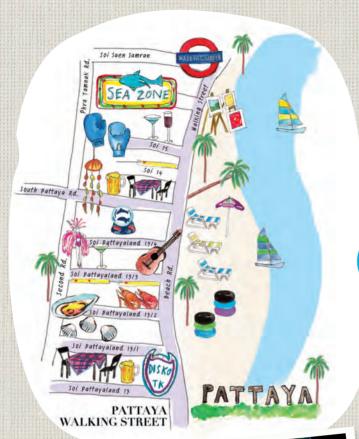


PATTAYA WALKING STREET **PATTAYA**

From merely a sleepy town and roadside fishing village to be one of the country's most visited beach resorts, Pattaya city has grown up seeing the smorgasbord of first-rate hotels and resorts, residential buildings, restaurants, and certainly night scenes as the result of a mass-market tourism campaign. Pattaya Walking Street has become the star attraction featuring all sorts of night haunts. Don't forget to add a nightclub and bar tour to your list of things to do since the Pattaya Walking Street has been internationally known for its nightlife.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The renowned Pattaya Walking Street is comparably a huge party zone to satisfy the crowds with the densest concentration of open-air beer bars. Go-Go bars. massage South Pattaya to the Bali-Hai Pier. There are also mini-shows on the streets every night. Aside from the famous neon-lit nocturnal arcade, the hill-top view point at Phra Tamnak especially at sunset and at night. It's a romantic place overlooking the crescent and panoramic bay of Pattaya and the city from the highest hill, as many have said that viewing Pattaya during the evening is more popular than during the day time.









Recommended Dining & Hangout

The Pattaya Walking Street offers a ton of fun-filled choices for unforgettable entertainment in South Pattaya. Actually, you can sporadically visit pubs, bars, discothegues, transsexual cabarets, karaoke bars, gogo bars as well as street-side and exotic restaurants lined up along Pattaya Beach Road, but the Walking Street in South Pattaya is the most plagued with so many good venues to choose from for eating, drinking, dancing, and socializing throughout the street. The street is closed for pedestrians only after 6 p.m. The only real question for the party person is, what kind of place do you want to go tonight?

HOW TO GET THERE

FromBangkok,takeTheMotorWay(Bangkok-Chonburi Road), drive along Sukhumvit Road, pass Si Racha and Banglamung districts until reaching the Km. 147 marker.



PATTAYA WALKING STREET

Walking Street, the end of Beach Road, Pattaya City



I 8:00 Until Late



HUA HIN NIGHT MARKET HUA HIN

You can't be forgiven for forgetting to include the Hua Hin Night Market into your trip to maximize a pleasurable honeymoon when it comes to traveling in Hua Hin. Situated in the Hua Hin centre between Phetkasem Road and the railway line, the Hua Hin Night Market is typically the flea-market where you can see the true local market moment in an easy-going style and down-to-earth feeling with vendors trading clothing, fashion accessories, makeshift street food, plus a few unique gifts and handmade crafts. It is popular with both visitors and locals alike.



Recommended **Shopping**

Strolling down the Hua Hin Night Market, you will find countless outlets and stands selling delicious food, the sort of stuff you and savvy market goers can expect to see is jewelry, crafts, some Buddhist tokens, beachwear, funky lamps while women's fashions in the form of dresses, skirts, shirts and handcrafted pieces can also be

Additionally, you can also enjoy shopping for art and hand-made handicraft at the Cicada Market, which highlights artistic creation for sell; such as, clothing, handmade bags, fashion accessories, souvenirs, crafts, used items and cards. Most of the vendors are young enthusiasts from art colleges, local vendors, or vendors from Bangkok and nearby.



Cicada Market

Cicada Market is an arty open-air gateway established to connect artists, creators, designers, tourists, students with art in mind and the community through integrating culture and arts with lifestyles. Located just outside of the Hyatt Regency at the corner of the Sasi Dinner Theater, it features an abundance of shopping outlets and eateries, as well as a venue for live performances and art exhibitions. Here, you will find a range of handmade decorative items, fashion clothes, collective secondhand items, and SME products with innovative ideas being displayed and sold in an open-style makeshift stall and shop.







LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Visitors to the Hua Hin Night Market pleasurable moment. Enjoy edutainment activities performed by bands, dance troupes, nightly show or theater groups, which will be regularly rotated to retain Market exudes a melody of living that performances or exhibitions taking place arealso free of charge.





Recommended Food

The Hua Hin Night Market is the best place for food and drink. It has a numerous selection of seafood restaurants lining along the road, drawing a lot of attention from visitors eager to experience the taste of Thainess. Food is freshly cooked and delightfully served to you within a matter of minutes as there are ranges of good seafood.



HOW TO GET THERE

The Hua Hin Night Market is located in the center of town between Phetkasem Road and the railway line. Open daily from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. The Cicada Market is located on the Khao Takiap-Hua Hin Road at the entrance to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and before the Sasi Theater. Open every Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. and on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

HUA HIN NIGHT MARKET

is located in the center of town between Phetkasem Road and the railway line.



1 7 0 0 - 2 3 0 0 hrs.

EVERY DAY



CICADA MARKET

is located on the Khao Takiap-Hua Hin Road at the entrance to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and before the Sasi Theater.



1 6 0 0 - 2 3 0 0 hrs.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY





CHIANG KHAN WALKING STREET LOEI

Today, travel is simple, affordable, and no longer a true luxury even if there are still extraordinary places to discover and experience. The promise of special moments makes one want to take a journey--whether the budget is large or small. The Chiang Khan is rich with nature and culture, and making a visit to the Chiang Khan Walking Street can provide you with a memorial travel experience as the scent emanating from the old wooden houses makes this classic walking street a must-visit nocturnal lifestyle zone to appeal to international tourists.

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Recommended **Shopping**

The Chiang Khan Walking Street is teeming with many ancient wooden houses that have been preserved from generation to generation. They are operating as coffee shops, idea-inspired souvenirs stores, restaurants serving local dishes, and other shopping stamina boosts as street vendors are omnipresent. This is also the center for quality Northern Thai handicrafts, local people's produce beautiful traditional items; such as, silver ornaments, colorful embroidery, handwoven textiles and other handicrafts made of bamboo and other natural materials and come to trade here. You can also find paper products; for example, cards, notebooks, stationery, boxes, bags, photo frames, lanterns, etc, which are made of mulberry paper sheets or locally know as "Sa" paper.









Recommended Food

The walking street is about 20 blocks long. It's flooded with visitors coming to relax and have a good evening during the weekend. Here you can find a number of delicious international foods, home-made pizza, pasta and burger, including fresh coffee and varieties of famous local beer while enjoying panoramic views of the Mekong River.





HOW TO GET THERE

Saturday and Sunday 4 p.m - 10 p.m. The must-visited provincial destination is situated on Chai Khong Road stretching along the Mekong River, Chiang Khan district.

By Car from Bangkok, take Highway No.1 passing Saraburi and turn onto Highway No. 21 via Phetchabun. Then take Highway No. 203 passing Amphoe Lom Sak onto Amphoe Dan Sai and Amphoe Phu Ruea and onto Amphoe Mueang Loei, a total distance of 536 kms. From Loei province, drive along Highway 201 for 47 kms to Chiang Khan.

By Bus, Bangkok-Chiang Khan buses depart from the Northeastern Bus Terminal (Mo Chit) daily, with the journey taking around nine hours. For more information, visit www.transport.co.th.

CHIANG KHAN WALKING STREET

Chai Khong Road, Chiang Khan district, Loei



SATURDAY & SUNDAY



FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WALKING STREET KO SAMUI

With its great weather, fine food and world-renowned beaches, Ko Samui has continued to enter the sights of savvy and discerning travelers looking for beginning a long stay with a memorable experience. The Fisherman's Village in the Bophut area is the ideal place for those wanting something different than the commonly ordinary nightlife in other areas. Bophut and the Fisherman's Village is the home to a myriad selection of stylish and sophisticated bars, pubs, well-designed restaurant and boutiques. Particularly, if you are seeking for a nocturnal zone that is not too crowded or busy and noisy, this is our tip-off that the Fisherman's Village is the place to be, particular on Friday evening, when it turns into a very popular walking street.





