

# **Handbook For International Students**

National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA)





# Welcome letter.

Dear International Students and Scholars,

Welcome to National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). You are about to begin a journey into your future. At NIDA we understand there are many unknowns ahead. Therefore, we are here to guide, assist and help you discover your path together with our warm support throughout your journey.

NIDA offers a quality and intellectually rigorous educational experience. I am more than certain that the experience you will receive from NIDA will exceed your expectation. NIDA provides many programs and activities (academic and non- academic) that help you grow as a true leader and gain crucial skills for today's job market. We help prepare you for greatness.

More importantly, we are aware that many students concern and worry about being on their own in this country, that is why we (both faculty members and staff) care about each one of you and will show our support and assist you in any ways that we can to make you feel like **"Home"**

**"We are part of you and you are a big part of us"**, that is why the Office of International Affairs (OIA) at NIDA stands ready to be your second home with a warm hospitality and help you throughout out your new journey. Our goal is to see you successfully achieve your academic and personal goals.

This handbook was designed and created with a lot of attention and care. We hope that it can be your guide to the life in campus and surrounding areas. Last but not least, thank you for choosing NIDA to start the new chapter of your life.

Assistant Professor Dr. Kanokkarn Kaewnuch  
Assistant to the President for International Affairs

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# History of NIDA.

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) was established following His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's vision of advancing Thailand's development through the establishment of an advanced educational institution to prepare people to become agents of change for national development.



The inception of NIDA grew out of His Majesty the King's discussions of the country's development with Mr. David Rockefeller of the Rockefeller Foundation in the United States of America in 1963. As a result, NIDA was established on April 1, 1966.

**WISDOM**  
*for* **Change**

NIDA was established with financial support from the prestigious Ford Foundation in the U.S.A. and academic assistance from the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA), the official accrediting organization of all U.S. institutions of higher education, and became an educational institute of higher education for Thai scholars who would otherwise study abroad. Under benevolent auspices of His Majesty the King, NIDA exists and stands today as Thailand's leading educational institution concentrating exclusively on graduate studies in fields related to national development.

# Office of International Affairs.



Towards the Internationalization of NIDA  
with Professionalism and Strategy Partnership



Monday- Friday: 09.00- 16.30  
(Appointments are highly recommended)



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# Office of International Affairs.



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# Visa and Immigration.

## ➤ Overall process of visa for international student

Student applies student visa in country of residence with acceptance letter from NIDA

\*Please make sure that you get the *receipt of Notification of Residence for Foreigners* from your accommodation's owner/manager after you stay in Thailand

2  
Student stays in Thailand for other purposes before studying\*

Student must contact program coordinator **as soon as possible** to change visa status otherwise he/she must apply student visa in home country

1  
Initially, student visa allows to stay in Thailand for 90 days before extending visa

Extend student visa for maximum one year with verification letter from NIDA at Immigration Bureau

Afterwards, student must report to Immigration Bureau every 90-day (notification of staying over 90 days)

If student plans to travel out of Thailand, 'Multiple Entry' will be recommended

# Visa and Immigration : Notification of Residence •

## ➤ What is the Notification of residence for foreigners?

According to the 1979 Immigration act, House owners/heads of household/landlords/managers of hotels MUST notify in Notification Form (**TM.30**) to the local immigration authorities within 24 hours from the time of arrival of the foreigner(s).

They can do in a number of ways to make the notification as convenient as possible:

- In person at Immigration Bureau
- Through an authorised person at Police Station (for accommodation located in other provinces)
- By registered mail
- Via internet

Then, the landlord/owner/resident manager will give the receipt of the notification to the foreigner(s) for further visa matters, such as visa extension, change visa status, 90-day notification etc.

## ➤ What should you do for the Notification of residence for foreigners?

House owners, heads of household, landlords or managers of hotels will request your **passport and Arrival card (TM.6)** to fill in the notification form and notify the immigration authorities within 24 hours. If not, please inform them about this procedure or show them the information from this QR Code.



Please change language (TH/ENG) on the top right of the page

You MUST keep the receipt of the notification of residence for doing visa matters otherwise you will be fined 800 Baht before you can do any visa matters.

# Visa and Immigration : Visa extension.

## ➤ What should you do for visa extension?

### **Student must be alert when the visa will expire!**

Please contact your program coordinator  
*at least 15 days* before your expired date

#### **Required documents:**

- Form **TM.7**



<http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm7.doc>

- 2 passport photos (4x6 cm or 2 inches)
- Original passport with validity not less than 6 months
- Certified true copy of passport
- An official letter from the university
- An unofficial transcript
- Visa fee 1,900 Baht

# Visa and Immigration : Change Visa status.

## ➤ What should you do for changing visa status from tourist visa to visa for education (NON-ED)?

Please contact your school officer **as soon as possible** as the immigration officer requires to change visa status *at least 15 days before expired date.*

### Required documents:

- Form **TM.86** for who has Tourist and Transit Visa



<http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm86.doc>

or form **TM.87** for who enters into Thailand without visa, but is allowed to stay in Thailand with a permit of stay for a period of 15 days, 30 days, or 90 days



<http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm87.doc>

- 2 passport photos (4x6 cm or 2 inches)
- Original passport with validity not less than 6 months
- Certified true copy of passport
- An official letter from the university
- An unofficial transcript or official letter of acceptance from school
- 1<sup>st</sup> semester payment slip
- Visa fee 2,000 Baht

# Visa and Immigration : 90-day notification.

## ➤ What should you do for 90-day notification?

It is **notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days.**

### **Procedure and notification:**

- The notification must be made *within 15 days before or after 7 days* the period of 90 days expires.
- The first application for extension of stay is equivalent to the notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days.
- You can (1) make the notification in person, (2) authorise another person to make the notification, or (3) make the notification by registered mail.

### **Required documents (in person only):**

- Form **TM.47**



<http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm47.doc>

- Passport
- Previous notifications of staying over 90 days (if any)

Example: <http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/doc/47.1.jpg>

### **Required documents (by registered mail):**

- Certified true copy of passport pages with following pages;
  - front page showing name / surname / Passport No., ect.
  - current visa
  - last entry stamp of immigration
  - last extension of visa
- Certified true copy of departure card TM.6

Example: <http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/en/doc/tm6.jpg>

# Visa and Immigration : 90-day notification.

- Previous notifications of staying over 90 days (if any)

Example: <http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/doc/47.1.jpg>

- Completely filled in and signed notification form **TM.47**



<http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm47.doc>

- Envelope with 10 Baht stamp affixed and return address of foreigner for the officer in charge to send back the lower part of form TM. 47 after having received the notification. This part must be kept for reference and for future notifications of staying over 90 days.
- The above mentioned documents must be sent by registered mail and the receipt of the registration kept by the foreigner. Send the mail before the renewal date 15 days to

90 DAYS REGISTRATION,  
Immigration Division 1  
Chalermprakit Government Complex  
120 Moo 3, Chaengwattana Road, Soi 7,  
Laksi, Bangkok 10210

## **Notice :**

- Your registered mail must be sent to the Immigration office at least 15 days before the due date of notification.
- Your new form will be stamped as of the expiration date of your old receipt.
- Please keep your receipt of your registered mail in case of lost mail.
- Your document can not be processed if you have passed the 90 days limit. (You must come to the nearest immigration office in person to pay fine 2,000 Baht)
- Waiting for reply mail over 1 month, please contact Immigration Office with your registered mail receipt.

# *Visa and Immigration : 90-day notification.*

## **Offices accepting notification:**

- » Immigration Division 1 Office, The Government Complex, Chaengwattana Rd., Laksi, Bangkok
- » Immigration offices throughout the country

## **\*Note:**


- The notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days is in no way equivalent to a visa extension.
- If a foreigner staying in the kingdom over 90 days without notifying the Immigration Bureau or notifying the Immigration Bureau later than the set period, a fine of 2,000.- Baht will be collected. If a foreigner who did not make the notification of staying over 90 days is arrested, he will be fined 4,000.- Baht.
- If a foreigner leaves the country and re-enters, the day count starts at 1 in every case.

# Visa and Immigration : Re-entry.

## ➤ What do you have to do, if you have been granted stay permit for one year and must leave Thailand?

You have to apply for Re-entry Permit before leaving the kingdom at Immigration Division 1, (Government Complex Chaengwattana) or any other Immigration checkpoint throughout the country.

### Required documents:

- Photocopy of passport pages with following pages;
  - front page showing name / surname / Passport No., ect.
  - current visa
  - last entry stamp of immigration
  - last extension of visa
- Form **TM.8** includes 4x6 cm photo taken within 6 months  
 <http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/download/tm8.doc>
- Departure card TM.6 and copy
- Other related documents and their copy (in case the alien is not allowed to exit the Kingdom)

**Note:** The copy must be certified true copy by yourself

### Fee:

- |                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| » Single Re-entry Permit   | 1,000 Baht |
| » Multiple Re-entry Permit | 3,800 Baht |



# Visa and Immigration : Process for Requesting.

## ➤ What is the process of acceptance letter from NIDA?

Please contact the program coordinator or OIA about your visa.

1

Contact your school officers *at least 15 days before* your expire date to submit the copy of your passport and stamped visa page

2

Educational Service Division verifies your student status

3

OIA issues the Verification Letter from National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) signed by the President

4

Student collects the letter from the school seven days after the submitted date\*

5

Student submits the required documents to extend or change visa status to education (Non-ED) at Immigration Bureau (Chaengwattana)

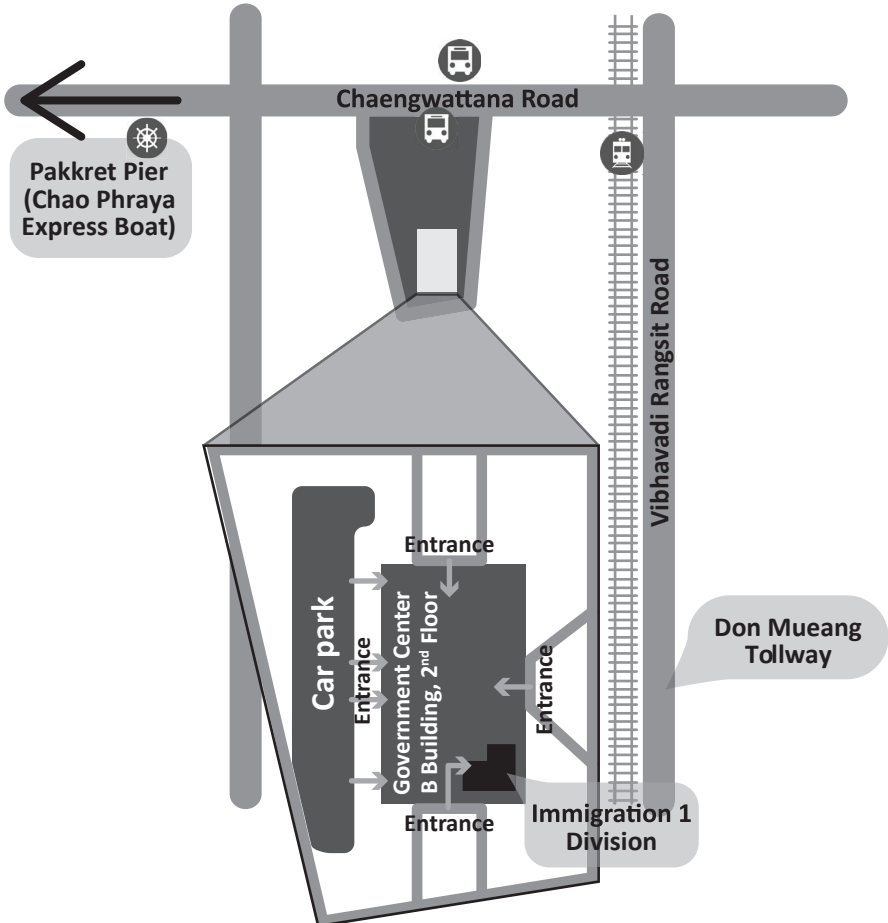
\* The verification letter has its process for seven days.

# Visa and Immigration : Immigration Bureau.

## ➤ Where is the Immigration Bureau?

The Immigration Bureau is located at **The Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty (Chaengwattana)**

\*NIDA provides FREE transportation to Immigration Bureau every last Wednesday of each month and it will depart from NIDA at 7 AM.



# Health Insurance : NIDA announcement.

## ➤ NIDA Announcement : Guidelines for Health and Incident Insurance for NIDA International Students

According to NIDA announcement on April 24, 2019, please find the information below.

- students can apply the health/accident insurance with NIDA, please contact your program coordinator (find more details in the following page)
  - › request application form
  - › submit the completed form along with a copy of passport
  - › pay the insurance premium

If there are more medical expenses than insurance policy covers, students must be responsible for all expenses incurred themselves.

In case of students use the hospital that must make a pre-payment, they must bring...

- (1) actual receipt
- (2) the medical certificate
- (3) a copy of insurance card
- (4) the treatment report

to Office of International Affairs, G floor, Navamindrathiraj Building to claim under the conditions of the policy.

- students have already had insurance, please submit the copy of insurance policy at program coordinator
- students do not wish to apply for health/accident insurance, they must be responsible for all expenses if any illness or accident occurs

# Health Insurance : NIDA insurance.

## ➤ Insurance plan

NIDA provides health insurance for international students with **AETNA Insurance company**. Please find the insurance plan below. If the student is interested to apply, please contact at OIA Office.

