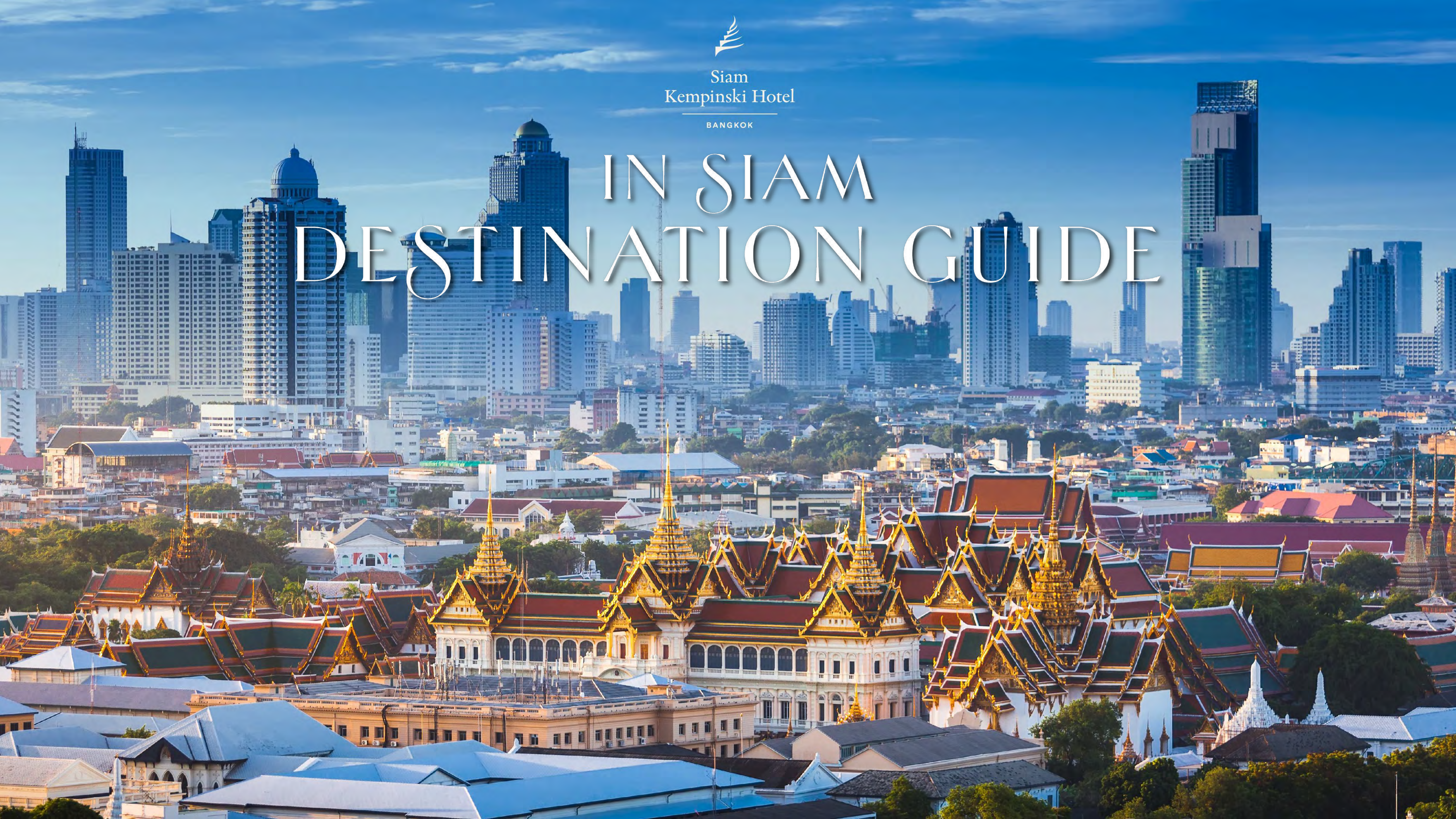




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# IN SIAM DESTINATION GUIDE





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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 Praya 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:** Kampanghet road, Bangkok

**BTS:** Mo Chit station

**MRT:** Kampanghet 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 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



# Songkran:

## Thai New Year Water Festival

12 - 15 April 2026

The annual Songkran New Year Water Festival, which welcomes the traditional Thai New Year, is one of those events that must be experienced in person to fully appreciate the enormity of the spectacle and the uniqueness of the occasion. In Thailand, Songkran is a nationwide celebration, with playful water fights breaking out in villages and cities across the country. While these water battles and the festive atmosphere understandably capture the imagination of most tourists, the festival is deeply rooted in tradition and holds great significance for Thai Buddhists.

