



VELA be Ratchathewi

# VELA CITY INSIDER

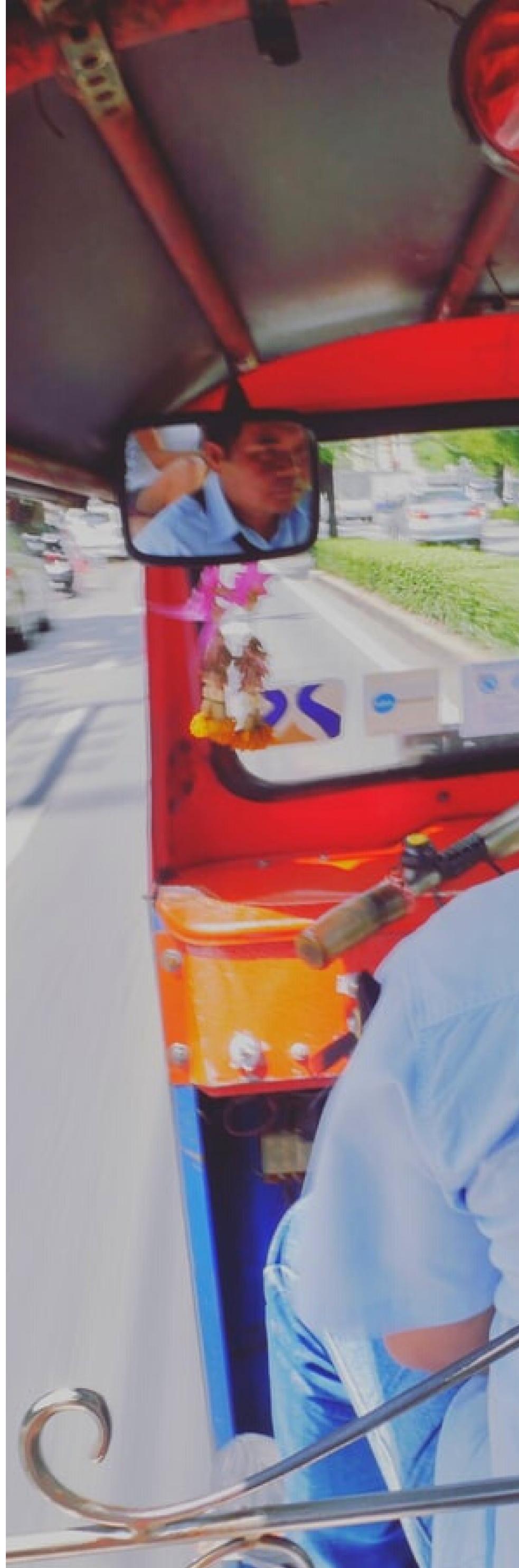
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**Hi there,**

They say don't be afraid to take the road less traveled. As your local friend, here are the hidden gems, away from the glitzy malls and obvious attractions, that we recommend you hit. Not enough? Ask one of our hosts for a more extensive and personalized list!

**-VELA be Team**

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## SOI KINGPETCH

Soi Kingpetch, the very alley next to the hotel, is lined with street food stalls and vendor carts that are truly hidden gems. Not sure which one to pick? Ask one of our hosts which is their favorite and try for yourself!

