

Walking Bangkok



A Guidebook to walk around Bangkok.

Yaowarat

Yaowarat Route



Wat Mangkorn Kamalawat

This temple, also known as Wat Leng Noei Yi is well known as the temple to visit for anyone wishing to eradicate bad luck associated with their zodiac year of birth. The temple houses images of many deities associated with good fortune including Tai Suay Eia, Hua Tuo Siang Sue Kong and Chai Ching Eia, and local people regularly visit to ask for blessings.



Wat Kanikaphon

Wat Kanikaphon or 'Wat Mai Yai Feng' is the setting for the legend of brothel proprietor Yai Faeng, who lived during the early stages of the Rattanakosin era. A group of likeminded locals worked together to raise funds to construct this temple which is now famous for those seeking good fortunes in their love life.



Yi Kor Hong Shrine

This hidden shrine, tucked away in Yaowarat, is sought out by locals looking for a lottery win. Yi For Hong was the father of Thailand's lottery and sold the first ever tickets. The strangest thing about the shrine is its location; it's located on the 4th floor of Plub Pla Chai Police Station.

Yaowarat is often referred to as 'Dragon Road' due to its main street resembling a mighty dragon. The head of the mythical beast is located at the Chaloem Phrakiat 72 memorial arch near the Odeon roundabout, the belly at the old Yaowarat market, and the tail at the very end of Yaowarat Road. The area around the dragon's belly is a bustling commercial zone with a host of goods on sale, including the country's first ever gold shop, leading to it being known by some as 'The Golden Road'



Li Ti Miew Shrine

Another hotspot for single people hoping to find love. Visitors here ask Guan Yin to bless them with a spouse and child as well as good health.



Toh Kang Gold Shop Officially the oldest gold shop in the vicinity, there is a solitary branch in Yaowarat, located in a seven-store shophouse with eye-catching architecture of Dutch design. The interior, especially the furniture, is Chinese in style and the building was constructed by the family's second generation during the reign of King Rama VI, as can be seen from the Garuda logo on the front of the building. At the time of construction, it was the tallest building in the area and has been awarded listed building by the Association of Siamese Architects.

Wat Trimit Wittayaram Worawiharn

This temple houses a resplendent golden Buddha image, the largest of its kind from the Sukhothai era. Visitors to the temple can learn the history of the sacred image as well as the Yaowarat area in general at the historical centre here.



Lod Chong Singapore (Cendol)

This popular dessert was first sold at this stall over 70 years ago. The original stall was set up in front of a Singaporean cinema, which eventually became a local landmark known as 'Lot Chong Singapore'.



Eiah Sae

This ancient coffee shop, known as a sort of 'coffee parliament' by those in the know, has stood in Yaowarat for over 90 years now, and has been recognized as a meeting place and hang out spot for numerous generations. The shop is filled with vibrant conversation in both Thai and Chinese, which adds to its bustling charm.





Kudi Chin, Ong Ang and Pahurat Route

Take in some culture on both banks of the Chao Phraya in an area that encompasses Thai-Chinese, Western and Indian communities. Start the journey at Sanam Chai MRT station with its ancient Thai themed decor and underground museum, move on to Museum Siam, before crossing over to the fascinating Kudi Chin community, Ong Ang Canal and finally on to Thailand's colourful 'Little India', Pahurat.



Museum Siam has brought the museum concept firmly into the present with some exciting, modern displays. If you want to measure your level of 'Thai-ness' then this is the place!



Wat Kalayanamit one of many stunning temples lining the banks of the Chao Praya River, houses an image of Luang Phor Toh inside a beautiful chapel as well as a large Buddha image in the rare 'Parileyyaka' posture inside the ordination hall. Those searching for fame or recognition often come to strike the bell in front of the chapel.



Wat Prayurawongsawat, or **Wat Prayoon** as it's often known, has been awarded the UNESCO Award of Excellence for its stupa, which is constructed in a harmonious mixture of Ayutthaya and Modern Colonial architectural styles.



