

# The Last Passport's



**BANGKOK** Travel  
Guide

## Welcome to Bangkok,

The second largest city in Southeast Asia and capital of Thailand.

Although I never imagined it before I moved there, Bangkok became my home for 5 years. In this time, I explored so many great destinations, which I have documented here in detail for you.

With a population tipping 10 million, Bangkok truly is a city that never sleeps. You can find food stalls opening in the early hours of the morning, a rush hour that goes from 7am to 10am, then another rush hour from 5pm to 10pm.

As night approaches, the city really comes to life with restaurants, bars, street vendors and so much more.

Whether you want to make a day trip to a floating market, go shopping for the best bargains, or try to real authentic foods, you will find it all in here.

This guide contains over 50 local destinations right in Bangkok. There are also loads of great day trips to make in the surrounding areas.

You will never go bored in Bangkok, and you will certainly think twice about making it a pass through pit stop.

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# Outdoors



## ▪ Bang Krachao

There is a little slice of nature nestled in the heart of Bangkok and surrounded by the mighty Chao Praya River. Bang Krachao provides the city a breath of fresh air and therefore commonly called the Lungs of Bangkok.

This green oasis has managed to withstand Bangkok's rapid development. Forget traffic jams, here you can hire a bicycle for just 70 THB and explore. Where skyscrapers typically stand, you will find small community farms and home restaurants with traditional eats.

Be sure to drop into the Bang Nam Peung Floating market on weekends and the Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan Park on any day of the week. More about both of these later in the guide.

For an unforgettable experience, try staying a night overlooking the river at the Bangkok's Treehouse. This is the most unique hotel in Bangkok, one you have to see to believe.

**When:** Bang Krachao is open 7 days a week. Any day is a good time to visit. Note: the Bang Nam Peung floating market on Bang Krachao is only open on weekends in the morning.

**Get there:** Bang Krachao is accessible by crossing the Chao Praya River on a short ferry ride. A one-way ticket costs just 4 THB (\$0.10). Ferry piers are at Bang Krachao are from Bangna, Klong Toei and Chong Nongsi.

## ▪ Koh Kret

Koh Kret is one of the most relaxing places to hang in outer Bangkok. Imagine a slow village life, the cool breeze sitting by the Chao Praya River, and no cars.

Choose to explore the 5km island circuit by foot or by bicycle. When you are too tired to walk just call out to an orange vested motorbike taxi. They will pick you up for just 30 THB.

The north east of Koh Kret is a local market, which is loaded with hand made pottery and traditional Thai sweets. Veer down a back alley to discover the houses where this pottery is made. This is going straight to the source.

After a long day, you have to stop by the local Koh Kret Brewery (Chit Beer) for some tasty microbrews. Brews are on tap and change on a weekly basis, so there is always something new.

**When:** Koh Kret is open 7 days a week. Any day is a good time to visit. The market and microbrewery are open on weekends.

## Get there:

**Boat:** The most interesting way to get to Koh Kret from Bangkok is by boat on the Chao Praya River. Take the Chao Praya Express from Saphan Taksin pier up to Nonthaburi. The journey takes about 1 hour.

From Nonthaburi pier, you can take a smaller longtail boat to Koh Kret. Be warned that these boats are often overpriced and a sucker for tourists. The better option is to get a taxi from Nonthaburi pier to Koh Kret costing less than 100 THB (USD 3).

**Taxi:** This is the quickest option for getting to Koh Kret and best for returning home after a long day out. A taxi takes about 30-45 minutes and costs about 300 THB. Tip: ask the taxi driver to use the elevated expressway (*tang duwan*) to avoid the terrible Bangkok traffic.

**Bus:** Bus routes 104 and 166 will also get you from Bangkok to Koh Kret. Local Bangkok buses are cheap but expect a slow, hot and cramped ride. Take the bus if you want to save money, but I have warned you.

## ▪ Street Art in Chinatown

There is a secret trail of street art clustered around Bangkok's old town, most of which was created during 2016's Buk Ruk Art Festival.

The art trail roughly follows the Chao Praya River. It will take you through discreet alleyways with a look into Bangkok's local lifestyle.

You can find the art works at the following locations:

- Saphan Taksin Station
- Charoen Krung Soi 28
- Charoen Krung Soi 32
- Charoen Krung Soi 30

- Decho Road
- Surawong Road (Thanon Surawong)

**When:** All day, every day. Avoid rainy days.

**Cost:** Free

**Get there:** take the BTS skytrain to Saphan Taksin then head down to the pier to begin your journey.

## ▪ Phrakanong Canal Boat Ride

For a real local vibe with no tourists, you have to venture into suburban Bangkok. Phrakanong and further down Sukhumvit Road is where local thrives.

What better way to experience local Bangkok than to jump on board a local transport route. The longtail boat.

Longtail boats are long wooden boats with huge outboard motors. The canals manage to avoid the heavily congested streets and therefore these boats are still frequently used.

Longtail boats depart from a discreet little pier below Sukhumvit Road just before Sukhumvit Soi 77 (Onnut). The boat makes its way down Phrakanong Canal for 7 km until it reaches Srinakarin Road. On this route, you will pass by riverside communities, inner city jungle, and further along to Bangkok's Muslim district.

**When:** Every day

**Cost:** 10 THB

**Get there:** take the BTS skytrain to Phrakanong then walk along Sukhumvit Road towards Onnut. Where the main bridge crosses the river, veer left and head down to the river near to the footbridge.