**Host's Favorite: Ouankingpetch Grilled Bread and Fresh Milk**



## HOST'S FAVORITES

1. Lido Connect
2. Everyday Karmakamet
3. Mango Tango
4. Hamburger Studio

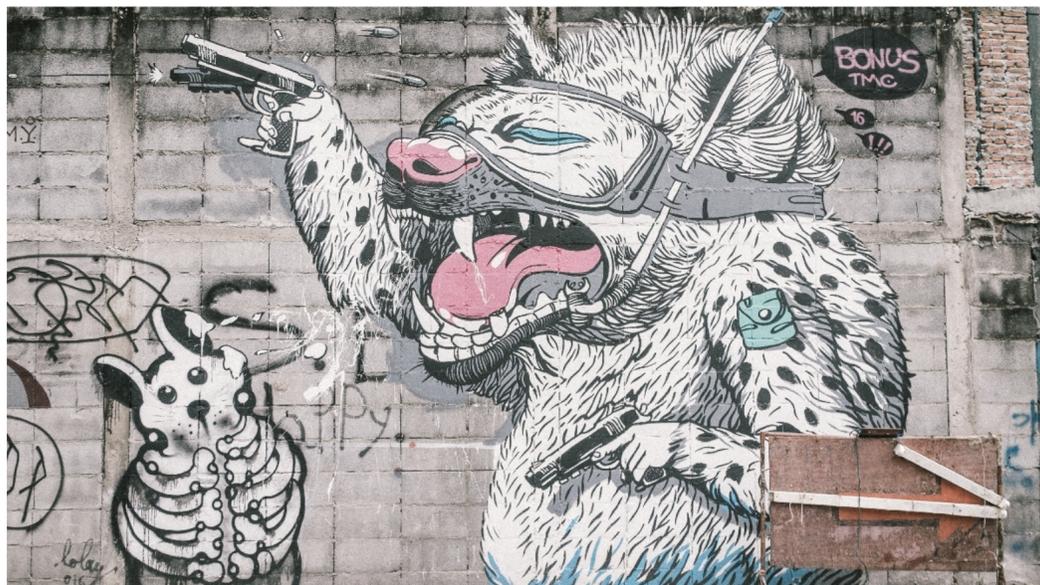
## SIAM SQUARE

Siam Square, not the glitzy malls, but the other side underneath the shadows, is the hub of quirky independent stores. Here, you'll find unique Thai brands that truly represent the style of this vibrant city! While you're there, don't forget to check out some of the cafés and restaurants. This is not the only time we'll tell you this, but line up with the locals! We promise you'll get an Instagram-worthy shot.



## HOST'S FAVORITES

1. Mother Roaster
2. Oneday Wallflowers
3. Charoenkrung Soi 32 Street Art
4. Warehouse 30



## CHAROENKRUNG

Whilst Charoenkrung is heralded as Bangkok's oldest road, it is now undeniably one of the hippest destinations in the city. In the past, the area was famed for the lines of temples and 5-star hotel brunches; but, with new eats and sights budding left and right, the area has reinvented itself as Bangkok's newest creativity hub. The bonus? It's right by the river!



## MOCA

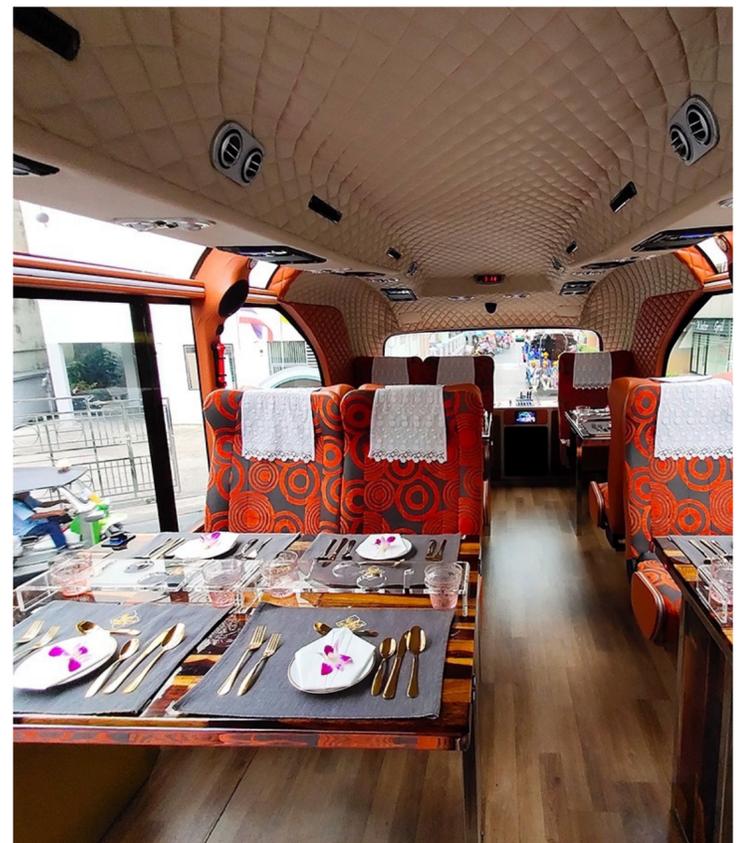
If you're an art enthusiast, then the Museum of Contemporary Art is a can't-miss! The museum houses one of the most extensive contemporary art collections in the city, and is often praised for the refreshing exploration of themes, such as religion, corruption and pollution. It also showcases famous pieces of artworks by Thai artists, such as Chalermchai Kositpipat, designer of the famous all-white temple (Wat Rong Khun). So, how about a relaxing, but thought-provoking activity for a change?