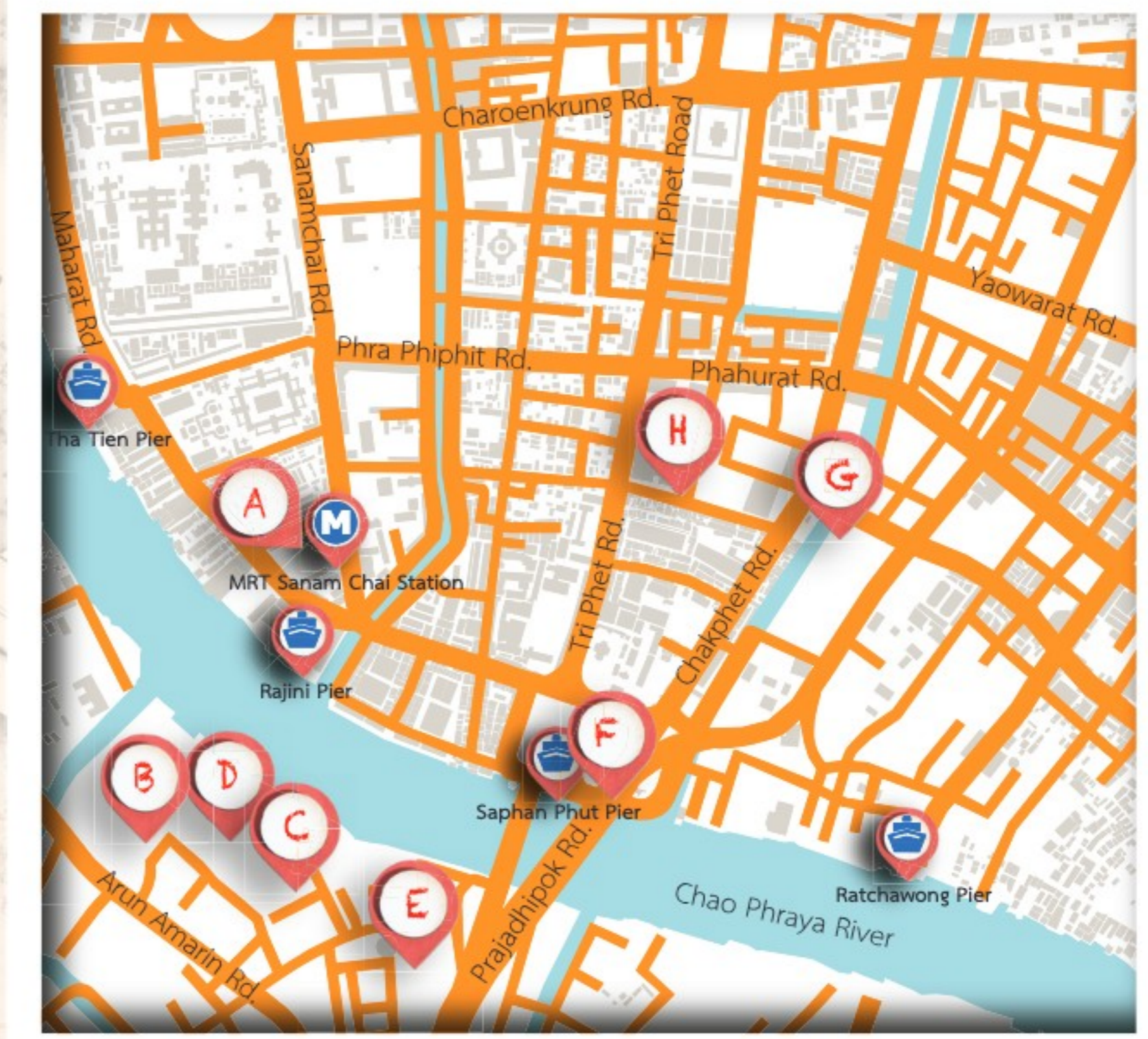
This museum tells the story of the **Siamese-Portuguese** community from back in the Ayutthaya period, right up to the present day. Visitors here can explore the unique culture and traditions of the locals.



This ancient **Chinese shrine** on Bangkok's Thonburi side is over a century old and its interior is adorned with some incredible artwork, with the teak carvings especially impressive. The craftsmanship on display has been rightly conserved for visitors to enjoy



Chao Phraya Skywalk This perfectly chilled viewpoint over the Chao Phraya river offers great views from an elevated park zone and a bridge that connects Bangkok's Thonburi and Phra Nakhon sides. It's also one of the best places to catch a glorious Bangkok sunrise or sunset



Ong Ang Canal Walking Street

The rejuvenated walking street beside One Ang Canal recently received an award in the 2020 Asian Townscape Awards, one of only 6 locations to receive the accolade. Both sides of the canal are lined with funky graffiti and street art and at weekends there is kayaking and a bewildering assortment of street food on sale.



Phahurat Phahurat Bangkok's very own 'Little India' and streets and alleys filled with vivid colours and evocative architecture. The locals here are mostly of Indian descent and the area is lined with stalls and eateries. There's a Sikh temple with plenty of cool spots to snap away and an opportunity to sample the unforgettably intense flavours of Indian and Burmese cuisine.



Sanam Chai
Sao Chingcha
Sam Yot

Sanam Chai Giant Swing Sam Yot Route

Explore Sanam Chai - Giant Swing - Sam Yot, an area that reached its zenith of popularity in the Ko Lang Wang era, meaning a popular hang-out spot during the 1960s. There are some great photo spots and striking architecture here as well as sacred spaces for those looking to find the love of their life or get a promotion at work.



Saranrom Park This royal park is beautifully decorated and maintained and was designed by an English landscape designer. There are many interesting features in the park, including a glass pavilion, a brass band pavilion, and a decorative metal fountain.



On Lok Yun This legendary cafe has been serving classic breakfasts for over 80 years. During Bangkok's Ko Lang Wang era in the 1960s, the place was popular with teenagers and its charms have been preserved right up to the present day.



Wat Ratchapradit Located just north of Saranrom Park and built during the reign of King Rama IV, it was originally intended as a Dhammayut Order temple. The interesting feature is the ordination hall which features murals on the wall and ceiling showing various royal ceremonies and an eclipse.



