# BUSINESS TRIP IN BANGKOK Will never be the same

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#### www.biketourbangkok.com



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www.covankessel.com



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#### www.abcbiking.com

# CRAFT AND ART DIY

Bangkok's best craft studios and workshops to get in touch with your creative self. From jewelry and leather bags to ceramic mugs and terrariums, here's our guide to DIY Bangkok.





**REEVES BINDERY** 

Nestled in Bangkok's old town, Charm-Learn Studio is the brainchild of Silapakorn graduates Thanita "Maii" Yothawong, Chanchai "Bub" Boriboon and Natthapol "Mick" Wannaporn, who all previously worked in the media. The studio started out giving ceramics workshops before expanding to photo and fabric dyeing.

#### Address:

95 Soi Phraeng Sapphasat, Tanao Rd. **Tel:** 080-587-6331 **fb.com/charmlearnstudio95** 

#### Charum "Reeves" Gadeerojana is a blogger who spent two years in Poland studying traditional hand-binding techniques. Back in Bangkok, his hope was to teach a friend or two these skills, but he decided to start a workshop covering subjects ranging from

#### Address:

95 Soi Phraeng Sapphasat, Tanao Rd. **Tel:** 087-121-1210 **reevesbindery.wordpress.com** 

basic book arts to book restoration.



This is a jewelry showroom and workshop. Having previously run the Oneform-Onepiece Jewelry School, Chaiwat Wattananukit has teamed up with Yellow Fang bassist Piyamas Muenprasartdee to offer one-day courses on accessory design and production. The venue also doubles as a showroom for the owners' jewelry brand.

#### Address:

2/F, Black Amber Building, Thonglor (between sois 5-7) **Tel:** 086-336-5337 **fb.com/smitheriesworkshop** 

#### R STUDIO







Ratinath "Nuke" Chantawilaskul is not a new name in the Bangkok shoes and bag design industry as she kicked off her career as a designer for long-standing leather brand Maneesilp. Now, Ratinath presents her own working studio for made-to-order leather products, while also running leather-making courses.

#### Address:

3/F, Black Amber Building, Thonglor (between sois 5-7) **Tel:** 086-348-2812 **fb.com/rstudiobkk** 

Located in the middle of Thonglor Soi 13, The Loom is set up as a community for people interested in learning more about silk or simply on the look-out for a new weekend hobby. The studio also sells its own silk products and weaving-related materials.

#### Address:

G/F, Lee House Building, Thonglor Soi 13 (next to Nihonmura). **Tel:** 02-712-7823 www.silkweavinghobby.com

The JWD Workshop is an event organizer that mainly sets up DIY workshops for CSR campaigns, putting the focus on all sorts of home décor-related activities from bouquet making to garden organizing. Aside from bigscale company events, JWD also hosts her own terrarium workshops.

#### Address:

Sukhumvit Soi 12 Tel: 084-926-2442 fb.com/JWDworkshop

# SHOPPING STREET MARKET

Bangkok has some of the most interesting, exciting, and coolest street markets in the world, some of them iconic attractions in their own right. We've chosen some of the more popular ones below to get you started.





## THE NEW ROT FAI MARKET RATCHADA

The new Rot Fai Market on Ratchada brings the same convivial night bazaar feel, vintage curios, and street food snacks and treats from its original location into an area of the city that is much easier to access.

#### www.facebook.com/taradrodfi.Ratchada



# JJ GREEN MARKET

JJ Green Night Market is one of the coolest places to shop in Bangkok, with its chilled-out vibe. Part vintage flea market, part local drinking hangout, JJ Green is best visited on Thursday to Sunday from 5 pm to midnight.

#### www.facebook.com/jjgreen59



### SUAN LUM NIGHT BAZAAR RATCHADA

Suan Lum Night Bazaar Ratchada, a night market with 1,800 stalls, shops, restaurants and loads of entertainment options, recreates the experience of the original Suan Lum Night Bazaar, which was a mainstay on tourists' itineraries until closing.



## PATPONG NIGHT MARKET

Patpong's night market has always been one of the "must visit" night shopping destinations for avid shoppers. The market is always busy and chaotic with all the excitement from the nearby bars and throngs of tourists.

Address: Phat Pong 2 Alley, Suriya Wong, Bang Rak, Bangkok 10500



Klong San Market is a shopping market on the banks of Chao Phraya River where you can shop and eat like a local. Enjoy the shops selling trendy clothes, dresses, T-Shirts, shoes, handbags, cosmetics, and much more here.

#### www.bangkoknightbazaar.com

# KHLONG SAN NIGHT MARKET

#### www.facebook.com/KhlongsanPlaza

# FLOATING MARKET

Floating markets have long been one of Thailand's most popular tourist attractions, as evidenced by countless postcards. We've chosen four of our favorites for you to check out.





