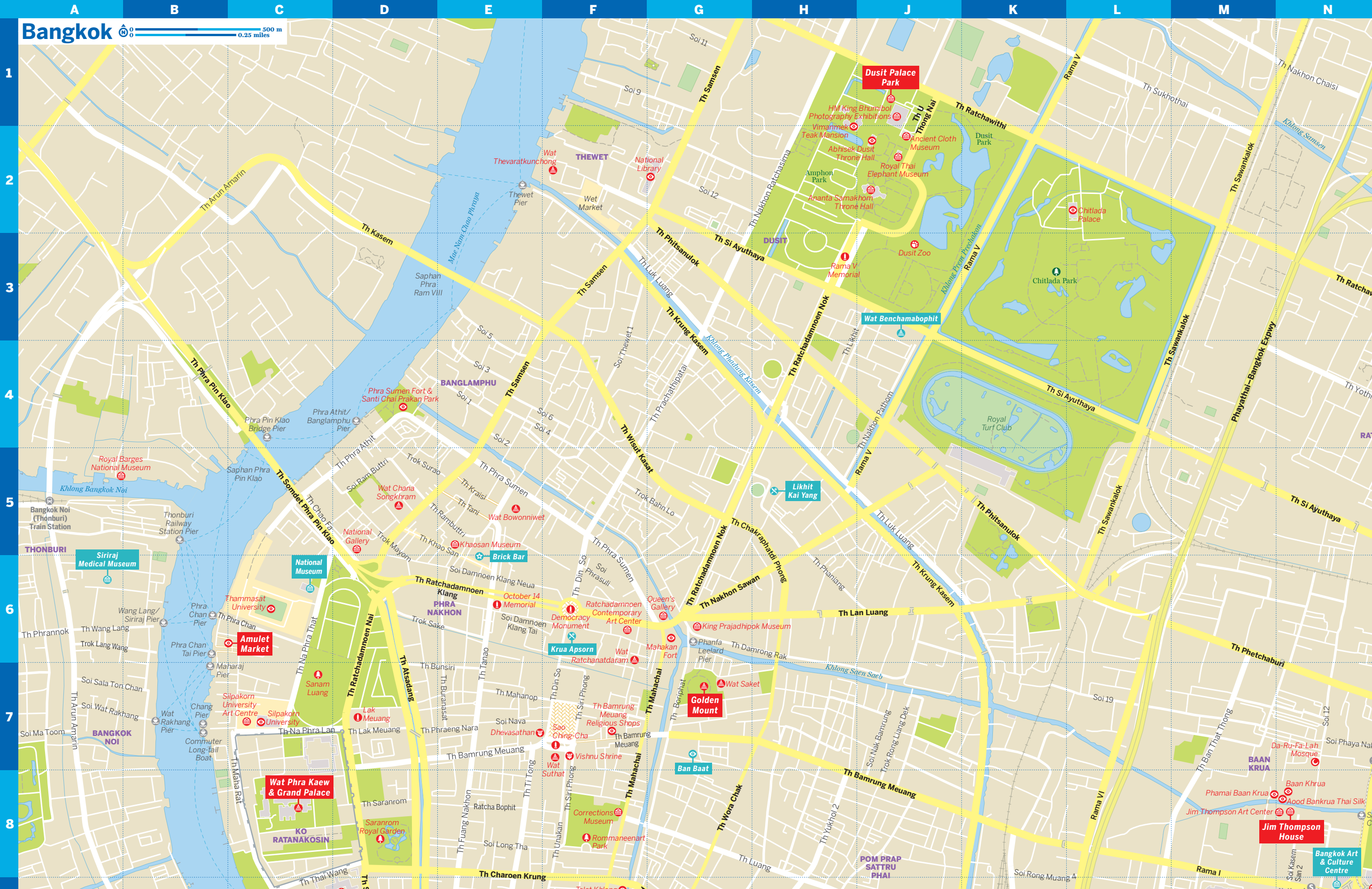




# BANGKOK

## City Map



WALKING TOUR

TRAVEL TIPS

MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS

## SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL



### BASICS

|            |         |            |
|------------|---------|------------|
| Hello.     | สวัสดี  | sà-wàt-dee |
| Goodbye.   | ลาก่อน  | lah gòrn   |
| Yes./No.   | ใช่/ไม่ | chài/mài   |
| Please.    | ขอ      | kôr        |
| Thank you. | ขอบคุณ  | kòrp kun   |
| Excuse me. | ขออภัย  | kôr à-pai  |

## TOP SIGHTS



N8

### JIM THOMPSON HOUSE

The former home of a US silk entrepreneur displays his personal belongings and collection of exquisite Asian art, as well as parts of various derelict Thai homes from central Thailand. (www.jimthompsonhouse.com; 6 Soi Kasem San 2; 5 National Stadium, 5 Sapan Hua Chang Pier)

### CHINATOWN

Chinatown is a complicated web of tiny alleyways, crowded markets and delicious street food. This Chinatown is defiantly ungentrified, and getting lost in it is a fun thing to do. (M Hua Lamphong, 5 Ratchawong Pier)

