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VELA CITY INSIDER

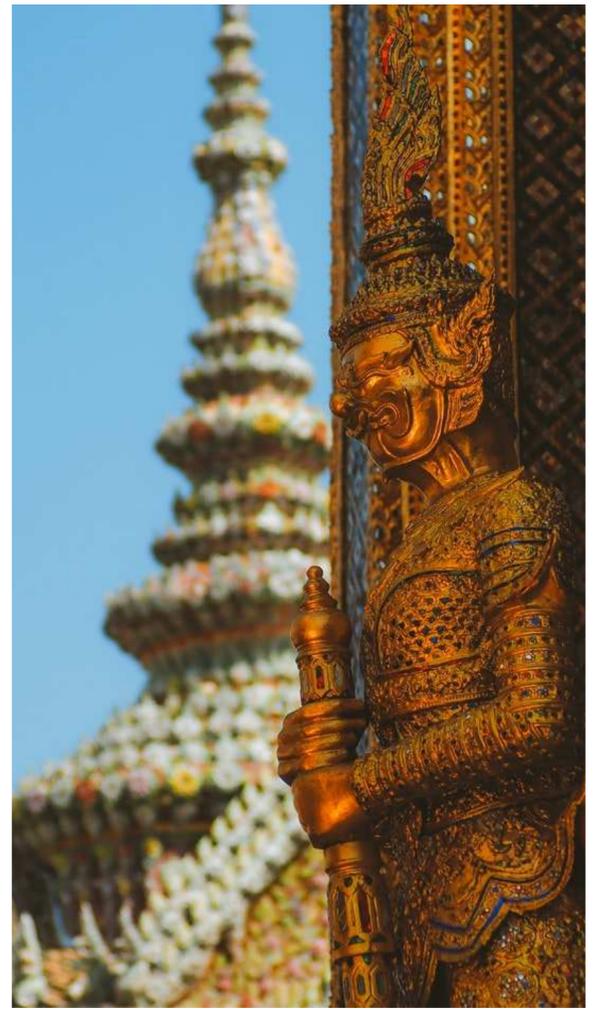
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Ladies and gentleman,

We know you're keen to explore, and what better place to get a true-blue Thai tourist experience than Bangkok? In here, we've curated the hidden gems on the off-beaten path and local favorites just for you.

Up for a watery adventure? Head for the canal! Prefer to stay dry? Whizzing around the city on the back of motorbikes is the most thrilling way to get to where you want to go. Zip in and out of serpentine sois, stopping on the way to sample roadside treats. Our drivers are top-notch and so are the helmets, so pop on a lid and see the city from the pillion side!

-VELA Dhi GLOW Team





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 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Frank Garcon
2. A.SAP (As Soon As Possible)
3. Dancing Riot
4. Twentysecond
5. Paradise Lost (Siam@Siam Rooftop)
6. Everyday Karmakamet
7. Lido Cafe by Coffeelism
8. KanomSiam
9. Ban Khun Mae





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. Head on over and see what you discover. The bonus? It's right by the river; and next to Yaowarat (Chinatown).

HOST'S HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.Mother Roaster
- 2.Oneday Wallflowers
- 3.Ha Tien Cafe
- 4.A Pink Rabbit + Bob
- 5.Prince Theatre Heritage Stay
- 6.Baan Phadthai
- 7.Por Krua Thuen
- 8.Prachak Roasted Duck
- 9.80/20 (Michelin Guide)
- 10.Charoenkrung 32 Street Art
- 11.Warehouse 30
- 12.ATT19

We know, the list seems long; but, trust us, they're all worth it! We suggest you allocate about half a day to explore the area. The best time would be the afternoon so you can enjoy the sunset by the river at the end!



