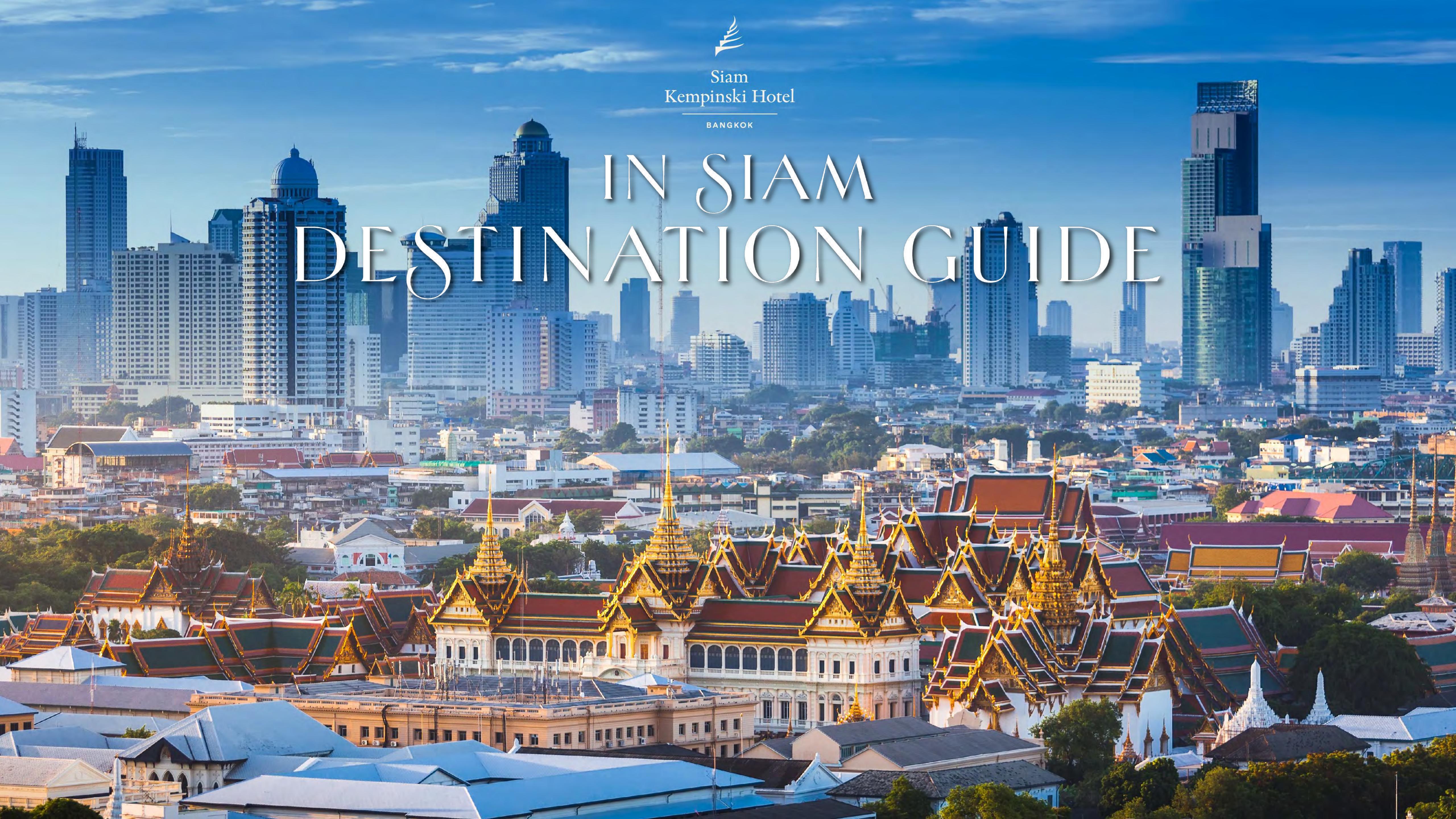




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IN SIAM DESTINATION GUIDE





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Thailand was known as Siam until 1939 and this name is still dominant in many forms, including an area in the Pathumwan district of Bangkok known as Siam Square – just a short walk from the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok.



