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This is a personal 15 day trip map to Bangkok by Virginia Duran. It is in conjunction to Google maps directions. Oriented towards architecture, it shows what to visit, why, where and when. Prices and other helpful tips about this city. Importance is marked with (\*) being (\*\*\*\*) the must see. See end for useful links.

	WHAT	Architect	WHERE	Notes
	<b>Zone 1: Dusit</b>			
***	Chitralada Royal Villa		Rama V road พระตำหนักจิตรลดารโหฐาน	Chitralada Palace or the Chitralada Royal Villa is the Bangkok residence of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit. The palace is part of the Dusit Palace complex. It contains a school, a dairy farm and factories were built as the King is interested in agriculture and agricultural industries. Research centres on agricultural products were also founded to provide training for farmers. Visitors need to obtain a pass to enter.
***	Dusit Palace	Mario Tamagno	Th Ratchawithi, Th U Thong Nai & Th Nakhon Ratchasima พระราชวังดุสิต	Built between 1897 and 1901 as a compound of royal residences. The building in Italian Renaissance is made of Carrara marble. It was used as the headquarters of the People's Party during the four days of the 1932 Revolution (June 24-27), which transformed the country's political system from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional one. General admission 100 Baht. There is an entry fee for the Throne Hall, even if you have already paid to enter the Dusit Gardens. Tue-Sun (9.30-16)
***	Wat Benchamabophit		69 Sydney Road วัดเบญจมบพิตรดุสิตวนาราม	Built in 1899 as a Buddhist temple, you might recognize it from the back of the 5B coin. Made of white marble imported from Italy. The structure is a unique example of modern Thai temple architecture, as is the interior design, which melds Thai features with European influences: the red carpets, the gold-on-white motifs painted repetitively on the walls, the walls painted like stained-glass windows and the royal blue wall behind the central Buddha image are strongly reminiscent of a European palace. General admission 20 Baht. Mon-Sun (8-18)
*	Wat Somanas Rajavaravihara Temple		Wat Sommanat, Pom Prap Sattru Phai วัดโสมนัส, ป้อมปราบศัตรูพ่าย	Officially named Watsomanas Ratchawora Wiharn, this temple was built as an act of merit by King Rama IV. The king dedicated the new wat to Somdej Phra Nang Chao Somanat Watthanawadee, his consort, who died at the beginning of his reign. It is officially a royal temple in the category of Ratchawora Wiharn, second class. Mon-Sun (5-17)
***	Wat Intharawihan		Samsen Rd วัดอินทราวihan	A soaring 32-metres high standing Buddha is what defines Wat Intharawihan, which borders Wisut Kasat road at the northern edge of Banglamphu. Known as the Luangpor Toh, building on this statue, built of brick and stucco, began in 1867 during the reign of King Rama IV. Decorated in glass mosaics and 24-carat gold, it took over 60 years to complete and is the tallest of its kind in the world. Mon-Sun (8.30-20)
****	Bank of Thailand Museum		273 Samsen Road 273 ถนนสามเสน	Boasting beautiful baroque and rococo architecture from the early 20th Century, visitors pretending to be interested in banking can bank in the restored Italian inspired glory of Prince Paribatra's former palace residence. Only open to groups of no more than ten (by appointment only) due to limited resources. Mon-Fri (9-16.30)
****	Rama VIII Bridge	Buckland & Taylor	Rama VIII Bridge สะพานพระรามแปด	Construction of the bridge took place from 1999 to 2002 and was conceived to alleviate traffic congestion on the nearby Phra Pinklao Bridge. The bridge is of an asymmetrical design, with a single pylon located on the Thonburi bank of the river. The bridge's architectural elements include lotus motifs, which appear in the pedestrian railings, as well as references to King Ananda Mahidol.
	<b>Zone 2: Khaosan</b>			
****	Pom Pra Sumen Fort		Phra Athit Rd, ป้อมพระสุเมรุ	Formerly the site of a sugar factory, today Santi Chai Prakan Park is a tiny patch of greenery with a great river view and lots of evening action, including comical communal aerobics classes. The riverside pathway heading southwards makes for a serene promenade. The park's



				most prominent landmark is the blindingly white Phra Sumen Fort, which was built in 1783 to defend the city against a river invasion. Named for the mythical Phra Sumen (Mt Meru) of Hindu-Buddhist cosmology, the octagonal brick-and-stucco bunker was one of 14 city watchtowers that formerly punctuated the old city wall alongside Khlong Rop Krung (now Khlong Banglamphu but still called Khlong Rop Krung on most signs). Apart from Mahakan Fort, this is the only one still standing. Mon-Sun (5-21)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Phra Athit Road		Phra Athit Road ถนนพระอาทิตย์	It is known for its bars and artsy restaurants and shops. There are shops and houses from the turn of the last century. It's surrounded by the river pier, a riverside park, ancient fort, restaurants and bars with live music such as pop, rock, and Jazz. Along both sides of the road, there are palaces and houses that were architecturally designed and decorated in Pre-Rattanakosin style. The large palaces were built during the reign of King Rama III, with architectural influences from China and Europe.
๖๖๖๖	Wat Bowonniwet Vihara		Phra Sumen Road วัดบวรนิเวศวิหารราชวรวิหาร	The temple is a center of the Thammayut Nikaya school of Thai Theravada Buddhism and has been a major temple of patronage for the Chakri dynasty. It is where many royal princes studied and served their monkhood, including king Bhumibol. The golden chedi at the wat's shrine carries the relics and ashes of Thai royalty. Mon-Sun (9-17)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Khao San Road		Khao San Road ถนนข้าวสาร	The popular book 'The Beach' famously described Khao San Road as "the centre of the backpacking universe". Judging by the truth-seeking travelers who converge here to shop, exchange tales and prepare for their next stint on the backpacker trail, it's a phrase that sums it up pretty much perfectly. Packed into a 1km long strip are countless budget guesthouses and mid-range hotels, internet cafes, swanky bars and clubs, restaurants, massage parlours, travel agents, bookshops, market stalls, tattoo shops and much, much more.