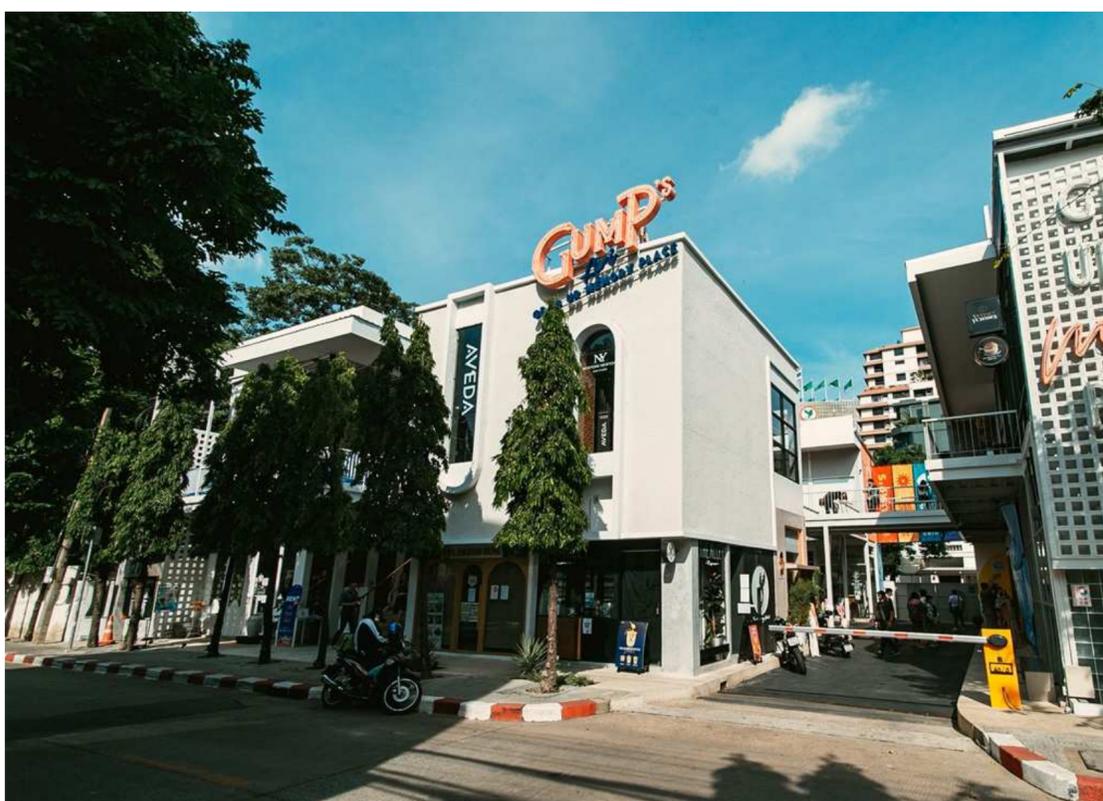
ARI

Ari is an underrated area amongst tourists, but is considered a hipster haven among locals. More developed than an old town but less hectic than a modern neighborhood, Ari is something Bangkok has been longing for. It maintains the cosy neighborhood vibes while celebrating entrepreneurial passion. The main street is lined with quirky cafés, tasty restaurants, and stylish bars; while the inner parts are residential areas - an enclave of traditional Thai architecture. Join the locals for an authentic, yet refreshing experience! Ari is easily accessible by BTS (Bangkok Skytrain) and the famous Chatuchak weekend market is only 2 stations away.

HOST'S FAVORITES

- 1.Lazebkk
- 2.Sarath N. Chocolatier
- 3.Landhaus Bakery
- 4.Daydream Believer
- 5.Ros Ded Noodles (Paholyothin)
- 6.Ongtong Khaosoi
- 7.Phed Phed Cafe
- 8.Baan Pueng Chom
- 9.Lhao Lhao
- 10.Thaiho
- 11.Honest Mistake Bar
- 12.The Garrison
- 13.Townhouse Space

Another lengthy list, but carefully curated. So, get ready for another adventure full of surprises and of course, good food!





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?



HOUSE OF MUSEUMS

Hop on a time machine and travel back in time at the House of Museums. This little vintage museum is a private collection of thousands of objects dating back to the sixties. The building is divided into collections - a pharmacy, a salon, and more! Try a vintage snack; we promise it's edible and we think you'll like it!