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THINGS TO SEE IN SIAM

The Royal *Grand Palace* & *Emerald Buddha* *Temple*

This is a ‘must see’ attraction for all visitors to Bangkok. This royal compound embraces a remarkable collection of structures including Wat Phra Kaeo, the temple that houses the famous Emerald Buddha. Built in 1782, the Grand Palace was a royal residence for many generations and is still used for ceremonies and for accommodating Heads of State.

Dress code: Visitors must be properly dressed when entering the grounds of the Grand Palace. Men are required to wear shirts with sleeves and long trousers. Ladies must likewise cover their shoulders and wear full length skirts or dresses. Clothing for men and women may be hired for a nominal fee from the office at the main entrance to the compound.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 to 15:30 hrs

Admission fee: THB 500

Location: Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawan, Bangkok



Wat Pho

Temple of Reclining Buddha



Wat Pho, situated close to the Grand Palace, is home to the Reclining Buddha. The temple, built during the reign of King Rama I, is considered to be a place of healing and was famous many centuries ago for its pharmacy and as Thailand's first university – both established by King Rama III. Traditional Thai and foot massages are available at the traditional medical school. Expect to pay a premium compared to massage shops elsewhere in the city. The Reclining Buddha measures 45 metres long by 15 metres high. The soles of the feet, inlaid with precious stones, denote the 108 signs of true faith. The statue's long earlobes signify noble birth and the lotus-bud configuration of the hand symbolises purity and beauty.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 17:00 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: 2 Sanamchai road, Pranakorn, Bangkok



Wat Arun Temple of Dawn



Wat Arun dates back to ancient battles between the former Siam and neighbouring Burma. Having fallen to the Burmese, Ayutthaya was reduced to rubble and ashes, but General Taksin and the remaining survivors vowed to march 'until the sun rose again' and to build a temple at that precise location. Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn, is that temple and was later the site of a royal palace and a private chapel. This temple steps provide stunning views as the sun sinks over the Chao Phraya River. Access is easy by boat to the temple's jetty.

Opening hours: Daily 08:30 - 17:30 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: Arun Amarin road, Bangkok

Jim Thompson's House Museum



Jim Thompson's three decades of dedication to the revival of Thai silk, then a dying art, changed the industry forever. After he disappeared in Malaysia's Cameron Highlands in 1967 but his legacy remains with the Jim Thomson brand synonymous with high quality Thai fabrics. The Jim Thompson House and Museum is a charming complex of six teak houses that contain priceless antiques and works of art. Tours are available in several languages.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 16:30 hrs

Admission: THB 150

Location: Soi Kasemsan 2, Rama I road, Bangkok



Erawan Shrine



The Erawan Shrine is one of the most popular places of prayer in Bangkok. This Brahman shrine sits proudly at Ratchaprasong, close to the BTS Sky Train network (Chidlom station) and many shopping malls. It's a fascinating experience with the clouds of incense, garlands of flowers and Thai performers displaying traditional dance moves. It was erected to appease works after many problems arose during the constriction of a nearby hotel.

Opening hours: Daily 06:00 - midnight

Location: Corner of Ploenchit and Ratchadamri roads

SHOPPING IN SIAM

Siam Paragon



Siam Paragon is the popular shopping mall located next to the Siam Kempinski hotel with direct access via a connecting walkway. The complex houses international high-end fashion brands, aquarium, a 16-screen Cineplex, supermarket and restaurants offering Thai and international cuisine.