Recommended **Shopping**

most elegant and well-preserved place on the island. It's lined with old wooden Chinese shop-houses with a distinct Mediterranean feel. Every Friday evening, it comes alive with an array of street stalls selling a host of products from handicrafted souvenirs to accessories of all sorts, electrical goods, ceramics, jewelry, bags, T-shirts, and hand-carved soaps, attractive boutique aimed mostly at female shoppers, traditional Thai timber ornaments, etc. You can stop for a rest at any of the stalls selling cocktails along the way or stop for a coffee or a beer break. Asian inspired lounge-type teahouses done with a colonial feel for tasty light meals are also available.







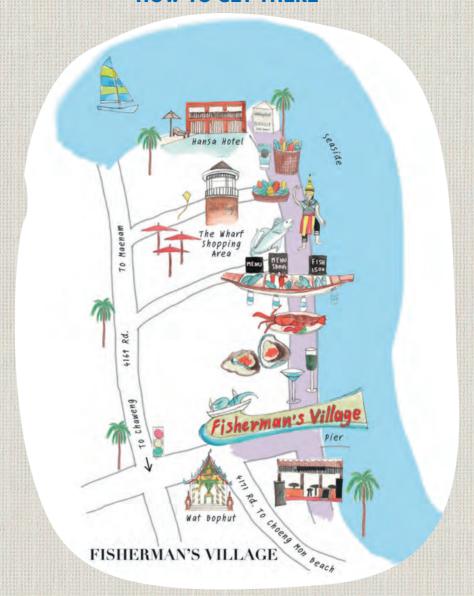
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The Fisherman's Village is the star attraction itself. It is the most desirable and admirable location to stay on Ko Samui; its charm and characteristics of each colonial-style and wooden Chinese shop house plays as the magnet to attract international visitors to witness the well-preserved and the authenticity of the local identity and heritage, helping to create a core ingredient that the Fisherman's Village and Bophut Beach is ever the great destination to enjoy a moment of life beside a white soft sandy beach and turquoise blue water. Don't miss seeing the extravagant local street performance on Friday night like musical bands, bartenders juggle bottles, dance, and flame show, for example.





There are more than 40 restaurants under a huge replica warehouse complex. There are plenty of international dining options, ranking from Japanese, to Italian, Korean, American, Thai, seafood, Chinese, etc. Upscale dining selection can be found in the Waterfront District, with smart Italian, Thai and seafood restaurants. The Town Square district highlights bars and an outdoor space while some independent cafes are ubiquitously dotted.



HOW TO GET THERE

Located in the north of Samui, between Maenam and Chaweng. Turn off the main Ko Samui Ring Road (4169) at the traffic lights. It's about 100 meters after the traffic lights. The lively and colorful walking street is held every Friday from 5 p.m to 10 p.m.

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WALKING STREET

Bo Phut Beach Road, Ko Samui, Surat Thani



1 7 0 0 - 2 2 0 0 hrs. EVERY FRIDAY





KRABI WALKING STREET KRABI

The tourism industry in Krabi has been heating up for a decade. The idea to promote new exciting destinations, including floating the idea to have a new night market and weekend walking street, is prominently becoming the central goal to attract both local and international travelers. Currently, if you are visiting Krabi at the weekend, you should consider paying a visit to the Krabi Town Walking Street, or Thanon Khon Doen into your itinerary for an amazing experience.



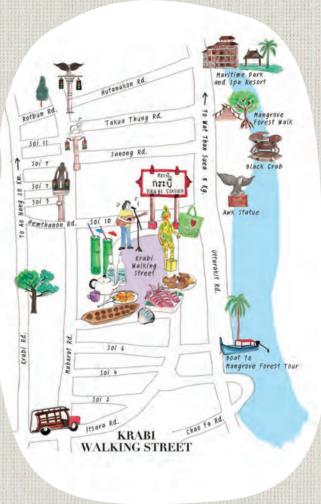
Recommended Shopping

The best way to enjoy a fascinating insight into the local culture and to sample local food is to visit night market and walking street. Krabi's Thanon Khon Dern is a heaven for enthusiastic shoppers for designed handicrafts, jewelry and clothes while enjoying the street performance by school children and street artists. You will find lamps handmade from coconut shell, recycled bottles, Malay grazed sarong, colorful batik, toy, clothes, shoes, and local Thai goods at reasonable prices. There are also many traders selling modern fashion and apparel more typical of other night markets. Bargaining is common.

