



CITY EXPLORATION BY DAY

# BANGKOK THAILAND

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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## **BANGKOK CITY EXPLORATION BY DAY**

WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF CAREFULLY CRAFTED FULL AND HALF DAY EXCURSIONS IN BANGKOK. NO MATTER IF YOU HAVE JUST ONE DAY TO SPEND IN THE BIG MANGO, OR ARE LOOKING TO FILL MULTIPLE DAYS WITH UNIQUE AND FUN ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE GOT YOU COVERED.

IN BANGKOK, THERE IS ALWAYS A LOT MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE AND OUR HOSTS ARE EXPERTS AT REVEALING THE MANY LAYERS OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST HAPPENING CITIES!

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# BANGKOK'S MULTI-TRANSPORT ADVENTURE

This adventure is an outstanding introduction to frantic Bangkok. Using a variety of local transport styles including as skytrains, tuk-tuks, canal boats and walking, we get a taste of life in Bangkok. This is an innovative approach to urban travel, avoiding traffic and providing a liberating way to explore the city and its highlights while supporting local businesses.

## TYPICALLY WE VISIT:

- Erawan Shrine and Central Business District
- Golden Mount at Wat Saket
- Wat Pho and the Reclining Buddha
- Canals of Bangkok Noi

Duration: Full-Day (approx. 9:00 – 16:00)

Explored by: Walking, multiple boats, three-wheeled tuk tuk and SkyTrain

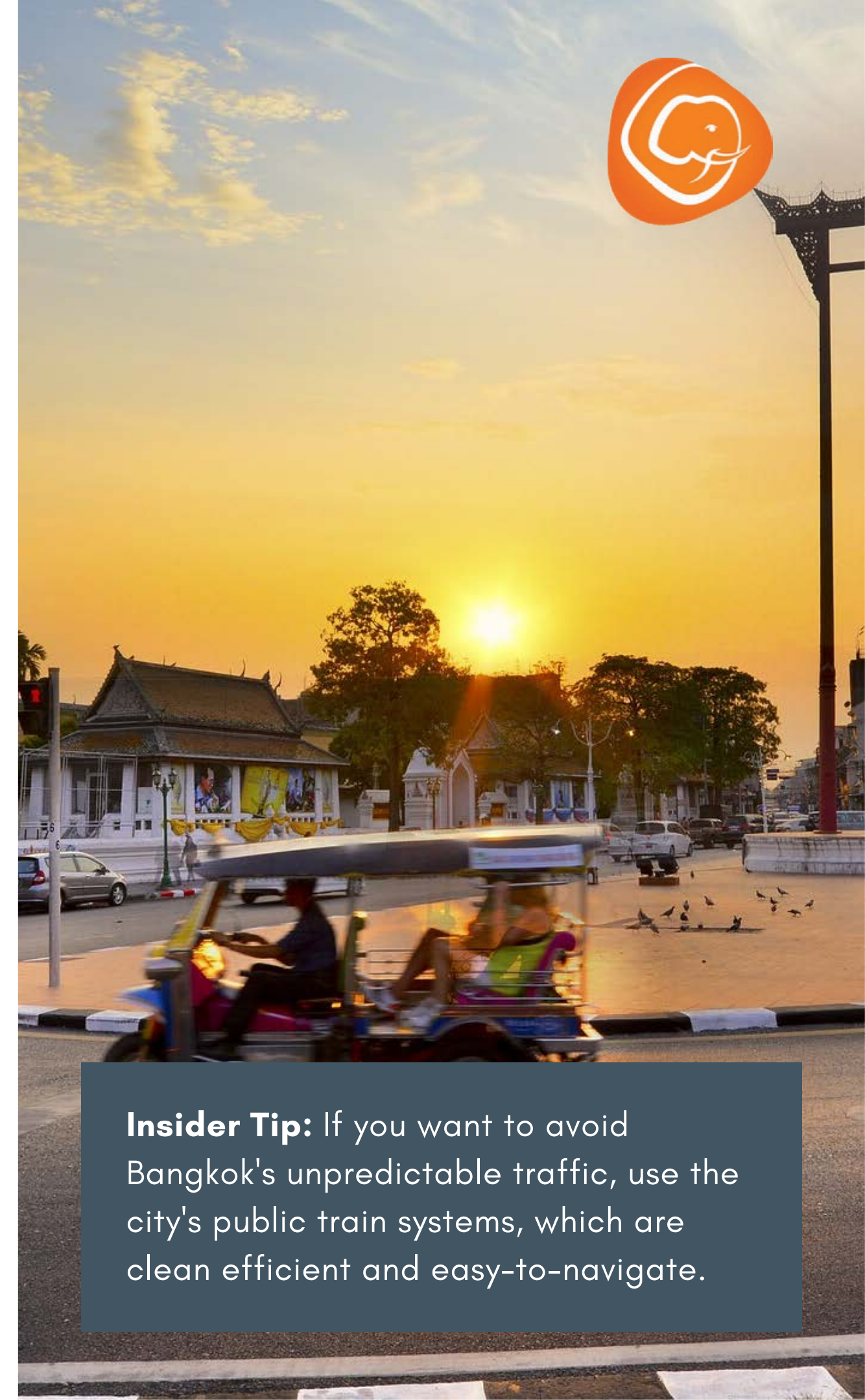
Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: Lunch at a local restaurant