Opening hours: Daily from 10:00 - 22:00 hrs

Location: 991 Rama 1 road, Pathumwan, Bangkok

BTS: Siam station



Central World Plaza



Central World Plaza is another large complex offers that provides exciting shopping experiences with shops, restaurants, movie theatres, supermarket, beauty salons and much more.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00 - 22:00 hrs

Location: Ratchaprasong intersection

BTS: Chidlom & Siam stations



MBK



MBK is probably Bangkok's most legendary shopping mall. It's popular with both tourists and local residents because of the bargain prices. The eight floors contain some 2,000 shops that sell literally anything and everything from clothing, fashion accessories and leather products to luggage, furniture, computers, smart phones and IT accessories.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 - 22.00 hrs

Location: Phayathai road, Bangkok

BTS: National Stadium station

Siam Square



Wander around Siam Square for up-and-coming Thai and Asian brands that offer a great mix of unusual designs at attractive prices. This is a popular chilling spot with students from nearby Chulalongkorn University. Visit in the late afternoon or early evening to catch the vibe of Siam Square.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 to 22.00 hrs

Location: Rama 1 road, Bangkok

BTS: Siam Interchange station



Chatuchak Weekend Market



Chatuchak Weekend Market has reached landmark status as a must-visit place for tourists. Its sheer size and diverse collections of merchandise will bring any seasoned shoppers to their knees. This is a market where you can literally ‘shop until you drop’. The 35-acre site is home to more than 8,000 market stalls. On a typical weekend, more than 200,000 visitors come here to sift through the plethora of goods on offer. It’s sensible to wear comfortable footwear and lightweight clothing.

Opening hours: Weekends 09.00 - 18.00 hrs

Location: Kampangphet road, Bangkok

BTS: Mo Chit station

MRT: Kampang Phet station

Asiatique Riverfront *Night Market*



Asiatique combines successfully two of the most popular shopping experiences in the city: a night bazaar and a mall. Just a short (complimentary) boat ride from Sathorn pier Asiatique features more than 1,500 shops and a multitude of bars and restaurants housed in replica warehouse complex. Entertainment options include the Calypso cabaret.

Opening hours: Daily 17.00 - midnight

Location: Charoen Krung road Soi 72-74, Bangkok

BTS: Saphan Taksin station and then take the Asiatique shuttle boat



DINE
IN SIAM

Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin *Thai Restaurant*

Inspired by the award-winning Kiin Kiin restaurant in Copenhagen and its owner Henrik Yde Andersen this Michelin one star restaurant is famous for its modern interpretations of classic Thai dishes created from traditional recipes and authentic ingredients. Choose 'The Journey' menu to experience the outstanding culinary skills of Chef Chayawee and his team.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 12:00 - 15:00 hrs

Dinner 18:00 - 23:00 hrs

Prices: \$\$\$\$

Location: Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok, Rama I road



Saneh Jaan *Thai Restaurant*



Thai dishes crafted from ancient recipes that once impressed the royal family are the draw here but don't discount the lovely setting, complete with vaulted ceilings and contemporary Thai touches. Dishes are a mix of classics and hard-to-find recipes such as hot and spicy soup, red curry with grilled pork, and sweet and sour coconut dip with crabmeat. For your dessert, try the khao moa rang - a rare creation made with young green rice grains.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:00 hrs

Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$

Location: The Glasshouse at Sindhorn, Wireless road



Ma Maison *Thai Restaurant*



Ma Maison is a modern venue that combines an elegant ambience with traditional Thai fayre. Situated on the sprawling lawns of the Nai Lert Park Heritage Home, this restaurant provides a luxurious experience and prides itself on its family recipes passed down from generation to generation. Don't be fooled by the French name. This restaurant devotes itself to sharing the recipes of the Nai Lert family. Signature dishes include pork crackling noodles and a rich chicken massaman.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 hrs / Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$

Location: Nai Lert Park Heritage, Ploenchit Road



Wattana Panich *Beef Noodle*



To find one of the oldest beef stew restaurants in Bangkok, head to Ekkamai by taxi or BTS SkyTrain. This venue is famous for its stewed beef and noodles. Sukiyaki, stir-fried beef in oyster sauce, and garlic pork with rice are other popular dishes.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 09:30 - 20:00 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: Ekkamai Soi 18-20, Sukhumvit 63 Road



