



**SPECIALTY ADD-ONS**

# BANGKOK THAILAND

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

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## **SPECIALITY ADD-ON EXPERIENCES**

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT WHEN IT COMES TO ADDING SPECIAL MOMENTS AND EXPERIENCES TO OUR BANGKOK TRIPS.

OUR HOSTS ALWAYS HAVE SOME IDEAS UP THEIR SLEEVES TO WOW OUR GUESTS ON THE GROUND IN A WAY WHICH GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE DAY'S ITINERARY, BUT FOR ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS OR TO MARK SPECIAL OCCASIONS WE CAN ALSO PRE-ARRANGE SOME UNIQUE ADD-ONS. HERE'S A SELECTION OF OUR FAVORITES.



# MORNING MONK BLESSING

Participate in a very special ritual at one of Thailand's most famous temples. Get up close and observe the temple's monks performing their morning prayer chanting in Pali.

Morning prayers are an essential part of Buddhist practice, providing Theravada Buddhists with a way of both clearing their negative acts of the past, and to develop enlightenment.

After this spiritual observance, you'll be invited into a private chamber usually off limits to visitors for a private ceremonial offering to the monks, receiving a personal blessing in return.

Time: 2-3 hours. Leave your hotel between 07:00 and 07:30, depending on hotel location

Transfer: By private van or long tail boat depending on hotel

Inclusions: English speaking host, transportation, monk blessing experience, plenty of snacks, soft drinks, and drinking water

Meals: None

Dress code recommendation: For temple visits, casual, neat clothing is ok, however, out of respect, we suggest you wear long pants or skirts that cover your knees, shirts that cover the shoulders and footwear that has at least a strap around your heel (no flip-flops).

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**Insider Tip:** This monk blessing can be added to most of our daytime Bangkok experiences. It is a wonderful way to start the day and, especially for families or honeymoon couples, a truly special spiritual experience to include on their vacation.



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# RINGSIDE MUAY THAI EXPERIENCE

This evening, soak up the electrifying atmosphere watching a professional fight from ringside seats at the historic Ratchadamnoen Stadium. This arena was the first Muay Thai stadium built in Thailand and has upheld a high-standard of martial arts competition for decades! Any Muay Thai fanatic in Bangkok will tell you that if there is one place to catch a fight, it is at Ratchadamnoen Stadium.

While the fight night usually begins around 18:30, we suggest showing up around 20:30 when the action really starts to pick up before the main events. A truly atmospheric activity, the stadium is buzzing with locals gambling and cheering on their favorite competitors.

Time: Evening (exact time TBD)

Inclusion: Transportation to and from the stadium, ringside seats

Meals: None

Note: 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. Therefore, to include the evening fight, the trip date must fall on the above dates.

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**Insider Tip:** At this popular Thai past time, the local audience can be as entertaining to watch as the fighters!



# CANAL CRUISE SPECIAL CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

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To add a special and memorable moment to the Liquid Bangkok or Bangkok Multi trips, we'll arrange for a couple of local floating market vendors to paddle out and meet our boat as we cruise down a particularly picturesque part of the canal.

This is a common occurrence in the canals of Bangkok as vendors sell their wares and produce. However, on this occasion, the vendors will surprise us with canapés and pour flutes of champagne! Prefer a more local cocktail? We can arrange for Thai lemongrass mojitos, mocktails and more.

Definitely a Kodak moment.

Time: We'll pick the perfect moment during a canal cruise (adds around 15 minutes to the trip time)

Meals: Champagne or non-alcoholic refreshments and canapés.

Note: if champagne doesn't appeal, we can arrange for non-alcoholic beverages as well of course!

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**Insider Tip:** Add this special moment to any experience with a longtail boat ride and we'll take care of the rest!



# BUDDHA STATUE MAKING SHOP

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There is a neighbourhood in Ratanakosin (Bangkok's old royal city) that is well known for its Buddha Statue Making Shops. An interesting addition to any day in Bangkok is to visit one shop in particular near the Giant Swing which has been creating Buddha statues for temples across the country for three generations. Here, you will find many religious statues of all sorts and sizes on display.

We'll take you behind-the-scenes and learn how Buddha statues get made and what their importance is in Thai religion and culture. This will give an appreciation for temple architecture as one learns how much work goes into making and decorating these religious items.