## ➤ Insurance policy (Plan 1) :

### Hospitalization

- Room and board per day 1,000
- Hospital expenses/disability 15,000
- Surgical Fee/disability (per schedule) 25,000
- Physician's hospital visit per day 500
- Emergency OPD is included in (B) Hospital Service/disability 4,000

### Outpatient

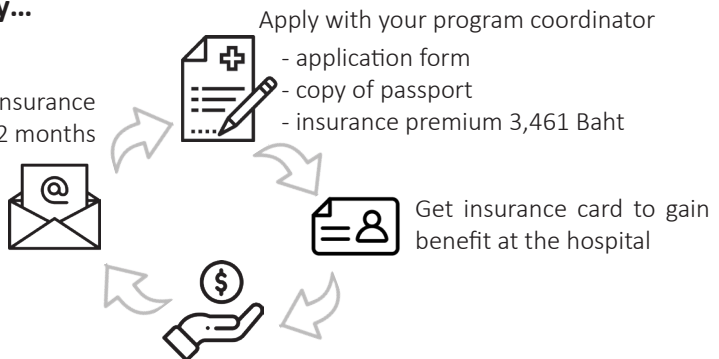
- Maximum limit per visit 400

### Personal Accident

100,000

## ➤ How to apply...

OIA will inform the insurance renewal by email 1-2 months before expired date



- \*If students have to make fee pre-payment, please bring the following document to OIA Office
- actual receipt
  - medical certificate
  - copy of insurance card
  - treatment report

# Hospital and Health Care.

In Thailand, doctors do not usually make house calls. If you need to consult a doctor the usual way is to visit a hospital or clinic and the quickest way to do so is to take a taxi. Most major hospitals and clinics usually have doctors who speak English. If you need advice, contact NIDA nursing room. Most hospitals and clinics take the major credit cards. Pharmacies are usually well stocked and can be found in most shopping areas and department stores.



# Hospital and Health Care.



โรงพยาบาลรามคำแหง  
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

## Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

436 Ramkhamhaeng Hospital, Ramkhamhaeng

Rd., Huamak, Bangkok 10240 Thailand

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E- mail: contact@ram-hosp.co.th

<https://www.ram-hosp.co.th>



โรงพยาบาลลาดพร้าว  
LADPRAO GENERAL HOSPITAL

## Ladprao General Hospital

2699 Ladprao Rd., Khlong Chaokhun Sing,  
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E-mail: csr@ladpraohospital.com

<http://www.ladpraohospital.com>



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1 Ladprao Road 111, Klong-Chan,  
Bangkapi, Bangkok, Thailand 10240

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Ambulance Service: +662 734 0001

E-mail: webmaster@vejthani.com

<https://www.vejthani.com/>



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SAMITIVEJ SRINAKARIN

## Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital

488 Srinakarin Rd., Suanluang, Bangkok 10250

Tel. 662 022 2222

E-mail: info@samitivej.co.th

<https://www.samitivejhospitals.com>

# Hospital and Health Care.



## Phyathai Nawamin Hospital

44/505 Nawamin Rd. Nuanchan,  
Bungboom Bangkok 10230

Tel. +6685 974 2455 (Foreigner only)

E-mail: [WebNawamin@phyathai.com](mailto:WebNawamin@phyathai.com)

<http://www.phyathai-nawamin.com>



## Nopparatrajathanee Hospital

679 Ram Intra Rd., Khanna Yao, Bangkok 10230

Tel. +662 517 4270-9

E-mail: [admin@nopparat.go.th](mailto:admin@nopparat.go.th)

<http://www.nopparat.go.th>



## Synphaet Hospital

9/99 Ramintra Road (8.5 Km.) Kunnayao Bangkok 10230

Tel. 662 793 5099

Call Center: 662 793 5000

E-mail: [contact@synphaet.co.th](mailto:contact@synphaet.co.th)

[www.synphaet.co.th](http://www.synphaet.co.th)

# Accommodation : On-campus.



**On-campus housing** is located on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> floors, Bunchana Aththakor Building and Recreation Building. The apartments are fully furnished, e.g. TV, fridge, bed, mattress, air condition, water heater, and furniture. The apartments are for rent on a short term or long term basis. **No** cooking is allowed in the apartment. Non-resident is prohibited in the apartment.



## ① Bunchana Aththakor Building, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> floor :

 **5,000 Baht/month**

\*Including water supply and electricity, except air condition and hot water heater which is **6 Baht/unit**.

## ② Recreation Building :

  Double bed (5 feet)  
**6,000 Baht/month**

  Twin bed (3.5 feet)  
**7,000 Baht/month**

 **19 Baht/unit**

 **6 Baht/unit**



## *Accommodation : Off-campus.*

Off-campus apartments are available for rental on a monthly basis, but utilities such as telephone services, electricity, and water are usually not included in the rent. An apartment complex is made up of several units (up to hundreds) and each unit comprised a furnished studio bedroom, balcony, and bathroom. More facilities are available at a higher monthly charge. These may include more bedrooms, more bathrooms, a larger living space, and amenities such as air a patio or conditioning, shared laundry facilities, a fitness centre, a pool, balcony, and/or a refrigerator. In order to rent an off-campus apartment, you must agree to a housing contract, which is provided by the property manager. Usually, you must give one month's notice to the manager prior to moving in or out of the apartment.

The housing contract usually requires a security deposit, which may cost as much as one or three months' rent This security deposit is fully refundable after you have moved out of the place as long as you have complied with the terms of your rental contract, which entails keeping the facilities in the same clean and undamaged shape that you have found them. You will have to pay your rent, in full, on time, although sometimes there is a 3-5 days grace period to pay your rent. Otherwise, you could incur further late charges.





Usually, you will have to pay your rent in cash. Please look for an apartment building (condominium) that offers ADSL for a fixed rate per month (usually 650 to 700 Baht or internet packages provided by many internet providers. Offering ADSL is quite common nowadays, you will not have a difficult time in finding one.

# Accommodation : Off-campus.







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## Kesirin :

-  Ladprao 109
-  2,800 Baht/month
-  3,500 Baht/month
-  0 2769 8101-4, 08 1583 1853




## Wassana Dee :

-  Ladprao 115
-  2,500 Baht/month
-  3,000 Baht/month
-  0 2734 3340-2, 08 6311 4122




## Bangkapi Grand :

-  Ladprao 121
-  2,900 Baht/month
-  3,400 Baht/month
-  0 2733 0301




## R.S.R. Mansion :

-  Serithai 1
-  3,000 Baht/month
-  0 2733 2398

## Krongthong Mansion :

-  Serithai 1
-  4,500 Baht/month  
(3,900 Baht/month for one year)
-  0 2733 3555

## Rasa Place :

-  Serithai 2
-  2,300 Baht/month
-  08 1336 9113

# Student life : Activities from OIA.

## ➤ The Fundamental Studies of Thai Culture Program :

**Detail :** Compulsory program for all NIDA international students

**Purpose :**



To learn about Thai culture



To learn how to adjust themselves across culture while living in Thailand

**Time :** August and January for new registered students

(\*specific date and time will be announced to your program coordinator one month prior)

**Class :** English and Chinese

In case students would like to appeal to study in the next semester, please fill in the request form from program coordinator.

# Student life : Activities from OIA.

Office of International Affairs (OIA) holds the activities for NIDA international students throughout the academic year.



## AUGUST

**Cultural Hours:** The activity is the presentation about country and culture from international students and it generates the discussion among them to understand each other. In addition, it is a small party for them to share their experience and meet new friends to create the strong network of NIDA international students.



## NOVEMBER

**Field Trip:** It is study visit to the well-known and successful company or organization in Thailand to gain their knowledge and experience outside the classroom, and to share the ideas. Additionally, they can apply to their work in the future.



## JANUARY

**Thai Language Course:** The project is the instruction of basic Thai language for international students to have Thai language skills to communicate in everyday life. Thai culture also passes on through the instruction of Thai language. It will be held during January to March.

# Student life : Activities from OIA.



## FEBRUARY

**St. Valentine's Day:** It is Love & Share project for NIDA students, staffs and general public to do the activity for other people in the society. Besides, it strengthens the relationship among them.



**International Night:** The event leads the shows from international and Thai students in the party of NIDA administrators, faculty members, NIDA students and the representatives from the embassy. It offers the opportunity for them to share the idea of their different culture and to strengthen their relationship significantly.

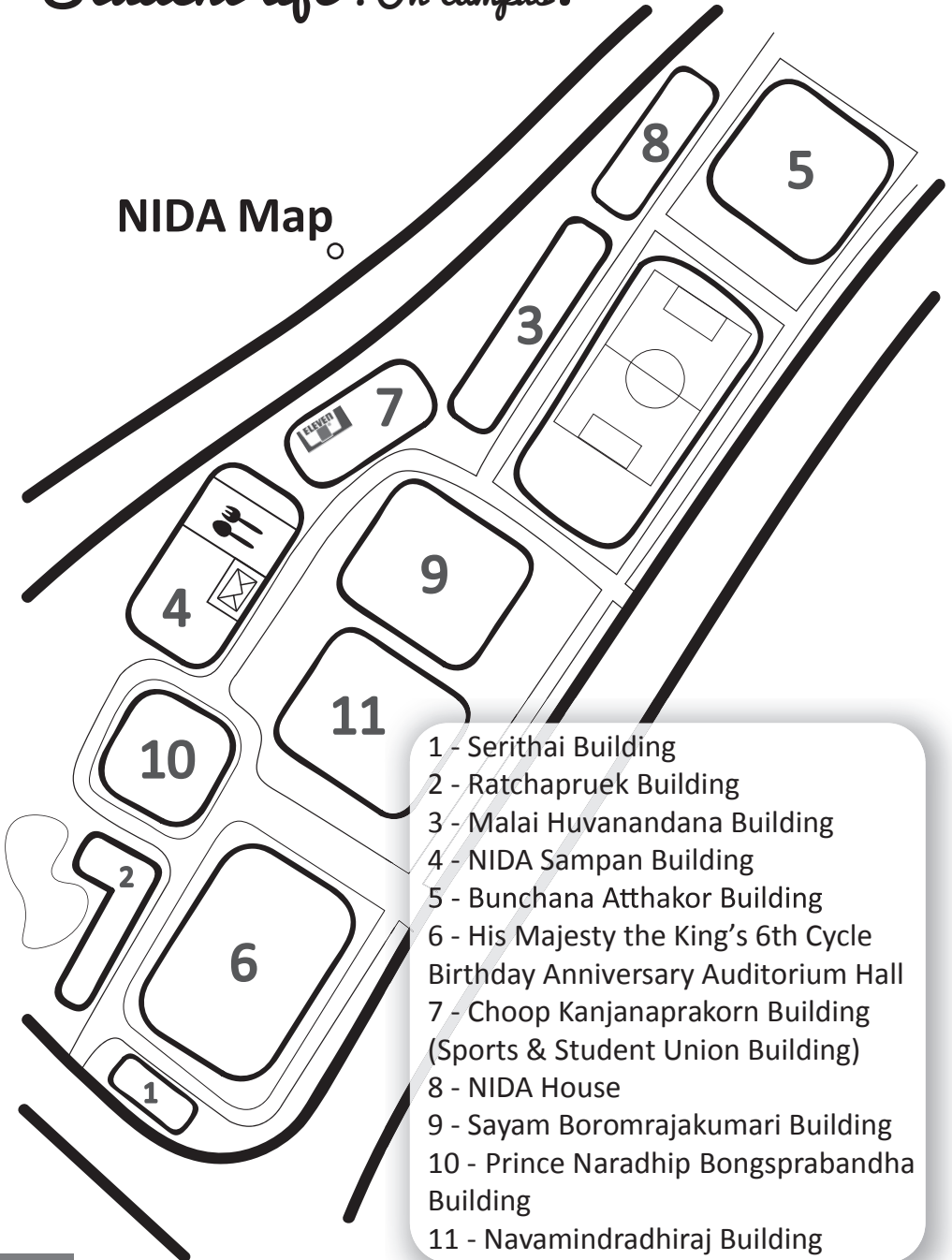


## JULY

**International Outing:** It is one-day trip to visit important places in other provinces near Bangkok. The trip broadens the international student's experience of Thailand and it is an opportunity for them to share their experience with others.

# Student life : On-campus.




NIDA Map

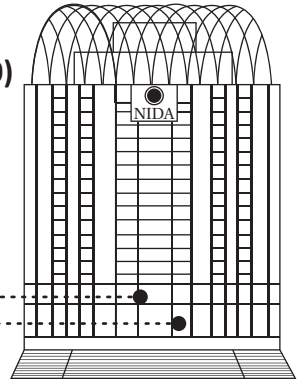


- 1 - Serithai Building
- 2 - Ratchapruek Building
- 3 - Malai Huvanandana Building
- 4 - NIDA Sampan Building
- 5 - Bunchana Atthakor Building
- 6 - His Majesty the King's 6th Cycle Birthday Anniversary Auditorium Hall
- 7 - Choop Kanjanaprakorn Building (Sports & Student Union Building)
- 8 - NIDA House
- 9 - Sayam Boromrajakumari Building
- 10 - Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building
- 11 - Navamindrathiraj Building

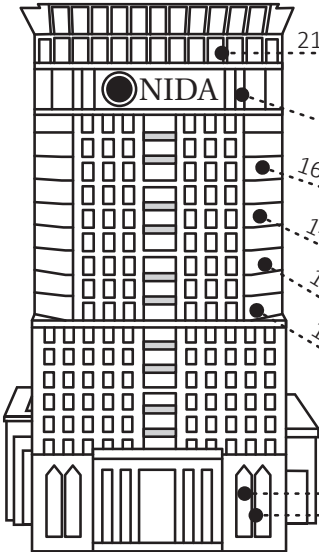







# Student life : On-campus.

## Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building (No.10)

-  Educational Service Division • (Opening Hours: 09.00 -16.30)
-  Finance and Procurement Division • (Opening Hours: 09.00 -16.30)
-  NIDA Museum • (Opening Hours: 08.30 -16.30)