In ancient times, the date of Songkran varied according to the solar and lunar calendars. The word Songkran is derived from Sanskrit and means ‘move into’, referring to the sun’s transition between zodiac houses. In Thailand, Songkran has become specifically associated with the sun’s movement into Aries in April, marking the end of a 12-month cycle and the beginning of a new solar year. Today, the Songkran New Year Water Festival is observed annually on fixed dates, 13-15 April, which are also public holidays in Thailand.

Songkran is a festival where boisterous fun and ancient traditions go hand in hand. For tourists, it offers the chance to partake in a massive celebration where water parties take over the streets of Thailand’s towns and villages. For locals, it is a time to reunite with families, visit temples, observe ancient rites and make merit.

### *Where to experience the Songkran Water Festival*

Water celebrations take place across Bangkok, including Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue and Sanam Luang. Key locations include Park Paragon, Siam Square, Central World Plaza, Samyan Water Street, Silom Road and Khao San Road.

# Coronation of Thai King

4 May 2026

In Thailand, the monarch is regarded as a revered figure and is often described as a symbolic representative of the divine. Coronation Day is a national public holiday commemorating the official coronation of the current king.

The present king of Thailand, King Vajiralongkorn, ascended the throne in 2016 following the passing of his father and predecessor, having served as Crown Prince since 1972. His official coronation ceremony took place in 2019. He is also known as Rama X, the tenth monarch of the Chakri dynasty.

The coronation marked the first ceremony of its kind in nearly 70 years and was widely attended. Crowds gathered along the streets as the royal procession extended into the evening. The ceremony included significant rituals, such as the king performing Buddhist rites with holy water, wearing the 16-pound Crown of Victory and being seated on the golden throne. During the ceremony, King Vajiralongkorn pledged to rule with righteousness and for the benefit of the Thai people.

Each year, Coronation Day provides an opportunity for reflection and respect. Visitors may also choose to visit the Grand Palace in Bangkok, one of the country's most significant cultural landmarks.





# Royal Ploughing Ceremony

11 May 2026

The Royal Ploughing Ceremony is an important annual event in Thailand, symbolising the beginning of the rice-growing season. The ceremony is believed to bring prosperity and ensure a successful harvest for the year ahead.

Blending both Buddhist and Hindu Brahmin traditions, the ceremony involves monks and Brahmins offering blessings for the cultivation of rice. It takes place at Sanam Luang, a historic public square located in the heart of Bangkok, directly in front of the Grand Palace. On occasion, the king of Thailand may preside over the ceremony.

A key highlight is the symbolic ploughing ritual, in which two sacred oxen draw a ceremonial plough across the field, accompanied by traditionally dressed attendants who sow rice seeds. The oxen are then presented with a selection of food and drink, including rice, grass and rice whiskey.

Astrologers interpret the choices made by the oxen to forecast the agricultural outlook for the coming year, particularly the success of the rice harvest.

**Location:** Sanam Luang, Bangkok

# Visakha Bucha Day

31 May 2025

Visakha Bucha Day is the most significant Buddhist holiday in Thailand, commemorating three key events in the life of the Lord Buddha. All three events are believed to have occurred on the full moon of the sixth lunar month, known as the Visakha month.

This sacred day marks the birth of Buddha, his enlightenment 35 years later and his passing into Nirvana 45 years thereafter. As a result, it is a time of deep spiritual reflection and religious observance across the country.

On Visakha Bucha Day, many Thai people visit local temples to make merit by offering donations, participating in rituals and listening to the teachings of the Buddha. Activities often include meditation, reaffirming commitment to Buddhist precepts and offering food to monks and temple communities. Some also practise acts of compassion, such as releasing birds or fish, symbolising the letting go of negative karma.

In accordance with Thai law, the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on this day, and many bars and entertainment venues close temporarily. While most observances are religious nature, visitors are welcome to respectfully visit temples and observe the ceremonies.

**Location:** Nationwide, primarily at temples across Thailand





ART & EXHIBITION,  
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## Soul of Garden

River City Bangkok proudly presents Soul of Garden, the first solo exhibition by Warisa, an artist whose practice explores the profound interconnection between humanity, nature and the spirit of place.

This exhibition offers a gateway into Warisa's inner world – one deeply rooted in a connection with nature. Here, a garden is not merely a landscape, but a living entity that breathes and evolves alongside us: soil that inhales, roots that reach deep, leaves that tremble and blossoms that bloom briefly before falling. Within this space, silence is never empty; it resonates with unseen sounds – the whispers of memory, the fragility of existence and the quiet pulse of hope. Each brushstroke becomes an act of deep listening, forming a silent dialogue between human and nature.