Recommended Food

Open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. This is the best time in Krabi to explore and enjoy the sights and try delicious Thai and Southern delicacies that are scattered throughout the area. There are nearly 100 Thai food stalls and makeshift eateries selling mouthwatering dishes and other foods from various parts of Thailand; such as, Somtam served with rice noodles, spicy voung bamboo boiled salad, and a choice of desserts in a lively atmosphere. Here you will find a huge variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and lots of authentic food stalls at very affordable local prices.





HOW TO GET THERE

Located behind the Vogue Department Store From the Manut Boran Intersection; on Maharat Road heading to Krabi Town passing left along the Vogue Department Store, to the "Walking Street". From the first Soi (Maharat Soi 8) to the end of the Soi. You can also take a taxi or Songthaeo along the main street in Ao Nang.

KRABI WALKING STREET

Located behind the Vogue Department Store



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LAT YAI PHUKET'S SUNDAY WALKING STREET **PHUKET**

No trip to Phuket, the Pearl of the Andaman, is complete without a visit to a nocturnal bazaar. The Lat Yai Street Night Market in Phuket Old Town is where you can blissfully experience Phuket's nocturnal energy as visitors, both foreign and local, flock to this one-of-a-kind market created to promote the island's history and culture on Thalang Road.



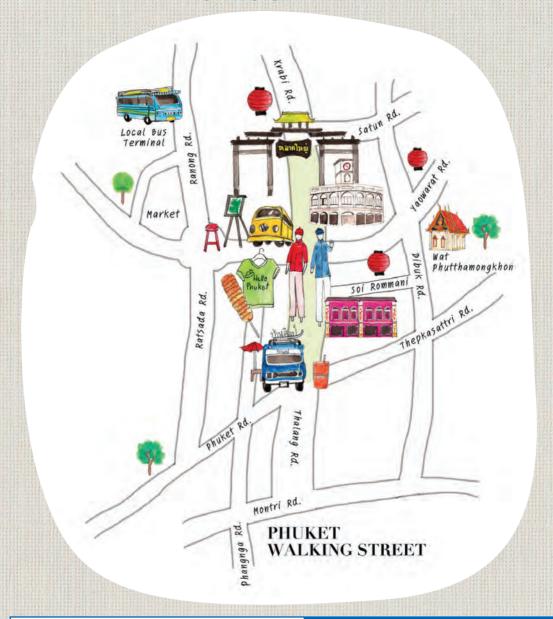
Open on Sunday only, the stretch of Thalang Road hosts many shops selling fabrics/tissues, interesting T-shirts, handbags, batik, handicrafts, knitted dolls, custom-made flip flops, fancy jewelry, hats, knickknacks as well as a beautiful choice of cool and reasonable items. The haggle-happy merchandise vendor stalls are all set amidst the endearing centuryold Sino-Portuguese architectural elements from the intersection of Yaowarat Road to the Pkasatri Road. Moreover, what also makes a an enjoyable experience and a popular place to hang out on Sunday evening is the street entertainment, singers and buskers, and living statue street artists while walking along the bazaar.





Recommended Food

The happy hour starts from around 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., the "Lat Yai" is glimmeringly teeming with a mix of Chinese migrants, Thai Muslims, and Indian shops. So, it's nothing out of the ordinary to discover some typical Southern Thai culinary specialties as well as local handicraft and gift stalls. Don't miss sitting back trying traditional barbecued squid, chicken and pork with fruit juices, ice-cream and Thai traditional sweets, including stalls selling horse-shoe crabs. You will also be amazed by the original tricycle "Tuk-Tuk" trading beef and chicken burgers along the walking street market. If you still have room, local Ho Mok Fish custard and popular Thai dishes like "Phat Thai" are also recommended.



HOW TO GET THERE

Thalang Road, between Yaowarat and Thepkasatri Road (Old Phuket Town).