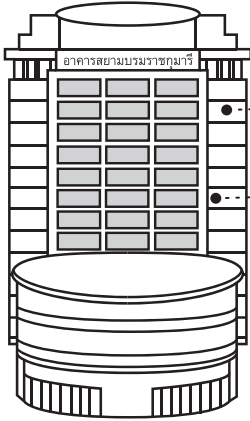


## Navamindradhiraj Building (No.11)


- 
-  Thanat Khoman ASEAN library • (Opening Hours: 08.30 -18.30 on weekdays  
09.00 -17.00 on weekends)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Floor •
  - 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Floor • International College
  - 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Floor • Graduate School of Social and Environmental Development
  - 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Floor • Graduate School of Development Economics
  - 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Floor • Graduate School of Applied Statistics
  - Graduate School of Public Administration
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor •
  - G Floor •
  -  NIDA Shop • (Opening Hours: 09.00 -17.00)
  -  Office of International Affairs • (Opening Hours: 09.00 -16.30)
  -  Photocopy Service • (Opening Hours: 08.30 -18.00)
  -  Food Hall • (Opening Hours: 06.30-20.30 on weekdays  
06.30-18.00 on weekends)
  -  S&P • (Opening Hours: 08.00 -17.00)
  -  Green Bean • (Opening Hours: 08.00 -16.30)







# Student life : On-campus.



## Sayam Boromrajakumari Building (No.9)

- 13<sup>th</sup> Floor • Graduate School of Language and Communication
- 9<sup>th</sup> Floor •  Information Technology Center (ITCenter)

## Bunchana Atthakor Building (No.5)

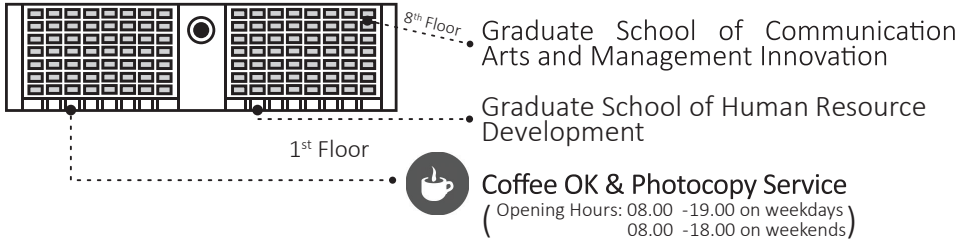
-  Dormitory • 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Graduate School of Business Administration • 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Graduate School of Law • 5<sup>th</sup> Floor
-  Sukum Navapan NIDA main library • 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
( Opening Hours: 08.00 -19.30 on weekdays  
08.00 -21.00 on weekends )
-  SE-ED Book Center • 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
( Opening Hours: 08.00 -19.00 )
-  Bangkok Bank • 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
( Opening Hours: 08.30 -16.00 on weekdays )

## NIDA House (No.8)

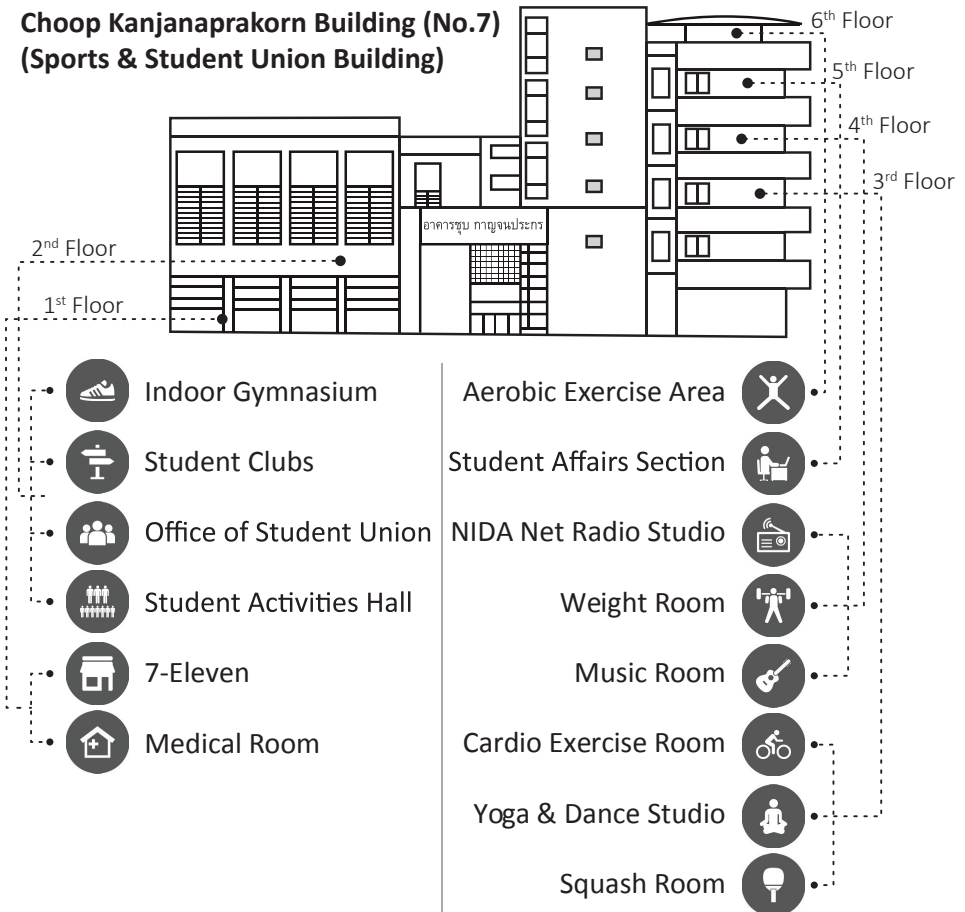
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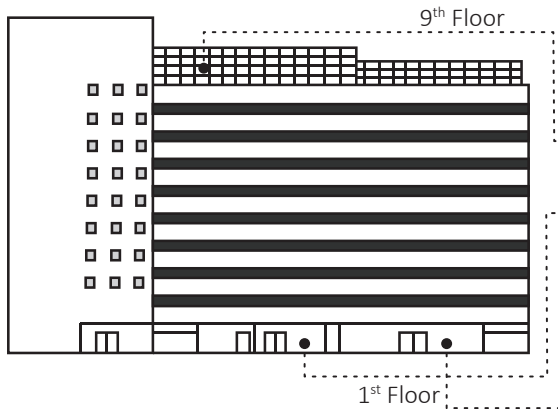
## Malai Huvanandana Building (No.3)



## Choop Kanjanaprakorn Building (No.7) (Sports & Student Union Building)



# Student life : On-campus.



## NIDA Sampan Building (No.4)



**Tennis Court**

( Opening Hours: 13.00 -20.00 )



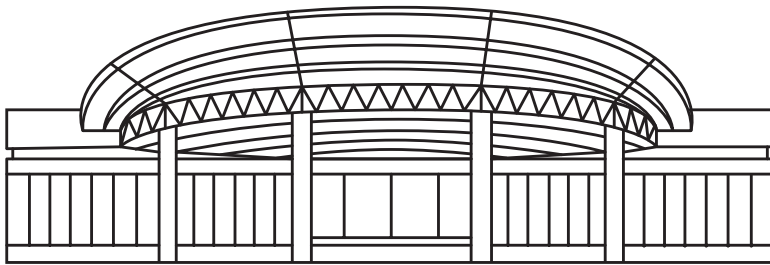
**Post Office**

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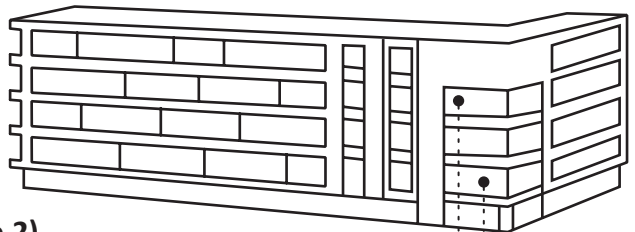


**Food Center**

( Opening Hours: 06.30 -14.00 )



## His Majesty the King's 6th Cycle Birthday Anniversary Auditorium Hall (No.6)



## Ratchapruek Building (No.2)

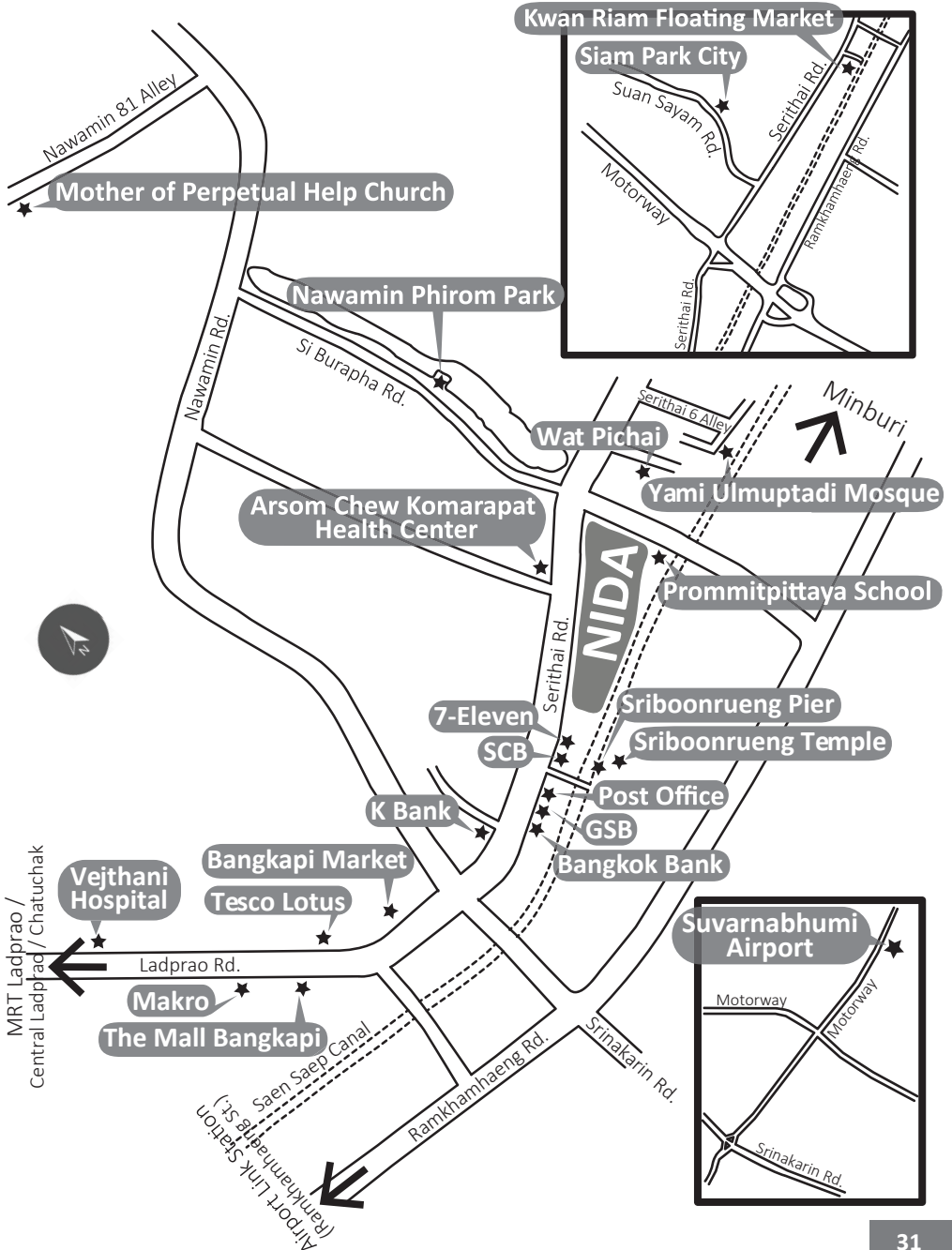
Graduate School of Environmental  
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Graduate School of Tourism Management

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# Student life : Around campus.



# *Student life : Around campus.*

## **The Mall Bangkapi** (Opening Hours: 10.30-22.00)

The store can be divided into 9 main categories as follows: Beauty, Ladies, Men, Kids, Sports, Trendy Gadget, Leisure and Living, IT & Electronic, Stationary and Foods.

- Banks (most of banks in Thailand have branched in the department store) / Exchange money
- Phone Repair Center
- Cellular Network Providers (AIS / DTAC / TRUE)
- Payakkhin Muaythai GYM
- SF Cinema City

## **Tesco Lotus** (Opening Hours: 08.00-23.00)

Tesco Lotus Hypermarket is the biggest store of Tesco Lotus to serve every needs of customers with various of products up to 36,000 items, covering every department such as consumer products, foods hardware and electrical appliances.

## **Makro** (Opening Hours: 06.00-23.00)

Makro sells food and non-food products, usually located in different sections of the store. The food section always includes a fresh fish section, a wine section, fresh meat and butchery department, and refrigerate aisles. The non-food area includes clothing, DIY, office supplies, electricals, computing, and seasonals such as garden and furniture.

## **Arsom Chew Komarapat Health Center** (Opening Hours: 08.30-22.00)

There are many services from the health center, such as fitness gym, sauna, steam, spa, exercise class and Thai massage.

## **Siam City Park** (Opening Hours: 10.00-18.00)

Siam Park City is Bangkok's largest amusement and water park. Spread out over a large area are the world's biggest wave pool with several large water slides, dozens of rides including roller coasters and attractions like Africa Adventure and Jurassic Adventure.

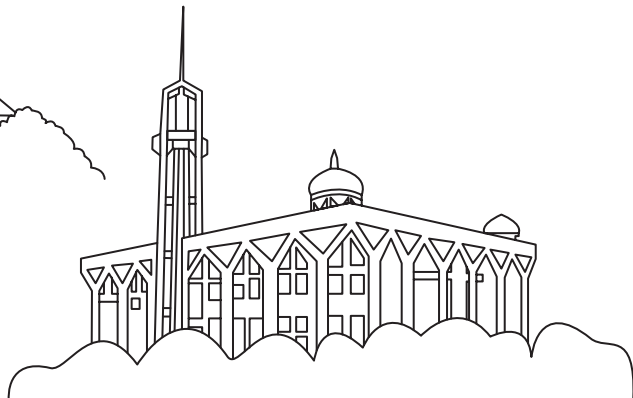
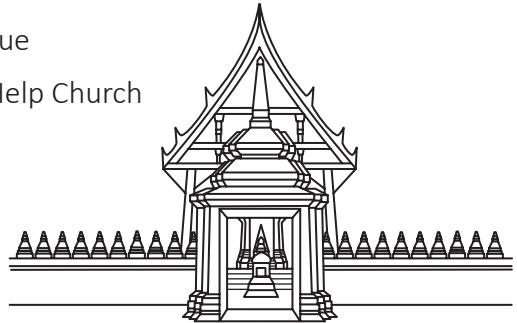
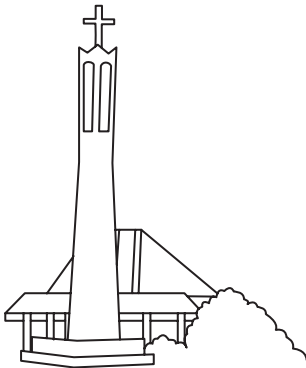
# Student life : Around campus.