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Democracy Monument	Maeo Aphaiyawong	Ratchadamnoen Klang Road อนุสาวรีย์ประชาธิปไตย	Built in 1939 as a monument to commemorate the 1932 Siamese coup d'état which led to the establishment of a constitutional monarchy in what was then the Kingdom of Siam, by its military ruler, Field Marshal Plaek Phibunsongkhram.
Zone 3: Royal City				
๖๖๖	Wat Saket temple		Between Boriphat Road and Lan Luang Road วัดสระเกศราชวรมหาวิหาร	Wat Saket, popularly known as the Golden Mount or 'Phu Khao Thong', is a low hill crowned with a gleaming gold chedi. Within, the 58-metre chedi houses a Buddha relic and welcomes worshippers all year round. Its origins can be traced back to the Ayutthaya period (1350-1767 AD) and it underwent major renovations during King Rama I's reign (1782-1809). Beautiful views over the city from here. Mon-Sun (9-17)
๖๖๖๖	Wat Thepthidaram Worawihan		70 Mahachai Road 70 ถนนมหาชัย	This is a third grade royal temple of worawihan, its formerly name was Wat Phraya Krai Suanluang, as it was located in Tambon Suanluang (Suanluang district). King Rama 3 established the temple in 1836 in honoring of Somdej Phrachao Lukthoe Krommamuem Aporn Sudathep, King Rama 3 had kindly favored to her very much, because she had closely serviced to the King for a long time. The construction of the temple was completed in 1839.
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Sao Ching Cha Swing		Bamrung Muang Rd เสาชิงช้า	This spindly red arch – a symbol of Bangkok – formerly hosted a Brahman festival in honour of Shiva, in which participants would swing in ever higher arcs in an effort to reach a bag of gold suspended from a 15m-high bamboo pole. Whoever grabbed the gold could keep it, but that was no mean feat, and deaths were as common as successes. A black-and-white photo illustrating the risky rite can be seen at the ticket counter at adjacent Wat Suthat. In 2007, the Giant Swing was replaced with the current model, which was made from six giant teak logs from Phrae, in northern Thailand. The previous version is kept at the National Museum.
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Wat Suthat Temple		146 Bamrungmuang Road วัดสุทัศน์เทพวราราม	Built in 1807 as a Buddhist temple. It is a royal temple of the first grade, one of ten such temples in Bangkok (23 in Thailand). At the lower terrace of the base, there are 28 Chinese pagodas which mean the 28 Buddhas born on this earth. General admission 200 baht. Free admission for locals. Mon-Sun (3-21)
๖๖	Tiger Shrine		Thanon Tanao, San Chao Pho Sua, Phra Nakhon เจ้าพ่อเสือ	This Taoist temple is not as all the other you might have seen in Bangkok. The site is a place of worship for Thai and the Chinese people seeking success in career, money, love, and infant fertility. One of the most common desires is early pregnancy so couples put sugar Tigers in the temple. Mon-Sun (6-17.30)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	National Museum Bangkok		4 Na Phra That 4 พระธาตุนา	In the former grounds of the 18th Century Wang Na Palace, The Bangkok National Museum houses the largest collection of Thai art and artifacts in the country. It's definitely worth a visit, especially if visiting nearby Wat Phra Kaew or the Grand Palace. Opened by King Rama V to exhibit the antiques and gifts bestowed to him by his father, it once held a reputation for being an ill-organised gathering of dusty relics. That has now changed, with exhibits now arranged into three



				areas consistent with Thai history, and good English-language descriptions available. General admission 200B. Wed-Sun (9-16)
๙๙๙๙	Wat Mahathat Yuwaratransarit Temple		3 Thanon Maharat วัดมหาธาตุยุวราชรังสฤษฎิ์	It is one of the 10 royal temples of the highest class and was used for royal ceremonies and funerals. Used as a university too, if you can, attend to a meditation class. Mon-Sun (8-18)
๙	Sanam Luang Park		Th Na Phra That สนามหลวง	Large funeral pyres are constructed here during elaborate, but infrequent, royal cremations, and explain the field's alternate name, Thung Phra Men (Cremation Ground). Less dramatic events staged here include the annual Royal Ploughing Ceremony, in which the king (or more recently, the crown prince) officially initiates the rice-growing season, an appropriate location given that Sanam Luang was used to grow rice for almost 100 years after the royals moved into Ko Ratanakosin. Mon-Sun (6-18)
๙๙๙๙๙	Lak Mueang		Maha Chai Road หลักเมือง	Built in 1782 as one of the most ancient, sacred, and magnificent city pillar shrines in Thailand, built to house the city pillars. People usually use three incense sticks, one candle, gold foil, two lotuses, two flower garlands, and one three-colour taffeta to worship at the shrine. Free admission. Mon-Sun (17.30-19)
๙๙๙๙๙๙	Wat Phra Kaew Temple		วัดพระแก้ว	Built as part of the Grand Palace complex, Wat Phra Kaew contains the small, very famous and greatly revered Emerald Buddha that dates back to the 14th century. The robes on the Buddha are changed with the seasons by HM The King of Thailand, and forms an important ritual in the Buddhist calendar. Mon-Sun (8.30-15.30)
๙๙๙๙๙๙๙	Grand Palace		Na Phra Lan Rd พระบรมมหาราชวัง	Built in 1782 - and for 150 years the home of the Thai King, the Royal court and the administrative seat of government - the Grand Palace is a complex of buildings which remain the spiritual heart of the Thai Kingdom. Thai Kings stopped living in the palace around the turn of the twentieth century, but the palace complex is still used to mark all kinds of other ceremonial and auspicious happenings. A strict dress code applies. The Grand Palace with The Temple of the Emerald Buddha is Thailand's most sacred site. Note that the admission fee also includes an admission ticket to Vimanmek Mansion and several other sights around Bangkok that can be used within seven days of your Grand Palace visit. General admission 500 Baht. Mon-Sun (8.30-15.30)
