

## **BANGKOK TIPS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **RESTAURANTS**

#### *Thai*

Lean on tree Sukhumvit Soi 18

Balee Laos Sukhumvit Soi 16

Gardens of Dinsor Palace <http://www.thegardenspalace.com/>

River Tree House <http://www.baanrabiangnam.com/home.php3>

Wine I Love you – Emquartier

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g293916-d4224350-Reviews-Wine\\_I\\_Love\\_You-Bangkok.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d4224350-Reviews-Wine_I_Love_You-Bangkok.html)

Sit & Wonder Soi 57

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g293916-d4306866-Reviews-](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d4306866-Reviews-Sit_and_Wonder-Bangkok.html)

[Sit\\_and\\_Wonder-Bangkok.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d4306866-Reviews-Sit_and_Wonder-Bangkok.html)

Baan Khanitha

<http://www.baan-khanitha.com/venues.php?branch=suk23>

Ariyasom Villa, Sukhumvit Soi 1 (veg. )

May Veggie, close Asoke

#### *German*

Bei Otto, Sukhumvit Soi 20 also has a bakery with good and healthy (rye-) bread

<http://www.beiotto.com/>

#### *International*

No Idea Gastro & Pub, Soi 22 <http://noideabkk.com/>

Karma Kamet Diner (very nice place, well hidden...BTS Phrom Phong)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Karmakamet-Diner/446021698824192>

#### *Argentinian / Steak House*

El Gaucho

<http://elgaucho.asia/>

Close to Terminal 21 BTS Asoke or in Thonglor Sukhumvit Soi 55 by “Eight”

#### *Italian*

Rossanos Soi 21 (Asoke area)

[https://www.tripadvisor.se/Restaurant\\_Review-g293916-d1053260-Reviews-](https://www.tripadvisor.se/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d1053260-Reviews-Rossano_s-Bangkok.html)

[Rossano\\_s-Bangkok.html](https://www.tripadvisor.se/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d1053260-Reviews-Rossano_s-Bangkok.html)

About Eatery (mitt emot Rossanos)

Pizzazo – Suk soi 16 <http://www.pizzazobistro.com/>

Antonios, Soi 33 (pricy)

<http://www.antoniosbkk.com/>

*Spanish/French*

El Mercado <http://elmercadobangkok.com/>

Le Normandie gourmet food at Mandarin Oriental

*Lebanese*

Nadimos - soi 24 opposite hotel The Davis

*Indian*

Maya at hotel Holiday Inn Sukhumvit Soi 22 floor 29

Rang Mahal at hotel Rembrandt Suk Soi 18 floor 26

<http://www.rembrandtbkk.com/restaurants/>

*Vietnamese*

Le Dalat Soi 23

<http://www.ledalatbkk.com/>

*Chinese*

Hong Bao, Soi 39

[http://www.hongbaorestaurant.com/?page\\_id=2](http://www.hongbaorestaurant.com/?page_id=2)

Sea food

The Raw Bar, Soi 55

*Japanese*

<http://bk.asia-city.com/restaurants/bangkok-restaurant-reviews/ten-sui>

Hotel Mariotte close to Swedish Embassy BTS Nana

Ten Sui, Suk Soi 16 (renovation outside, will be great in a few weeks)

Very good!!

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g293916-d953542-Reviews-](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d953542-Reviews-)

[Tsu\\_Japanese\\_Restaurant\\_at\\_the\\_JW\\_Marriott\\_Hotel\\_Bangkok-Bangkok.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293916-d953542-Reviews-Tsu_Japanese_Restaurant_at_the_JW_Marriott_Hotel_Bangkok-Bangkok.html)

*Taiwanese*

Din Tai Fung – Nice Dim Sum – at floor 7 Central World

*Vegetarian*

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293916-zfz10665-Bangkok.html>

May Veggie Home Soi 16 along Ratchadapisek (opp. Exchange tower)

Govinda Soi 22

Broccoli Revolution Sukhumvit Rd

**SKYBARS**

Above 11, Suk Soi 11

Long table skybar Soi 16 (over looking the sunset at Benjakiti)

Octave at Mariotte hotel Suk Soi 57 (nearest BTS Thonglo) floor 61

Brewski @ Radisson along Sukhumvit – great music and good beer!

ESCAPE – at Emquartier (not high rise, but very cosy and nice)

environment)

Scirocco skybar at Lebua at state tower (by the river) – the very best!