The Giant Swing was considered the centre or 'navel' of the capital and was established during the initial stages of the Rattanakosin era, in the reign of King Rama I, and it was His Majesty who ordered the Devasthan to be built. The area was of great significance to Brahmin followers and the iconic Giant Swing rapidly became recognized as a symbol of the city, a fact that remains to this day. In the past, the swing was used as part of the Triyampawai ceremony performed by Brahmins and Hindus.

Devasthan Those ancient Hindu sacred site looks much like the average temple from the outside, but once inside visitors will find images and statues depicting Shiva, Ganesh and a rare monument to King Narai from the Sukothai era.



**Wat Suthat
Thepwararam**

The place where people can pay their respects to the first a giant image of Vessavana in Thailand. Visitors can check out the site where Lord Buddha once temporarily resided, reaching on the folklore related to the 'Pred Wat Suth' ghost, and much more at this fascinating place of worship.



Pig Memorial



Wat Ratchabophit Wat Ratchabophit is also the site of the royal burial place. It is another example of a temple which combines architectural and design elements from both eastern and western cultures.

The Gingerbread House



Chao Por Suea Shrine This old shrine is of special significant for those looking for good fortune and prosperity in the workplace, as well as believers looking to rid themselves of bad luck and increase wealth.



Sathon Bang Rak Silom Route

This area has long been recognized as a hub for progress and creativity, with art in every direction and eye-catching old buildings creating a distinctly contemporary vibe. You'll never starve on this route either, as the streets are lined with great eateries and there are numerous spots to enjoy fine dining and take in the cityscape. Finish off the journey with a trip to the colourful Wat Khaek and its striking architecture //



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Chiao Eng Biao Shrine

Also known simply as 'Bang Rak Shrine', this is a Hainan style shrine which dates back over 150 years and is highly revered by those of Chinese descent living in the Bang Rak area



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Prachak Restaurant

A century-old eatery that's been serving up some of the city's best roast duck ever since the Bang Rak district first emerged



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Jok Prince

Boost your energy levels with a warm boil of congee or 'Jok' in the morning. Famous for its thick, tasty rice and tender pork, this place is cherished by foodies and was awarded a Michelin Bib Gourmand consecutively between 2018-2023



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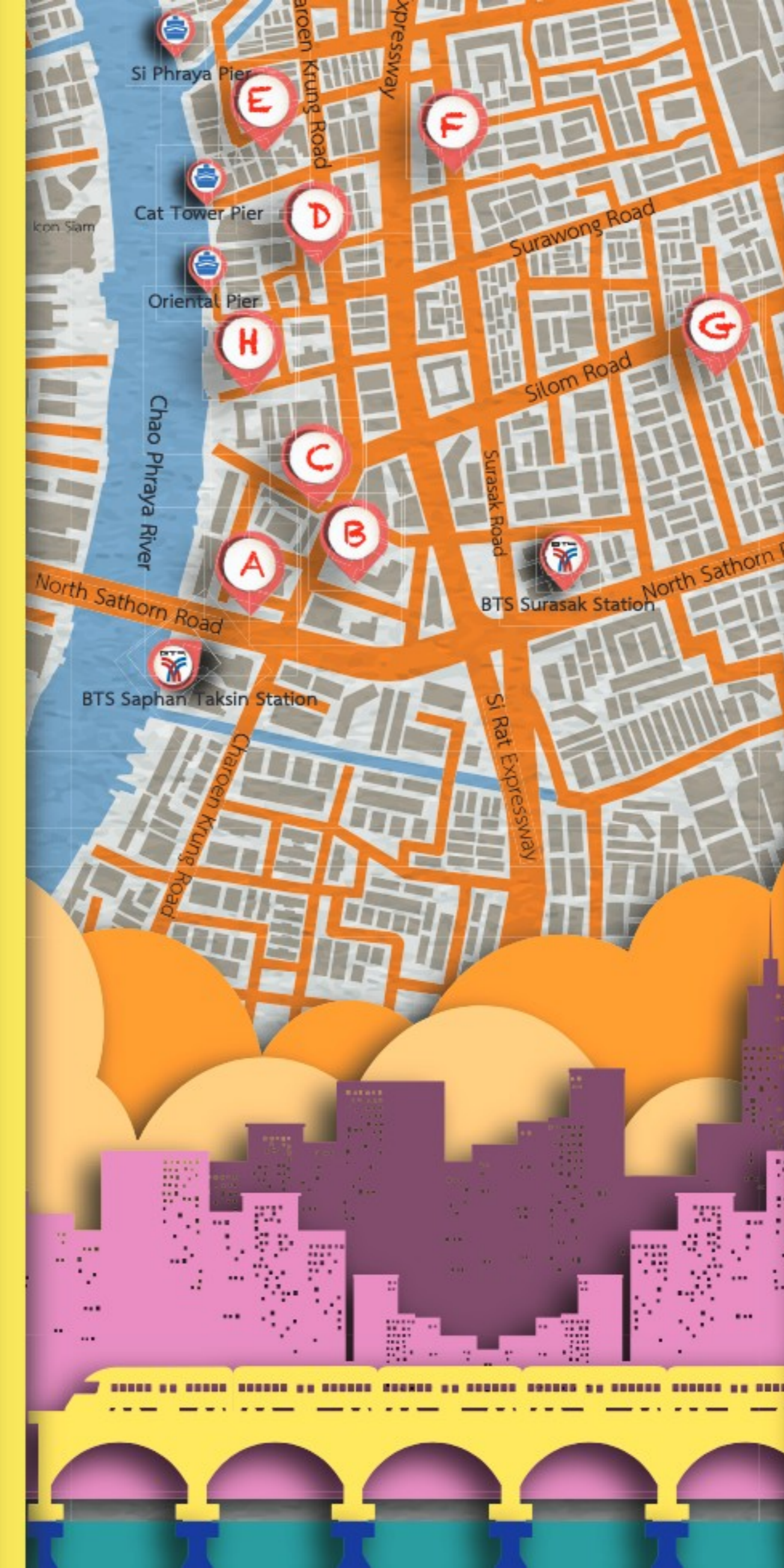
This creative space is hidden away in the inimitably stylish Central Post Office building, just beside the Chao Phraya River and Charoen Krung Rd. Admire the design's simple beauty and combination of Neo-Classicism and Functionalism.