๙๙๙๙	Wat Ratchapradit Sathitmahasimaram Temple		Saranrom Rd. วัดราช	Wat Ratchapadit is a relatively compact temple, built in 1864 on a former coffee plantation King Rama IV bought to turn it into a temple of Dhammayutika Nikaya, an austere order of Buddhism founded by himself, so that people living in the Grand Palace had a place to practice meditation near their residences. This temple, built in the reign of King Rama IV, is one of three temples required by ancient tradition to be situated within the capital. Although the temple is rather small, the interior of the Phra Wihan Luang - the royal image hall - has a collection of interesting mural paintings depicting the royal ceremonies over 12 months and legend of the solar eclipse phenomenon. Free admission. Mon-Sun (8-18)
๙๙๙	Wat Ratchabophit Temple		Phra Nakhon วัดราชบพิธ	Built in 1869 as a Buddhist temple. The temple features a unique layout, with its wiharn and ubosot joined by a circular courtyard, at the center of which stands a gilded chedi. The interior of the temple, bod, is gilded Italian architecture obtained from the idea of king's visit to Europe. Free admission. Mon-Sun (8-17)
๙๙๙๙	Saranrom Royal Garden		Th Ratchini รอยัลการ์เด้นสวนกุหลาบ	Easily mistaken for a European public garden, this Victorian-era green space was originally designed as a royal residence in the time of Rama IV. After Rama VII (King Prajadhipok; r 1925-35) abdicated in 1935, the palace served as the headquarters of the People's Party, the political organisation that orchestrated the handover of the government. The open space remained and in 1960 was opened to the public. Mon-Sun (5-21)
๙๙๙๙๙๙	Wat Pho Temple		2 Sanamchai Road วัดโพธิ์	Built in 1788 as one of Bangkok's oldest Buddhist temple complexes. The temple complex houses the largest collection of Buddha images in Thailand, including a 46m long Reclining Buddha. The temple is also the earliest centre for public education in Thailand, and still houses a school of Thai medicine. It is known as the birthplace of traditional Thai massage which is still taught and practiced at the temple. General admission 100 baht. Mon-Sun (8-17)
๙๙๙๙๙๙๙	The Sala Rattanakosin Boutique Hotel	Onion	39 Maharat Road 39 ถนนมหาราช	Built in 2014 as a hotel in a very traditional area. The Sala Rattanakosin incorporates local aesthetics to provide contemporary amenities without exerting an imposing presence on the historic neighborhood. The 1,500-square-meter space includes 17 boutique rooms, several restaurants, an outdoor deck, an indoor bar, and a rooftop bar.
๙	Museum of Siam, National Discovery Museum Institute		4, Sanam Chai Road 4 ถนนสนามไชย	The Museum of Siam, also known as the Discovery Museum, is a well designed and laid out multimedia exhibition, focusing on the questions of "who are Thais" and "what is Thai culture?" The museum traces Thai history from past to present, going through a series of different rooms looking at different aspects of Thai history, from Suvarnabhumi (the Golden Land) to Buddhism, to the founding of Ayutthaya, to Thailand



				today and its relation to the world. In each room, visitors have a variety of digital exhibits they can interact with, and video exhibitions posing questions of what "Thai-ness" might be as well as explaining the history and ethnography of the region. Tue-Sun (10-18)
๕	Memorial Bridge	Dorman Long	Memorial Bridge สะพานพุทธ	Built in 1932 as a bridge connecting the districts of Phra Nakhon and Thonburi. Beautiful at night.
<b>Zone 4: Chinatown</b>				
๕๕	Wat Chakrawatrachawat Woramahawihan		Empire Road 225/3 225/3 ถนนจักรวรรดิจักรวรรดิ	A very unlikely encounter in the very heart of Chinatown! Three giant crocodiles kept in a small pond inside Wat Chakrawatrachawat Woramahawihan, a rundown temple in the soil parallel to the famous and crowded Yaowarat road. According to a local monk, these crocodiles ate young monks in the past... we didn't check how true this was, but each of these three animals is about 3 meters long! Mon-Sun (9-17)
๕๕๕๕	Chinatown		Charoenkrung Road ถนนเจริญกรุง	Bangkok's Chinatown is a popular tourist attraction and a food haven for new generation gourmands who flock here after sunset to explore the vibrant street-side cuisine. At daytime, it's no less busy, as hordes of shoppers descend upon this 1-km strip and adjacent Charoenkrung Road to get a day's worth of staple, trade gold, or pay a visit to one of the Chinese temples.
๕๕	Sampeng Lane Market		Soi Wanit 1 ซอยวานิช 1	Soi Wanit 1 – colloquially known as Sampeng Lane – is a narrow artery running parallel to Th Yaowarat and bisecting the commercial areas of Chinatown and Phahurat. The Chinatown portion of Sampeng Lane is lined with wholesale shops of hair accessories, pens, stickers, household wares and beeping, flashing knick-knacks. Near Th Chakrawat, gem and jewellery shops abound. Weekends are horribly crowded, and it takes a gymnast's flexibility to squeeze past the pushcarts, motorcycles and other roadblocks.
๕๕๕๕๕	Wat Traimit Temple		Thanon Mittaphap Thai-China วัดไตรมิตร	This temple is famous for having the golden Buddha statue inside. In 1954, a new Viharn building was built at the temple to house the statue. It was being moved to its new location on 25 May 1955 and there are a variety of accounts of what exactly happened next, but it is clear that during the final attempt to lift the statue from its pedestal, the ropes broke, and the statue fell hard on the ground. At that moment, some of the plaster coating chipped off, allowing the gold surface underneath to be seen. It turns out that there was a hidden 5.5 tons golden statue inside the plaster statue. Mon-Sun (5-23)
๕๕๕๕๕	Chinatown Gate		Tri Mit Rd วงเวียนโอเดียน	The Chinatown Gate in the middle of the Odeon traffic circle marks the ceremonial entrance to one end of Chinatown. The gate is a relatively recent addition to the sights of the city. It was built in 1999 to commemorate the King's 72nd birthday, and celebrates the cultural diversity of the modern city.
<b>Zone 5: Riverside</b>				
๕๕๕๕๕	River View Guest House Rooftop		768 Soi Phanurangsi ซอยวิวัฒนาสาร	Almost all of the rooftop bars are usually quite expensive. In Chinatown there it is one that is relatively inexpensive and it has views that have little to envy the poshest. This is the River Vibe Restaurant and Bar, the bar in the terrace of the River View Guest House. Open until 23h.