Ultimately, Soul of Garden is more than a portrayal of nature – it is a reflection on the intimate bond between people and the natural world. As the boundary between observer and observed gently fades, visitors may come to realise that existence is shared – a quiet coexistence with nature itself.

**Venue:** RCB Galleria 5, Floor 2

**Date:** 18 March - 16 April 2026

**Location:** River City Bangkok

**Open:** Daily, 10.00 - 20:00



# The Journey of Himmapan

The Journey of Himmapan invites visitors to explore the hidden landscapes of the mind through a mythical and imaginative lens.

The exhibition presents Himmapan as a symbolic inner realm – a magical land where differences, individuality and unspoken identities are not judged, but embraced. It offers an environment in which visitors can exist freely, without fear of being observed or measured by others.

This immersive journey encourages self-acceptance and authenticity, where imagination becomes a refuge, and one's true self is allowed to unfold.

**Venue:** 6060 Arts Space (White Building)

**Date:** 04 - 28 April 2026

**Location:** 27 Pradiphat Soi 21, Saphan-Khwai, Phayathai, Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Monday -Saturday, 12:00 - 20:00 (Closed on Sundays)

# OFF THE RADAR, We Rise

The Exhibition Department of the Bangkok Art and Culture Centre presents OFF THE RADAR, We Rise, a contemporary art exhibition and workshop programme addressing issues of security and precarity within the contemporary art landscape.

The project highlights artists and creative practitioners who continue to sustain their practice despite limited recognition, exclusion from institutional systems or lack of organisational support. This includes individuals who have stepped away from the art world due to necessity yet remain committed to their craft, as well as those who critically reflect on their artistic journeys.

Participants are Thai nationals aged 40 and above who regard artistic practice as a fundamental right and necessity rather than a privilege.

**Venue:** Main Exhibition Gallery, Floor 7

**Date:** 12 March - 31 May 2026

**Location:** Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

**Opening Hours:** Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 - 20:00 (Closed on Mondays)



# GRAD AND GLOW

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## Grad and Glow: Arts thesis showcase 2026

As part of ICONSIAM's commitment to serving as a world-class platform for Thai talent, Grad and Glow: Arts Thesis Showcase 2026 provides an important stage for emerging artists to present their thesis works – often the most significant creations of their academic journey. These works reflect years of dedication, experience and creative exploration, and frequently serve as pivotal milestones leading to career opportunities and professional development.

The exhibition also features seven distinguished speakers from the contemporary art world, sharing insights on creative inspiration and global opportunities. Speakers include Chin Sirachai, marine scientist; Golf Rattawut, creative director; Kru To M.L. Chirathorn Chiraprawat, artist and founder of Mahanak School; Kru Piang Piang Amphon, owner of Thai Craft Studio; Benzilla, street art artist; and Pee Pod, lead singer of Modern Dog.

**Venue:** Icon Art and Culture Space, Floor 8

**Date:** 25 February - 23 June 2026

**Location:** ICONSIAM, 299 Charoen Nakhon Rd., Khlong Ton Sai, Khlong San, Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Daily, 10:00 - 22:00

# S2O Songkran Music Festival 2026 Bangkok, Thailand

The World's Wettest Party – The S2o Factory Lies Dormant All Year, Only to Awaken During the Hottest Days of the Year

S2O Songkran Music Festival is one of the world's most iconic Songkran celebrations, held annually in Bangkok during Thailand's New Year festivities.

Combining the spirit of Songkran with world-class electronic dance music, the festival delivers three days of large-scale water celebrations, international DJs and high-energy performances. Widely recognised as one of the 'wettest parties in the world', S2O offers an unforgettable festival experience in the heart of Thailand.