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WAREHOUSE 30 Community Comple

This warehouse has been cunningly converted into one of the city's hippest hangouts with a cafe and co-working space. Visitors can shop, enjoy a bite to eat, soak up the vibes or join in the multitude of activities that go on here.



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Assumption Church

This Roman Catholic Church is over two centuries old and its construction was initiated and overseen by Father Vasquez, a Thai-Portuguese priest. The current church was built in 1909 due to the growing number of Christians in Thailand and was designed by a French architect

who also supervised the construction, with the majority of the materials, including marble and stained glass windows, imported from France and Italy. In 1984, Pope John Paul II visited Thailand and gave a tour of the church.



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Wat Phra Sri Mahadevi

Wat Phra Sri Mahadevi or Wat Khaek Silom is incredibly popular with templegoers and those looking for a blessed and fruitful love life. Good health and prosperous care



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Bangkok Folk Museum

This museum was opened to allow the younger generation of Bangkok youth to learn about the lives of middle-class Bangkok residents before and after the Second World War. Most of the artifacts on display in the factory were actually used by the owners in real life.



Talat Noi route

This hip district is a place where renowned artists leave their mark in various alleys and corners. There are also hidden cafés and old houses that have been converted into chic coffee shop offering a variety of options with different atmospheres. You can enjoy riverfront views, ancient Chinese-style houses, and even galleries. It is a suitable destination for photography enthusiasts and those who appreciate the charm and ambience of a good café.

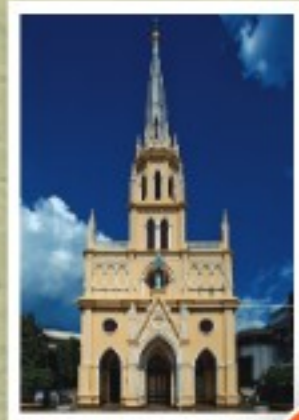


River City



Chao Tha Stew Duck

This stew duck restaurant has been operated for more than 40 years. Besides the stew duck, stirred-fried noodles with water mimosa is another specialty with special recipe.



Holy Rosary Church



Mother Roaster This café looks like an unassuming building at first glance, but as you walk up to the second floor, you will encounter an atmosphere that is mysterious yet charming, with a cool rustic decor.



