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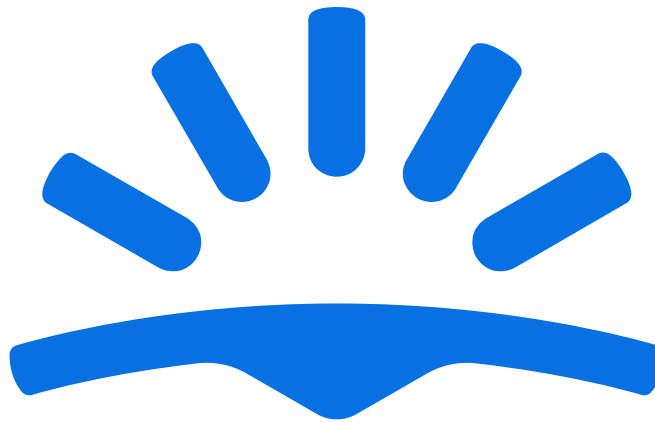
You're on a budget but need an Asian holiday stat! [Skyscanner Australia](#) has you covered with a guide to Bangkok that won't break the holiday budget. We've even found a few surprisingly affordable luxuries in the Thai capital.

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How to get to Bangkok

As a central Asian hub, Bangkok travelers are spoilt for choice amongst low cost airlines flying into the Thai capital. Few do it as well as Scoot, the low-cost Singapore Airlines offshoot with easy connections from Australia via Singapore. Spoil yourself with an upgrade to ScootBiz for extra legroom along with generous check in and carryon baggage allowances for all the Bangkok bargains you'll be taking home.





Where to shop in Bangkok

Bangkok and shopping are as inseparable as tonic and gin. Even self-confessed non-shoppers will likely find some Bangkok bargains slipping into their luggage.

Pantip Plaza is electronic heaven for gadget geeks. A five story shopping mall dedicated to electronics, computers and technology, there's also software sellers and repair shops doing a roaring trade repairing cracked smartphone screens for a fraction of the price in Australia.



[Chatuchak Weekend Market](#) rocks the socks off any other marketplace in Bangkok. Claiming to be the world's largest market, it's indisputably Thailand's

largest, covering a staggering 27 acres with approximately 15,000 (no-one really knows how many) market stalls. If you don't walk away with bargain bits & bobs from Chatuchak, you're really not trying.

MBK Shopping Mall is more upmarket than Chatuchak (and with a more convenient downtown location) with eight air-conditioned levels of bargain brand names.

Where to eat in Bangkok

No self-respecting visit to Thailand is complete without lashings of superb Thai food. Save your appetite for the aforementioned shopping expedition to Chatuchak as there are a gazillion cheap and cheerful streetfood stalls to tempt your tastebuds. Try seasoned green papaya salad, spicy shrimp soup or perennial Thai favourite, fried noodles.

If you love pad thai, then you absolutely cannot miss out on trying it at Pad Thai Thip Samai. It's open between 5pm through to 2am so save this one for dinner or a late night supper treat. Don't be put off by the long queue, it moves quite fast and oh boy, it's worth it. Be prepared to order two rounds of this dish – washed down with a few Singhas. The restaurant is situated in the old district of Phra Nakorn.

Address: 313 Maha Chai Road, Khwaeng Samran Rat, Khet Phra Nakorn



Where to stay in Bangkok

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This is where it gets tricky for budget travelers. Bargain hotels abound in Bangkok but there are a few traps to be aware of and plenty of sleazy fleapit hotels. The upside is that you can actually get a luxury hotel room for a smidgen of what you'd pay in Australia.

Stick with the trusted Novotel name and the only surprises you'll find are low prices. For less than \$100 per night [Novotel Bangkok Fenix Silom](#) is a worthy choice, despite not being directly on the MRT train line. [Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhimvit](#) on the other hand comes with an MRT station on its doorstep for around \$150.

[Hotel Muse](#), which is styled on the Chicago Speakeasy era of travel has gorgeous rooms on sale for less than \$200 including free wifi, plush black marble bathrooms and plenty of cool attitude. For a few dollars more you can live like royalty at [Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit](#) on a commoners budget. Water babies keen to wash away city grime from Bangkok's traffic-crazy streets will love the 23m lap pool with poolside sunlounges and muslin-draped cabanas.