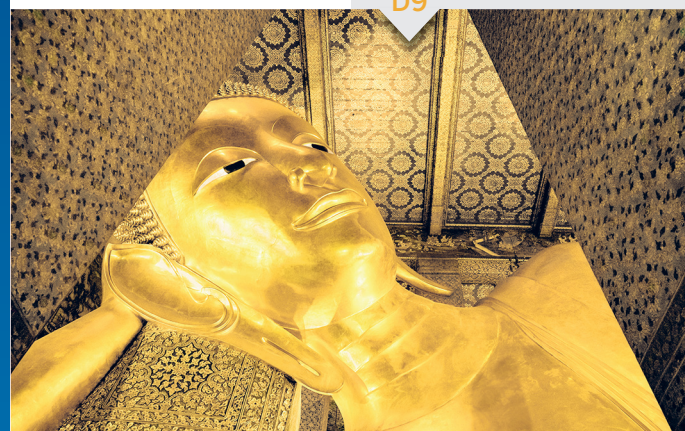


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### WAT PHO

This wát has the largest reclining Buddha and the largest collection of Buddha images in Thailand, and is the country's earliest centre for public education; Thai medicine and massage are still taught here. (Th Sanam Chai; 5 Tien Pier)

D9



C8

### WAT PHRA KAEW & GRAND PALACE

The vast Wat Phra Kaew includes the former residence of the Thai monarch, the Grand Palace. The grounds encompass more than one hundred fabulous buildings, yet the tiny Emerald Buddha is its primary attraction. (Th Na Phra Lan; 5 Chang Pier)

### AMULET MARKET

This equal-parts bizarre and fascinating market offers small talismans prized by collectors, monks, taxi drivers and people in dangerous professions; some amulets command astronomical prices. (Th Maha Rat; 5 Chang Pier)

C6



P6

### SUAN PAKKAD PALACE MUSEUM

Once a royal residence, within this collection of eight traditional stilted wooden houses are displays of art, antiques and furnishings, while the grounds provide a peaceful oasis. (Th Si Ayuthaya; 5 Phaya Thai)



J1



H10

### TALAT MAI

Even if you're not interested in food, the hectic atmosphere and exotic sights and smells of this alleyway market are a sensory experience. (Soi Yaowarat 6/Charoen Krung 16; M Hua Lamphong, 5 Ratchawong Pier)



J11

### WAT TRAMIT (GOLDEN BUDDHA)

Wat Traimit contains a gleaming 3m-tall, 5.5 tonne, solid-gold Buddha image, sculpted in the Sukhothai style. The statue is now housed in a four-storey marble structure. (Th Mitthaphap Thai-China; M Hua Lamphong, 5 Ratchawong Pier)

### GOLDEN MOUNT

Serpentine steps wind through an artificial hill shaded by gnarled trees, and past graves and pictures of wealthy benefactors. At the peak, you'll find a breezy 360-degree view of Bangkok. (Th Boriphat; 5 Phanfa Leelard Pier)

G7



## BANGKOK SHORT LIST

### HISTORY BUFFS

**National Museum (C6)** An occasionally dusty but wholly worthwhile survey of Thai history.

**Museum of Siam (D9)** A lively summary of the Thai people and their culture.

**Wat Arun (B9)** Predating Bangkok, this temple makes the best of a unique riverside location.

**Siriraj Medical Museum (A6)** Not for the faint of heart: a queasy look at the more graphic side of death.

### BARGAIN HUNTERS

**Bangkokian Museum (K13)** A time-warp back to the early-to-middle 20th century. Admission by donation.

**Lumphini Park (Q13)** Escape the crowds and traffic amid shady paths, a large artificial lake and sweeping lawns.

**Pak Khlong Talat Flower Market (D10)** Grab a bargain at this sprawling market, and see piles of delicate orchids, rows of roses and stacks of button carnations.

**Ban Baat (G7)** For a cheap afternoon, wander

## GETTING AROUND

### TRANSPORT



**BTS** The Skytrain runs from 5.15am to midnight. Tickets 15B to 52B.

**MRT** The metro runs from 6am to midnight. Tickets 16B to 42B.

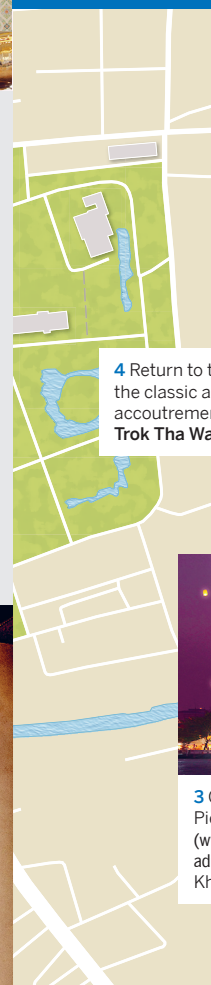
**Taxi** Outside of rush hours, Bangkok taxis are a great bargain and all taxis are required to use their meters. Flag fall 35B.

**Boat** Chao Phraya Express Boat runs from 6am to

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### Legend