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Rong Kueak Shrine

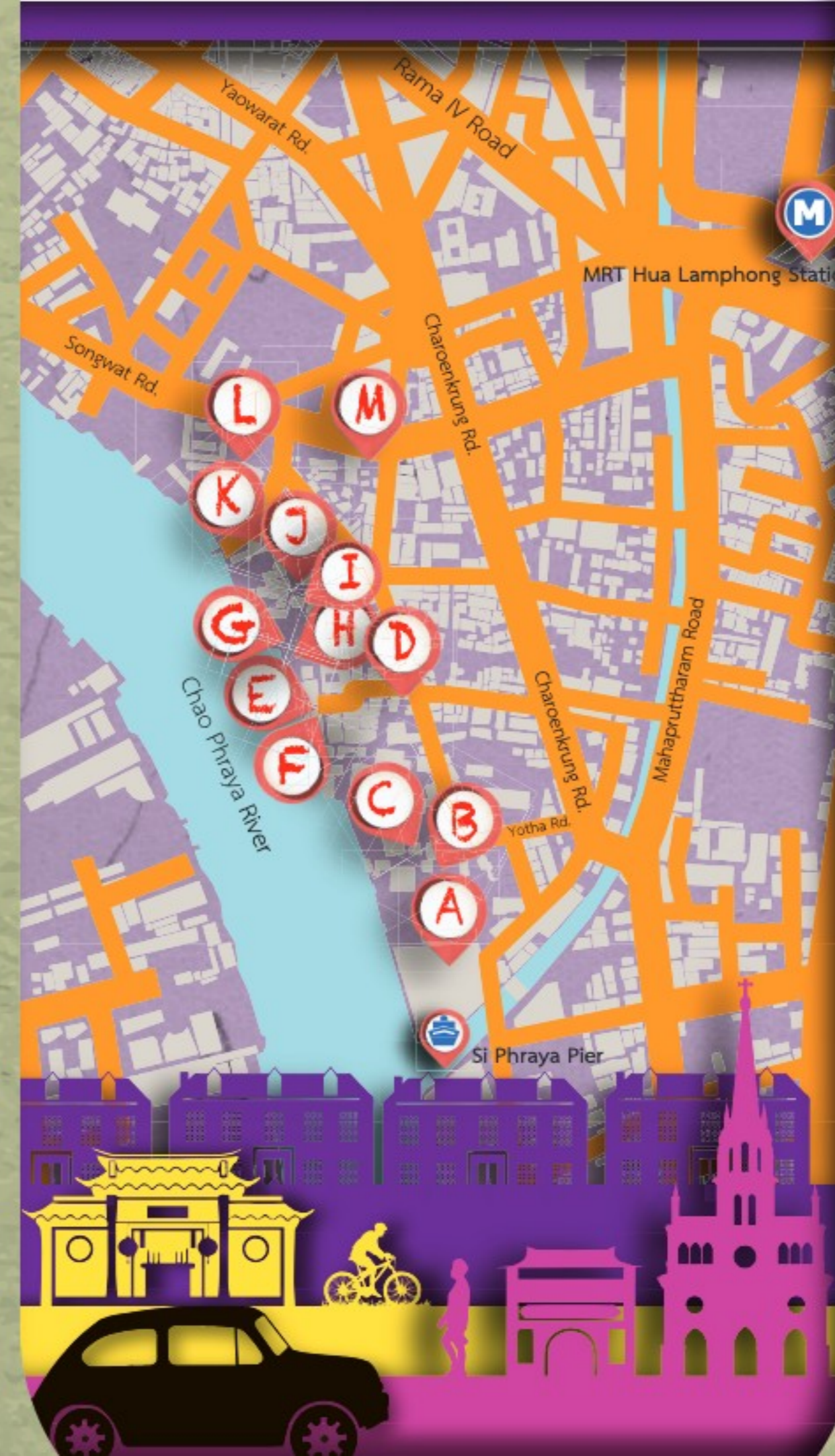
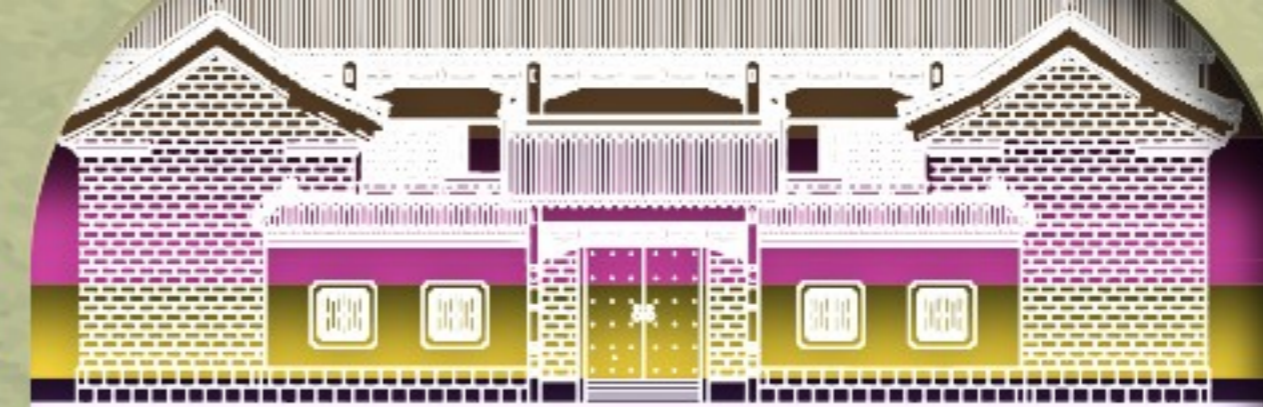
Another example of the shrines dedicated to Chinese deities that line the banks of the Chao Phraya.



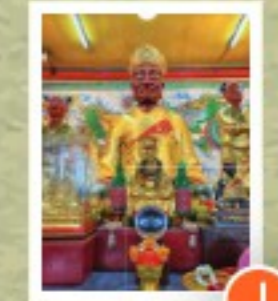
Baan Rim Naam This chilled café was originally an old warehouse, and it has been renovated in a vintage style, with an open-plan design to allow the river breeze in. Baan Rim Naam offers a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy a coffee or a bite to eat.



So Heng Thai Mansion The first Chinese-style house in Bangkok, over 260 years old, is located in the midst of the small market community. So Heng Tai features a pond in the courtyard, which has now been converted into a diving school.



The Ancient Fiat Car
Talat Noi's essential check-in spot. If you don't take a snap here your trip just isn't complete.



Chow Sue Kong Shrine
This 200-year-old Shrine, serves as a focal point for the spiritual beliefs of the Hokkien Chinese community. Most people come here to seek blessings for good health and prosperity by entrusting their fate to the deity for protection.