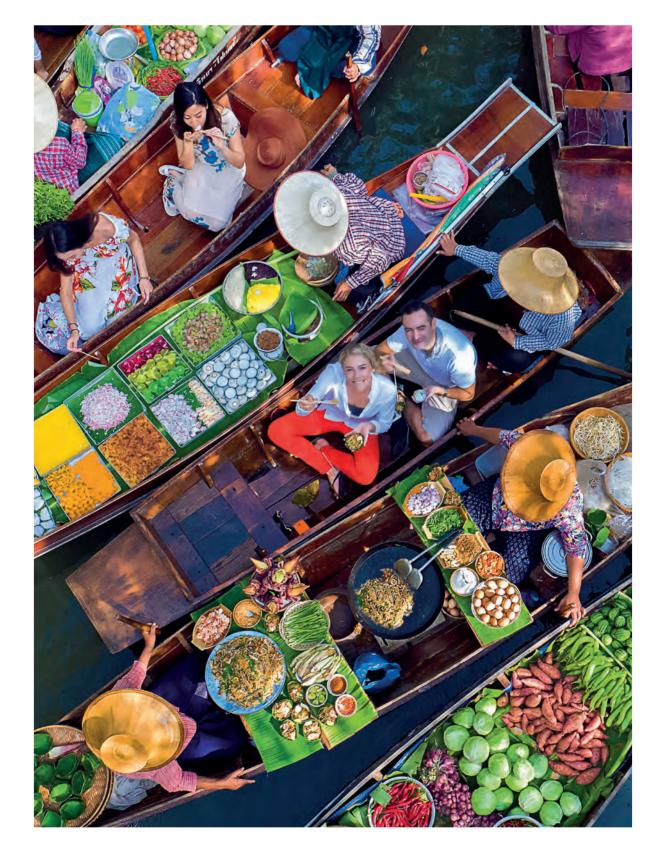
PHUKET WALKING STREET

Thalang Road, Ban Patong, Phuket

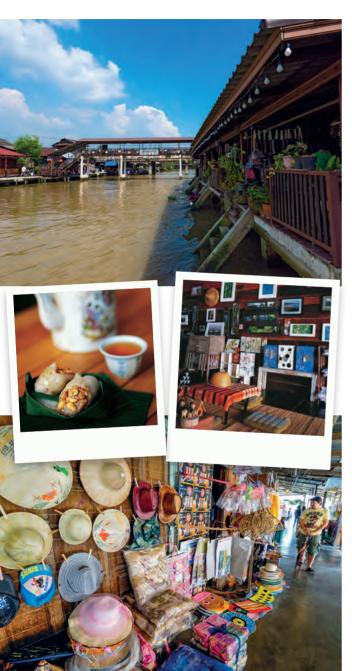


Rivers, waterways and canals have always served as the lifeblood and arteries of Thai culture. Nowhere is this more evident than at the ageless floating markets found in and around Bangkok as well as

BANG NOI FLOATING MARKET SAMUT SONGKHRAM AMPHAWA FLOATING MARKET SAMUT SONGKHRAM BANG NAM PHUENG FLOATING MARKET SAMUT PRAKAN KHLONG LAT MAYOM FLOATING MARKET BANGKOK DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET RATCHABURI







BANG NOI FLOATING MARKET SAMUT SONGKHRAM

A hundred or so years ago, Bang Noi had a bustling market on the 3rd, 8th and 13th days of the waning and waxing moon, but as roads took over from river transport. this form of commerce began to die. Now, it has been resurrected on the same days of the month as well as weekends, just north of the more famous Amphawa Floating Market, which gets into full swing later in the afternoon. So, Bang Noi is a little guieter and gets its start earlier, open from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Straddling the canal from which the market takes its name, it has walkways along both banks with lots of neat shops selling local products and handicrafts as well as small eateries serving local dishes and coffee shops selling traditional beverages as well as the classics and more contemporary concoctions. This is a great market to float back in time and feel the currents of Thai riverside life a century ago.



Recommended Shopping

The market offers a wide selection of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as Khlong Khon shrimp paste and lemon pickles. Be sure to try or take back with you the And, of course, there are handicrafts



Recommended Food

A local favorite is Roti Tae Chieo, which is a roti (Indian bread) with sesame and bean filling sprinkled with brown sugar and Hoi Thot (mussels fried in an egg and flour batter). The market is also known for its Yen Ta Fo. noodles with fish in red broth as shrimp dumpling.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

There are free canal tours in simple boats paddled by locals that let you get a glimpse of the local lifestyles on the edges of the market. Make sure to visit the nearly 500-year-old temple Wat Sai, with its ancient teak chapel and buildings, and a small museum.