<b>Zone 6: Silom</b>				
๕๕๕๕๕	Sky Bar Rooftop at Lebua		The Dome at Lebua, Silom Road เลอิวด์สเตททาวเวอร์	63 floors up and overlooking the river, it has become a must-do for a sundowner cocktail. It may not be the most relaxed experience as people will flock here on a clear day and it gets crowded, but the vista is one you won't forget in a hurry.
๕๕	Wat Yannawa		40 Charoen Krung Rd 40 ถนนเจริญกรุง	Wat Yannawa is an old Buddhist temple (wat) dating back to the Ayutthaya period. It has a unique junk shaped chedi and viharn built by King Rama III. The idea behind the construction was that Chinese junk was quickly disappearing and the pagoda should show present descendants what it looked like. Mon-Sun (9-17)
๕๕๕๕	Sathorn Hotel Rooftop		Sathorn - 38th Floor, 144 North Sathorn Road 144 ถนนสาทรเหนือ	There are two rooftops one on the 38th and another on the 40th floor. The rooftop is entirely open-sky so not really an option on rainy days but the feeling of being high up in the air is real and impressive. You can walk around the entire circumference of the tower and discover a superb 360 view of this part of Bangkok. Mon-Sun (18-1)
๕๕๕	Robot Building	Sumet Jumsai na Ayudhya	South Sathorn Road 191 ถนนสาทรใต้ 191	Built in 1986 as an office building to reflect the computerization of banking; its architecture is a reaction against neoclassical and high-tech postmodern architecture.
๕๕	Empire Tower	ACT Consultants	South Sathorn Road 195 ถนนสาทรใต้ 195	Built in 1999 as the largest office tower in Bangkok. This building has shaped Bangkok's skyline with its multi-layered towers. The 58- storey complex has also set a new benchmark for office tower with its comprehensive facilities and amenities.
๕๕	Sathorn Square	P&T Architects and Engineers	Sathorn Square สาทรสแควร์	Built in 2011 as Bangkok's most prestigious new business address. It offers iconic design, seamless access and an unrivalled location in the heart of the CBD. Sun (9.30-17)



๖๖๖๖	M.R. Kukrit's House		19 Soi Prapinit ม.ร.ว. คึกฤทธิ์ของเสด็จเทวแรก	M.R. Kukrit's House is a heritage museum dedicated to the former Prime Minister of Thailand M R Kukrit Pramoj (1911–1995). It consists of five teak houses, the earliest of which is more than 100 years old. Mon-Sun (10–16) (call before you go, as the place might be closed for private functions)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Fai Fah	TMB by Spark Architects	71-73 ซอย จันทน์ 16 Soi Chan 23/2	Built in 2012 as the venue for a programme of workshops and classes that encourage children and teenagers to take part in creative activities. Other rooms include a library, an art studio, a pottery classroom and a dance studio. Tue-Sun (13–19.30)
๖๖๖๖	Kukrit Institute	De-Sign Science	Soi Ngam duphli, Tungmahamek สถานีคึกฤทธิ์	The Kukrit Institute built in 2011 is part of the government-led project to create quality places in the Bangkok city centre. The urban fabric of the area represents a cross section of the multicultural society in Bangkok. Through art and cultural activities, the Institute hopes to bring together residents from the nearby government housing projects, students, academics, expats, government officers and the general public. Please call (66)2 2865385-6 for updated opening hours and special events.
๖๖๖๖	The Met	WOHA	Sathon Tai Rd + Thian Siang Alley สาทรใต้แขวง + เทียนเซียง	Built in 2005 as an advanced form of high-rise living for the tropics. This resulted in apartments that are compact, insulated from the exterior and without sun shading or overhangs. Buildings are protective shells designed to shield the inhabitants from the harsh weather.
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	MahaNakhon		Soi Sueksa Witthaya มหานคร	This dazzling, pixelated 77-residential story tower completed in 2017 rises to be the tallest building in Bangkok. With approximately 150,000 square meters, MahaNakhon includes a lush urban oasis with public gardens and a major transportation hub, luxury retail, residences, a new public square, and a five-star hotel created by New York's Ian Schrager.
๖๖	Siri House	IDIN Architects	?	Built in 2015 as a restoration of a pre existing building which now works as a multifamily building. It is both a house and an office of jewelry business which belongs to the family's third sister.