Hong Sieng Kong
A contemporary café that is elegantly decorated with a nostalgic touches and a spacious, airy vibe. The decor perfectly preserves the ancient Chinese house style and offers you a taste of authenticity as you chill, sip and admire the view of the Chao Phraya River.



Wat Pathum Khongkha



Sien Kong Shrine



Itsaraphap
Wang Lang

Itsaraphap Wang Lang Route

Visit Thonburi's famous temples, unearth some hidden gems, explore Wang Lang, taste great cuisine at some renowned restaurants, and test your mettle at an unsettling museum tucked away in Sirirat Hospital, one of hot spots among foreign visitors. ”



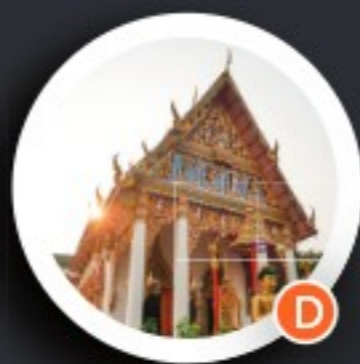
Wat Arun Ratchawaram One of Thailand's most prominent landmarks, the iconic stupas beside the Chao Phraya river are the most recognizable feature of Wat Arun. The temple previously housed the Emerald Buddha and is also home to the reclining altar of Prachao Thonburi, under which locals like to pass in the belief it will eradicate bad luck.



Phra Ratchawang Derm Originally resided by Phrachao Thonburi, the palace is now maintained by the Thai Royal Navy and is open to visitors once a year during the month of December.



Wat Hong Rattanaram This temple was of great importance during the Prachao Thonburi era and boasts many distinguishing features inside, including Phra Saen Buddha image from Chiang Taeng, Lan Chang era artwork in the chapel, the golden image of venerable monk Luang Pho Suk, the shrine to King Taksin, believed to be the first of its kind in Thailand, and a sacred wishing well. The well was constructed to act as an inspiration to the military and to bring them safety in victory.



Wat Nak Klang This temple contains a sacred image of renowned and respected monk Luang Po Khon Samor Mahalarp and worshipping at the image is believed to boost health and ward off diseases.



Wat Rakang Kositaram An ancient bell which produced a melodious sound when struck was once discovered on this site, hence the temple's name (Rakang meaning 'bell' in Thai). According to popular belief, those seeking fame and fortune should pay their respects here. It was also formerly the residence of revered Buddhist teacher and monk, To Promrangsi, who spent an entire Buddhist lent at the temple. Amulets with To's image on can now fetch prices in the millions of Thai Baht.



Wang Lang Check out some delicious dishes and local delights at Wang Lang market, including the famous and very affordable sushi, Tubtim Krob desserts, Wang Lang Bakery, Jay Dang's Vietnamese noodles, prawns wantan noodle soup, and royal recipe fried pork, etc.



Congdon Anatomical Museum This museum certainly not for the faint hearted and if you at all squeamish you should probably give miss. Featuring corpses donated to medical students for research and learning purposes including a few embryos and babies. This unique museum is extremely popular with foreign tourists.



Royal Barges National Museum This is the storage location for the royal barges that are used in the royal processions. The barges are in fabulous condition and fascinating for their history and the marvelous craft that went into creating them.





Wat Benchamabophit This temple, known for its incredible layout and fine, imported Italian marble is simply known as 'The Marble Temple' by visiting tourists.



Buddha & Pals Cafe This cafe is tucked away in an 80-year-old commercial terraced building in Nang Loeng and the vibe inside will take you back in time as you sip away surrounded by the aroma of fresh coffee by day and enjoy some live jazz after dusk.



Nang Loeng Market This century-old foodie haven was established in the age when inland markets first began to become more common than floating markets and was a trade hub for produce from all corners of the country. Over the years, the number of great restaurants and stalls increased with rapidity and it is still home to many of them to this very day. Visitors here can enjoy such treats as stew duck, Pla Naem sausages, wontons noodles soup, stew beef noodles soup or fishballs and tofu noodles soup and visit dessert stalls named Nanta or Mae Somjit.



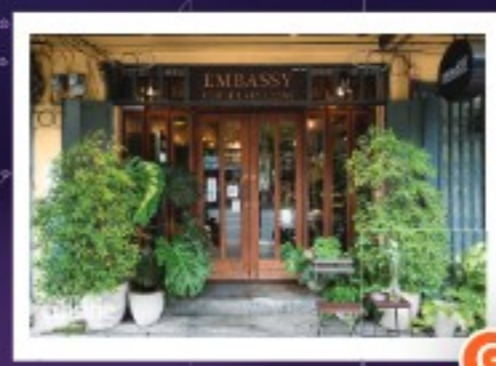
Sala Chalerm Thani This old movie theatre was built in the era of King Rama VI and used to house 300-400 people per sitting. At present, it is used as a warehouse but its cool exterior and vintage vibe make it an excellent spot to snap some photos.

Ban Narasilp Located on Lan Luang Rd. This wooden house in the style has been passed on the knowledge of a 'Khon' folk drama theatre. It has been maintained by the owner to allow visiting tourists to learn about life in Nang Loeng.



