Bangkok Walking Tour

Stroll around the former royal district of Ko Ratanakosin. Start early to beat the heat, dress modestly for the temples, and ignore shopping advice from well-dressed touts.

Start Wat Phra Kaew & Grand Palace
Distance 5km
Duration Three hours

1 Start with the architecturally flamboyant and domestically revered Wat Phra Kaew & Grand Palace.

2 Head to Wat Pho temple where you can enjoy a traditional healing massage.

3 Catch the cross-river ferry from Tien Pier to the military-looking Wat Arun.

4 Explore the classic architecture in the narrow alleyway of Trok Tha Wang.

5 Wander along Trok Mahathat, the alley leading to the Amulet Market.

6 Continue east until you reach Sanam Luang (Royal Field), the location of elaborate, albeit infrequent, royal cremations, and seasonal festivals.

Take a Break
Savoey (www.savoey.co.th; 1st fl, Maharaj Pier, Th Maha Rat; mains 125-180B; 10am-10pm) provides an air-conditioned rest stop.

Classic Photo
Gold garuda decoration at Wat Phra Kaew.