Time: One hour is enough time to explore the shop (shop hours: 8:45am-6:45pm)

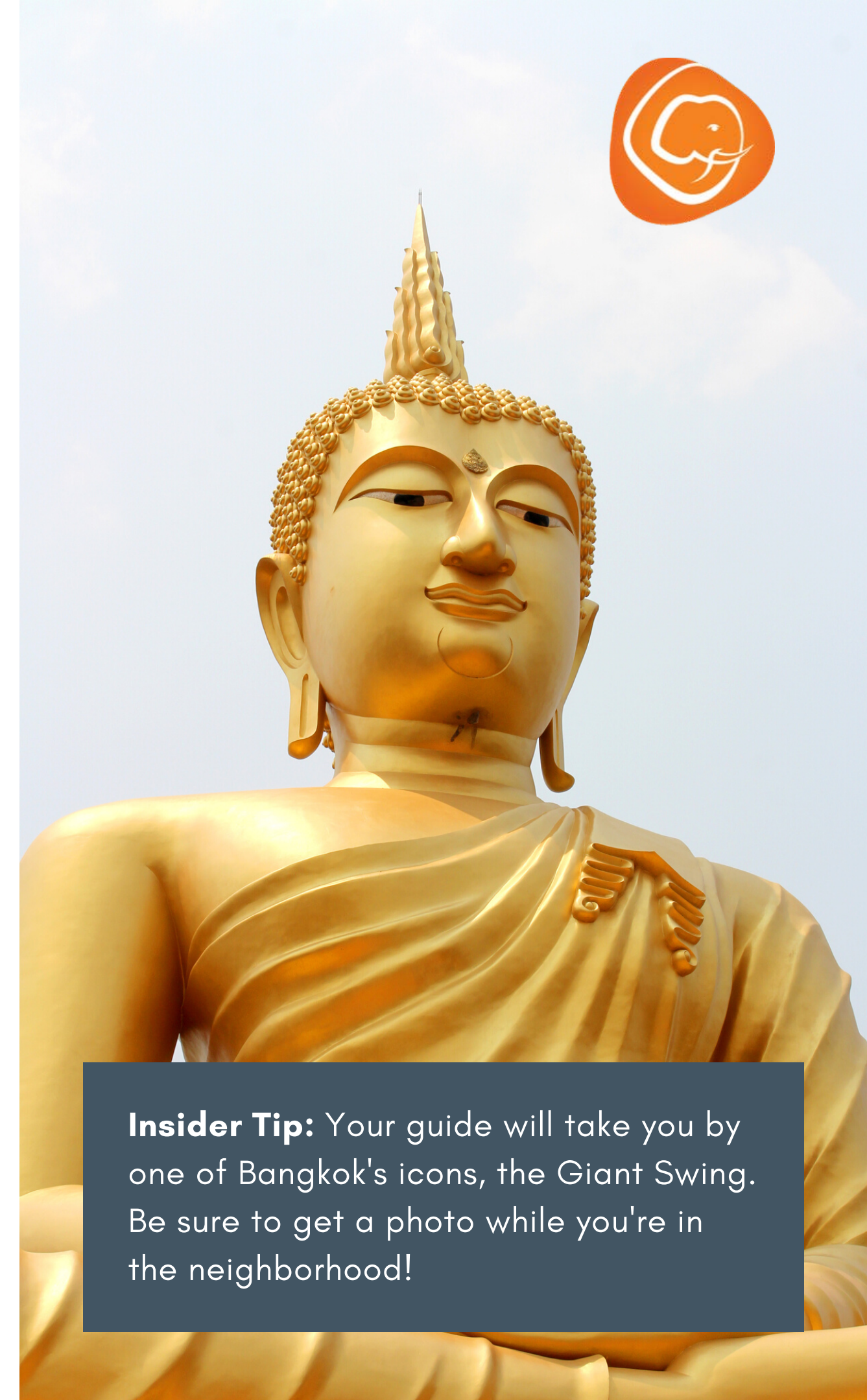
Meals: None

Note: Driving to Tha Kha takes around 1.5 hours, as does the return trip to Bangkok from Amphawa. This excursion is only available on weekends.

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**Insider Tip:** Your guide will take you by one of Bangkok's icons, the Giant Swing. Be sure to get a photo while you're in the neighborhood!





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