Note: The Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha are magnificent and some of Bangkok's most iconic sites. However, due to the growing potential for large crowds and long lines we generally recommend visiting alternative historic sites of significance which have fewer tourists. We are happy to include the Grand Palace if it is a must see.

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**Insider Tip:** If you want to avoid Bangkok's unpredictable traffic, use the city's public train systems, which are clean efficient and easy-to-navigate.



# LIQUID BANGKOK

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Discover the original Bangkok riverside neighborhoods which are the foundation of the city's early development. Chinese, Portuguese, Muslim and European influences blend with Thai communities along Bangkok's famous Chao Phraya River.

Using the waterway as our launch point, we'll walk in the steps of early Bangkok merchants, exploring the architecture, neighborhood mercantile and commercial identities, as well as significant temples well off the usual beaten track. Several longtail boat starts and stops take us through Thonburi, Thailand's capital between the Ayutthaya and Bangkok periods, visiting old artisan villages, markets and art communities.

Duration: Half-Day (approx. 9:00 -13:00)

Explored by: Private longtail boat and on foot

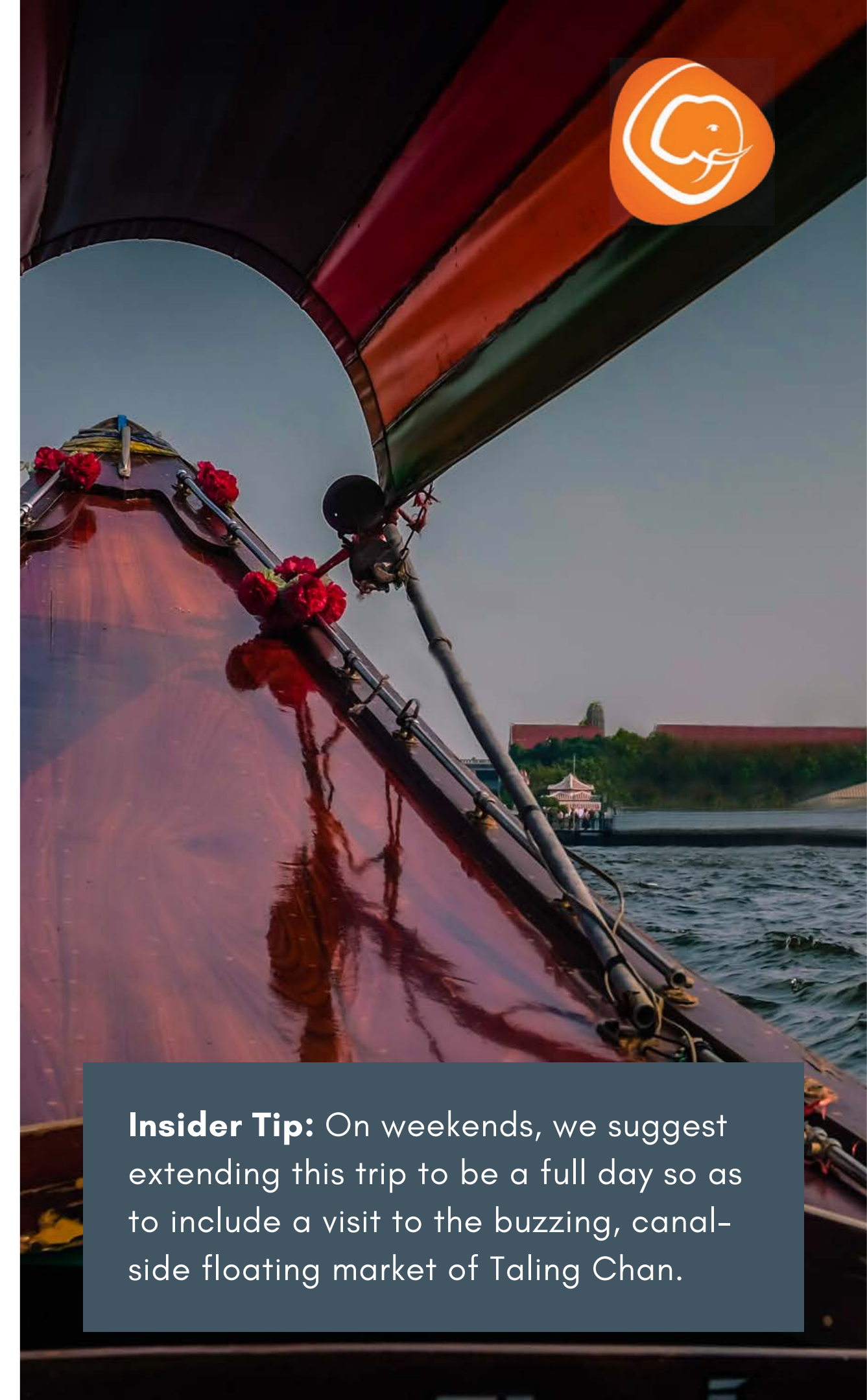
Inclusion: English speaking host, private longtail boat, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: Lunch at a local restaurant