## KHLONG LAT MAYOM FLOATING MARKET

Khlong Lat Mayom, one of the more recent additions to the list of floating markets in Bangkok, ironically has more of a traditional feel than some of the larger, more established floating markets. Not yet a tourist hotspot, it's the perfect time to check it out.

Address: 30 Moo 15 Soi Bang Ramat, Bang Phrom, Taling Chan, Bangkok 10170 www.facebook.com/KlongLadMayom



### TALING CHAN FLOATING MARKET

Though not a traditional "floating" market in the usual sense, as boats are positioned alongside a pier, you can still take a short boat trip if you like, and the atmosphere is lovely, as are the tasty treats on offer, plus perhaps a foot massage.

Address: 300 Soi Chak Phra 17, Khlong Chak Phra, Taling Chan, Bangkok 10170



## WAT SAI FLOATING MARKET

This traditional floating market has seen a resurgence lately, and is noteworthy for the intense local, cultural ambience. A great spot to witness riverine life as you enter the market by boat, where you're immersed in fresh local produce and dishes.

Address: Moo 2 Ekkachai Road 23, Bangkhuntien, Jomthong, Bangkok 10150



#### BANG PHLI FLOATING MARKET

This "by-the-canal" market is only about 30 kms from the city, yet it definitely retains its traditional aesthetic. A famous temple is nearby and is a real bonus to those making the trip. It's especially interesting in October during Buddhist ceremonies.

Address: Sukhaphiban 3 Road, Bang Phli Yai, Samut Prakarn 10540 www.facebook.com/Bangplee.TourismServiceCenter

# CHECK-IN AT LUXURY HOSTEL

You'll be pleasantly surprised by the accommodation, atmosphere, and cost of luxury hostels nowadays. No longer just for backpackers, these comfy, cozy retreats will make you feel relaxed, pampered, and at home.



#### **ONEDAY HOSTEL**

This Sukhumvit Soi 26 hostel has everything you could ask for in a hip hostel: great location; cool, rustic vibe; great workspace; and the convenience of being in a hot nightlife zone. Check out Oneday.

#### onedaybkk.com/home.html



# POD HOSTEL CAFÉ DESIGNSHOP

Shoehorned into the bustling Victory Monument area, the Pod Hostel is a semi-art gallery where you can experience the whole pod/capsule thing in style. The atmosphere is trendy and this is a cozy place to hang your hat.

www.pod-designhostel.com



# **GOLDEN MOUNTAIN HOSTEL**

This "old city" hostel has wonderful, elegant rooms with a boutique feel minutes away from Bangkok's Golden Mountain Temple. For those who appreciate the finer touches, this hostel has a variety of room types to choose from.

#### www.goldenmountainhostel.com



### **BOXPACKERS HOSTEL**

Boxpackers is another rustic option truly in the heart of Bangkok, a short walk from CentralWorld and Pratunam Market. The feel is wooden in the best sense, with more amenities than usual at a decent rate.

#### www.boxpackershostel.com



# **GLUR HOSTEL**

Glur down by the river keeps things clean and simple: A good bed with a cup of good coffee in the hostel that fits all, as they put it. It's a bold venue that achieves what it aims for.

www.glurbangkok.com



# ONCE AGAIN HOSTEL

A popular hostel near Khao San Road, Once Again features all the needed amenities plus a lovely rooftop terrace. The beds are bigger, the views nicer, and the prices easy on the wallet.

#### www.onceagainhostel.com/index.html#aboutus

Don't make the mistake of overlooking museums on your next business trip to Bangkok. The capital has a delightful variety of them, from the historical and educational to the ridiculous and sublime.

# MUSEUM



### BANGKOK FORENSIC MUSEUM

www.sirirajmuseum.com

Located opposite the Grand Palace, this museum is not for the faint of heart, and is definitely one of Bangkok's creepiest museums. Perhaps ideal for medical students and those who have never seen all manner of human specimens in formaldehyde.