HOW TO GET THERE

If you don't have a car, the easiest way to get there is by van, which leaves from close to Victory Monument. Take the BTS skytrain to the Victory Monument station and get off at the southeast corner of the circle. You can take a bus from the Southern Bus Terminal to Samut Songkhram and then take a van or songthaeo to the market. If you want to drive, go over the Rama 9 Bridge and follow Highway 35 to Km. 63, where you turn off for Amphawa and Damnoen Saduak. Then just follow the signs.



BANG NOI FLOATING MARKET



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SATURDAY, SUNDAY 3rd, 8th, 13th of waxing and waning moon







AMPHAWA FLOATING MARKET SAMUT SONGKHRAM

Amphawa is a very popular one-day or weekend excursion for Thais even more than foreign visitors because of its traditional charm and vast array of vendors on the water as well as along both banks. In 2008, it was presented an honorable mention award by UNESCO for Cultural Heritage Conservation. Stretching out in both directions from the central arched bridge and then along narrow lanes leading from the banks, you will discover all sorts of touristoriented products as well as delicious delights. As you survey the scene, you will see many people sitting along the steps leading down to the muddy water where they feast on fresh grilled seafood prepared on wooden boats. When not shopping, visitors dart into one of the shops for an O-Liang, traditional iced coffee or other refreshing beverage. The action begins at noon, but the market doesn't officially till 2 p.m. and begins winding down at 8 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Recommended Shopping

The souvenirs run the gamut, from T-shirts to hand-woven fabrics, to wooden toys and jewelry. There are also fresh vegetables and fruit, depending on the season, as well as preserved items.



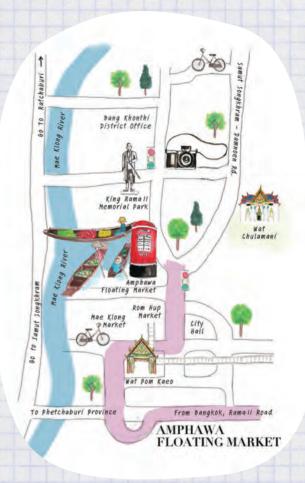


Recommended Food

Grilled seafood is the favorite here, sitting on the steps by the river, or eating on the only balcony dining room right by the bridge. Others will walk down to a quiet riverside restaurant set at the junction of the Amphawa Canal and Mae Klong River. Homemade ice cream, especially coconut flavor, can also be found.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Many visitors choose to stay the night, or at least, take a long-tail boat after the sun sets to see the frolicking fireflies, but it is even interesting during the day. Tickets are available by the bridge. You can stop and see some small ancient temples, but one that shouldn't be missed is Wat Bang Kung with its mini zoo and menagerie of odd residents, including a camel, ostrich, deer, goats and spectacular peacocks. Just 100 meters from the river. vou'll also discover a chapel swallowed by lush vines and vegetation. Another tranquil site where you can relax is the King Rama II Memorial Park, close to the market.



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AMPHAWA FLOATING MARKET

Near to Wat Amphawanchediyaram, Prachaset Road, Amphawa, Samut Songkhram



BANG NAM PHUENG FLOATING MARKET **SAMUT PRAKAN**

Some might say it's a little complicated, taking mass transit trains then buses, then boats and finally bikes to reach Bang Nam Phueng, but as remarkable as it might seem, you never really leave the confines of Bangkok. Bang Nam Phueng is found in what is referred to as Bangkok's "Green Lung", a twist in the meandering Chao Phraya that has been pretty much left alone while all around the city grows up and out. As the district is a protected agricultural zone, the market has always been a place of locals to sell their produce and trade wares along the waterfront. Now, a few boats have been added selling different things to eat as tourists begin to visit.

After walking through the market and picking up a few delicacies and tidbits, you can take a seat in the cool shade of a long house with a thatched roof and watch the river flow by. It can be a lot more relaxing than enjoying a street-food meal as the traffic speeds by.







Recommended Shopping

In addition to local produce, you find lots of dishes prepared for immediate consumption. there are preserved, salted and pickled meats, fruit and to garnish your dishes back home. The products are also and coconut husks to keep things natural.

