



BRITISH CLUB SENIORS SECTION

Bangkok Museums Day Trip – Thursday, 29th August 2024

Itinerary & Briefing Notes

**** It's HOT ... Cold Water is available on the bus – please keep hydrated ****

08.15 – Depart BC for the National Museum

(Approximately 30 minutes journey, then up to 3 hours at the Museum)

The National Museum, established in 1859 by HM King Rama IV, was transferred to its current location in 1887. It was designed to exhibit and showcase Thailand's history, art, archaeology, and ethnology, and reveals the history of Thailand and how people lived during the various periods of the nation's development.



We meet our English-speaking Tour Guide at the Payments Counter where we each need to pay the entrance charge of Baht 200 for Farangs and Baht 30 for Thai Citizens.

There is so much to see that we have taken advice from a former Museum Guide Volunteer, who has recommended the following itinerary (Please note that in order to see all of the Museum's attractions a follow up visit will be necessary).



We will be taken on our tour through the South Wing and North Wing Buildings, then through the Buddhaisawan Chapel and the Cremation Chariot's Hall. If there is time, we plan to visit the former residence of the Viceroy (at the center of the museum grounds), and/or visit the adjacent Pinklao House.

We will ask the Guide to include some rest periods during this long tour. But for those who prefer to finish early we will meet up at the Souvenir/Coffee Shop located to the left of the Payment Counter. We then board our bus for the short drive to our riverside lunch venue.

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**11.45 – Depart for the highly rated Rongros Restaurant
(Approximately 15 minutes journey, then 1 hour 15 minutes for lunch)**



We have a reservation in this well recommended riverside restaurant that enjoys many very complimentary reviews and stunning views of the Temple of the Dawn on the opposite riverbank.

Lunch is a set menu to be shared Thai style. Drinking water and ice are included. If you would like any extras or other drinks, please pay separately.

**13.15 – Depart for the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
(Approximately 30 minutes journey, then 2 hours at the Museum)**



This privately owned art museum was opened in 2012 and houses a sizable collection of priceless artwork made by renowned Thai painters and sculptors. The main goal of the museum is to constantly share, spread, and preserve true Thai art and culture with both Thais and others from across the world, especially next generations.



Having paid the entrance fee of Baht 280 per person (Over 60 years free on showing ID or passport). Large bags will need to be checked in and placed in lockers. Pens and markers are not allowed. Still (not movie) personal photographs are allowed to be taken, but no flash used.



The Museum has five floors, each showcasing a different art theme. Visitors can access each floor via escalators and lifts, and each level is equipped with its own restrooms.

Our plan is to start on the 5th floor and work our way down, exploring each floor until we reach the 1st floor, where our meeting point, the Café, is located. Please assemble at the Café or just outside it at 15:45 hours, unless advised otherwise.

**15.45 – Depart for BC
(Approximately 40 minutes journey)**

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