#### BANGKOK NATIONAL MUSEUM

Located in the Grand Palace area, this museum is definitely worth a visit for those wishing to explore and learn more about Thai culture. It houses the country's largest collection of art and artifacts in the country, and is now wellorganized.

www.finearts.go.th/museumbangkok



# THE MUSEUM OF FLORAL CULTURE

Occupying two floors of a beautiful 100- year-old house, surrounded by a superb garden, this museum is dedicated to the history and techniques of floral arrangements in wedding or religious ceremonies, official occasions and royal events. A treat for the senses.

www.floralmuseum.com



## BANGKOKIAN MUSEUM

This is an easily-missed and littleknown site, also known as the "Bangkok Folk Museum." It consists largely of two beautifully preserved wooden houses in the back of a garden. A charming stop if you're in the vicinity of the Oriental Hotel.

www.facebook.com/BkkMuseum



# BATCAT TOY MUSEUM

This relatively new museum is a comicand superhero-lover's dream come true. Peruse and enjoy 50,000 toys, magazines, games, costumes, and memorabilia focusing on Batman above all, but also Superman, Masked Rider, Captain America, Ultraman, and many more.

www.facebook.com/batcat.museum



# HUMAN BODY MUSEUM

This curious collection of plastinated bodies located in the Faculty of Dentistry at Chulalongkorn U. is a more sterile, artistic version of the Forensic Museum. Admirers of the human body in all its minute detail will be enthralled.

#### www.facebook.com/ MuseumofHumanBody



# MADAME TUSSAUDS BANGKOK

This is a wax museum with a twist: it's interactive. No longer the stuffy old look-only exhibits, here you can cozy up to celebrities, sports heroes, artists, and royalty. It's easily accessible as well in the Siam Discovery Center.

www.madametussauds.com/bangkok



#### MOCA - MUSEUM OF Contemporary Art Bangkok

This is a superb art museum and one that challenges all aspects of society, which is what makes it so refreshing. It houses over 800 pieces of art inside a striking, purpose-built 5-story gallery. A must-visit for contemporary art lovers.

#### www.mocabangkok.com





# BANK OF THAILAND MUSEUM

This specialty museum will be of interest to lovers of currency of all types, as well as beautiful Italianinspired architecture, where this museum is housed. It's fascinating, but open only by appointment to groups of 10 or less.

#### www.bot.or.th/Thai/ MuseumAndLearningCenter/ BOTMuseum



# MUSEUM OF SIAM

This is definitely not a stuffy, boring museum, integrating the old and the new in innovating and provocative ways. At the heart of it all, one question pervades: What does it mean to be Thai? To find out, head over to the Museum of Siam.

www.museumsiam.org

# RELAX

Make time for these luxurious spas and float centers, which are now appearing throughout the capital. They are calm, tranquil, relaxing havens that will reinvigorate your weary body and refresh your tired mind.





### **BANGKOK FLOAT CENTER**

Bangkok Float Center offers private spa suites with state of the art Dream Pods that will allow your body to truly rest. The float tanks can relieve pain, improve sleep, detox, de-stress, heal, and allow your mind to truly shut down and rest.

#### www.bangkokfloatcenter.com



#### THETA STATE FLOAT CENTER

Floating has come a long way since Altered States. Theta State is a modern, state-of-the-art float center featuring both float pods and float rooms, the latter for the more claustrophobic. This is a place where you can seriously decompress.

thetastatefloat.com



### YUNOMORI JAPANESE ONSEN & SPA

Yunomori is a retreat from the hectic nature of city life. It is the first authentic Japanese Onsen and Spa in Thailand, and it brings ancient Japanese Onsen bathing culture together with traditional Thai massage to create a uniquely relaxing experience.

www.yunomorionsen.com/2015/bangkok



#### AWAY SPA AT W HOTEL BANGKOK

Possibly the most luxurious spa in Bangkok, Away Spa at the W Hotel sets itself apart with its unique "metamorphosis"-themed zones. Everything about Away spells pampering, relaxation, and stress-relief. Expert masseuses complete the picture.

www.whotelbangkok.com/away\_spa



as you eat and explore your way through Bangkok. Many of the best spots are imbued with local color, character, and culture.





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## THA MAHARAJ

Tha Maharaj, located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, is surrounded by rich cultural heritage and many key tourist attractions. This project was restored from traditional shop houses and made into a meeting hub for restaurants, retail shops, and a riverside promenade.

www.thamaharaj.com



www.facebook.com/Delicious.Food. Wanglang



# HUA MUM NIGHT MARKET

Think of Hua Hum as a chill out night spot rather than your typical market. With spacious grounds, hopping live music, and colorful food stalls. Hua Hum is one of Bangkok's hidden treasures. Go now before the word is out.

www.facebook.com/huamummarket





www.facebook.com/taradrodfi.Ratchada



## **YAOWARAT STREET FOOD** (CHINATOWN)

Bangkok's Chinatown needs little introduction – it's one of the world's most renowned street food destinations, not to mention all the other thrills of this 200-yearold community. Set aside several hours to explore this amazingly rich area.

www.chinatownyaowarach.com



# WANG LANG'S BEST STREET FOOD

If you love Thai street food, Wang Lang Market by Siriraj Hospital should be close to the top of your list. There is a mindblowing variety of street snacks and cute edible delicacies to sample. Go there on an empty stomach.