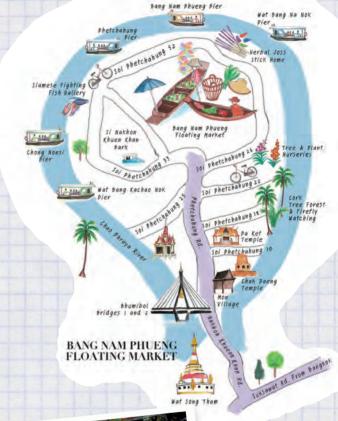
Recommended Food

The communities are famous for their bananas, breadfruit and Fak Khao, a spiky orange fruit that is actually a member of the squash family. Close to the sea, you can be sure to find fresh grilled seafood and, of course, delicious rice and noodle dishes.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

It's fun to ride a bike through the local communities and take a look at traditional homes and eco-friendly sustainable agricultural practices. The Mon-style temples are also interesting and then there's the Si Nakhon Khuean Khan Park as well as what locals still feel is a haunted building by a mysterious lake.







HOW TO GET THERE

It's best to take a taxi to Wat Bang Na Nok and then cross the ferry for just 4 Baht. There are bikes to rent on the other side or you can hire a motorcycle taxi for only 10 Baht. Some may choose to take a taxi all the way, which can be an interesting ride crossing the bridge.

ANG NAM PHUENG FLÖATING MARKET



SATURDAY & SUNDAY



KHLONG LAT MAYOM FLOATING MARKET BANGKOK

Long established as a riverside market for locals, they added some boats on the narrow canal, a few of these tied up under a low bridge, along with a wider range of products and began promoting the site as a floating market to attract more visitors. Found on the western outskirts of Bangkok, it still retains a very authentic charm. You can sit on tiny stools and try the Kuai Tiew Rua (boat noodles) or Khanom Chin (rice vermicelli) with a variety of sauces, fish or sweet coconut. This, before or after exploring the two main sections of the market, one with fresh produce, the other with cooked dishes and snacks as well as all sorts of souvenirs. There's even a section set aside where you can make and paint your own, or leave your kids to it while you go exploring a little further afar, like down some of the narrow lanes leading to and from the canal and into some of the adjacent orchards where little stalls have been set up below massive fruit trees.





Recommended Shopping

In addition to local grown fruit, like giant pomelos and sweet bananas and coconuts, you can also find an assortment of snacks and some one-of-a-kind handicrafts and other products inspired by the government's OTOP project.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Close to the market is a pony ranch, where children love to mount and ride to and from the market. You can also take a short or long canal tour from here or just a few kilometers away is the Taling Chan Market. This is a much larger and busier commercial center, and it's also a good place to hop into a long-tail boat to explore the canals and see what waterfront life in Thailand is all about.





Recommended Food

The seafood is fresh and grilled to just how you like it, including giant prawns, squid, crabs and fish as well as fresh water species, stuffed, salted and grilled. In addition to the Kuai Tieo Rua, you should also try the Vietnamese-style Kuai Tieo Yuan, and maybe the Hoi Thot, oyster omelet, if you have room.





HOW TO GET THERE

Best to take the BTS Silom line to Bang Wa Station. Then take a taxi. Local bus number 146 also goes there, but rather slowly. After the driver lets you off there are songthaeo going to the market.

KHLONG LAT MAYOM FLOATING MARKET



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SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY



DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET **RATCHABURI**

If you've seen vibrant photographs of a bustling Thai floating market, then it's probably been one of them at Damnoen Saduak. There are actually three along this 32-kilometer canal. 105 kilometers from Bangkok, or an hour and a half to two hours away, this truly is a morning market, opening at 6 a.m. and finishing by noon. Over the years, the locals dug their own canals to connect to this one, so that today there are over 200 bringing local farmers with their produce to hawk their goods. The area is some of the most fertile in Thailand and is famous for its fresh fruit, particularly Malacca grapes, juicy mangos, coconuts and bananas. Not far from the sea, the market is also filled with fresh as well as cooked and grilled seafood of all kinds. What one should always remember is that this market attracts the most foreigners, often on big tour buses, and as such the vendors try to get the highest prices from those who don't know better.