<http://www.lebua.com/sky-bar>

### **MASSAGE/HAIR DRESSER etc.**

DARA Massage, BTS Thong Lo, Suk Soi 55

Pedicure/manicure/hair cut

BUYA Salon at Exchange Tower – BTS Asoke exit 6

Hair cut/ highlights (ask for khun Pik)

Ten Ten Nail and Spa along Sukhumvit <http://www.nailspa-bangkok.com/>

Pacific Two Place – top floor for more luxurious treatments (very good)

### **SHOPPING**

EM Quartier BTS Phrom Phong

Terminal 21 BTS Asoke

Central World

Central Embassy

MBK (copy products)

Paragon

Silom Village – Asian handicrafts, leather goods at Jinnys, nice lunch areas etc

Chatuchak weekend market & JJ Mall

### **MOVIE THEATRES**

Emprivé Emporium BTS Phrom Phong (“lyxbio” finns med s k lounge-små ratter före bion och liggande stolar med fleecfiltar o popcorn etc. för ca 8-900THB)

IMAX Cineart Emquartier BTS Phrom Phong

Terminal 21 floor 5 BTS Asoke (don’t miss the public toilets in this shopping mall)

Central Word

### **THINGS TO SEE & DO**

Rambuttri road and Khaosan road

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khaosan\\_Road](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khaosan_Road)

Chinatown

River and canal boat cruise at Chao Praya river

Mandarin Oriental hotel

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviewsg293916-d1068563-r160174463-](http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviewsg293916-d1068563-r160174463-Lord_Jim_s_at_Mandarin_Oriental_Bangkok-Bangkok.html)

[Lord\\_Jim\\_s\\_at\\_Mandarin\\_Oriental\\_Bangkok-Bangkok.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviewsg293916-d1068563-r160174463-Lord_Jim_s_at_Mandarin_Oriental_Bangkok-Bangkok.html)

<http://www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/fine-dining/>

Grand Palace/Wat Arun/Wat Po/Golden Mount

Asiatique by the river (opens at 5 pm, shuttle boats from Saphan Taksin pier)

## **BIKING**

Cykla med Arne

[www.bangkokbybike.com](http://www.bangkokbybike.com)

Bang Krachao (called the lung of Bangkok)

MRT to Klong Toey, then taxi to the pier and boat transfer to Bang Krachao.

## **MUSEUMS**

MOCA Modern Contemporary Arts (BTS on the way but currently you need to take a taxi)

Jim Thomson House

BACC - Bangkok Art and Cultural Centre by BTS National Stadium

Art in Paradise – 3D museum at Esplanade Ratchadapisek

## **PARKS**

Lumpini Park - public park MRT station Lumpini

Benjakiti Park opp. Column Tower nearest BTS Asoke exit head for hotel

Park Plaza follow along 500 m to the right

Park IX park

Benjasiri park by Emporium Suites (smaller park)

## **FAMILY/KIDS FUN**

Caturday Cat café Phayathai Rd, Thanon Phetchaburi BTS Ratchathewi

Hello Kitty House café address: Pathum Wan (BTS National Stadium)

Chocolate Ville

## **GOLF COURSES** (tried and appreciated)

Lam Luk Ka Country Club (1,5 hr from BKK)

Royal Lakeside Golf Club (1 hr from BKK)

Thana City (30 min from BKK)

Summit Windmill Golf Club (1 hr from BKK)

Bangkok Golf Club (1 hr)

The Vintage Club

Subhapruek Golf Club (1-1,5 hr from BKK)

## **OUTSIDE BANGKOK**

Kirimaya (very nice course, 2-2,5 hrs north of BKK)

Black Mountain - Hua Hin (very nice)

Banyan – Hua Hin (very nice)

Springfields golf and spa resort (Cha Am, near Hua Hin)

Palm Hills (Hua Hin)

Burapha (fantastic – near Pattaya)

Grand Prix (2,5 hours north of BKK)

Mountain Creek golf club (3 hrs)

## **TO VISIT OUTSIDE OF BANGKOK**

*By car*

Mae Phim, Lomtalay Chalet 3,5 hours by car (under renovation opens spring 2019)

Hua Hin, 3 hours from BKK by car (Hotel tips; Centara Grande, Anantara)

Koh Chang 5,5 hours by car and ferry from BKK, – Chill resort, KC Grande, Kacha

Khao Yai National park 2 hours north of BKK by car – Kirimaya resort

Resort Chonburi 2 hrs, Tamarind private villa

Souchada Resort & Spa, Saraburi (nov-dec sun flower fields are in full bloom)

Ayuttaya /day tour

### *By flight*

Koh Samui – Samui Buri Beach hotel (nice), Laem Yai Beach, Anantara hotel, 2X (spa and unlimited massages included in the hotel rate)

Koh Mook – Sivalai beach resort

Centara Grand Beach hotel Krabi

Khao Lak, Phuket hotel: Paradise Khao lak, Laguna resort, Ocean Breeze hotel, La Vela

Akyra hotel, Phuket (great)

Koh Lanta – Pimalai resort and spa (fantastic)

Chiang Mai/Chiang Rai/Golden Triangle/Mae Hong Soon (tribe village w Long

necked women)

Hat Yai and the island Koh Lipe – Mountain resort (calculate a full day of travel there you go by flight, car and boat)

This is just a glimpse of what to do of course and what we have tried since 4 years (started 2015--) I'm pretty sure there is more I have forgotten, but the list can be good as a starter for newcomers. You will eventually discover your "own favorites" in Thailand – the Land of Smiles, Mangos and Hospitality. Enjoy! /Monica