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**Insider Tip:** On weekends, we suggest extending this trip to be a full day so as to include a visit to the buzzing, canal-side floating market of Taling Chan.



# GLITTERING BANGKOK

Today, we'll discover some of Bangkok's most magnificent sights utilizing various forms of public transport. We'll begin at the City Pillar Shrine, the very first construction by King Rama I when he established Siam's new capital of Bangkok. We'll give the crowded Grand Palace a miss, but walk around the outer walls to discover neighboring Wat Pho and the Reclining Buddha.

We'll then explore Bangkok's oldest market, Tha Tien Market, where all the Palace needs were brought from up and down the river. A short ferry ride across the river will bring us to one of Bangkok's most recognizable landmarks, Wat Arun or Temple of Dawn. Recent restoration work has completed after decades of cleaning and replacing the original façade, resulting in the temple glittering brighter than ever. We can venture up the pagoda steps for spectacular views back across the river to the Grand Palace.

Duration: Half-Day (flexible)

Explored by: Walking, public boats and three-wheeled tuk tuk

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: None

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**Insider Tip:** This trip does not include the Grand Palace or a long tail boat ride. If you want to see these highlights, check out Bangkok Multi-Transport Adventure.



# BANGKOK'S HIDDEN VILLAGES

Take a walk through Bangkok's hidden villages along the Chao Phraya River.

This morning excursion begins in the Talad Noi neighborhood, traveling past European heritage landmark buildings, before heading to the Flower Market and crossing the river to Wat Kalayanamit. We are then off to Santa Cruz Church and the Kudijeen community.

We'll cap of the journey checking out one of Bangkok's oldest riverside temples, Wat Prayoon, beautifully restored and hardly visited by other tourists!

Throughout the day, you'll enjoy wonderful views of Bangkok from the far side of the river and we'll stop and sample some of the exotic snacks along the way.

Duration: Half-Day (Morning)

Explored by: Walking, public boats and three-wheeled tuk-tuk

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: None

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**Insider Tip:** While visiting the Kudijeen neighborhood, we can stop by a cafe in an old teak house and ask to visit their adjacent bakery to see how the family has used the same recipe for over 200 years to bake Portuguese cakes (khanom farang).



# CHINATOWN BY DAY

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The Chinese legacy of Bangkok's origins cannot be understated. Bangkok now boasts a population of more than one million ethnic Chinese and has one of the most colourful Chinatowns on the planet. Fast, frantic and eclectic, a ramble through Yaowarat is cacophony for the senses.