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Pullman Bangkok Hotel		188 Silom Road 188 ถนนสีลม	Scarlett Wine Bar on the 37th floor of the Pullman Hotel Silom serves great cuisine with superb views of Bangkok sea of skyscrapers. Mon-Sun (18–1)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Cloud 47 Rooftop		7 Floor, United Center Building, 323 Silom Rd. 323 ถนนสีลม	Located at the top of the United Center office tower, Cloud 47 is quite different from any other rooftop you might have heard of or visited before. Usually it's all posh and glitzy, with drink price list as high as the building and waitresses straight out of the movie makeup room, but here prices are surprisingly friendly, atmosphere is casual and a beer costs no more than 160 baht. Mon-Sun (17–00)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Hotel Banyan Tree Rooftop		Sathorn road โรงแรมบันยันทรี	Reaching for the clouds at Vertigo and Moon Bar on the 61st floor of the Banyan Tree hotel is one of the best ways to end a long day in Bangkok. The prices at the bar are of course a bit high, you are in a five star city hotel after all but everybody seems to agree it's worth it. Mon-Sun (17–1)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Sofitel So on Sathorn Rooftop		29th floor, 2 North Sathorn Road 2 ถนนสาทรเหนือ	Just below the hotel is the green immensity of Lumpini Park and beyond the striking glass-and-metal skyline of Siam and Silom; tall towers with their ever-changing colours and lights. Mon-Sun (17–00.30)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Lumphini Park		Rama IV Road ลุมพินีพาร์ค	Lumphini Park was created in the 1920s by King Rama VI on royal property. This place was a museum, where many products and natural resources were shown, then after World War I, it was rebuilt into the first park in Bangkok. The best time to come here is at 17.30 just before the national anthem is played and everyone stops in almost a military position. Mon-Sun (4.30–21)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Glasshouse at Sindhorn	OFFICE AT	wireless road 130– 132 Sindhorn Tower สินธรทาวเวอร์	Restoration of a 1980 office building. The new glasshouse, a brand-new icon of Sindhorn building, represents new image of the project, so it is shaped as crystal and this crystalized form is clad with glass to match its own concept. Mon-Sun (11.30–14/18–22)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Hotel Muse Rooftop		55/555 Langsuan Road 55/555 ถนน หลังสวน	With great views over Sukhumvit and towards Sathorn, this rooftop is more unusual than most, but this isn't just a skyline; the classic vintage cocktails are just as important as the view. Mon-Sun (18–1)
–	Zone 7: Siam / Garment			
๖๖๖๖	MBK Shopping Center		Pathumwan Intersection, diagonally opposite Siam Discovery Centre ห้างสรรพสินค้ามาบุญครอง	Built in 1986 as Bangkok's most legendary shopping mall, popular with both tourists and locals, and busy with shoppers every day. There are eight floors packed with 2,000 shops that sell everything from clothing, fashion accessories, handbags, leather products and luggage to furniture, mobile phones, electric appliances, cameras, stationery and DVDs. Skytrain National Stadium (BTS). Mon-Sun (10–22)
๖๖๖๖	Bangkok Art and Culture Centre		Thanon Rama I 939 หอศิลป์วัฒนธรรมแห่งกรุงเทพมหานคร หานคร	Built in 2008 as an art museum. The building is modern but at the same time based on unique Thai shapes. The most interesting point of this architecture is however not the outside but the inside. Free admission. Tue-Sun (10–21)



	LiT BANGKOK Hotel & Residence	VaSLab Architecture	36/1 Kasem San 1 Alley 36/1 เกษมซาน 1 ซอย	Built in 2011 as a hotel. The L-shape of 79-room hotel consists of swimming pool, spa, fitness, steam room, restaurant & bar, and function room, altogether with the two-layer of green space, created to attract passersby. The façade's pattern design is made of a series of parallelogram aluminum composite module, laser-cut to create the variations of 4 different void sizes.
	Jim Thompson House Museum		6 Soi Kasemsan 2, Rama 1 Road พิพิธภัณฑ์บ้านจิมทอมป์สัน	The Jim Thompson House is the home of James H.W. Thompson, a self-made American entrepreneur who was the founder of the world renowned Jim Thompson Thai Silk Company. Thompson's achievements during his 25 year stay in the Kingdom of Thailand have won him much fame as the "Legendary American of Thailand". For his contribution to the development of the Thai Silk industry, Jim Thompson was awarded the Order of the White Elephant, a decoration bestowed upon foreigners for having rendered exceptional service to Thailand. Thompson's success story in Thailand has become one of the most popular postwar legends of Asia. In 1967, Jim Thompson went on holiday with friends to the Cameron Highlands in Malaysia. There he set out for a walk in the surrounding jungle but never returned. Thus began the Jim Thompson legend. Since his disappearance in 1967, little has changed in the home that was the 'talk of the town' and the 'city's most celebrated social center'. The house consists of a complex of six traditional Thai-style houses, teak structures that were purchased from several owners and brought to the present location from various parts of Thailand. Construction of the Thai house was completed in 1959. General admission 150 baht, 100 baht for students. Mon-Sun (9-18)
	Pyne Hotel Swimming Pool	T.R.O.P	298 Phayathai Rd 298 ถนนพญาไท	Aerial photographs reveal the angular geometries of this rooftop swimming pool in Bangkok built in 2013. The swimming pool is positioned over the podium of a 42-storey residential complex close to the city's main station. Both residents and passing travelers look down on the pool from above, so T.R.O.P. added a canopy of concrete frames that appear from above to slice the water up into different sections.
	Victory Monument	Silpa Bhirasri	Phahonyothin Road, Phaya Thai Road อนุสาวรีย์ชัยสมรภูมิ	Built in 1941 as a large military monument to commemorate the Thai victory in the Franco-Thai War, a brief conflict waged against the French colonial authorities in Indo-China, which resulted in Thailand annexing some territories in western Cambodia and northern and southern Laos.
	Suan Pakkad Palace Museum		Si Ayuthaya 222 อาคารพลพินิตถนนเพชรบุรี	An overlooked treasure, Suan Phakkad is a collection of eight traditional wooden Thai houses that was once the residence of Princess Chumbon of Nakhon Sawan and before that a lettuce farm – hence the name. Within the stilt buildings are displays of art, antiques and furnishings, and the landscaped grounds are a peaceful oasis complete with ducks, swans and a semi-enclosed garden. General admission 100B. Mon-Sun (9-16)
	Baiyoke Tower		83rd floor, 222 Ratchaprarop Road 222 ถนนราชปรารภเขตราชเทวี	Baiyoke is currently the tallest building in Thailand, at 309 metres. Although there's a public observatory on the 77th floor, the rooftop bar is located at the 83rd one. However, there's a 360 platform at the 84th floor for 250 Baht. Mon-Sun (10-22.30)
	Siam Paragon Aquarium		B1-B2 Floor, Siam Paragon, 991 Rama 1 Road กรุงเทพฯโอเชียเนียเวิลด์	Two storeys underneath the glitzy Siam Paragon shopping mall, an aquatic wonderland the size of three Olympic swimming pools awaits your discovery at the Siam Ocean World. This underground aquarium, one of the largest in Southeast Asia, will dazzle you with innovative world-class exhibits and over 30,000 curious looking creatures from various depths and aquatic regions across the globe. Mon-Sun (10-21)
	Wat Pathum Wanaram Temple		969 Rama 1 Rd 969 ถนนพระราม 1	Built in 1857 as a Buddhist temple. The temple was founded in 1857 by King Mongkut (Rama IV) as a place of worship near his Sa Pathum Palace. At the time of its founding the area was still only rice fields, only accessible via the Khlong Saen Saeb. The ashes of Thai Royal Family members in the line of Prince Mahidol Adulyadej are interred at the temple. Mon-Sun (9-17)
	Centara Grand at CentralWorld Rooftop		99/ Pathumwan โรงแรมเซ็นทาราแกรนด์แอสทอนทริลเวิลด์	Red Sky bar on the 55th. It's not possible to book a table or one of the gorgeous sunbeds so it's best to be there right in time at 5pm when they open. Mon-Sun (18-1)
	Zense Rooftop		Level 17, Zen World @ Central World, 4, 4/5 Rajadamri Road, Pathumwan 4, 4/5 ถ. ราชดำริปทุมวัน	If you are looking for somewhere chic to have a sunset cocktail or to enjoy a rooftop dinner, then Zense rooftop is a great choice. The view is fantastic, from the horseracing track to the lines of traffic moving slowly out of town at the end of the day. Walking through CentralWorld you'd never expect there to be such a cool and funky venue just above you. Mon-Sun (10-22)
	Isabel Marant Boutique	Cigué	1031 Ploenchit Road 1031 ถนนเพลินจิต	Opened in 2014 as part of the famous Central Embassy shopping mall. Handcrafted woven bamboo screens are suspended in sections to cover the ceiling and walls of French fashion house Isabel Marant, with up to three layers to create an overlapping effect.



