



## Bangkok: Some of the best...

Below is a list of recommendations, should you have time, to check out the local food, beverage and relaxation scene in Bangkok. Please check TripAdvisor for the most current reviews but here are a few favorites to get you started. In addition, we have included travel tips for your convenience.

### Rooftop Bars:

- [Above Eleven](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - Soi 11 is full of great restaurants and bars and Above 11 is a good spot to start your evening.
- [Sofitel Sukhumvit](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 15)
  - A favourite spot for many and excellent views over the city. Great happy hour prices and an easy walk from The Landmark.
- [Radisson Blu](#) (489 Sukhumvit Rd.)
  - Over 100 craft brews and ciders on offer. Enjoy beautiful views and the panoramic skyline.
- [Nest Rooftop](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - Great alternative to busier bars on Soi 11.

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### Thai Food:

- [Cabbages and Condoms](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 12)
  - Excellent Thai food and decor with a percentage of profits going to AIDS awareness/education.
- [The Local](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 23)
  - The Local has indoor and outdoor dining options and a good middle of the road restaurant
- [Baan Khanitha](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 23)
  - Consistently ranked among the best if not the best Thai restaurant in Bangkok.

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### International restaurants:

- [La Monita](#) (BTS Ploenchit)
  - Casual Mexican food and drinks. La Monita has been there for a while but still consistently pulls a crowd. Great margaritas, strong margaritas!
- [Charcoal](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - A high end and fantastic quality Indian restaurant in the Fraser Suites. You can start at Above 11, then pop down a few floors to Charcoal for dinner. This restaurant never disappoints.
- [Isao](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 31)
  - Excellent Japanese restaurant specializing in Sushi Rolls. Check out the reviews for this spot.
- [Pala \(pizza and pasta\)](#) (corner of Sukhumvit/Asok BTS - next to Dunkin Donuts)
  - Casual Italian food and desserts. Delicious and inexpensive.
- [Limoncello](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - Good Italian restaurant in a cozy setting.
- [The Australian Pub and BBQ](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - Great place to drink, listen to music, and hang!
- [Mrs. Balbir's](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11/1)
  - Great inexpensive Indian food!!!
- [El Gaucho](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 19)
  - Great Argentinian steakhouse. Extensive menu with many non-steak items on offer. Good drinks as well.
- [Firehouse Pub](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 11)
  - Good place to get a great burger!
- [Charley Brown's Mexicana](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 19)
  - Cheap and yummy Mexican food.
- [Govinda Vegetarian Restaurant](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 22)
  - Pure vegetarian and vegan restaurant with gluten free options.
- [Na Aroon Vegetarian Restaurant](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 1)
  - Healthy, tasty, organic mainly vegetarian food but with some fresh fish and seafood.

### Cafes:

- [Chu](#) (Asoke BTS, Sukhumvit)
  - A wonderful cafe, great artisan sandwiches and a classic breakfast. Their hot chocolate is a must try.
- [KarmaKamet](#) (Soi 24 Sukhumvit, near Emporium Mall)
  - Interesting menu with a hipster vibe.
- [Crepes and Co.](#) (Langsuan Soi 1)
  - A good spot for a group offering a variety of crepe fillings.
- [Kuppa](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 16)
  - Great brunch.

\*Nearest hospital - **Bumrungrad Hospital** - world class medical facility. (Sukhumvit Soi 1)\*

**Massages:**

- [Urban Retreat](#) (Asoke Station, Sukhumvit Road)
  - There are several Urban Retreat locations on Sukhumvit road.
- [Baan Dalah](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 8)
  - A convenient location near the Nana BTS.
- [Oasis](#) (Sukhumvit Soi 31 and Sukhumvit Soi 51)
  - Looking for an extra special treat? This spa is quite simply fabulous with two Bangkok locations. Lunch at Quince followed by a massage at the Soi 51 location is a great way to spend an afternoon.

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**Bangkok is a city that never sleeps. This means traffic is unpredictable. A drive from the airport to your hotel could take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2.5 hours depending on traffic. A Thursday evening/Friday early morning arrival would be best to avoid the worst traffic congestion. Sundays are typically the best day to get around so a drive to the airport, after the conference, should take between 45-60 minutes. Plan to arrive 2 hours prior to your flight's departure.**

**Transportation from Airport:**

- AOT (kiosks in baggage claim or outside of baggage claim)
- Airport train - pick it up in the basement of the airport
- Green and Yellow taxis - basement of airport (make sure to ask for metered taxi) and a receipt.

**Transportation within Bangkok:**

- BTS/Skytrain
- MRT (Subway)
- Green and Yellow taxis
- Grab Taxi (substitute for Uber in Thailand)
- TukTuks - are cute and colorful, but prey on tourists and charge a ridiculous amount for short rides.

**Sim Card Providers:**

The following are reputable mobile phone providers who offer short term Thailand Sim Cards. You can find them in the airport as you are leaving baggage claim.

- True
- Dtac
- AIS

**Shopping: (the following malls can be accessed by taking the BTS/Skytrain)**

- Terminal 21 - Sukhumvit 19 (corner of Sukhumvit and Asok)
- Emporium/EmQuartier - 693 Sukhumvit Road
- MBK Center - 444 Phayathai
- Central World - 999/9 Rama 1 Road
- Siam Paragon - Rama 1 Road