## **Kwan-Riam Floating Market** (Opening Hours: Sat-Sun 06.00-18.00)

There are activities of the offering alms to a monk on a boat which make the one who believe in Buddhism bring his / her family to come here on weekend to listen to Buddha's teaching, watch the Thai play under the cool and pleasant atmosphere which is the countryside people hope. That we want to mirror an expression of life of the mariner, the famers who try to bring grandparents' ancient fleet ships to make a show without thinking of business way.

## **Practicing the religions near NIDA :**

- Sriboonruang Temple
- Wat Pichai
- Yami Ulmuptadi Mosque
- Mother of Perpetual Help Church

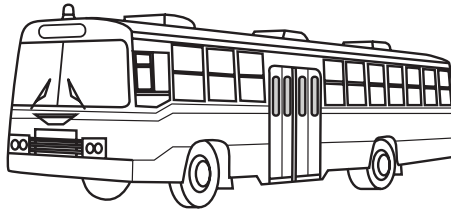


# Getting around NIDA.

NIDA is located on Serithai Road in Bangkok. There are department stores and shops in this area as it is a residence area. It is not in the central Bangkok but there are many transporations from NIDA to the city center.



**Public Bus:** The bus stops are in front of campus for both sides of the road. It is the easiest way to travel around Bangkok. Bus numbers pass NIDA on Serithai Road are as follows;



• **27** : Min Buri Market ▶ Navaminthra Hospital ▶ Kwan-Riam Floating Market ▶ NIDA ▶ The Mall Bangkok ▶ Vejthani Hospital ▶ Maria Rosa Mystica Church ▶ Ladprao Hospital ▶ Big C (Ladprao) ▶ Chokchai 4 Market ▶ MRT Ladprao ▶ Big C Extra (Ladprao) ▶ Union Mall ▶ Chatuchak Park ▶ BTS Morchit ▶ Chatuchak Market ▶ BTS Saphan Khwai ▶ BTS Ari ▶ La Villa Market ▶ BTS Sanam Pao ▶ Victory Monument

• **36ก (36Ko)** : Siam City Park ▶ Fashion Island ▶ Synphaet Hospital ▶ Phyathai Hospital Nawamin ▶ NIDA ▶ Ramkhamhaeng Hospital ▶ Ramkhamhaeng University ▶ The Street Ratchada ▶ Victory Monument

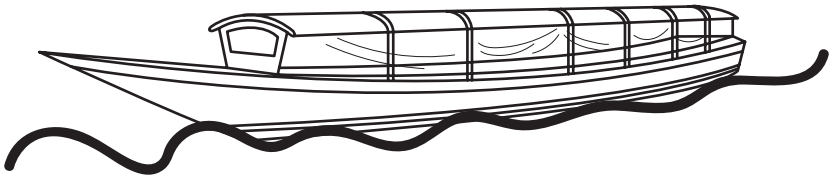
• **60** : Siam City Park ▶ Fashion Island ▶ Synphaet Hospital ▶ Phyathai Hospital Nawamin ▶ NIDA ▶ Ramkhamhaeng Hospital ▶ Ramkhamhaeng University ▶ The Mall Ramkhamhaeng ▶ Show DC ▶ Pratunam ▶ Pantip Plaza ▶ Ratchadamnoen ▶ Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall ▶ Sanam Luang ▶ Pak Klong Flower Market

• **71** : Siam City Park ▶ Nopparat Rajathanee Hospital ▶ Fashion Island ▶ Synphaet Hospital ▶ Phyathai Hospital Nawamin ▶ Nawamin Phirom Park ▶ NIDA ▶ Ramkhamhaeng Hospital ▶ Ramkhamhaeng University ▶ The Mall Ramkhamhaeng ▶ BTS Ekkamai ▶ Wat Tat Thong

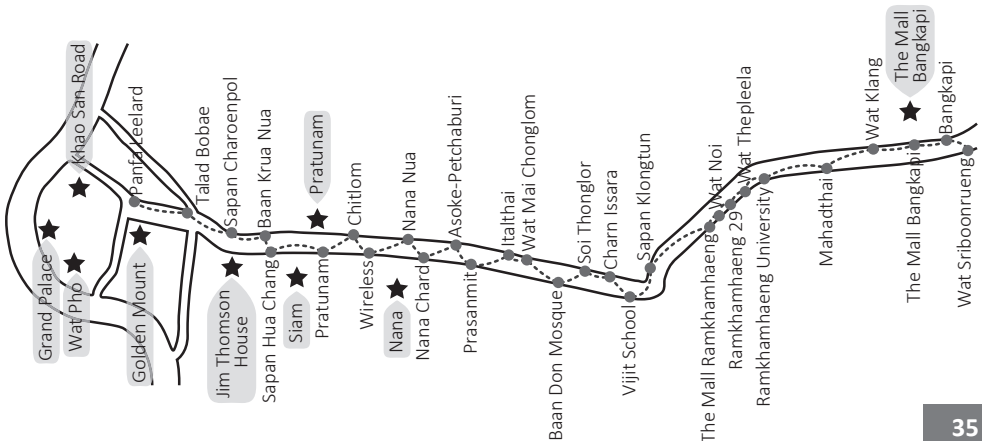
# Getting around NIDA.

- **151** : Min Buri Market ▶ Navaminthra Hospital ▶ Kwan-Riam Floating Market ▶ NIDA ▶ The Mall Bangkapi ▶ Vejthani Hospital ▶ Maria Rosa Mystica Church ▶ Ladprao Hospital ▶ Big C (Ladprao)

- **501** : Min Buri Market ▶ Navaminthra Hospital ▶ Nopparat-rajathanee Hospital ▶ Fashion Island ▶ Synphaet Hospital ▶ Phyathai Hospital Nawamin ▶ Nawamin Phirom Park ▶ NIDA ▶ Ramkhamhaeng Hospital ▶ Ramkhamhaeng University ▶ The Mall Ramkhamhaeng ▶ BTS Phra Khanong ▶ BTS Ekkamai ▶ Wat Tat Thong ▶ National Science Centre for Education ▶ The EmQuartier ▶ Benchasiri Park ▶ Dinosaur Planet ▶ Terminal21 ▶ Central Embassy ▶ Siam Square ▶ MBK Center ▶ Chulalongkorn University ▶ Samyan ▶ Hua Lamphong



**Motor Boat:** If you prefer an exciting journey to Central Bangkok along Saensaeap Canal, hop on the boat from Wat Sriboonrueng to Pratunam or Golden Mount from Panfa Leelard pier. From NIDA, you can walk for 5-minute to Wat Sriboonrueng pier which is the beginning station. You can travel to many tourist attractions in Bangkok by boat.



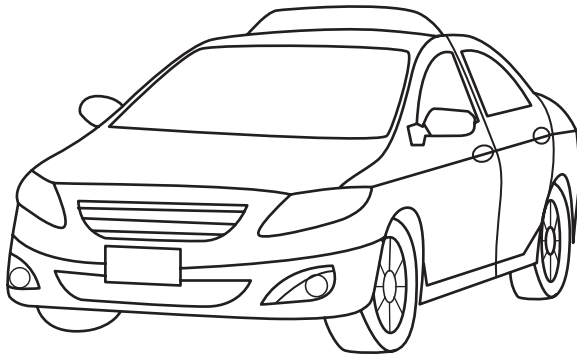


# Getting around NIDA.



**Taxi:** Taxi is the most convenient way to travel around the city.

If you can not find the public transportation, you can use the taxi. Most taxis in thailand are metered. The fare starts at 35 Baht (approx. \$1) and remains at this level for about two kilometers. Please ensure that the driver swiches on the meter at the beginning of the journey. A difficulty with foreigners is that most taxi drivers do not speak nor read English. They will usually recognize the names of places.



**Motorcycle taxi:** For people in

a hurry, gangs of men and several women operate motorcycle taxi. These are generally for short distances (for example along a single street or lane from the limit of public transportation). The price of the journey is announced in the motorcycle stand. The passenger sits on the pillion seat. Women often ride side-saddle.



# Thailand General Information.



**Location :** Southeast Asia

**Capital :** Bangkok

**Area :** 510,000 sq.km.

**Population :** 66 million

**Currency :** Thai Baht (฿)

**Time :** GMT+7

**Language :** Thai

**Climate :**

- Summer (March-May)
- Rainy (June-September)
- Cool (October-February)

**Average temperature :** 28°C (83°F)

**Religion :** Religion Theravada Buddhism is the professed religion of more than 90% of all Thais, and casts strong influences on daily life. Other religions practiced by Thais are: Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam and Christianity. Freedom of religion is enshrined in the Thai constitution.

**Government :** Constitutional monarchy

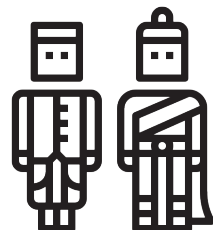
# Thailand General Information.

## Food :

Thai Food A wide variety of food is available, including Chinese, Japanese, Western, Indian, and Thai Some Thai food can be very spicy, so if your taste buds are sensitive, openly question or state when ordering that you do not want the food to be spicy (in Thai language “mai pet’ means not spicy”). Every large hotel offers several different restaurants, and others can be found by looking at the advertisements of the daily newspapers or by just wandering around. Prices range from around (in a coffee shop) Baht or more (in first class Standards of hygiene are generally good. By all means try the offerings on street stalls, but it is wise only to eat what you see being cooked in front of you.

## Clothing :

Clothing to bring Light, loose cotton clothing is best for spending time outdoors. Nylon should be avoided. Sweaters are needed during Cool Season evenings or if visiting mountainous areas and remote national parks. Jackets and ties are required in certain restaurants. Buildings tend to be over air- conditioned; therefore, if you are spending a prolonged period indoors it is advisable to wear an outer garment that you can remove according to the ambient temperature of In Thailand, there is no shortage of shops selling cheap items clothing. Apart from brings a small number of items to survive the first few days, you might consider replenishing your wardrobe locally. (NB shops tend to have limited quantities of the larger sizes)



# Thailand General Information.

## The Monarchy :

Thais revere the Royal Family, and visitors should be careful to show respect for His Majesty the King, the Queen and their children. For example, in a movie theater, movie-goers are required to stand up while the royal anthem is played. When attending a public event, at which a member of the Royal Family is present, watch the crowd and do what it does.

1. The Monarchy is an institution of worship. Any transgression to the Monarchy either openly or secretly is a misdemeanor according to the Constitution.
2. Respect should be paid to the Monarchy.
3. One should stand to pay respect while the Royal Anthem is being played.
4. When entering the palace grounds, dress politely. Sleeveless shirts or blouses, shorts, or sandals are not allowed.

## Dos and Don'ts in Thailand :

Thais are known for their tolerance and hospitality, and the average tourist will have no difficulty in adjusting to local customs. As in any unfamiliar society, a visitor should nevertheless, be aware of certain do's and don'ts to avoid offending people unintentionally. Basically, getting along involves good common sense and how one should behave at home. Still, there are a few special tips for travelers to Thailand.



# Thailand General Information.

## Social Customs :

The don'ts of everyday Thai social behavior are less clearly defined than those concerning the monarchy or religion, especially in Bangkok where western customs are widely accepted. However, what is acceptable in Bangkok may not be the same in the countryside where remain strong and are strictly adhered. Here are few examples;

1. Thais greet one another with a Wai
2. Thais consider the head to be venerable and thus one should not touch anybody's head. If touching anyone's head by accident, it is wise to apologise to him/her immediately
3. Thais consider the feet to be lowly and thus one should not put one's feet on the table or the chair, or point at people or things with ones feet.
4. Expressing sexual feeling in public is unacceptable in the Thai culture
5. Observe common sense precautions regarding personal safety and the safety of your belongings. Walking alone in the dark or deserted areas is not recommended. Be sure that all your valuables are protected. Never let your belongings out of sight if possible
6. Travel information is available at the TAT counter in the passenger arrival lounge at terminal 1 (02 523 8972-3), terminal 2 (02 535 2669), or at the head office on Ratchadamnoen Nok Ave. (02 282 9775-6), and temporary office on Bumrung Muang Rd. (02 266 0075-6)
7. For assistance with safety, security, or unethical business practices, contact the Tourist Assistance Center in Bangkok at 281-5051 or 282 8129 or the Tourist Police at 255-2964-8 or 255-1699
8. Penalties for drug offenses are severe in Thailand. Do not get involved with drugs.

# Thailand General Information.

## Shopping Advice :

A wide variety of local souvenirs are available at reasonable prices in Thailand. For those who do not have much time and do not want to bother bargaining, products are also available at fixed prices in street department stores. Bargains can be done at small shops or with vendors. Popular items include silk and leather products, silverware, ceramics, and items carved out of softwood. Thailand's jewelry is renowned for its.

## Bargaining :

Fixed prices are the norm in department stores, but at most other places bargaining is to be expected. Generally, you can obtain a final figure of between 10-40% lower than the original asking price. Much depends on your skills and the shopkeeper's mood. But remember, Thais appreciate good manners and a sense of humor. With patience and a broad smile, you will not only get a better price, you will also enjoy shopping as an art. These are the example of famous shopping attractions recommended in Thailand.