Go-Ang *Chicken Rice*



This humble chicken and rice stall has drawn a devoted fan base of local and international foodies for more than 50 years. The aromatic rice is cooked with chicken oil and perfectly matches perfectly the flavour of the chicken.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: Lunch 06:00 - 14:00 hrs / Dinner 17:00 - 02:00 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: New Petchburi Road



Baan Pad Thai



Baan Phad Thai is named after one of Thailand's most popular dishes. The secret to its success is the combination of 18 to 20 ingredients used in making each dish. The organic, home made tofu and the fresh crab are also noteworthy at this restaurant where locals and tourists eat side by side.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 11:00 - 21:30 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: 21-23 Soi Charoen Krung 44 Road

HAPPENING IN SIAM



National Muay Thai Day

6 February 2026

Muay Thai (Thai boxing) is Thailand's national sport and is deeply ingrained in Thai culture. With origins tracing back centuries to its role as a form of unarmed combat used by Siamese soldiers, Muay Thai has evolved over time into a refined discipline. Although still a tough sport, it now incorporates a high level of skill and strategy.

National Muay Thai Day

Thailand's national sport is celebrated annually, with 17 March designated as National Muay Thai Day (also known as Boxer's Day). Commemorative events take place at Muay Thai gyms and stadiums across the country, but the day holds special significance in Ayutthaya, widely regarded as the spiritual home of Muay Thai. This connection is due to the legendary warrior Nai Khanom Tom, who was born in Ayutthaya.

Where to Watch Muay Thai in Thailand

Most towns and cities in Thailand feature venues where Muay Thai fights can be enjoyed, with tickets typically available for purchase on the day. The country's two most renowned arenas are both located in Bangkok: Rajadamnern Stadium and Lumpinee Stadium.

Venue: Ratchadamnern Boxing Stadium | Lumpinee Boxing Stadium

Time: 18:30 - 22:00



Chinese New Year 2026

17 - 19 February 2026

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is a time of vibrant performances and activity throughout Chinatown. In Bangkok, Thailand, the Chinese New Year in 2025 will be celebrated from 27 to 29 January. The streets come alive with drummers and lion dancers, creating an atmosphere of festivity. Join the street party during Chinese New Year in Bangkok as the long dragon winds its way to the city's temples. Various performances, including acrobat dancers and dragon parades, take place throughout the day, adding to the excitement.

One of the most exhilarating Chinese New Year celebrations in Thailand takes place in Yaowarat, the official Chinatown of Bangkok. This area's narrow, bustling streets come alive with dragon and lion dancers, exploding firecrackers, iconic red lanterns, devoted worshippers and local residents gathering to celebrate the occasion and enjoy sumptuous Chinese feasts. Visitors in Bangkok during this period are encouraged to head to the northern edge of Chinatown, particularly Wat Mangkon Kamalawat on Charoen Krung Street, widely regarded as the heart of the festivities and one of the most joyful celebrations in the city.

Address: Yaowarat Road (China Town), Bangkok

Time: Noon to Midnight

Makha Bucha Day

3 March 2026

Makha Bucha Day is an important Buddhist holiday celebrated in Thailand and is determined by the Buddhist Lunar Calendar, typically falling in February or March in the Gregorian Calendar. The observance takes place during the third lunar month, a time when Buddha is believed to have delivered key teachings.

Historically, on this day in India, 1,250 of Buddha's followers gathered spontaneously without prior arrangement. All were said to be 'enlightened' and were ordained by Buddha as teachers. He imparted the core principles of Buddhism: to refrain from evil, to do good and to purify the mind.

More than 40 years later, it is believed that on the same day, Buddha resolved to attain 'Nirvana', marking the departure of the mind from the body and the end of physical life, which occurred three months later on Visakha Bucha Day.