Dao Tu Fook This vintage styled restaurant serves up a great menu of fusion food in a 60 year-old house under the 'Family Hungry Place' concept. The result is a warm atmosphere where families can enjoy a quality meal time together.

One of Bangkok's most charming 'old town' areas, here you can soak up the glory of past days and observe inner city life. You can also find one of Thailand's first inland markets, which is well over a century old, and taste some of the finest original sweet and savoury dishes to offer. At present, Nang Loeng is still well-known for its authentic cuisine but has recently added some chic hidden cafes among the alleys of ancient architecture.



Embassy Coffee This hidden gem in Chakkraphatdiphong Road boasts an undeniably chilled ambience and funky decor. Another great spot whose cozy vibe just needs to be experienced.



Bangkok 1899 This European style mansion was created by the same European architect that was responsible for Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall. At present, the building has been renovated and is used for staging various events. It also contains a cafe which adopts a green, no waste policy and transforms into a bar serving Thai inspired drinks by night.



Alex & Beth / Eden's A European style cafe on Lan Luang Rd, with a diverse selection of tempting food, cakes and beverages including many homemade dishes from a chef team, rich in both talent and experiences.



Nang Loeng Lan Luang Route





Chao Mae Thapthim Shrine This old, sacred spot is situated close to the Chao Phraya River at the foot of the Krung Thon (Sang Hi) Bridge, on the Samsen side. It is estimated that it was built by the Hainan Chinese community in Bangkok in the Reign of King Rama III. It is the only shrine dedicated to this particular deity in the whole of Thailand.

The National Library

This comprehensive library and information centre features a modern media system for ease of use and rotating exhibitions of rare books. In 1897, following a visit from then monarch King Rama V on his return from Europe, the library was ordered to be extended and opened to the public rather than just royals and luminaries.

Wat Devaraj Kunchon Ask for blessings from the deity Dhevaraj Neramit, check out the Golden Teak Museum in this striking building with solid teak pillars throughout. The 500-year-old pillars are so girthy in fact, that even two people with outstretched arms can't fully encircle them. Inside the exhibition, visitors can view life-size wax models of all 19 Supreme Patriarchs of the Buddhist priests and Buddha relics from Sri Lanka.

Bank of Thailand Learning Center

The original mint and money printing press in Thailand was established over 50 years ago and is still standing strong with its ornate architecture on display for all to see, particularly the curved concrete roof; the only remaining one of its kind in the country.

Wat Mai Armataros

Also known as Wat Bang Khun Prom, this temple is filled with numerous valuable artifacts, most notably 'Somdet Bang Khun Prom'.

Phra Nakhon Museum

This ancient 'Panya' style Thai house has been converted into a museum which tells the story of the area's growth and development and the lives and traditions of the local people.



Phiphit Bang Lamphu Museum

The Thai Treasury has converted the old printing school at Wat Sangwet into a museum and cultural learning centre which shows the lives of Bangkok residents some 70 years ago through modern technology, giving visitors a glimpse into the history and traditions of Bang Lamphu Community.



Wat Bowonniwet Ratchaworawiharn

This first-class royal monastery was constructed during the reign of King Rama III. Both King Rama IX and current monarch Rama X were ordained here.



Khao San Road This backpacker paradise is still popular among travellers with a taste for freedom and local atmosphere. There are plenty of restaurants and accommodation here but it is during nighttime that the street really bursts into neon-lit life.



Wat Chana Songkram This temple is often visited by those struggling with indecision or looking to overcome some problems in their life.



Coin Museum Housing collection of coins from both Thailand and abroad and a learning centre, visitors here can marvel at the sheer variety of coins and banknotes on display, and take part in exhibitions detailing the background and history of currency.



Samsen Thewet Bang-Lamphu Route





Bobae Market

This renowned source of clothing at wallet-friendly wholesale prices is Thailand's largest and popular. There are products of all shapes and sizes on display for visiting shoppers.

Wat Boromniwat Ratchaworawihan

This is a rural style temple within the sacred precincts of the principal pagoda, Phra Atsada, and features magnificent mural paintings on its walls skillfully crafted by the renowned Thai artist In-Kong. In-Kong was widely recognized as a master artist during the period when perspective painting was first introduced in Thailand.

Galileoasis

A trendy art-space design that combines a café, gallery, hotel and theatre under one roof. It is tucked away in an alley but boasts stylish and charming decor that is both captivating and inviting.

Jim Thompson House Museum

Explore six traditional Thai houses surrounded by lush trees. Inside, the stories and rare possessions of Jim Thompson, the founder of the Thai Silk Company, are showcased. For those enchanted by the fine art of silk weaving, a visit to Jim Thompson's House is a must.

Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

The central hub of contemporary art in Thailand hosts rotating exhibitions and works of various artistic disciplines. There are also diverse events and presentations including music, poetry, theater, film, discussions, and literature, etc.



SIAMSCAPE

A skywalk garden in the heart of Siam, a new photography spot that offers views of the city's tallest skyscrapers, and yet another must-visit landmark. Siamscape is designed with a modern touch to appeal to the new generation.