**Venue:** S2O LAND | RATCHADA

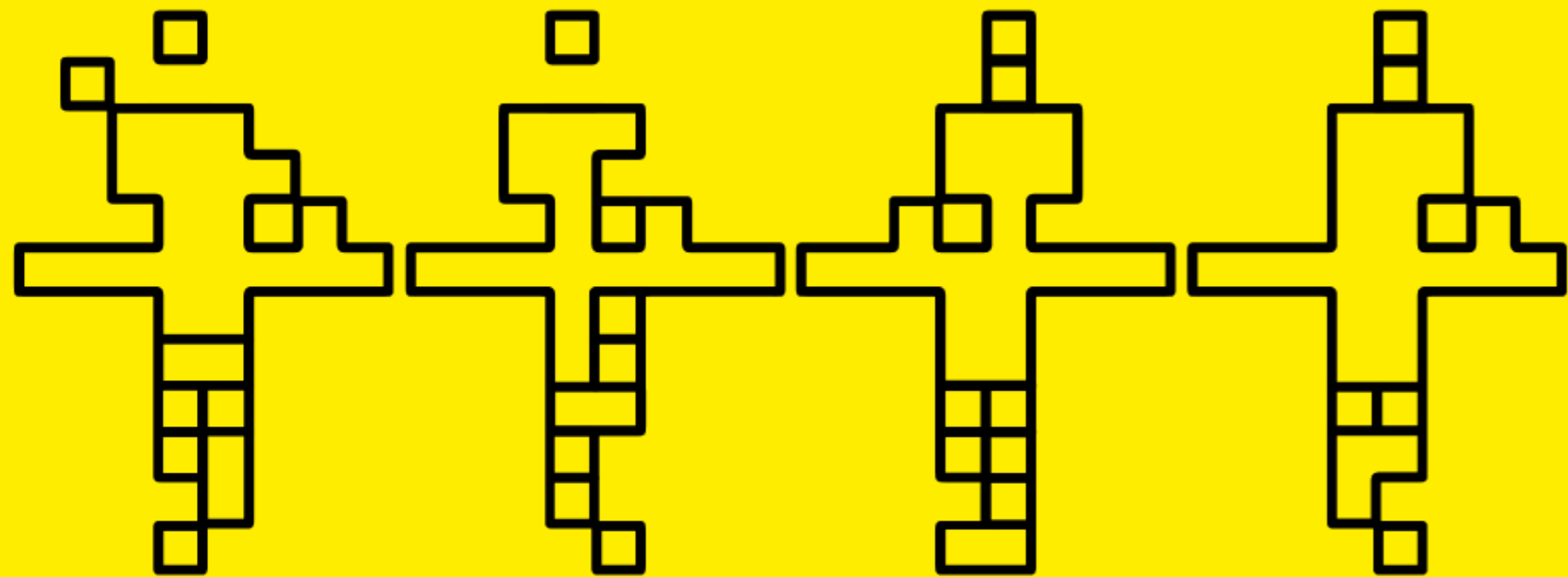
**Date:** 11 - 13 April 2026

**Location:** Ratchdapisek Road

**Ticket Prices:** THB 1,700 - 4,800



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# Kraftwerk

## Multimedia Tour 2026

### in Bangkok

The multi-media project Kraftwerk was founded in 1970 by Ralf Hütter and Florian Schneider. From their Kling Klang Studio in Düsseldorf, they developed a distinctive electronic sound that achieved international recognition by the mid 1970's.

Renowned for their innovative use of technology, robotics, and electronic music, Kraftwerk has shaped the soundtrack of the digital age. Their performances combine music, visual art, and immersive multimedia elements, offering a unique live experience.

**Venue:** Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre

**Date:** 10 May 2026

**Location:** Ratchapisek Road, Bangkok

**Performance Time:** 18:30

**Ticket Prices:** THB 5,500 (VIP Package) Standing / THB 3,800 Standing / THB 3,300

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# Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra 2026

The Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra's 2026 season opens under the direction of its new Music Director, Carl St. Clair.

The programme features acclaimed American pianist Claire Huangci performing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3. The evening begins with the world premiere of Narong Prangcharoen's Eternal Radiance and concludes with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

**Venue:** Prince Mahidol Hall, Mahidol University

**Date:** 23 May 2026, 13 June 2026, 20 June 2026

**Location:** Salaya Road

**Performance Time:** 15:00

**Ticket Prices:** THB 700 | 900 | 1,400

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# BRIGHT HORIZONS

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# ONE Fight Night 42: Eersel vs Rungrawee

In the headline bout, two elite strikers compete for the vacant ONE Lightweight Kickboxing World Title.

Regian ‘The Immortal’ Eersel, one of the most dominant fighters of the past decade, aims to reclaim the title and re-establish his status as a two-sport champion. The event also features a highly anticipated Muay Thai bout between Thailand’s Black Panther and Colombian-American fighter Diego Paez.

**Venue:** Lumpinee Boxing Stadium (Ramindra Road)

**Date:** 11 April 2026

**Performance Time:** 08:00 hrs

**Ticket Prices:** Premium Ringside THB 10,000 (No F&B Service) | Ringside THB 4,500 |

Cat 1: THB 3,750 | Cat 2: THB 2,40 | Cat 3: THB 1,200



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