In Thailand, Makha Bucha Day is observed by visiting temples to participate in religious rites and to 'earn merit'. Many people abstain from alcohol, offer food to monks, meditate and join candlelit processions held in the evening.

Address: All Temples Nationwide

Time: 18:00 - 22:00



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ONE LUMPINEE

Experience some of the world's most electrifying, high-octane fight nights live in Bangkok.

ONE Championship brings together elite strikers, grapplers and MMA athletes from around the globe, all competing under one roof at Lumpinee Stadium in Bangkok.

The event proudly showcases champions across Muay Thai, MMA, kickboxing and grappling, promising world title bouts, legendary rivalries and outstanding performances.

Show Date: Friday, 16 January 2026

Venue: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium (Ram Indra)

Gate Open: 18:00

Ticket Price: Ringside THB 3,500 | THB 2,750 | THB 2,000 | THB 1,000

ONE Fight Night 39

The world's largest martial arts organisation opens 2026 with its first ONE Fight Night of the year, broadcast live from Bangkok's iconic Lumpinee Stadium on Saturday, 24 January.

After months of anticipation, Thailand's own Rambolek Chor Ajalaboon faces Russian knockout specialist Abdulla 'Smash Boy' Dayakaev in a pivotal bout that may determine the next challenger for Nabil Anane's ONE Bantamweight Muay Thai World Title. The evening also features the highly anticipated promotional debut of 18-year-old American prodigy Helena Crevar, who will compete against decorated wrestler, judoka and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu star Teshya Noelani Alo in a bantamweight submission grappling match.

Show Date: Saturday, 24 January 2026

Venue: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium (Ram Indra)

Gate Open: 08:00

Ticket Price: Premium Ringside THB 10,000 | Ringside THB 4,500 | THB 3,750 |
THB 2,400 | THB 1,200





ONE Fight Night 40: Buntan vs. Hemetsberger II

reaches new heights as ONE Championship returns with ONE Fight Night 40: Buntan vs. Hemetsberger II, broadcasting live from Bangkok's iconic Lumpinee Stadium on Saturday, 14 February.

The main event features a highly anticipated rematch between two of the world's leading female strikers, competing for the ONE Women's Strawweight Kickboxing World Title. One warrior seeks redemption, while the other pursues the honour of two-sport supremacy. After narrowly missing the vacant ONE Women's Strawweight Muay Thai World Title last September, Filipino-American superstar Jackie Buntan now defends her kickboxing title in a bid for revenge.

Show Date: Saturday, 14 February 2026

Venue: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium (Ram Indra)

Gate Open: 08:00

Ticket Price: Premium Ringside THB 10,000 | Ringside THB 4,500 | THB 3,750 | THB 2,400 | THB 1,200

Mahidol Music 2026

Mahidol Chamber Orchestra (MCO) – An Italian Extravaganza

The Mahidol Chamber Orchestra (MCO) presents An Italian Extravaganza, a captivating musical journey through Italian repertoire.

Conductor & Violin Soloist: Nattawat Luantampol

Guest Conductors: Cho Ki Wong; Tanawit Tangjud (graduate students)

Double Bass Soloist: Rachapol Khumpiranond

Show Dates: 06 – 19 January 2026

Venue: MACM Hall, College of Music, Mahidol University

Gate Open: 19:00

Ticket Price: THB 200



Remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Queen Mother

Conductor: Sander Teepen

Soloist: Daniel Ciobanu, Piano

Programme:

- Grieg: Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 16
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74

Show Date: 30 January 2026

Venue: Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall

Gate Open: 19:30

Ticket Price: THB 2,500 | THB 2,000 | THB 1,500 | THB 1,000 | THB 600

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood, based on the beloved book by Judith Kerr. Direct from the West End, this Olivier Award-nominated hit returns on tour. Sophie and her mother are surprised when a big, stripy tiger arrives at their door during teatime!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show, packed with magic, sing-along songs and playful chaos. A charming adaptation of the classic tale, sure to delight children and adults alike.