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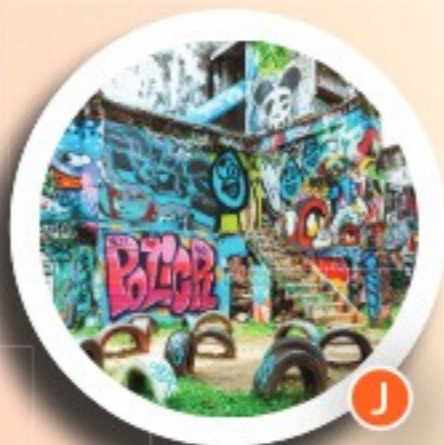
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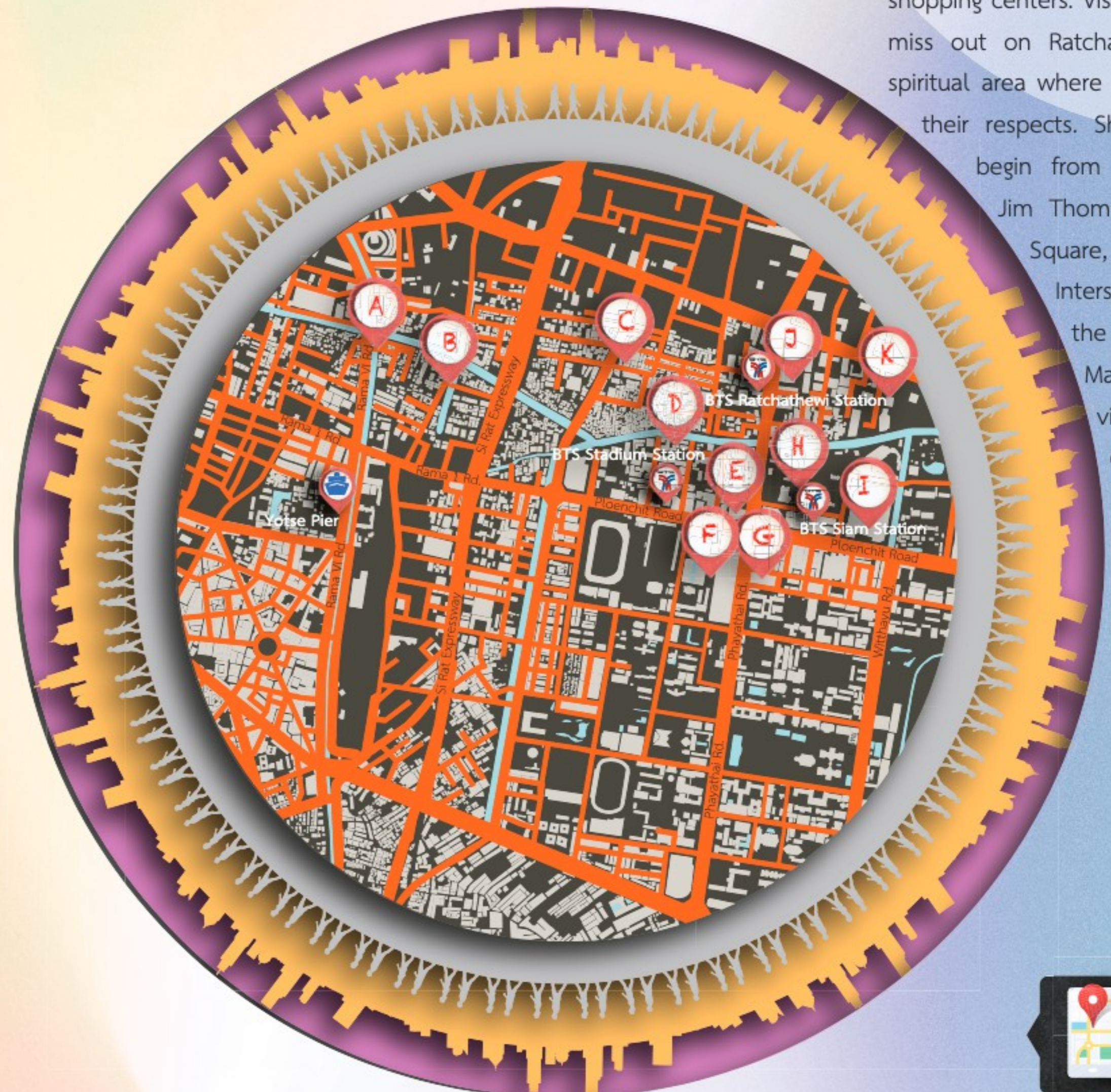
Wat Pathum Wanaram



Chaloemla Gardens



Rama 1 Rd Siam Ratchaprasong Route



This Fashion hotspot offers various levels of shopping, ranging from comfortable yet affordable options to high-end global brands, and is lined with prominent shopping centers. Visitors should also not miss out on Ratchaprasong, a revered spiritual area where people flock to pay their respects. Shopping destinations begin from Bobae Market, Jim Thompson's House, Siam Square, and Ratchaprasong Intersection, extending the way to Pratunam Market. International visitors are particularly drawn to this bustling retail area.



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