## PTT GREEN IN THE CITY

Need a quick escape from the concrete jungle? Check out PTT Green in the City, conveniently located near Suvarnabhumi Airport. Built on the sustainable living concept, the project restored a dumping ground into a natural habitat and wetlands environment. There is a skywalk, an observation tower, and even A solar-powered exhibition. Trust us, you're bound to get an Instagram-worthy photo here!

## THAI FOOD BUS TOUR

On a time crunch? The Thai Bus Food Tour will be perfect. Experience Michelin-awarded Thai restaurants and sightsee over 10 tourist attractions in less than 2 hours! Be sure to look out the window for the off-beaten tracks during the ride.





## HOST'S FAVORITE

### RUNGRUEANG NOODLES

Rice is a staple, but we like noodles too! But, we love it when you combine noodles with Tom Yum. Located in Sukhumvit 26, Rungrueang Noodle is a local favorite, well-known for its flavorful tom-yum broth and home-made fish balls. They also have a grounded pork option, and we think it's just as amazing!

### JOK PRINCE

Jok, or congee, is a classic breakfast here. While it isn't hard to find, we recommend you make your way to Jok Prince. This hole-in-the-wall has been open for over 50 years and is a favorite among locals. It's also on the Michelin Bib Gourmand list, and has been visited by Anthony Bourdain. We recommend you go bright and early because it tends to sell out real fast!





## NAI HUAT NOODLES

No need to wander far from the hotel for a warm hearty noodle! Right next door to the hotel is Nai Huat Noodles. The stall has been open for over 50 years and is famous for their homemade fish balls. This means they're fresh and free of preservatives. Order extra fish balls - you won't regret it. While there are seats available, for a more comfortable option, you can order it to-go to enjoy at our 'Dining Room.'



## SAENGCHAI POCHANA

Feeling hungry late at night? Head over to Saengchai Pochana for one of the best Thai-Chinese food. The menu is extensive but highlights steamed, fried, and stir-fried seafood. For a hearty comforting meal, we say opt for khao tom (rice soup) over steamed rice. Located in Sukhumvit, the restaurant is right by Thonglor, the center of Bangkok's nightlife. No need to rush from the bars and clubs though, they're open to 4am!



## HOST'S FAVORITE (SAENGCHAI)

1. Salted Peach Soup (Grounded Pork)
2. Fried Pork Intestines
3. Fried Crispy Grouper with Garlic
4. Fried Ground Pork and Salted Olives
5. Fried Fresh Squid with Yolk

## TEP BAR

What's better than ending a long day with a nice cold drink while listening to some local music? Tep Bar - Cultural Bar of Thailand not only offers home-infused ya-dong (Thai herbal whiskey), but also stages live shows of Thai traditional music. Located in Chaoroenkrung, one of Bangkok's oldest areas, it doesn't get more local than this! Reservations are recommended and it can conveniently be done online via Chope!



**HOST'S FAVORITE**

## LOY SHY

Nested in Soi Phayanak, the very street our hotel is on, is Loy Shy - a bar that prides itself on being Bangkok's music platform. Here, you can expect quality live bands daily. Genres include pop, R&B, soul and more. Along with the extensive list of beers, cocktails and spirits, the bar offers mainly Thai food and snacks. The spot is relatively small, so head on over early to secure yourself a seat.





## THAISHO

The Ari-Saphan Kwai area, which hosts some of the best drinking spots in the city, including Thaisho, a Thai restaurant and bar with a creative twist. Their food is Thai fusion and the bar highlights original ya-dongs. Try them by the shots, or as a base for cocktails. The decorations is an artistic mix of Thai elements like Pha Khao Ma strips that perfectly contrasts with the neon lights. Keep in mind they're closed on Sundays!



## HONEST MISTAKE BAR

If you're up for some bar hopping, head over to Honest Mistake Bar next. It's only a 2 minute walk from Thaisho. This clandestine bar is inspired by the Shanghai mafia era and has gone all out with its decor, fronting the bar with a fake Chinese pawnshop. That's our little hint when you go hunting for it. Shhh! You may also have to bribe your way in.

**Still hopping? Dumbo Jazz & Vinyl Bar; and The Garrison are around the corner.**