Zone 8: Sukhumvit				
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Fraser Suites Sukhumvit Rooftop		Sukhumvit Soi 11 ถนนสุขุมวิทซอย 11	Above Eleven is a very popular 32-storey rooftop bar. From here you get a 180-degree panorama of Bangkok, looking towards Siam and the famous row of Bangkok's shopping malls. Mon-Sun (18-2)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Sofitel Sukhumvit Hotel Rooftop		189 Road 13-Klongtoey Nua Wattana 189 ถนน 13 แขวงคลองเตยเหนือเขตวัฒนา	L'Appart is a French restaurant with perhaps the greatest concept design Bangkok has to offer. Styled as a high-society Parisian apartment from the turn of the 19th Century, diners can choose to eat in the living room, library, rooftop terrace or even in the kitchen. Located on the 32nd floor of Sofitel Sukhumvit Hotel. Mon-Sun (17-1)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Chuvit Garden		Sukhumvit สวนชิวิตย์	The eponymous benefactor of this park ran unsuccessfully for Bangkok governor in 2004, and successfully for the Thai parliament in 2005 and 2011. This park was one of his early campaign promises. It's a pretty green patch in a neighbourhood lean on trees. Yet the story behind the park is shadier than the plantings. Chuvit Kamolvisit was Bangkok's biggest massage-parlour owner, and was arrested in 2003 for illegally bulldozing, rather than legally evicting, tenants off the land where the park now stands. With all the media attention, he sang like a bird about the police bribes he handed out during his career and became an unlikely activist against police corruption. Mon-Sun (8-10/16-20)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	Column Tower Rooftop		Soi Sukhumvit 16 ซอยสุขุมวิท 16	Long Table is not quite sky scraping, but what it lacks in stature it makes up for in every other area by serving Thai food that tastes delicious and looks amazing, cocktails that err on the right side of sweet and a view that makes you forget that this isn't a rooftop. Happy hour from 17-19.30. Mon-Sun (17-2)
๖๖๖	Benjakiti Park		Khlong Toei สวนเบญจกิติ	This 130-rai (20.8-hectare) park is built on what was once a part of the Tobacco Monopoly, a vast, crown-owned expanse of low-rise factories and warehouses. There's an artificial lake that's good for jogging and cycling around its 2km track (bikes can be hired). Mon-Sun (5-20)
๖๖๖	Benjasiri Park		Sukhumvit Rd สวนเบญจสิริ	Built on 11.6 acres in 1992 to commemorate the fifth cycle (sixtieth) birthday anniversary of Queen Sirikit. Built around an ornamental lake, it contains 12 pieces of contemporary sculpture by Thai artists and is often used for open-air events. Mon-Sun (5-20)
๖๖๖	Eat Rice&Noodles	Onion	Tower B, Emquartier, 689 Sukhumvit Rd. 689 ถนนสุขุมวิท	Furniture and surfaces at this restaurant in Bangkok's EmQuartier shopping precinct are almost exclusively ash, creating a monochrome interior that looks like it's made from balsa wood. Mon-Sun (10-22)
๖๖๖๖๖๖	The EmQuartier	Leeser Architecture	637 Sukhumvit Road 637 ถนนสุขุมวิท	EmQuartier Bangkok opened in March 2015, and is part of The Mall Group's multi-billion-baht 'EM District' project to transform Phrom Phong into one of the biggest retail hubs of the city. Expect to find a long list of designer brands at the new EmQuartier Bangkok, as well as a distinctly futuristic design with dozens of restaurants, offices, event halls and a cool atrium garden - complete with a waterfall. Mon-Sun (10-22)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	The Bookshop Bar		Ashton Condominium, Sukhumvit Soi 38 ถนนสุขุมวิทซอย 38	Stepping into the Bookshop Bar on Sukhumvit 38 is like entering Tim Burton's version of Alice in Wonderland. It's not just about (great) cocktails and food, this is easily one of the most incredible bars in town, with an exuberant decor courtesy of designer Ashley Sutton, who also created the popular Iron Fairies and Mr. Jones' Orphanage Cake Shop. Mon-Sun (11-00)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Octave Rooftop Bar		Marriott 57 Hotel, 2 Sukhumvit Road Soi 57 2 ถนนสุขุมวิทซอย 57	No rooftop bar in the city has a 360 degree view of Bangkok that matches this, and the top floor of this three level venue is the highest spot in the city for a party. Starting on the 45th floor of the Marriot Hotel Sukhumvit. Mon-Sun (17-2)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Cielo Rooftop Skybar		46 Floor LeLuk Condominium, B Tower Sukhumvit Road	Cielo Sky Bar hits the right notes with a great view, affordable prices and plenty of front row seats for the sunset. With so many rooftops in Bangkok, it's important to stand out from the crowd, and although it has an out of the way location and an uninspiring entrance via an apartment building, it's worth a trip to see the 180-degree cityscape from the 46th floor. Mon-Sun (18-1.30)
๖๖๖	Vertical Living Gallery	Shma + Sansiri PCL + SdA	Akamai 3, 93/2 Sukhumvit Road 93/2 ถนนสุขุมวิท	Built in 2011, this green envelope is designed for condominium sale office gallery, a place where a new urban living definition is displayed. The module green wall crate is made from stainless steel for easy construction. Hanging plant pots and drip irrigation are installed behind the felt. This system is inexpensive and convenient to construct.