# Travel and mode of transportation.



**Plane** : The airports are located in every part of the country. You can travel around Thailand by plane. In Bangkok, there are two airports; Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) and Don Mueang International Airport (DMK).

From the airport, you can take taxi at the taxi counter. It will be the registered taxis and the airport surcharge are added to the indicated fare on the meter.



**Train** : The main train station in Hua Lamphong Station, Bangkok.

There is 6 lines to other provinces;

- Northern line : Bangsue <-> Chiang Mai
- Northeastern line : Saraburi <-> Nong Khai
- Southern line : Hua Lamphong <-> Su-ngai Kolok (Narathiwat)
- Namtok branch : Thon Buri <-> Namtok (Kanchanaburi)
- Eastern line : Makkasan <-> Ban Phlu Ta Luang (Chon Buri)
- Maeklong : Wongwien Yai <-> Mahachai (Samut Sakhon),  
Ban Laem (Samut Sakhon) <-> Maeklong (Samut Songkhram)

# Travel and mode of transportation.



**Bus :** Bus is the number one transportation for long distance trips in Thailand. The network is very large, the bus rotations are numerous. There are public buses which are the less expensive and many private companies offering VIP bus with a little more comfort and better service. Most buses except for local buses covering small distances are in very good condition and air conditioned. The average speed depends on the selected bus and is around 60 to 70 km/h.



## Travel in Bangkok

In Bangkok, public transport is varied, plentiful and cheap. However the effectiveness of the city's massive public transport system is hindered by the limited capacity of the road network infrastructure. The public bus system operates buses of several types. Fares reflect the type of bus, the speed of the service and other amenities, such as newness of the vehicle and air-conditioning. The most expensive are the air-conditioned executive buses. These operate from suburban areas and have a limited number of stops. Some have an on-board service for tea and coffee. Standard city buses operate along the main Bangkok thoroughfares for reasonable prices. Some are air-conditioned and are relatively expensive (in local terms). Other cheaper buses have natural air-conditioning (i.e. the windows are open). The official buses are operated by the Bangkok Metropolitan Authority. There are a number of private operators of smaller buses (in essence, minivan services). Depending on the operator these buses are green in color. They operate over short distances, generally along the commuter routes during rush hour periods.

For shorter distances, or in less westernized areas of the city, private operators run services of trucks converted to passenger use. These either have seats bolted side by side facing the front or, in smaller vehicles, benches sideways to the driver and facing each other.



# Travel and mode of transportation.

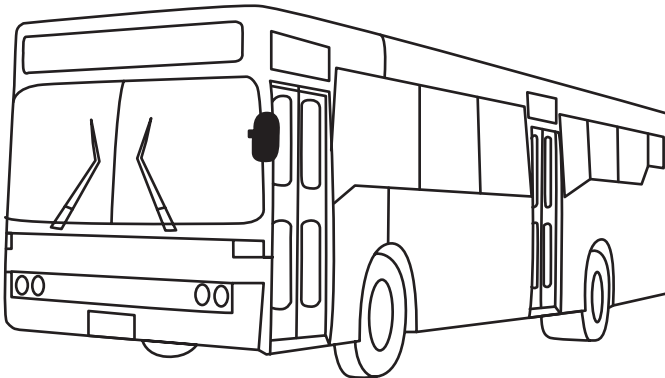
**Bus (BMTA) :** Operating under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) is charged with providing bus service to people living and working in Bangkok and the nearby provinces (i.e. Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Samut Sakhon, Samut Prakan and Nakhon Pathom). As of August, 2011, the BMTA operated a total of 457 routes, served by 2,554 buses, of which 1,543 were regular buses and 1,011 air-conditioned buses. There were also privately-owned buses operated under the BMTA with a total of, 11,665 buses. An average of 1.05 million people use these services daily.



## Vehicle Categories and Service Rate:

Categories	Color	Fare Rate
• Regular bus	Cream-Red	6.50 Baht
• Regular bus	White-Blue	9 Baht
• Regular Express Way (Beige- Red)	Cream-Red	8.50 Baht
• Regular Overnight (Beige- Red)	Cream-Red	8 Baht
• Air Condition (White- Blue)	Cream-Blue	10 12 14 16 18 Baht*
• Air Condition (Euro 2)	Yellow-Orange	11 13 15 17 19 21 23 Baht*

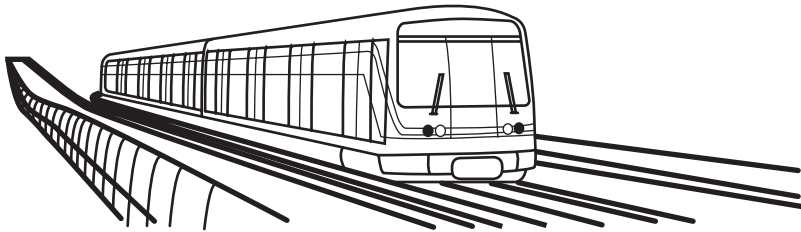
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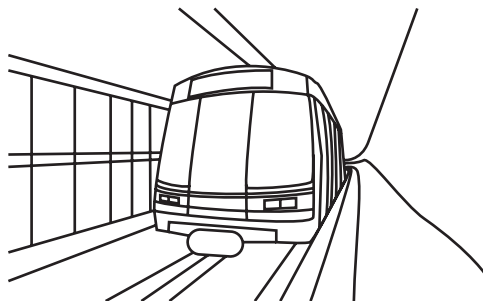
# Travel and mode of transportation.



**BTS** : The Bangkok Mass Transit System, commonly known as the BTS or the Skytrain, is an elevated rapid transit system in Bangkok. The system consists of 35 stations along two lines: the Sukhumvit Line running northwards and eastwards, terminating at Mo Chit and Samrong respectively, and the Silom Line which serves Silom and Sathon Roads, the central business district of Bangkok, terminating at National Stadium and Bang Wa. The lines interchange at Siam Station and have a combined route length of 37.6 km.

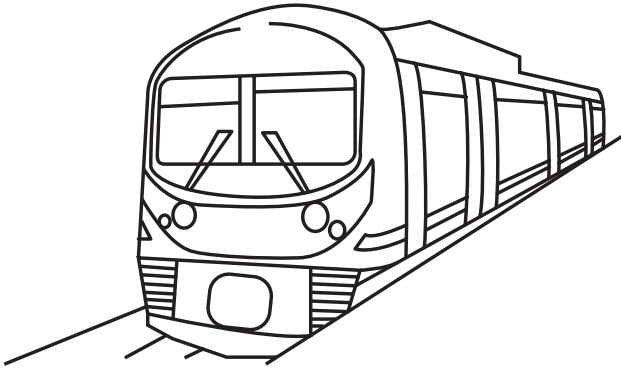


**MRT** : The Metropolitan Rapid Transit (MRT) is a rapid transit system serving the Bangkok Metropolitan Region in Thailand. The first section of the Blue Line between Hua Lamphong and Bang Sue opened in 2004 as Bangkok's second public transit system, while the MRT Purple Line opened in August 2016. Along with the BTS Skytrain and the Airport Rail Link, the MRT is part of Bangkok's rail transportation infrastructure.

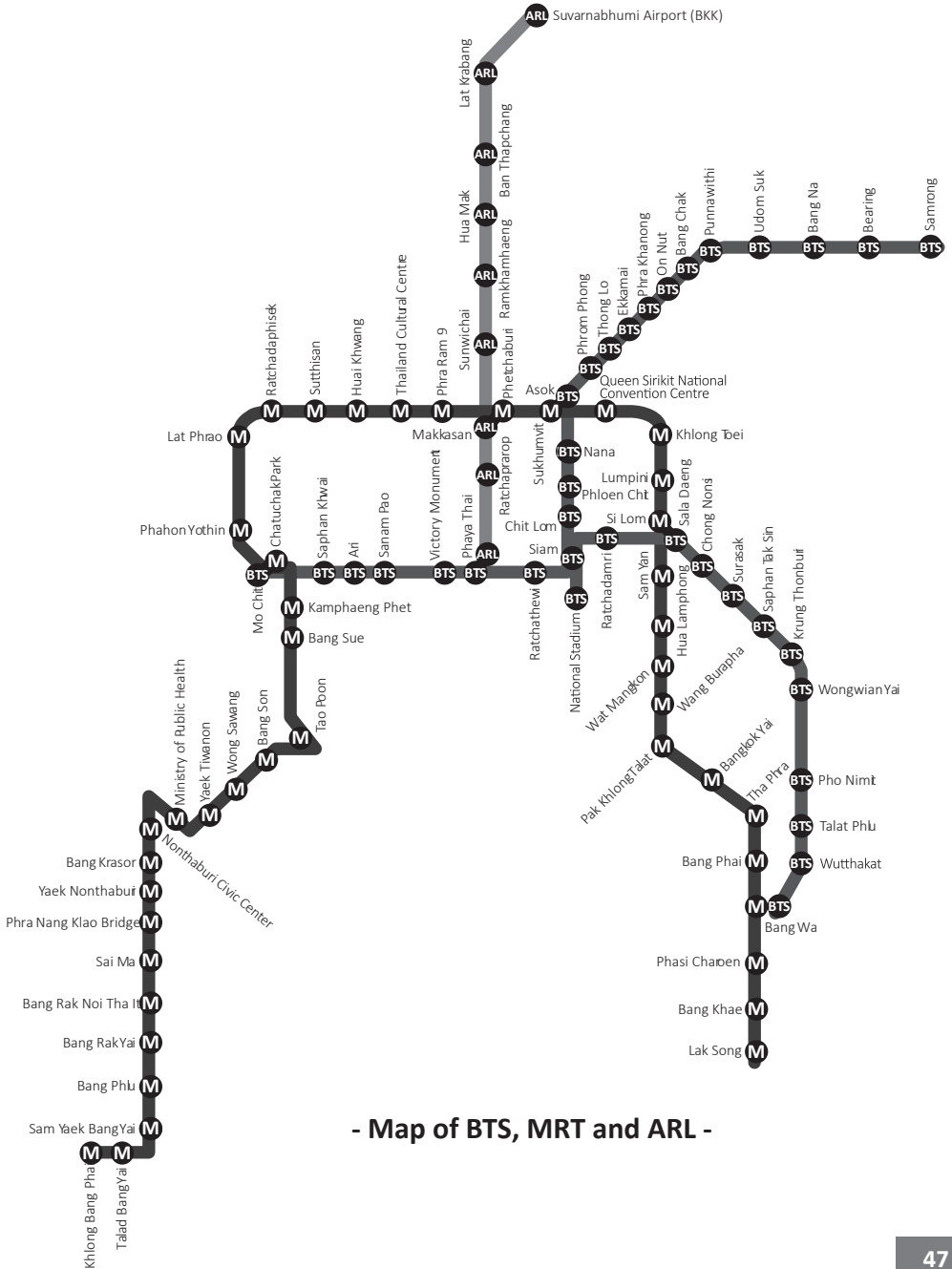


# Travel and mode of transportation.

**Airport Rail Link :** It is an express and commuter rail in Bangkok. The line provides an airport rail link from Suvarnabhumi Airport, via Makkasan Station, to Phaya Thai station in central Bangkok. Most of the line is on a viaduct over the main eastern railway. The 28.6 kilometers of Airport Rail Link opened for service on 23 August 2010. Services originally consisted of both express services and the City Line, a commuter rail service with eight stations. As of September 2014, all express services were suspended until further notice due to a shortage of rolling stock availability.



# Travel and mode of transportation.



- Map of BTS, MRT and ARL -

# Travel and mode of transportation.



## **Tuk-Tuk :**

The tuk-tuk or three wheeled vehicles are quite popular for short journeys inside Bangkok. Fares range from a minimum of 30 baht to a maximum of 150 baht. Fares must be bargained. When traveling by tuk-tuk, be sure to sit in the middle of the seat otherwise the vehicle may tip over when cornering. Please note that a tuk-tuk does not have a seat belt.



## **Motorcycle taxi :**

For people in a hurry, there are many groups of people in orange vest operating motorcycle taxis. These are generally for short distances (for example along a single street or lane from the limit of public transportation). The price of the journey is indicated at the motorcycle stand. The passenger sits on the pillion seat. Women often ride side-saddle. As with other vehicles, the standard of driving competence may vary.



## **Boat :**

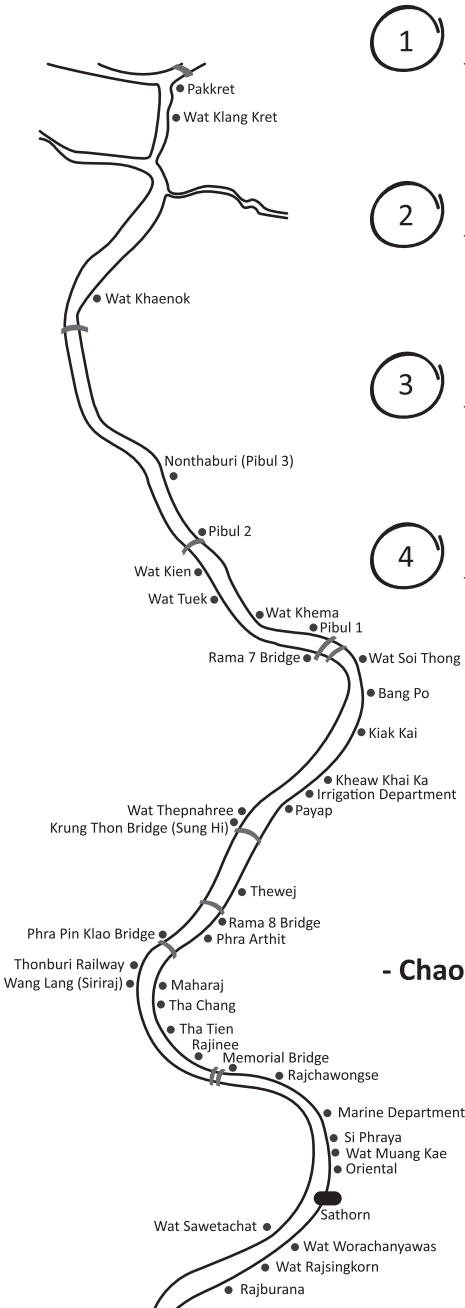
There are 2 boat routes in Bangkok; Chao Phraya Express Boat and Saen Saep Boat Service. The Chaophraya is a busy working river that connects the Bangkok port with the Gulf of Thailand. River traffic is of both commercial and leisure types. For those who enjoy sightseeing there are many interesting river cruises and waterway tours. People living in this area close to the rivers often commute by river taxi or ferry to the Saphan Taksin sky-train station.