Running Time: Approximately 55 minutes (no interval). Suitable for children aged 3+.

Show Date: 05 - 08 March 2026

Venue: M Theatre (New Pechburi Rd.)

Gate Open: 09:30 | 10:30 | 12:00 | 13:30 | 16:00 | 17:00

Ticket Price: THB 2,500 | THB 2,000 | THB 1,800 | THB 1,500

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Manorah and Best Friends of The Snake

A familiar tale reimagined as sharp, poetic commentary reflecting a society shaped by guidance, illusory freedom and the pursuit of unreachable ideals. This production invites audiences to explore how desire, power and belief influence individual and collective decisions – timeless themes relevant to contemporary Thai society.

Date: Current until 18 January 2026

Venue: Matdot Gallery, 47 Lan Luang Rd., Wat Sommanat, Pomprab, Bangkok

Time: 10:00 – 18:00 (Closed on Monday)

15 December 2025 - 18 January 2026

The Different World II

This exhibition invites viewers to discover the hidden wonders of nature and the environment, transforming every corner into a source of inspiration and reflection. The surroundings act as a vast classroom, where each element – whether positive or challenging – offers ideas to observe, ponder and imagine. The artist unlocked these inspirations one by one, translating them into unique paintings in various forms. By zooming in, expanding and delving deeper, the exhibition juxtaposes human life with the current environment, creating a thought-provoking visual narrative.

Artist: Siwakorn Buathong

Date: Current until 08 February 2026

Venue: Gallery P2, 3rd Fl., MMAD, MunMun Srinakarin at Seacon Square Srinakarin

Time: 10:00 – 20:00



Undo Planet Part 2



Organised by Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, in collaboration with Space for Contemporary Art and the Korean Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (KOFICE), Undo Planet is an international exhibition exploring art as a medium for environmental restoration.

The exhibition addresses global climate change, showcasing artists' diverse attempts to restore a crisis-stricken Earth. Consisting of two parts – Undo DMZ and Land Art and Non-Human Beings – the second segment focuses on viewing nature as a partner for coexistence rather than a challenge to be conquered. Through imagination and artistic practice, the exhibition seeks to undo the damage inflicted upon the natural world.

Supported by the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and KOFICE as part of the 'Touring K-Arts' project, this exhibition highlights the intersection of creativity, sustainability, and global environmental consciousness.

Date: Current until 22 February 2026

Venue: Main Exhibition Gallery, 7th Floor, Bangkok Arts and Cultural Centre

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 (Closed on Monday)



‘Along the Path’

by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand

Since 2007, H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has graciously authorised exhibitions of her photographs to share knowledge and wisdom with students and the wider public. Her Royal Highness’s initiatives have been presented consecutively, including: ‘Color Is Light. Light Is Color’ (2007), ‘Always Roaming with A Hungry Heart’ (2008), ‘Destinations’ (2009), ‘The Colors of Life’ (2010), ‘Born To This World’ (2011), ‘Camera in Motion: A Global Perspective’ (2012), ‘Traveling Photos, Photos Traveling’ (2013), ‘Clairvoyance’ (2014), ‘Happiness that Long Life Brings’ (2015), ‘Along the Way of Splendour’ (2016), ‘Poetry of Light’ (2017), ‘Hello Puppy, Greeting Piggy’ (2018), ‘Photos Wonderland’ (2019), ‘Life@Home’ (2020), ‘Roaming in Thailand’ (2022), ‘Theirs and Ours’ (2023), ‘Free at Last!’ (2024) and ‘Along the Path’ (2025).

The Royal Photo Exhibition ‘Along the Path’ is organised by The Royal Photographic Society of Thailand and continues the tradition of sharing insights through the lens of the Princess’s photography.

Date: Current until 15 March 2026

Venue: Main Exhibition Gallery, 9th Floor, Bangkok Arts and Cultural Centre

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 (Closed on Monday)

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