๖๖๖	Lightmos		912/3 Soi Thong Lo 912/3 สุขุมวิทคลองตันเหนือ	Built in 2008 as a retail building. The building project began as a transformation of an existing shop house into a showroom and office for lighting products. The resulting approach was to insert new spaces that could connect all the existing floors to provide a continuous circulation and movement. These new elements use steel as their primary structure and were designed to be supported and cantilevered



				from existing concrete structures, thereby creating a new space that combined old and new elements of the renovated shop house interior.
<b>Zone 9: Chatuchak</b>				
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Chatuchak Park + weekend market		Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road สวนจตุจักร	The Chatuchak area acquired its name from the large public park of the same name. However, the area is best known for the largest market in Asia, the Chatuchak Weekend Market. Sat-Sun (9-20)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Bluesky Bar		24/F, Sofitel Centara Grand โซฟิเทลเซ็นทราแกรนด์	Blue Sky is a stylish and intimate rooftop bar and restaurant. This unique view is one of the major selling points of Blue Sky, but so too are the full-bodied and fruity cocktails and gourmet menu which combines several world cuisines to create dishes with definite 'wow' factor. Mon-Sun (18-2)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Elephant Building	Sumet Jumsai Na Ayudhaya	Phahonyothin Road 369-438 ถนนพหลโยธิน 369-438	Built in 1997 as a residence building which needs to be seen to be believed. An elephantine landmark in the Chatuchak district, the Elephant Tower is one of the most unique buildings in Bangkok. The three towers make up a shape of Thailand's national animal- noting the importance of Elephants in Thailand's history - which can be seen even from the Expressway.
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Museum of Contemporary Art		3 Vibhavadi Rangsit 3 ถนนวิภาวดีรังสิต	A must for any lover of art, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Bangkok (MOCA) houses the most comprehensive collection of modern painting and sculpture in Thailand inside a striking, purpose built gallery. The five storeys of MOCA contain over 800 pieces of art collected by communications magnate Boonchai Bencharongkul and showcase the development of Thai fine art since the introduction of modern western concepts. General admission 180 baht, 80 baht for students. Tue-Sun (10-18)
<b>Zone 10: West side of the river</b>				
๖๖๖๖	Royal Barge Museum		Soi Arun Amarin 24 ซอยอรุณอมรินทร์ 24	There was a time in Bangkok when the Chao Phraya River and its tributaries were the most important avenue of communication and boats the main mode of transport for all, even royalty. At this museum you can discover eight of the country's most unique and stunning vessels: the Royal Barges. These boats a reserved for auspicious ceremonies and state occasions like the very rare Royal Barge Procession, and have only made an appearance on the water 16 times in the last 65 years. Mon-Sun (9-17) (but be aware that barges might no be in the museum in November and beginning of December as they prepare for the Royal Barge Ceremony in December)
๖๖๖๖	Wat Suwannaram Worawihan		Wat Suwannaram, Bangkoknoi วัดสุวรรณารามวรวิหาร	The temple dates from the Ayutthaya Period and was called originally Wat Thong. King Rama I ordered the temple to be completely renovated and renamed it Wat Suwannaram. The phra ubosot of Wat Suwannaram was built in the style prevailing during the reign of King Rama I, that is, having redented columns. The presiding Buddha image in the phra ubosot is in the marn vichai pose and seems to be the work of the same master who cast the Phra Sri Sakayamunee at Wat Suthat. Mon-Sun (9-17)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Baan Wanglang		342 Wat Rakhang Kositaram Woramahawihan Alley 342 วัดระฆังโฆสิตารามวรวิหาร	This cute al fresco rooftop bar sits on top of Baan Wanglang Hotel on the Thonburi side of the river. Although you'll have to negotiate the ferry crossing to Wanglang pier whilst using your best map-reading skills to find the place, the views from the modest fifth floor are quite superb. It's small, yet its semi-hidden location means it doesn't get too packed, so you can enjoy the views across the water to the Grand Palace and Wat Arun in peace. Mon-Sun (16-00)
๖๖๖๖	Wat Rakangkositaram Woramahavihan		250 Arun Amarin Road 250 ถนนอรุณอมรินทร์	This really ancient temple was built during the Ayuthaya era. Also known as Wat LuangPhorTor and Temple of the Bells, this is a Royal temple with beautiful and intricate architecture. There is an old Tripitaka Hall situated in the temple area. It was the original residence of King Rama I when he was in the service during Thonburi period. Free admissions. Donations are encouraged. Mon-Sun (8-17)
๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖๖	Wat Arun Temple		Wang Doem Road ซอยปรกอรุณ อรุณอมรินทร์	Although the built date is unclear, according to the historian Prince Damrong Rajanubhab, this Buddhist temple was shown in French maps during the reign of King Narai (1656-1688). The main feature of Wat Arun is its central prang (Khmer-style tower) which is encrusted with colourful porcelain. At the riverside are six pavilions (sala) in Chinese style. From Sapphan Taksin boat pier you can take a river boat that stops at pier 8. From here a small shuttle boat takes you from one side of the river to the other for only 3 baht. General admission ฿100. Mon-Sun (8.30-17.30)
๖๖	Prayurawongsawas Waravihan Temple		1 Soi Arun Ammarin 4 1 ซอยอรุณอัมรินทร์ 4	Situated on the western bank of the Chao Phraya river, Wat Prayoon is one of the less popular temples of Bangkok, yet not one to be avoided. Built in 1828 as a monastery, only to be transformed four years later into a royal monastery by King Rama III. Wat Prayoon possesses all the regular structures of a Buddhist temple, the



				library, the meditation halls, the assembly, and of course, the chedi. Aside from its colorful mirrors, the unique element which sets it aside from other temples is it's red 1.5 meters tall iron fence, built from old war axes, swords, and lances. Mon-Sun (9-18)
๙	Wat Phichaiyat		32 Pope Road 32 ถนนสมเด็จพระสังฆราช	It is situated near the Phra Phuttha Yodfa Bridge, on the Thonburi side of the Chao Phraya River. It had been an abandoned temple, and then in 1841, Chao Phraya Phichaiyat (That Bunnag ) commissioned the construction of Wat Phichaiyat and presented it to King Rama III as a royal temple. The temple was given the name of Wat Phraya Yatikaram; however, people generally call it Wat Phichaiyat. Mon-Sun (6-18)
๙๙๙๙๙๙	The Millennium Hilton Bangkok rooftop		123 Charoennakorn Road 123 ถนนเจริญนคร	360 bar at Millennium Hilton is possibly one of the best rooftop bars in Bangkok but surprisingly one of the least talked about. Surprisingly the 360 panoramic bar is often quite empty. People seem to be intimidated by the luxury of the Hilton, which they often associate with expensive drinks.