Recommended Shopping

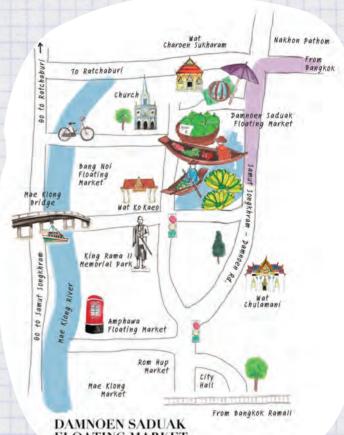
As this is a market that caters to tourists, you can find a vast assortment of souvenirs.

Recommended Food

Be sure to taste the fresh fruit. especially the Malacca grapes grown from vines that its ancestors come from the former British colony. The sweet mangoes here are also some of the best to be found anywhere. Then, there are the traditional noodle dishes and seafood, though you might find it early for the latter, unless you are ready for lunch around 11 a.m.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

After visiting the market, you can combine your day excursion with a visit to Thailand's largest chedi. The bell-shaped pagoda dates back to 539 AD, though, it has been restored and enlarged a number of times, now standing just over 120 meters in height. You might also visit the Rose Garden to see its renowned Thai culture show and botanical gardens.



FLOATING MARKET

HOW TO GET THERE

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DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKE

Bangphae-Damnoen Saduak Road,



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- Saphan Phut Night Market Saphan Phut Rd. Wangburapha Phra Nakhon Bangkok 10200 Every day
- Train Night Market Ratchada Bangkok Tue-Sun 5 p.m. - midnight



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- Chiang Mai Night Bazaar Chang Khlan Rd., Mueang Every day
- Phrae Walking Street (Kat Phranon) Charoew Mueang Rd., Mueang Sat 3 - 9 p.m.
- Mae Hong Son (Nong Chong Kham) Mae Hong Son's main temples in the heart of town Fri-Sat 6 - 10 p.m.



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- Udon Thani Walking Street Udon Thani, Fri-Sat 5 - 9 p.m.
- Khon Kaen Walking Street In front of the Khon Kaen Provincial Hall Mueang Sat 5 p.m. - midnight
- Ubon Ratchathani Walking Street Ratchabut Rd., Near Thung Si Mueang Fri-Sat 8 a.m.-11 p.m.



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- Phuket Patong Walking Street Patong Beach Every day
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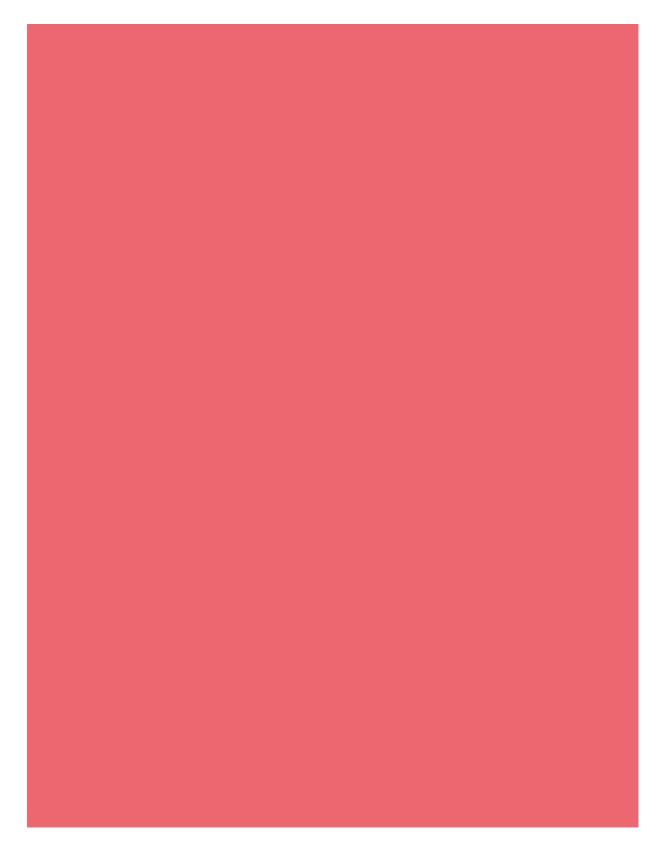
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