## **Chao Phraya Express Boat**

Currently our operation spans between Nonthaburi and Ratburana, covering a distance of 21 km. Our total fleet size of 65 boats comprises of 15 super size boats, which were granted the Board of Invest (BOI) privileges and 50 regular size boats. On average each boat has carrying capacity of 200 people. The service are divided into 4 routes.

# Travel and mode of transportation.



1

## Local Line Boat

Time: 6.20- 8.20 / 15.00- 17.30

Nonthaburi Pier <-> Wat Rajsingorn Pier  
(34 piers)

2

## Express Boat (Orange Flag)

Time: 05.50- 19.00

Nonthaburi Pier <-> Wat Rajsingorn Pier  
(18 piers)

3

## Express Boat (Yellow Flag)

Time: 06.15- 08.35 / 15.30-20.00

Nonthaburi Pier <-> Ratburana Pier  
(10 piers)

4

## Express Boat (Green-Yellow Flag)

Time: 06.15- 08.05 / 16.05- 18.05

Pakkret Pier <-> Sathon Pier (12 piers)

## - Chao Phraya Map -

# Travel and mode of transportation.



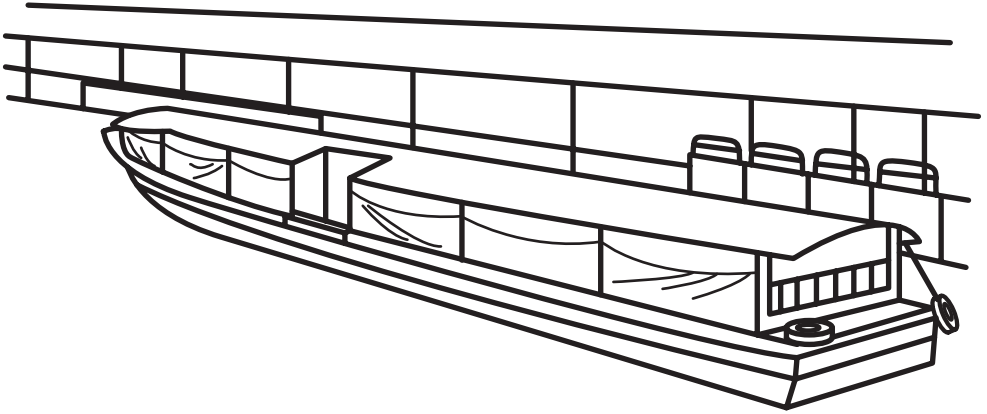
## **Khlong Saenseap Express Boat**

Dirty and dangerous... but also handy, vibrant and exhilarating. With ornate Italian Barocco bridges and river boats that resemble gondolas on steroids, Khlong Saen Seap is the closest to the Venice of the East you'll find in central Bangkok. Stretching west to east across the map of Bangkok, Khlong Saen Seap begins in the Old City, near the Mahakhan Fortress at the end of Ratchadamnoen Road, and runs all the way to Chachoengsao Province, where it ends by flowing into the Bang Pa Kong River. It cuts through central areas like Phayathai, Pratunam, Chitlom, Nana, Asok Road, Thonglor and Ekkamai, running parallel to Phetchaburi and New Phetchaburi Roads, before turning up Ramkhamhaeng Road and on to Bangkok.

There are two lines - the western line (terminating at Golden Mount) and the eastern line (terminating at Wat Si Bunrueang, near the National Institute of Development Administration). The interchange, at Pratunam pier, feels seamless and tickets are valid on both lines. This route guide features the most useful or interesting stops along the 18km long route which serves Khlong Saen Seap, including what can be found at each one.

While busy during rush hour, it's convenient for shopping, sight-seeing. There are temples, markets, old simple wooden houses and interesting bridges en route, and it is possible to walk along the banks in many places. Simply wave them down and wait patiently for two helmeted deckhands to jump ashore, ropes in hand for fastening. Be warned though: rush-hours are busy and falling in could prove fatal.

# Travel and mode of transportation.



**Opening Hours:** 05:30- 20:30

**Price:** between 10 and 20 Baht, with increments of 2 Baht depending on distance

**Boarding guide:** However, it is wise to pick up some simple Thai especially the name of your destination pier so that the boat operator could inform you the fare.

**Simple line to ask for fare:** Pai Tha Phanfa, thaurai? = Go (to) Phanfa Pier, how much?



# Travel and mode of transportation.

## • Siam

A shopping heaven. Find everything from street fashion to top-end designer labels, luxury goods and even sports cars at the range of shopping malls all located in the same area: MBK, Siam Paragon, Siam Discover, Siam Square and Siam Centre. To get here, hop off at Saphan Hua Chang Pier.

## • Pratunam

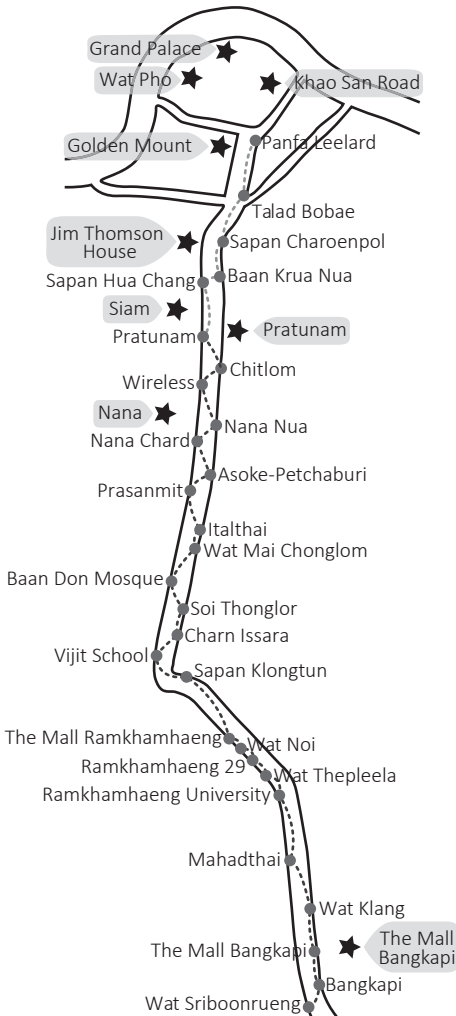
Another shopping heaven, for those on a tight budget or in search of something totally off-the-wall. Find all your accessories from Platinum Market, Platinum Fashion Mall, or hit Pantip Plaza for cheap computer equipment. To get here, hop off at Pratunam Central Pier.

## • Ratchaprasong

From luxury hotels to high street fashion and malls, Ratchaprasong has it all. Other highlights include the Erawan shrine and gourmet eateries along Lang Suan Road. To get here, hop off at Chidlom Pier.

## • Thong Lor

The see and be-seen street. Peppered with hip outdoor malls and trend-setting pubs, the entire stretch of Thong Lor is like a giant magnet that draws the younger and well-to-do crowds. To get here, hop off at Thong Lor Pier.



- Khlong Saen Seap Map -

# Travel and mode of transportation.

## Khlong Saen Saeb - Pier by Pier Guide!

- **Phanfa Leelard (Route start)**

**Location:** behind the Mahakan Fort, end of Ratchadamnoen Road, Old City  
**What is around:** Mahatthai U-thit Bridge (interesting example of Italian Barocco sculpture), Wat Saket (Temple of the Golden Mount), Democracy Monument, Khao San Road, the Grand Palace.

- **Bo Bae Market**

**Location:** Beside Bo Bae Tower, off Khrueng Kasem Road

**What is around:** Bo Bae wholesale clothes market, stalls line the canal path and there are dilapidated but interesting shophouses and alleyways.

- **Ban Krua Nua**

**Location:** At the end of narrow soi near BTS National Stadium station

**What is around:** Visit famous silk entrepreneur Jim Thompson's House or walk past the rickety wooden homes on the opposite side. Some are home to the weavers who provided silk fabrics to a young Jim Thompson when he was starting out.

- **Hua Chang Bridge**

**Location:** Beneath Hua Chang Bridge (Elephant Head Bridge), Phayathai Road, near BTS Ratchathewi station

**What is around:** Siam Square, Siam Paragon, Siam Discovery or MBK (turn left from pier, then take a short walk or tuk-tuk ride); to visit Jim Thompson's House (turn right along canal path, walk around 200 metres).

# Travel and mode of transportation.

- **Pratunam Pier (Interchange)**

**Location:** Beneath bridge on Ratchadamri Road, just before junction with Petchaburi and Ratchaprarop Roads

**What is around:** Pratunam Market, Platinum Fashion mall or Panthip Plaza IT mall (turn right on leaving pier, then first left into Petchaburi Road); Central World, Gaysorn and Erawan (turn left down Ratchadamri Road); Ganesha, Trimurti or Erawan shrines (turn left down Ratchadamri Road)

- **Chidlom Pier**

**Location:** Beneath bridge, north of Chidlom Road

**What is around:** Skytrain Chidlom BTS station, Central Chidlom (turn right down Chidlom Road), or enjoy a gourmet meal at one of Lang Suan Road's hi-so restaurants (turn right down Chidlom Road, cross Ploenchit road and continue straight)

- **Wireless Pier**

**Location:** Beneath Witthayu Bridge, Wireless Road

**What is around:** The British Embassy (turn left down Wireless Road)

- **Nana Nua Pier**

**Location:** Beneath Sukhumvit Soi 3 bridge, northern end near Petchaburi Road

**What is around:** Experience the Middle Eastern/Little African enclave that is Soi 3, to visit sleazy red light district Nana Plaza on Soi 4, to get a check-up at Bumrungrad Hospital (turn right down Soi 3 to find them all)

# Travel and mode of transportation.

- **Asoke Pier**

Location: Beneath bridge at junction with Phetchaburi and Asok Road

What is around: Catch the underground (MRT Phetchaburi), visit Siam Society museum and cultural centre, or experience red-light district Soi Cowboy

- **Soi Thonglor Pier**

Location: Beneath bridge at north end of Soi Thonglor (Sukhumvit 55), near junction with New Petchaburi Road

What is around: Hang with Bangkok's hip urban youth in Thonglor's cafes and boutiques (turn right over bridge), to visit clubbing zone RCA (short taxi ride)

- **Sapan Klongtun Pier**

Location: Beneath bridge, near busy intersection of New Petchaburi and Ramkhamhaeng road

What is around: Catch a taxi to clubbing zone RCA, or Ekkamai Bus Station

- **The Mall Ramkhamhaeng Pier**

What is around: The Mall Ramkhamhaeng, near Rama IX Road intersection

- **Ramkhamhaeng University Pier**

Location: Opposite Ramkhamhaeng University

What is around: Ramkhamhaeng University, Hua Mak Sports Complex and Rajamangala National Stadium

- **The Mall Bangkapi Pier**

Location: Behind the Mall Bangkapi on Lat Phrao Road

What is around: The Mall Bangkapi

# Travel and mode of transportation.



## Taxi :

Most taxis are new, spacious and, in addition to the traditional green-yellow and red-blue, they also come in funky colours like bright orange, red and even pink. Finding a taxi is not a hassle, especially around hotels, shopping malls and other tourist attractions.

However, you're in for a really long wait when it rains, and during rush hours. The fare starts at 35 Baht, and stays there for the first two kilometres. Thereafter, the fare gradually works its way up with 2 Baht at a time (roughly per kilometre). A surcharge applies in traffic jams (1.25 Baht per metre when moving under 6 km per hour). Typical taxi fares for going a few kilometres are around 50 Baht. Communication can be a problem with the majority of Bangkok's taxi drivers as they often speak little English. Improvise, and be imaginative.

Overall, there's never a shortage of taxis in a city that never sleeps, excepts when it starts raining of course. They're cheap and available virtually 24 hours a day. Meter taxis now predominate, but sometimes you may have to politely (but firmly) ask them to switch the meter on to save negotiating later.

## Suggestions:

- If possible, have the name and location of your destination written in Thai on a slip of paper which you can give them, or
- Have a map with both Thai and English, and point to the place on the map.
- If one taxi seems to have difficulties, then say 'never mind and try the next taxi'
- When it rains, it is generally more difficult to get a taxi.
- Some taxi drivers will not stop to take foreigners as this is too much trouble
- When traveling in the front passenger seat fasten the seat belt (it is the law)

# Travel and mode of transportation.



## 10 Useful tips for Bangkok Taxis:

### 1. Taxi Colour Codes?

Bangkok taxis are famous to be very colourful, especially the pink ones: This means nothing to us, those are just different companies but fares and features are the same.

### 2. How to Spot Available Taxis

Available taxis are the ones with the glowing red vacant sign.

### 3. Fair Fares

No need to negotiate the fare as all taxis in Bangkok are now metered. A driver refusing to use a meter is an indication of a suspicious agenda. If he insists on giving you a fixed fare, instead of using the meter, it's best to find another cab. Taxis standing by in front of the places are usually suspicious.

### 4. Unwilling Drivers

Don't be surprised if the driver refuses to take you where you wish to go. While there's not much you can really do about it you can report to Land Transport Department Hotline on 1584 and report the taxi if you were fast enough to take a picture of the car plate (plates are both inside and outside the cab). Alternatively you can download this app DLT Taxi to report the taxi. Better try your luck with the next taxi.