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.

GO-ANG PRATUNAM CHICKEN RICE

Khao Mun Gai, or Chicken Rice, is a staple dish here. While you'll see it everywhere, we recommend you head over to Go-Ang Pratunam, which is only a few minutes walk from our hotel, for the very best. This humble chicken and rice stall has drawn a devoted fan base of locals for more than 50 years. The aromatic rice is cooked with chicken oil, which is perfect when eaten with the flavorful chicken and delicious soup. We know exactly why it made Michelin's Bib Gourmand list!

SRI AYUTTHAYA BOAT NOODLES (ARI BRANCH)

Historically, small canoes navigating Bangkok and Ayutthaya's canals would sell noodles to customers in small bowls. All the preparation is done on the boat; hence, the name "boat noodles." What makes this noodle unique is its sweetened aromatic soup that mixes in cow's or pig's blood. Boat Noodles make a scrumptious quick lunch and is particularly ubiquitous in Ayutthaya. But, you can enjoy it here in Bangkok at Sri Ayutthaya Boat Noodles (Ari Branch). We promise you one might not be enough! Even better, finish up your meal with their Coconut Ice Cream to fight the heat.



HOST'S FAVORITE



RUEN PETCH SUKI

Sticking to the old school theme, our next stop is Ruen Petch Suki. Suki is a pot of cooking broth, which you cook raw ingredients - pork, beef, seafood and vegetables - in. Ruen Petch has been around for over 50 years and they don't disappoint! Their famous hearty soup and secret sukiyaki sauce is worth a try.



SRI TRAT

Trat is a province in the eastern seaboard of Thailand, which is known for their fiery seafood and curries. Sri Trat brings this famed regional food to the capital much to all our delight! The star in the kitchen is the owner's mother and the menu is all her favorite recipes. The house-turned-restaurant is lavishly decorated setting the tone for a perfect meal. Beware to mention the spice level though - it does get hot!

METHAVALAI SORNDAENG

A Michelin One Star Restaurant, Methavalai Sorndaeng offers historic royal Thai dining that is perfectly aggrandized by its classic frozen-in-time décor and views of the Victory Monument. Established for over 60 years, it is well-known for its fresh ingredients and traditional recipes. The kratong-thong and mee krob are a can't miss!

SOMBOON SEAFOOD (BANTHADTHONG BRANCH)



Somboon Seafood opened back in 1969, and their Fried Curry Crab has become a legend. The restaurant has expanded with many branches across Bangkok, but we highly recommend you go to the original one at Bantadthong. They are best known for their fresh seafood, impeccable cooking and reasonable prices. Aside from the crab curry, we recommend you try their garlic fried mantis shrimps and prawns with glass noodles in a clay pot!

Can't get enough of seafood? Samyan Seafood is another option for a long-standing Thai-Chinese seafood joint!

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!

HONEST MISTAKE BAR

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.



THE GARRISON

If you're up for some bar hopping, head over to The Garrison, which is right around the corner. This one's easy to find - it's the one that looks like it came out of the Peaky Blinders show. The bold architectural style of industrialized England will surely bring out your inner English gentleman. Suit up lads!

LENNON'S

Bangkok has a long list of speakeasies, and Lennon's is undoubtedly one of our favorites. Nestled on the 30th floor of Rosewood Bangkok, Lennon's transports you into mid-century recording studio. Upon entrance, you'll be greeted with over 6,000 Vinyl records that you can browse, play, and even buy! The rooftop view of Bangkok's CBD is absolutely stunning at nightfall.



HOST'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maggie Choo's
2. Q&A Bar
3. J Borowski



As the sun sets, Bangkok transforms into one of the liveliest capitals with its vibrant nightlife in many areas - Khaosan; Thonglor-Ekkamai, RCA and more! For casual vibes and cheap alcohol, we say head to Khaosan Road. For thundering clubs or hip hangouts, Thonglor is the place to be. We recommend [BEAM](#), [Sing Sing Theatre](#) and [The Club at Koi](#). Don't forget to do it like the locals, and grab some street food on your way back!