

Bangkok Guide



Bangkok is an attractive and fascinating city with a rich cultural heritage that spans hundreds of years. There is much to be explored, and the city will occupy you from morning to night.

Shopping, traditional markets, places of worship, dining and entertainment – these are scattered about the city and to ensure you experience the best that Bangkok has to offer, we have highlighted the places that are not to be missed!

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How to Get to Omni Tower

From the airport, you may reach Omni Tower by any of the following:

■ Taxi

Head to the taxi lane on the arrivals floor, there you will be required to pay a small fee of THB 50 for this service. After making payment, present the coupon to the officer present and he will direct you to a taxi. The taxi is metered but does not cover possible highway and express way fees. These will be borne by the guest.

■ Bus

Take route no AE3 (Suvarnabhumi to Sukhumvit). The bus will stop in front of the Landmark Hotel on the main Sukhumvit Road. Continue down the road, the Landmark should be on your left, and turn right onto Sukhumvit Soi 4 at the traffic lights. Walk straight down Soi 4 keeping to your left and Omni Tower, a tall 35 story building, is about a 5 minute walk down the road.

■ Limousine

Make an advance booking through our website. [Click here](#)

Weather

Bangkok being a tropical city, the weather is generally warm throughout the year, with temperatures ranging from 25 to 35c.

■ March-May

April and May are relatively warmer than other periods of the year, with the temperature reaching its peak in April.

■ October – February

This is the most pleasant time of year, where temperatures range from 25-28c with light breezes and only the occasional shower.

■ June – September

A cooler time of year with some rain.

Getting around the city



There are several modes of transportation available around the city:

■ On foot

There are many things to see around Omni Tower from street shopping, infinite and varied eateries to shopping malls.

■ Tuk Tuk

Best known for its 'Sam Lor' - a motorized 3 wheeled traditional form of transportation, found readily around the city. Bargaining is a must.

■ BTS and MRT

A clean and convenient mode of transportation in this busy metropolis, with both the skytrain and underground stations located along most major routes and tourist destinations. Ask for more details for the skytrain and underground train routes from our Concierge.

■ Taxi

In general, taxis are readily available, a word of caution, some drivers may refuse to turn on the meter, therefore, bargain or hail another taxi.

■ Ferry and Public Boat

The ideal for taking in the sights and sounds along the Chao Phraya river.

■ Canal boat

There are also several canal routes by long-tail boat which offer more charming scenery with stops at old temples which are scattered along all canals.

Places of Interest

■ The Grand Palace

Past residence of the Kings of Thailand, a must see for every visitor. The palace is a mix of Traditional Thai and European architecture. Religious ornaments and statues fill the grounds of the Grand Palace.

■ Wat Pho

Or "Temple of the Reclining Buddha", houses one of the largest reclining Buddha's in the world at 46 meters long and 15 meters high.



■ Erawan Shrine

Visit one of the most popular places of worship (shrine) for Brahma and his elephant, Erawan. Traditional Thai dancing is shown from time to time.



■ Vimanmek Mansion

World's largest golden teakwood mansion, in stunning 19th century architecture, and the former palace of King Rama V.

Calendar

February – Chinese New Year

Every year, a big celebration featuring lion or dragon dances and fireworks with food stalls lining the streets will be held in China Town.

March – Kite Festival

A spectacle not to be missed, where thousands of kites of every shape, size and color fill the sky. Head to Lumpini Park or the Grand Palace.



April – Songkran Festival

In celebration of the New Year, an age old tradition of being blessed by having a small amount of water poured over ones hands has evolved to new heights, with buckets of water being thrown at you, all in the spirit of Songkran. Khao San Rd is the center of this activity. Fireworks are also displayed in several spots in the city.

August – Queen's Birthday

The whole town will be beautiful with magnificent lights decoration along the main streets and Grand Palace.

September – International Boat Race

A world class, international event featuring participation from over 20 countries. A colorful and noisy

spectacle, a day at the boat races is not to be missed.



November – Loy Krathong

A celebration that gives thanks to the water spirit who has given life. During the full moon, you may participate by floating "krathongs" in a canal or river.

December – King's Birthday

In December, the citizens of Bangkok come together to celebrate the birthday of their beloved King. Lights, large pictures, and flowers fill every street corner.

Things to Know

- Thai people greet each other using the term "Sawasdee" along with both palms and hands united to form a *wai*. The *wai* is equivalent to the Western handshake.
- Always show your respect toward the King and members of the Royal Family, monks and elders, as well as all religious statues.
- Thailand is famous for cheap and nice goods; however you may still need to bargain especially in tourist areas.



- Everyday at 8am and 6pm the National Anthem is played in a show of patriotism, and as a sign of respect all Thais will come to a standstill.
- Don't get a taxi without meter.

In and Out from Bangkok

Hua Lamphong Station



Main railway station in city which connects to the MRT (underground train). Built in 1916, over 130 trains pass through daily, carrying 60,000 passengers to various cities around the country. T: +66 (02) 621 701

Eastern Bus Terminal



Located on Sukhumvit Soi 40, (near B'S Ekamai) it serves destinations in the Eastern part of Thailand, including popular Pattaya and Rayong. T: +66 (02) 391 2504
Approx. 15 minutes from Omni Tower

Northern/North Eastern Bus Terminal

Located on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Rd (near Chatuchak Market), it serves destinations in the North and North East of Thailand, including Chiangmai, Chiangrai and Korat. T: +66 (02) 936 2852-66

Southern Bus Terminal

Located on Borommarat Chonnani Road, (2 km from the Pinklao Bridge), it serves destinations in the South such as Hua Hin, Phuket as well as Western provinces like Nakhon Pathom and Kanchanaburi. T: +66 (02) 391 2504

Approx. 30 minutes from Omni Tower

Suvarnabhumi International Airport

Meaning 'Golden Land', the Suvarnabhumi International Airport opened in 2006. The airport serves 45 million passengers yearly from all over the world. The International Airport Code is BKK.

Approx. 30-40 minutes from Omni Tower

Don Muang Domestic Airport

Opening in 1914, the Don Muang Airport was the International Airport until 2006 when the new airport opened. Currently, this airport serves local destinations.

Approx. 30-40 minutes from Omni Tower

Currency



Thai Baht (THB) is used in the country with the below exchange rates (approximate only)

1 EUR = 49.50 THB	1 SGD = 23.50 THB
1 USD = 32.00 THB	1 JPY = 0.301 THB
1 AUD = 30.00 THB	1 GBP = 62.20 THB

Important Information

- Language : Thai and English
- Electricity : 220 Volts
- Religion : Buddhist (90%)
- Area Code : +66 (Thailand)
- City Code : 02 (Bangkok)
- Time Zone : UTC/GMT +7

Emergency Calls

- Tourist Police : 1555
- Police : 191
- Ambulance : 1646
- Information : 1133