### 5. Flagging a Taxi

It's ok to get a taxi at a bus stop when there's no bus approaching, otherwise you can expect to be honked at.

### 6. Taxi Scams

Like tuk-tuks, watch out for an over-eager taxi driver who offers to take you to 'good' places, skip it or decline! Trust your intuition. If you don't get a good feeling about a taxi driver, rather wait for the next one. Again Taxis standing by in front of hotels are usually suspicious.

# Travel and mode of transportation.

## 7. Clueless Taxis

Don't expect Bangkok taxi drivers to know the city's every nook and cranny, as a driver qualification exam isn't required. It's always a good idea to carry a map, or the name and the location of where you're heading to written in Thai. (Pick up a hotel card when leaving your hotel if you are in a small street of Bangkok)

## 8. Watch when stepping out!

Look behind you and make sure there's no motorcycle coming before you open a car door. It's very common for passengers to open the door without looking, and have a motorcycle slam into it. This can cause serious injury to the motorcycle driver, the taxi passenger, as well as considerable damage to the taxi itself.

## 9. Tips? Change?

Tipping of taxi drivers is not required, though rounding the fare off to the nearest 5 or 10 baht is common practice (it's a nice thing to do, as they earn very little, work long hours in often stressful conditions). But remember: Taxis often pretend not to have change, so carry small amounts!

## 10. Lost Items

Before getting out of a taxi, make sure you haven't left any valuables or shopping bags behind.

# Currency and Bank.

The official unit of currency is the Thai Baht. Thailand has a modern, efficient banking system and most foreign currencies and travelers cheques are easily exchanged at banks around the country. Credit cards and ATM cards can be used to obtain cash advances at banks and automatic teller machines and are widely accepted in large shops, restaurants and hotels. Most banks are open from 8:30 to 15:30 hrs. Monday through Friday except the branches in the department store.



## **Bangkok Bank Ltd.**

NIDA Branch (1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bunchana Atthakorn Building)  
Office hours : 08:30 - 15:30 hrs. Monday to Friday  
Closed on weekends and holidays

Klong Chan Branch (Serithai Road)  
Office hours : 08:30 - 15:30 hrs. Monday to Friday  
Closed on weekends and holidays



## **Siam Commercial Bank Co. Ltd.**

Klong Chan Branch (The Mall Bangkapi)  
Office hours : 11:00 - 19:30 hrs Everyday



## **Government Savings Bank Ltd.**

Klong Chan Branch (Serithai Road)  
Office hours : 08:30 - 15:30 hrs. Monday to Friday  
Closed on weekends and holidays



## **Kasikorn Bank Co. Ltd.**

Klong Chan Branch (Serithai Road)  
Office hours : 08:30 - 16:30 hrs. Monday to Friday  
Closed on weekends and holidays

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开業銀行 KASIKORNBANK



# Currency and Bank.

## **Opening an Account and Acquiring an ATM Card**

You should open a bank account immediately after arriving. Acquiring ATM card enables you to make deposits and withdrawals any time. ATM machines are widely distributed around the Bangkok metropolitan area and in towns throughout the country, and most machines accept ATM cards of any bank.

## **Types of Accounts**

There are several kinds of accounts;

- # Current: Current accounts are generally used by business enterprises
- # Savings: These accounts offer a minimal amount of interest.
- # Fixed Deposit: offers higher rates of interest on amounts deposited for terms of three months, six months, or longer

## **What you will need**

Rules vary from bank to bank but you will likely have to show the bank your NIDA student ID card, your passport, a letter from university confirming that you are enrolled in courses at KU, and a local address. If you don't have a permanent address yet, you may use the International Dormitory address temporarily. Some banks may ask for a letter of reference from your banker at home; if you don't have such a letter, you can look for another bank.

## **Telegraphic Transfers**

At all branches of the Bangkok Bank, SWIFT/Telex services are available to transfer your funds to international destinations. Your funds will be deposited directly into the recipient's account quickly and efficiently. The Bangkok Bank has international branches and over 1,500 partner banks around the world.

# Mobile Service Provider.

In Thailand, there are three main companies for mobile service which are AIS, DTAC and TrueMoveH. Each company has variety of products; mobile phone, sim card, internet, wifi, and entertainment. Normally, you can find sim card in any mini mart such as 7-Eleven and Familymart however the providers have their branches in The Mall Bangkok. Please check the update data and mobile package from the website or at the shop.



**AIS**

**AIS**

Call Center: 1175

Website: <http://www.ais.co.th/en/index.html>



**dtac**

**DTAC**

Call Center: 1678

Website: <http://www.dtac.co.th/en/home.html>



**TrueMoveH**

Call Center: 1242

Website: <http://truemoveh.truecorp.co.th>

# Thai Language.

Language Spoken and written Thai remain largely incomprehensible to the casual visitor. However, English is widely understood, particularly in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Pattaya and Phuket where it is almost the major commercial language. English is spoken in hotels, shops and restaurants, in major tourist destinations, and Thai-English road and street signs are found nationwide. Thai is a tonal language belonging to the group of Ka-Tai languages, the five tones are monotone, low, falling, high, and rising. This can be a rather complicated language for the visitor.

Hello & Good Bye	<b>Sa-wat dee (kha/krab)</b>
Thank you	<b>Khorb koon</b>
How much?	<b>Gee baht</b>
Where is ...?	<b>... yoo tee nai</b>
I don't want	<b>Mai tong kaan</b>
Sorry	<b>Khor toat</b>
I like it	<b>Chob maak</b>
Yes/No	<b>Chai/Mai chai</b>
Why?	<b>Tum mai</b>
What?	<b>Arai</b>
I want to go to ...	<b>Chun ja pai ...</b>
Toilet	<b>Hong naam</b>
Which way?	<b>Pai taang nai</b>
Left	<b>Sai</b>
Right	<b>Kwaa</b>
Straight on	<b>Trong pai</b>

How much is it?	<b>Ra ka thao rai</b>
That is a little expensive	<b>Paeng pai</b>
Can you make it cheaper?	<b>Lot noi dai mai</b>
How about ... Baht?	<b>... baht dai mai</b>
Can I see that?	<b>Khor doo dai mai</b>
I am just looking	<b>Khor doo thao nun</b>
I will come back later	<b>Ja ma mai</b>
Do you have something bigger (or smaller)? (Big=Yai / Small=lek)	<b>Mee yai (or lek) gwar mai</b>
Do you have another colour?	<b>Mee see auen mai</b>
Never mind	<b>Mai pen rai</b>
Is it far?	<b>Glai mai</b>

# Thai Language.

How to go to ...?	<b>Pai ... yang ngai</b>
Excuse me	<b>Khor toat (kha/krab)</b>
Can you speak English?	<b>Kun poot par sar ang grit dai mai</b>
Nice to meet you	<b>Yin dee tee roo jak</b>
I beg you pardon?	<b>Arai na (kha/krab)</b>
I don't understand	<b>Pom (di chan) mai kow jai</b>
See you later	<b>Laew jer gan</b>
Can you help me?	<b>Chuay pom (di chan) noy dai mai</b>
Where can I get the taxi?	<b>Pom (di chan) ja reark taihk see dai tee nai</b>
How long?	<b>Narn mai</b>
Can I get you a drink?	<b>Pom (di chan) pai ow kreuang deurm hai ow mai</b>
I hope we'll meet again	<b>Pom (di chan) wang war row ja dai jer gan eak</b>
Do you mind if I smoke?	<b>Kun ja rang geart mai tar pom (di chan) ja soop bu ree</b>
Are you going to eat here or take away?	<b>Gin tee nee reu glub baan</b>
Eat here	<b>Gin tee nee</b>
Take away	<b>Glub baan</b>
Can I have more please?	<b>Khor eak dai mai</b>
Can I have an extra plate?	<b>Khor jaan plao nueng bai</b>
Check bill	<b>Geb tung/ngern</b>
Can I have a <i>spoon</i> please? ( <i>fork/knife/chopstick</i> )	<b>Khor <i>chorn</i> noi dai mai</b> ( <i>som/meed/ta keab</i> )
Delicious	<b>Aroi</b>
Not delicious	<b>Mai aroi</b>
Not spicy	<b>Mai ped</b>
Can you recommend a good restaurant?	<b>Chuay neh nam raan ar harn dee dee hai noi dai mai</b>
May I have the menu please?	<b>Khor doo rai garn ar harn noi dai mai</b>
I don't eat meat	<b>Pom (di chan) mai tarn neua</b>
What do you recommend?	<b>Mee arai nar tarn barng</b>
What kind of seafood do you have?	<b>Mee ar harn ta lay arai barng</b>
Keep the change	<b>Geb ngeru torn wai</b>
Can I pay with this Credit Card?	<b>Jai duay bat krey dit dai mai</b>
I'd like to pay	<b>Geb ngeru duay (kha/krab)</b>
I enjoyed it, thank you	<b>Pom (di chan) aroi maak khorb koon</b>
May I have a receipt	<b>Kor bai set rap ngeru noi dai mai</b>

# Thai Language.



## NUMBER

0	<b>Soon</b>	20	<b>Yee sib</b>
1	<b>Nueng</b>	30	<b>Saam sib</b>
2	<b>Song</b>	40	<b>See sib</b>
3	<b>Saam</b>	50	<b>Har sib</b>
4	<b>See</b>	60	<b>Hok sib</b>
5	<b>Har</b>	70	<b>Jed sib</b>
6	<b>Hok</b>	80	<b>Paed sib</b>
7	<b>Jed</b>	90	<b>Gao sib</b>
8	<b>Paed</b>	100	<b>Nueng roi</b>
9	<b>Gao</b>	200	<b>Song roi</b>
10	<b>Sib</b>	1,000	<b>Nueng pan</b>

### Number's unit :

10	Sib
100	Roi
1,000	Pan
10,000	Muen
100,000	Saen
1,000,000	Laan

### Example :

11	Sib et
21	Yee sib et
22	Yee sib song
1,200	Nueng pan song roi
1,312	Nueng pan saam roi sib song
94,500	Gao muen see pan har roi
306,761	Saam saen hok pan jed roi hok sib et

# Entertainment & Recreation.

## • Chatuchak Weekend Market

This is paradise for bargain hunters. Every Saturday and Sunday 9.000 individual booths are open selling an infinite variety of goods. It is just about impossible to go to Chatuchak Weekend Market and not buy anything. There is just about everything that bargain hunters, home makers, pet lovers or just browsers can imagine. Handicrafts are every where including pottery, hand-made glass models of the Royal Barges, fluffy toys, colourful tropical fish, singing birds puppies of many breeds, furniture and lots of new and second hand clothing, shoes, handbags, belts. There is so much on offer that even international home decor wholesales come here to shop. Music lovers can find unique traditional Thai musical instruments being sold direct by the artisans who have crafted them to make the pleasing sounds. One rule for all shoppers to observe is bargain, bargain, bargain. This is part of the fun and also gets you the best prices. Chatuchak Weekend Market has interesting products from all over Thailand as well as things from far off lands. You should allow the best part of a whole day to explore the many stalls. You never know what you will find. But this is work that will make you thirsty and puckish, so take a break here and there to cool off with a fresh fruit juice or feast on delicious Thai dishes such as Pad Thai, barbecue chicken, noodles and sweets.



# Entertainment & Recreation.

- **Pratunam**

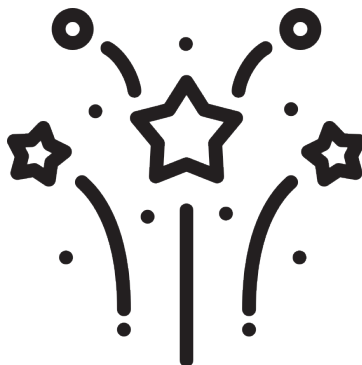
Passing through the area, you will see many shops on the main roads. But the real activity is in the market hidden behind the stalls and shops. Here you'll find a huge variety of low cost clothes, fashion accessories, shoes, watches, electronic gadgets and all sorts of souvenirs. It is usually very congested as there are many eager shoppers looking for their bargains.

- **Khao San Road**

Where the worlds young travellers meet. Khao San Road is a favourite crossroads for the young travellers on a budget. It has evolved over the last two decades from just one small hostel providing low-budget accommodation become one of the world's most well-known destinations. It has been featured in many movies and television documentaries.

- **Shopping Street Siam Square to Chidlom Bangkoks Fashion City**

This is the major shopping area of Bangkok. It is very popular with tourists and Thais, particularly young, fashion-conscious Thai girls. The area started to develop around Siam Square in the late sixties when Chulalongkorn University utilized its land bank adjacent to the university.



# Entertainment & Recreation.

## BANGKOK HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

- **Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha)**

Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram) is regarded as the most centre of important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, enshrines Phra Kaew Morakot (the Emerald Buddha), the highly revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade. The Emerald Buddha (Phra Putta Maha Mani Ratana Patimakorn) is a Buddha image in the meditating position in the style of the Lanna school of the north, dating from the 15th century AD complex)

- **The Grand Palace in Bangkok**

If there is one must-see sight that no visit to Bangkok would be complete without, it's the dazzling, spectacular Grand Palace, undoubtedly the city's most famous landmark. Built in 1782- and for 150 years the home of the Thai King, the Royal court and the administrative seat of government.

**Location:** Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Daily 08.30- 15.30 except during special royal ceremonies

**Admission Fee:** 500 Baht Inclusive of access;

(1) Wat Phra Kaew,

(2) The Royal Thai Decorations & Coins Pavillion

(3) Queen Sirikit Museum of Textile

Additional 100 Baht for a rental personal audio guide

Tel: 0 2623 5500 ext. 3100, 0 2224 3273



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## • The City Pillar Shrine

According to an old Thai tradition, a city pillar had to be built upon the establishment of a new city. King Rama I had the Bangkok city pillar erected near the Temple of the Emerald Buddha on Sunday, 21 April, 1782, with the city's horoscope inside. The original pillar was made of cassia wood known as Chaiyaphruek, measuring 75 cm. in diameter and 27 cm. high. In the reign of King Rama IV, the old dilapidated pillar was replaced by a new one made of the same kind of wood, measuring 270 cm. high and standing on a base of 175 cm. wide, sheltered by a Prang-shaped shrine as it appears today. The shrine also houses images of protective deities including Thepharak, Chaopho Ho Klong Phra Suea Mueang, Phra Song Mueang, Chaopho Chetakhup and Phra Kan Chai Si.

