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Tour Name

Beyond Bangkok Market Adventure: Railway & Floating Markets

Tour City

Bangkok

Tour Snapshot

Get out of town! Escape the bustle of Bangkok to visit one of the must-see sites of Thailand: a floating market! Sail the canals of Damnoen Saduak and shop for souvenirs, Thai treats and other goods from the vendors who sell their wares from boats and along the riverbank. You'll also visit the see-it-to-believe-it Railway Market, where an active train track is a makeshift shopping strip, plus discover how to make palm sugar the old-fashioned way, from a local at their countryside plantation home.

Highlights

- Explore the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market, where you can try delicious local treats and tasty seasonal fruits
- See local life along the water while riding a small boat through village canals
- Watch how local vendors set up shop along the tracks — and pack up when a train comes! — at the Maeklong Railway Market
- Learn how to make palm sugar, one of the key ingredients of traditional Thai cooking, at a local family-run village plantation

Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:

- We hire local longtail boatmen who own their own boats
- These boatmen rely on tourism to supplement their income as modern transport means fewer locals use this type of transport in the 21st century

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, private transportation during the tour, boat ride, a light snack.

Exclusions: Additional food and drink, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide and driver.

Schedule details

- Duration:6 hours
- Meeting point:
Lobby of Lub D Siam Hostel 925/9 Rama 1 Rd. Wangmai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok.
Find the exact meeting point on [Google Maps](#)
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- Starting time: 6.30 AM
- Ending point:
Lobby of Lub D Siam Hostel 925/9 Rama 1 Rd. Wangmai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok.

Full Itinerary

The Damnoen Saduak floating market is one of the most popular sites to see in Thailand, and for good reason! Some call this area the Venice of the East, where vendors sell their goods from boats and stalls set up along the water's edge of this unique market.

In the mid-1800s, to help locals journeying between towns, Thai King Rama IV and his son, King Rama V, commissioned a 32-kilometre canal connecting two rivers together: the Mae Krong river and Tha Cheen River. The name of this man-made canal is Damnoen Saduak, which means "convenience journey" in Thai.

You'll start your tour with a drive by private vehicle to the railway market, about two hours from Bangkok. Please be on time for your tour! We'll need to leave at 6:30am sharp or you'll miss the excitement at the surreal railway market. And trust us, you need to see it to believe it! Vendors set up their goods along active railway tracks, with fresh produce, fabrics, cooking supplies and more all lined up a mere few inches from the track's edge (and in some cases, right on top of the tracks). You'll get to see what happens when the train comes through: vendors gather up their things and lower their canopies, and both vendors and shoppers step aside as the train travels right through the middle of the market. Once the train leaves, business resumes as though nothing had disrupted them! Between the train schedule, your guide will lead you around the market and introduce you to traditional Thai foods, from desserts to snacks to fresh fruits.

We'll then continue on a short drive to a palm sugar plantation, where we'll visit the house of a villager who still makes palm sugar the traditional way. There are a lot of coconut palm tree plantations in Thailand, and the local wisdom of making organic palm sugar from the nectar of coconut flowers has been passed down from generation to generation.

Onward, we'll board a small boat for a ride through narrow village canals, to reach the famous floating market of Damnoen Saduak — keep your camera ready as this place is a non-stop photo op. If anything catches your eye along your boat ride, let your guide know and you can stop to chat with vendors and purchase something to take home (or to eat right there!).

We'll then depart the boat and walk around to explore more of the market. You'll find a variety of Thai foods, such as seasonal tropical fruits from local orchards, as well as souvenirs, all available on both river banks.

Around noon, we'll head back to Bangkok and return you to the meeting point which is right next to BTS (Skytrain) station National Stadium. Your local guide will be happy to give you directions back to your accommodation or to other sites you should see.

Additional information

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, private transportation during the tour, boat ride, a light snack.

Exclusions: Additional food and drink, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide and driver.

Dress standard: Please dress casually and comfortably for walking.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure, you will be in a small group of a maximum of 9 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point and you must be punctual. We can wait for you no longer than 5 minutes. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: You must arrive at the meeting point ON TIME. Due to the train schedule at the Railway Market, we will not be able to wait longer than 5 minutes. We recommend aiming to be at the meeting point at least 15 minutes prior to the tour start time.

Closure of sites: Please note, if any of the sites in the itinerary happen to be closed due to reasons beyond our control, an alternative site will be visited.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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