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# what's Great to Eat?



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### Saranrom Park

Was completed in the reign of King Rama V the Great. It was beautifully decorated by a former

British Ambassador to Thailand, Henry Alabaster, who created the Park to look modern in a Western style. Later, it became a public park in the city centre that was well-known. Inside is a monument to Queen Sunandha Kumarirat who died in a boating accident. King Rama V the Great had the monument built as a place of mourning his love for the Queen and his daughter. The monument is made of marble. Besides this, inside the Park, there is a pavilion for relaxing and seeing various places; e.g., the glasshouse, an octagonal pavilion, and the metallic European-style fountain. Originally, it was used to decorate the royal palace, but presently, it is like a valuable ancient object that is a century old.



## Sala Chalermkrung

It was constructed during the reign of King Rama VII with the royal intention to be a theatrical showpiece of the country. The King donated 7 million Baht of his own funds for the construction and laid the foundation stone on 1 Julu, 1930. The King bestowed the name "Sala Chalermkrung" to honour the designer. The highlight is that the walls were not used to receive the weight of the building like Thai architecture, but used the internal structure to do so. Around the central hall is divided into small rooms for the walls and pillars of each room to receive the weight. How was the weight calculated? The central hall of Sala Chalermkrung is very spacious, and has a third of the total area protruding outwards, so there are no pillars that block the audience's view.





#### On Lok Yun

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When entering the shop, you will experience the atmosphere of yesteryear, a time when Sala Chalermkrung was still an area that the youth went to just like the present-day youth go to Siam or various hip places. But no matter how long it takes, this place has still not lost its classic charm of an old coffee shop. It has kept everything the same including the old round tables and chairs that are suitable for sitting and chatting in the morning, or the showcase with crockery and condiments, and cans of drink of old displayed in the shop. Watch the people coming and going at a shop that has a charm that is different from others in the neighbourhood.

#### The Old Siam Shopping Plaza

Is located in the old city of Bangkok and comprises a 3-storey shopping complex. It has various goods; e.g., clothing, women's accessories, bags, shoes, gold and jewellery, Thai musical instruments, etc. The Plaza is also known as a location for buying top silk of Bangkok in which there are pieces of silk and readymade silk clothes. Besides this, there is the Fueang Nakhon Hall that has a variety of delicious Thai food and desserts. The Old Siam opens every day from 09:00 to 20:00 Hrs.

#### Chaya Jitrakorn

Is a photography shop that has a photo of Field Marshal Plaek Phibunsongkhram and his wife in the area of the stairwell when going up to the second floor. The second floor of this shop is full of uniforms of government officers and a changing room that has beauty equipment to prepare for taking a photograph. The third floor is for taking photographs as well as has various kinds of furniture. At present, Chaya Jitrakorn still uses the ancestors of digital cameras like 120 camera, 4x5 camera, and film that records the image and is retouched by oil colour, as well there is the calligraphy of 70 years ago that has no distortion.



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Wat Thip Wari Wihan Is an ancient temple of the Thon Buri Era. In the interior, there are numerous sacred deities for people to pay homage; e.g., Mo U To; Thep Prong Dong; Thep Khun Phon Ia Yim; Ong Sum Kuang; Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara; Luang Chin Khananat Chin Phrot

(Yen Bun), former abbot of Wat Thip Wari Wihan, and Thep Mangkon Khiao, the guardian of the temple's pond that the Taechiew Chinese people highly respect. You can come to ask for a blessing for good luck and strength.

# Nightingale Olympic

Was the first department store in Thailand that opened to sell goods from abroad and was the most modern department store in the past. Now, it is nearly the oldest department store at 81 years. From being a 2-storey commercial building in the past to moving to a tall 7-storey building at present, even though today Nightingale is no longer a leader of sporting goods, musical instruments, cosmetics, or fashion like in the past, it is still in the memory of our grandparents when they were young because at that time, there were few department stores to choose from unlike now.



# Talat Ban Mo

Is the largest hub of electronic equipment shops in Thailand. It is famous for audio and electronic equipment with a vast selection to choose from. This includes speakers, audio equipment, car audio equipment, VCDs, DVDs, home theatres, equipment for computers, notebooks, as well as electronic accessories.



# Phahurat

During the reign of King Rama V the Great, Phahurat Road was a major secondary thoroughfare from Charoen Krung Road, Bamrung Mueang Road, and Fueang Nakhon. This was because it was a main trading district. The area of Phahurat Market is very spacious with numerous roads, but the actual market area is in the centre, which is the old market. The surrounding area comprises shops and commercial buildings selling many items including

clothing, food, and various accessories. Mostly, the items are for Indians or as it is known as the Little India of Bangkok.



# Yodpiman River Walk

Is located in the area of Pak Khlong Talat where flowers are sold. The building has been developed and renovated to be Neoclassical Colonial architecture. It has been influenced by the foreign architecture of the Rattanakosin Era to be in harmony with the surrounding landscape of Rattanakosin Island. The interior of the building is decorated with the history of the project from the Ayutthaya Era – Thon Buri Era – Rattanakosin Era to the present. It comprises 6 buildings: Siam Prakan, Viman Ayothaya, Nava Panich, Vijit Phra Nakhon, Yodpiman Thani and Buri Saran.