Explore narrow lanes, fresh markets, religious landmarks and textile booths. Enhance the journey by sampling street snacks while gaining candid impressions for the cultural mosaic that is Bangkok's Chinatown.

Duration: Half-day, flexible (approx. 10:00 - 14:00)

Explored by: Walking, three-wheeled tuk-tuk and SkyTrain

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: None

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**Insider Tip:** While great local street food can be found in Chinatown at any time of the day, for the ultimate foodie experience we suggest our Headlights Foodies Rejoice!



# BANGKOK FLORAL DISCOVERIES

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Discover Bangkok's famous flower market, known locally as Pak Khlong Talat (market at the mouth of the canal). This location has been a market in one form or another since Bangkok was established in 1782. But over the last 60 years, it has been Bangkok's most prominent flower trading center.

Open 24 hours, it's busiest in the early morning when the delivery trucks arrive from the provinces. And it's not just flowers you'll find here as adjacent to the market is an expansive herb, spice and dried goods market. Discover greater galangal, a type of ginger that gives the famous Thai soup, Tom Kha Gai, its unique flavor.

After being immersed in the market we will head across the street to a cool little Floral Café that also creates floral arrangements. Enjoy a cold beverage in comfort while admiring the floral arrangements and decorations.

Time: Half-day (09:00-12:00)

Explored by: Walking, three-wheeled tuk-tuk and river ferry

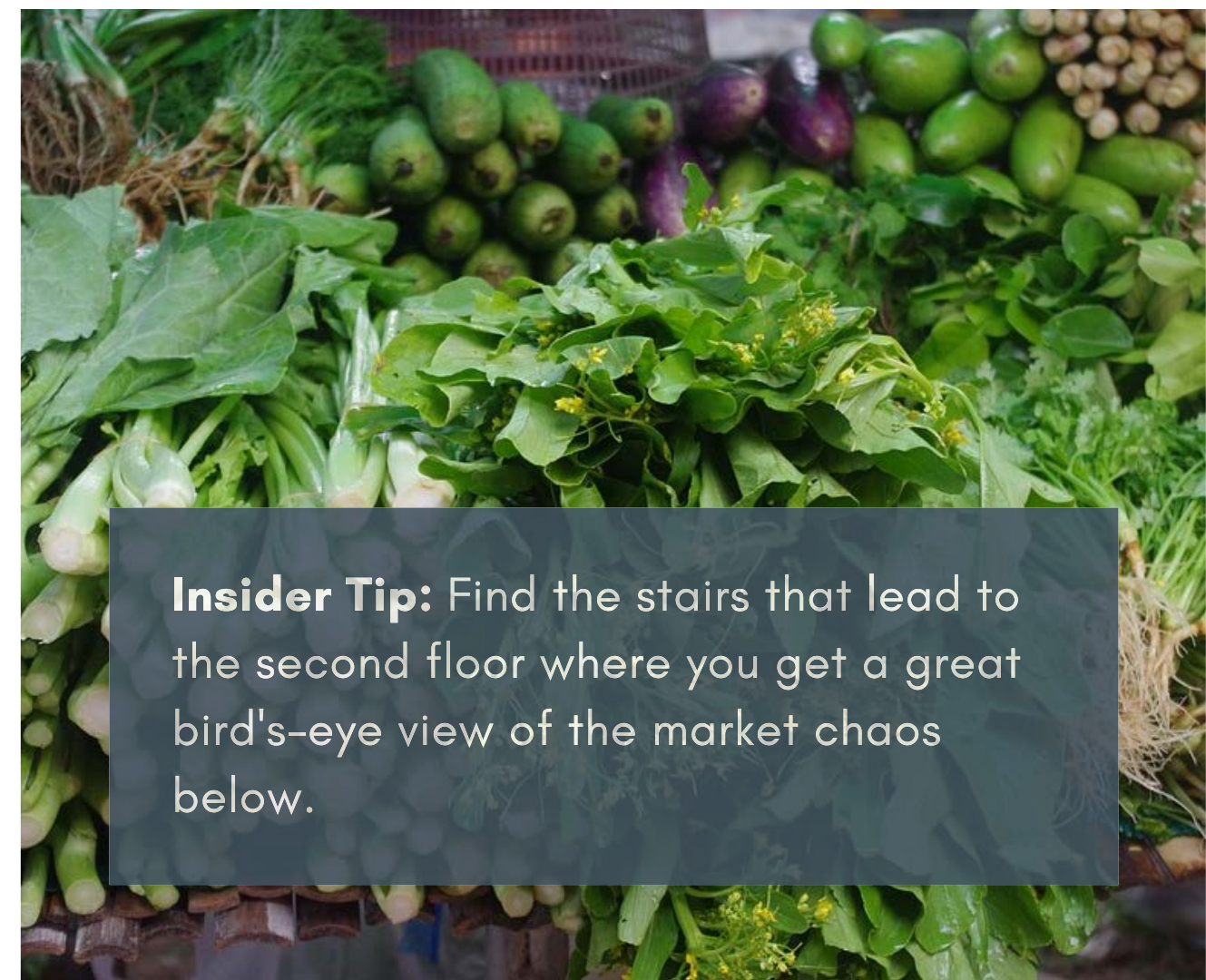
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Meals: None