# **ROD FAI MARKET 2 (RATCHADA)**

If you liked Rod Fai (Train) Market original recipe, you'll love the second version in the more accessible Ratchada area. We're talking vintage vibrancy, street fashion, and curios galore, set to the tunes of the latest, local live acts.

**ROD FAI MARKET 1 (SRI NAKARIN)** 

Just behind Paradise Park, this is the original vintage shoppers' Mecca, though it used to be near Chatuchak. The area is vast, and though famous for vintage furniture stores and antiques, has much more to offer, from cheap electronic goods to pets.

www.facebook.com/taradrodfi

# THAI BOXING CLASS

You've heard of Thai Boxing – Muay Thai; but have you ever actually done it? Kick start your active involvement at one of these clubs on your next trip to Bangkok.





SOR. VORAPIN GYM





#### **RSM - RAJADAMNERN SINGHA MUAY THAI** ACADEMY

The RSM academy offers a platform for Thai Boxing enthusiasts of all ages and abilities to explore Muay Thai. Their proximity to the heart of the Muay Thai community places them in a unique position to teach this sport.



### SOR.VORAPIN BOXING GYM

Sor.Vorapin Boxing Gym was established in 1979 and is professionally recognized in training for both Thai boxing as well as international boxing. They specialize in providing courses of Thai boxing to foreigners using their own systematic approach.

www.facebook.com/sorvorapin.page



# **KST MUAYTHAI**

Khongsittha Muay Thai provides training plus accommodation for all skill levels: from Beginners to Professionals. KST's mission is to promote Muay Thai training in Thailand as a healthy lifestyle to achieve physical and mental fitness.



rsm-academy.com/about



### MASTER TODDY'S MUAY THAI

Master Toddy has 50 years Martial Arts experience; his name is renowned globally for providing quality training and supernatural ability to produce world dominating champions. A legend in Thai Boxing circles, Master Toddy is the real thing.

# **ELITE FIGHT CLUB**

Elite Fight Club is a network of gyms and Muay Thai training facilities operating as a subsidiary under the Elite Boxing umbrella. The main aim of the Elite Fight Club gyms is to identify and develop the best young talent from around the world.

#### www.elitefightclub.com/bangkok



### F.A. GROUP MUAY THAI

Located in Chatuchak, Bangkok, F.A. Group is home to some of the best Thai fighters in Thailand, notably Petchboonchu. The man and the camp are famous for fierce clinching and relentless technique. A tough place for tough dudes.

#### www.facebook.com/muaythaifagroup

#### www.mastertoddy.com

#### www.kstmuaythai.com/en/homepage

# NIGHT LIFE

Reward yourself at the end of a busy day by enjoying some of the clubs that have made Bangkok nightlife world-famous. We're happy to help get you dancing with these suggestions.





# CÉ LA VI BANGKOK

CÉ LA VI is a hi-so, high profile Bangkok nightclub, lounge, and all-around hotspot where the city's glitterati come to drink, dance, and play. On the 39th floor of Sathorn Square Tower, it was formerly called KU DÉ TA. With its 360-views and super sound & light, it's a must-stop spot for the well-heeled.

#### bkk.celavi.com





## **INSANITY NIGHTCLUB**

OK, it's true - this place is insane. Insanity is one of the largest clubs in the city, housed in a single hangar-like room filled with impressive lasers and lighting system. Designed for those who want to cut loose on the dance floor.

www.clubinsanitybangkok.com





## LEVELS CLUB

Levels Club was opened in mid-2012 and has become the dominant nightclub of the Sukhumvit 11 area, combining several diverse activity "zones". It is located on the 6th floor of the Alof Hotel, with killer sound, vibe, and views.

#### www.levelsclub.com



# ONYX

ONYX Main Stage opened with the goal of being the biggest and best dance party joint in Bangkok, and one of the premier nightlife destinations in Asia. The club generates an intensity and euphoria that few other clubs in the world can match.

#### www.onyxbangkok.com

# **ROUTE 66 CLUB**

Route 66 Nightclub on Royal City Avenue (RCA) has achieved legendary status in Bangkok for its wild parties and diverse crowds. This massive club caters to all musical tastes, which is part of the reason it has become a clubbing institution.

#### www.route66club.com

### **GREASE NIGHTCLUB**

Grease Nightclub is located on Sukhumvit Soi 49, in the Piman 49 Complex. It occupies a four-story shophouse which houses a bar, club, lounge and restaurant, aiming to cater to all sorts of late-night pursuits - and doing so very well.

#### www.facebook.com/GreaseBangkok