**Location:** Situated in the southeastern area of Vachirabenjatas Park

**Opening Hours:** Daily 07.00- 18.00

**Tel:** 0 2280 3445

## • Wat Arun or Temple of Dawn

Wat Arun, locally known as Wat Chaeng, is situated on the west (Thonburi) bank of the Chao Phraya River. It is believed that after fighting his way out of Ayutthaya, which was besieged by a Burmese army at the time, King Taksin arrived at this temple just as dawn was breaking. Although it is known as the Temple of the Dawn, it's absolutely stunning at sunset, particularly when lit up at night.

**Location:** Located on the west side of Chao Praya River  
(opposite Tha Thien Pier)

**Opening Hours:** Daily 08.30- 17.30

**Admission fee:** 20 Baht

**Tel:** 0 2465 5640

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## • **Wat Pho or Temple of Reclining Buddha**

Wat Pho (the Temple of the Reclining Buddha), or Wat Phra Chetuphon, is located behind the splendid Temple of the Emerald Buddha. It's the largest temple in Bangkok and famed for its huge and majestic reclining Buddha measured 46 metres long and covered in gold leaf. The Buddha's feet are 3 metres long and exquisitely decorated in mother-of-pearl illustrations of auspicious laksanas (characteristics) of the Buddha. If you've never tried a traditional Thai massage. Wat Pho is a good place to start. Its quite different to most other forms of therapeutic massage and tends to be invigorating rather than relaxing, incorporating yoga style postures to relieve stress and improve blood circulation. Cost is around 120 baht for half an hour or 200 baht per hour.

**Location:** Sanamchai Rd., Grand Palace, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

Close to the river (about a half mile south of the Grand Palace)

**Opening Hours:** Daily 08.00- 17.00 (Massage available until 18:00)

**Tel:** 0 2662 3533, 0 2622 3551, 08 6317 5560, 08 6317 5562

**Website:** [www.watpho.com](http://www.watpho.com)

## • **National Museum**

A visit to the National Museum reveals the history of Thailand And how people lived during the different periods. It gives you a view through the windows of the past. The National Museum, located on the opposite side of Sanam Luang to The Grand Palace, was established in 1887 by King Rama V. The foundation collection was previously stored at The Grand Palace. The original building was formerly the palace of a vice-ruler

**Location:** Next to Thammasat University, Na Prathat Rd., Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Wednesday- Sunday, 09.00- 16.00

**Tel:** 0 2224 1333, 0 2224 1370

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## • **Wat Suthat Thepwararam**

One of the oldest temples with a sweeping elegant roof and the site of the original Giant Swing ceremony. A huge teak arch all that remains of the original Giant Swing lies in the grounds in front of the temple. The swing was used in a ceremony to give thanks for a good rice harvest.

Young men would ride the swing high in the air, suspended 80 feet from the ground when in full swing, and try to grab a bag of silver coins with their teeth. Some fairly severe injuries and a few deaths led to the dangerous swing ceremony's discontinuation after 1932, but the thanksgiving ceremony is still celebrated in mid-December after the rice harvest.

**Location:** 146 Banrung Muang Road, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Daily 08.30- 21.00

**Admission fee:** 20 Baht

**Tel:** 0 2224 9845

**Website:** [www.watsuthat.org](http://www.watsuthat.org)

## • **Bangkok Dolls & Museum**

Bangkok Dolls have won several awards for their creations. A single storey workshop and Doll Museum in the Chandavimol family compound at 85 Soi Ratchataphan (Soi Mo Leng) in Bangkok's Makkasan district is the magnet for several visitors who wish to inspect these miniature creations in all their wondrous variety.

**Location:** 85 Soi Ratchataphan (Soi Mo Leng) Ratchapratop Rd., Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** Monday- Saturday, 08.00- 17.00

**Tel:** 0 2245 3008

# Entertainment & Recreation.

## THEATRE

### • Siam Niramit

Situated on Thiam Ruammit Road off Ratchadaphisek Road, about 100 metres from the Thailand Culutral Center, Siam Niramit is a one-of-a-kind cultural theme complex offering a world-class spectacular performance in a 2000-seat theatre.

**Location:** 19 Tiamruammit Rd., Huaykwang, Bangkok

**Tel:** 0 2649 9222

**E-mail:** info@siamniramit.com

**Website:** www.siamniramit.com

### • Khon Masked Dance at Sala Chalermkrung Theatre

Khon is Thailand's classical masked dance that is regarded as one of the most refined of performing arts. It was originally limited to the royal court. Performances are extremely expensive to produce, requiring costumes, elaborate masks and headgear, and stage accessories that require highly skilled craftsmen to create. The scenes performed in the traditional Khon are taken from the Ramakien, a series of significant episodes in Thai literature based on the Indian epic of classical mythology the that greatly influenced the literature of almost all nations in South-east Asia.

**Location:** 66 Charoenkrung, Bangkok

**Opening Hours:** 09.00- 18.00

**Tel:** 0 2225 8757-8, 0 2623 8148-9

**Website:** www.salachalermkrung.com

# Entertainment & Recreation.

## CINEMA

### • Major Cineplex Theatre

Major Cineplex Group Plc is Thailand's leading Lifestyle Entertainment Company having 4 Theatre Brand: Major Cineplex, EGV Cinema, Paragon Cineplex and Esplanad Cineplex with total 46 branches or 344 theatres consisted of 84,450 seats. Major Cineplex's core businesses are cinema, bowling, karaoke, ice skating rink, retails space, film distribution and advertising media.

Tel: 0 2515 5555

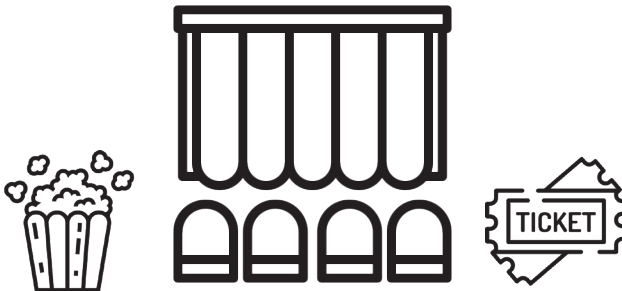
Website: [www.majorcineplex.com](http://www.majorcineplex.com)

### • SF Cinema

SF Cinema is one of Thailand's leading Lifestyle Entertainment Company managed by Thong Rompho family; film distribution and cinema management for 40 years having 19 branches which 9 branches in Bangkok and metropolitan and 10 branches in upcountry. SF's core businesses are cinema, bowling, karaoke, retail spaces, film distribution and advertising media.

Tel: 0 2268 8888

Website: [www.sfcinemacity.com](http://www.sfcinemacity.com)



# Entertainment & Recreation.

## THAI BOXING

Thai Boxing is the national sport of Thailand and is best seen LIVE throughout Thailand at the following Muay Thai Stadiums.

- **Lumpinee Boxing Stadium**

No.6 Ramintra Rd. Anusawaree, Bang Khen, Bangkok

Tel: 0 2282 3141, 0 2251 4303, 0 2252 8765

Email: [lumpineestadium@gmail.com](mailto:lumpineestadium@gmail.com)

Website: [www.muaythailumpini.com](http://www.muaythailumpini.com)

Fight Nights: Tuesdays and Fridays from 18.30, Saturday 16.00- 22.30

\*Lumpinee Boxing School: Everyday 09.00- 21.00

Tel: 08 1657 7654, 08 9796 9888

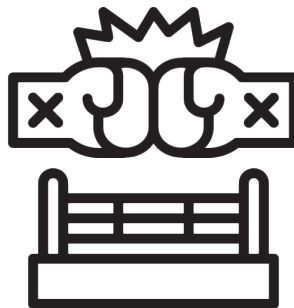
- **Rajadamnern Stadium**

Rajadamnern Nok Rd., Pomab Satroo Pai, Bangkok

Tel: 0 2281 4205, 0 2280 1084

Website: [www.rajadamnern.com](http://www.rajadamnern.com)

Fight Nights: Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, door opens from 18.00 onward



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## RELIGIOUS PLACES

- **Wat Mangkon Kamalawat**

Nestled in the heart of Chinatown, Bangkok's most important and largest Chinese Buddhist temple is the hub of festivities during festivals like Chinese New Year and contains spectacular Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian shrines. It dates back to 1872, and was called Wat Leng Noei Yee until King Rama V changed it to Wat Mangkon Kamalawat (which means Dragon Lotus Temple)



You enter via a decorative passageway from Charoenkrung Road and into a large courtyard. The low-slung temple complex within is decorated in typical Chinese style, intricately carved dragons and other familiar motifs throughout. Inside the various rooms are altars to Buddha as well as Taoist deities. Explore its passages and you'll find a small cloister with cases of gilded Buddha images in the double "abhaya mudra", or Buddha teaches reason' position. The temple is especially crowded with worshipers in January and during Chinese New Year

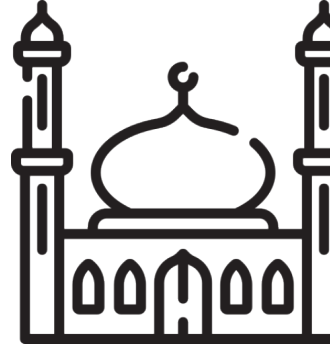
Location: Charoenkrung Road, Chinatown

Opening Hours: 09.00- 18.00 daily

# Entertainment & Recreation.

- **Darulmuttageen Mosque**

This old mosque on the bank of the Saen Sap Canal was once a simple construction, built of nothing more than wood and covered by a modest thatched roof. Over 100 years ago local Muslims raised funds and employed Chinese contractors to rebuild it. Completed in 1893, its most impressive artifacts are the 'mimbar, a harmoniously decorated wooden pulpit from which the imam preaches, and a wooden arch intricately carved with foliage and vine patterns, from where he leads prayers



**Location:** 18/1 Khu Khwo Road, Nong Chok district

**Opening Hours:** 09.00- 17.00

- **Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple**

This Hindu temple dedicated to the Goddess Mariamman was built by Tamil immigrants in the 1860s. Renowned for her power to protect against disease and death, it remains a popular place of worship for Silom's long-established Indian community. Its riotous blend of rich colours and ornate decoration makes for an unmistakable and rather unexpected sight in the heart of Silom.



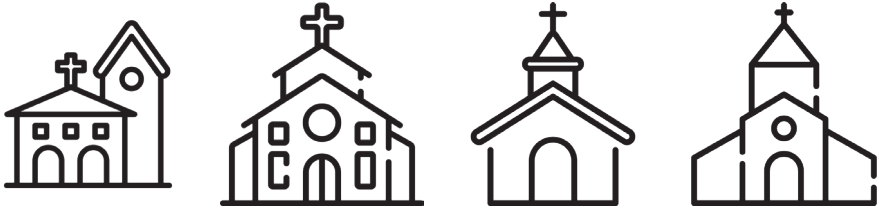
The tall facade is adorned with intricate, entwining Hindu deities. Inside are shrines dedicated not only to Shiva's consort, but also sons Subramaniam and the elephant-headed Ganesha, as well as Vishnu and Krishna. It is well worth seeing, but taking pictures inside the complex is forbidden.

**Location:** Corner Pan and Silom Roads, Silom

**Opening Hours:** 06.00- 20.00



# Entertainment & Recreation.



## • Santa Cruz Church

The Portuguese have been allies with Thailand since 1516, when they began supplying the country with arms and ammunitions to help ward off Burmese aggression. After the destruction of Ayutthaya in 1767, and with it the Catholic church there, King Taksin granted permission for them to build another one in the new capital Thonburi, a gift in recognition of their vital services. Nestled on the banks of the Chao Phraya, the idiosyncratic result is this church in the Kudi Jeen area.

Originally made from wood, it fell into disrepair until a Cardinal had it rebuilt in 1835 and renamed it Santa Cruz Church. By 1913, however the same had happened. King Rama V again order its restoration, but this time enlisted the help of two renowned Italian architects, Annibale Rigotti and Mario Tamagno. Found tucked inside a small cloister rimmed by a wrought iron fence, the result, a cream-toned church with reddish dome and a graceful Italian-style features, is still here today. The rectangular belfry is decorated with stucco and contains dozens of bells, still chimed today on auspicious occasions. There are 14 sculptures depicting scenes from Jesus' life, and the walls are decorated with stained glass biblical images.

**Location:** Soi Kudi Jeen, Thonburi

**How to get there:** Take the Chao Phraya Express Boat to Rajinee Pier (N7), catch the Pak Khlong ferry across the river

# Emergency Call.

The Royal Thai Government and the National Council for Peace and Order gives priority to the need for finding solutions for urgent problems and hardships faced by the people. In this connection, the latest initiative has been to provide channels for submitting grievances or requests for assistance, both for foreigners and tourists traveling or residing in Thailand.

The Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister’s Office, serves as the governments centre for receiving and handling grievances and complaints as well as requests for assistance from foreigners in Thailand. There two channels for submitting grievances and requesting for assistance:

**1. Call 1155 – for urgent incidents (24-hour service):**

this hotline is operated by the Thailand Tourist Police Division and serves as the main channel to submit requests and coordinating assistance. This Division is available 24-hours, with translators of various languages, and includes tourist police stations providing such services nationwide.

**2. Call 1111 – for submitting general complaints (24-hour service):**

this helpline is operated by the Royal Thai Government as the main channel giving 24-hour service. English Speaking Operators are available through this helpline. The helpline has the authority to coordinate requests for assistance working together with relevant supervisors from every government ministry, departments, provincial authorities, state enterprises, independent agencies, and Royal Thai Embassies in ASEAN countries as well.





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