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**Insider Tip:** Find the stairs that lead to the second floor where you get a great bird's-eye view of the market chaos below.



# BANGKOK HIGH CULTURE

Bangkok is home to many museums, historical sites and a vanishing number of beautiful traditional Thai homes. This exploration delves into prime sites, ideal for gaining an understanding of Thai design, architecture, history and culture.

We'll have a private van at our disposal for the day to reach each site in comfort. The trip can be customized and tweaked to suit your interests, whether you prefer to see more galleries, museums, or a mix of both.

## FEATURED PLACES:

- Marble Temple
- National Museum
- Amulet Market
- Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles

Time: Full-day (approx. 09:00 – 15:00)

Explored by: Private van, walking

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: Lunch at a local restaurant

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**Insider Tip:** Make the experience more unique with a private tour of the Queen Sirikit Museum of textiles led by your very own curator.



NEW EXPERIENCE

# MUAY THAI DAY AND NIGHT

Liberate your energy in a private Muay Thai boxing ring at the gorgeous The Siam Hotel where an experienced pro fighter will teach you ancient techniques in a one-of-a-kind master class. Don your authentic Muay Thai shorts and knuckle straps and your Muay Thai trainer will help you release stress. T

Post-training, soothe your tired limbs at The Siam's Opium Spa with an herbal steam followed by a signature 90-minute Muay Thai massage. Then, freshen up and enjoy dinner at a restaurant or allow us to take you for a street food safari in Bangkok's old town. After dinner, soak up the electrifying atmosphere watching the professionals fight from ringside seats at Ratchadamnoen Stadium.

Time: Full-day (afternoon)

Explored by: Private van, walking

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, Muay Thai master class at The Siam, 90-minute Thai massage, Muay Thai fight tickets, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: If choosing to dine at The Siam, dinner will be on own account. If feasting on some street food appeals, we will include dinner.

Note: the Muay Thai class is a 100-minute session, while the massage is 90-minute treatment. Ratchadamnoen Stadium hosts competitions every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. We do not suggest other stadiums on other days as they are too far out of town.

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**Insider Tip:** Combining adventure and relaxation, enjoy a 100-minute Muay Thai Class and a 90-minute luxury spa treatment.



# BANGKOK'S MULTI-TRANSPORT SCAVENGER HUNT

This adventure blends an outstanding introduction to frantic Bangkok with some fun, hunting down unique Bangkok activities and items. We'll use a variety of local transport such as skytrains, tuk-tuks, canal boats and walking. You'll be given a list of half a dozen items/actions to complete during the day. This is an innovative approach to urban travel, avoiding traffic and providing a liberating way to explore the city while supporting local businesses.

## SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITIES:

- Make your own garland at the flower market
- Dropping a coin in each of the jars at Wat Pho
- Finding a rambutan in Tha Tien Market or khanom farang in Kudichin
- Taking a selfie with a puppet at Baan Silapin.

Time: Full-day (approx. 09:00– 16:00)

Explored by: Walking, multiple boats, three-wheeled tuk-tuk and SkyTrain

Inclusion: English speaking host, transportation, plenty of snacks, soft drinks and drinking water

Meals: Lunch

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**Insider Tip:** This interactive and engaging experience is perfect for families and groups of friends.





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