๙๙๙	The River		Charoen Nakorn 13 เจริญนคร 13	Built in 2011 as a residence complex. These two towers have been carefully sculpted, breaking down the massing into a series of cascading volumes of varying heights and articulation: the interplay of the restrained elegance of the curved glass facades is contrasted by the deep articulation of the straight elevations.
<b>Zone 11: Outskirts</b>				
๙	Wat Paknam Bhasicharoen Temple		Thoet That Road เทอดถนไทย	The temple is perhaps best known for its meditation lessons. Many foreigners have stayed at this temple over the years.
๙	Wat Ratcha Orasaram Ratchaworawihan		Chom Thong วัดราชโอรสารามราชวรวิหาร	This temple, whose architecture is heavily Chinese influenced, is popularly known as "Wat Ratcha Orot". It's located in Thonburi in a rather out-of-the-way area. The ashes of King Rama III are housed in the base of the main Buddha in the ubosot of Wat Catcha Orasaram. To get there, take the BTS to Wongwian Yai station and then take a taxi. The taxi ride costs about 70 to 75 baht. Mon-Sun (9-17)
๙๙๙๙	Bang Krachao Park		Bang Krachao Park บางกระเจ้าพาร์ค	Si Nakhon Khuean Khan Botanical Garden and Talad Bang Nam Peung floating market (only on the weekends) are inside. Take train till Kloeng Toei and then tuk tuk (50-100 THB) to Klong Toei Pier and then take a boat (5-20 THB)
๙๙๙๙๙๙	Bangkok Tree House hotel	Duangrit Bunnag	60 Moo1 Soi Bua Phueng Pattana 60 หมู่ 1 ซอยบัวผึ้งพัฒนาบาง	Built in 2012 as an eco-friendly hotel resort, it pushes the limits of sustainable passive design. The whole resort has been created from the ground up and purpose-built in order to preserve the local environment and integrate into it as much as possible.
๙๙๙	Phuttamonthon Park		Phuttamonthon Park พุทธมณฑล	Built in 1957 as a Buddhist park. It is highlighted by a 15.87 m (52 ft) high Buddha statue, by Corrado Feroci, which is considered to be the highest free-standing Buddha statue of the world.
๙๙๙๙	Muang Boran		296/1, Sukhumvit Rd. เมืองโบราณ	It is an immense outdoor museum spread over 240 acres on grounds that are sculpted to resemble Thailand. The museum, supposedly the world's largest outdoor one, has over 100 miniature replicas of famous Thai buildings and sites, all of them placed on the grounds in geographic preciseness to their real counterparts. The famous temples of Sukhothai and the ancient capital of Ayutthaya are here, as is the well known Phimai sanctuary from Nakhon Ratchasima, and there is also a model of the disputed Phra Wihan (known as Preah Vihear to the Cambodians) Khmer temple on the border. Mon-Sun (7-17)
๙๙๙๙๙๙	Honda Bigwing	VaSLab Architecture	3/101, Pradit Manutham Road, Lat Phrao 3/101, ประดิษฐ์มนูธรรม แขวงลาดพร้าว	Built in 2009 as an office and low-rise commercial building. The main sculptural concrete forms were inspired by the motorcycle's "hugging the curve" transition, which represents the winning moment of racing motorcycles on the racing track. Two boomerang shapes engaged one another in plans and sections. The first one vectors its circulation from main entry through café at ground level, then elevates to showroom, retails, education zone, and descends to warehouse. Thu-Tue (8-18)
๙๙๙๙๙๙๙๙	BU Landmark Complex	Architects 49	Liap Khlong Soi Ti 6, Rangsit, Thanyaburi เลียบคลองซอย Ti 6 รังสิตธัญบุรี	Built in 2010 as one of the buildings of Bangkok's University. The Bangkok University Landmark Complex is initiated on the necessities that are to reorganize the frontal area of the campus and to create an outstanding approach for the campus's entrance. Then, the new complex is emerged from the particular architectural form evoking the symbol of the university, a diamond.
๙	National Science Museum		Soi Khlong 5 Rangsit ซอยคลอง 5 รังสิต	The National Science Museum is a great one-day getaway for the family. There are plenty of activities for everyone to participate in and learn a little bit more about science, the environment and the world. General admission 50 Bht. Tue-Fri (9.30-16), Sat-Sun (9.30-17)
๙๙๙๙๙๙๙๙	Suvarnabhumi Airport	Murphy/Jahn Architects	999 หมู่ 1 Nong Prue สนามบินสุวรรณภูมิ	This is a masterpiece of interdisciplinary work between architects and engineers. The goal to create a low energy need building with cutting edge if state-of-the-art technology required a very strict and close cooperation. A large roof trellis structure placed over the complex of



functionally separate buildings unifies the site and provides an overriding consistent architectural image. The roof structure, of 567m by 210m in plan, is comprised of 8 supertruss girders. These have a central span of 126m and 2 cantilevering ends, which both have a length of 42m.

- ULR map: <https://goo.gl/H3HWEN>
- Metro map: <http://www.transitbangkok.com/mrt.html>
- Note: Directions are given in order of neighborhoods following this diagram.

1. Dusit
2. Khaosan
3. Royal City
4. Chinatown
5. Riverside
6. Silom
7. Siam / Garment
8. Sukhumvit



