



THE BANGKOK NIGHTLIFE GUIDE

The City After Dark

Twelve pages on Bangkok at night, written by the people who run the nights rather than the people who visit them.

Every figure in here is for the group, with VAT inside it, and nothing is priced per person.

Where a figure belongs to The PIMP, our signature venue, it is the venue's own, confirmed with the venue, and it says so.

We are an organiser, not a venue.



ONE

The Rule That Sets the Night

Most of Bangkok stops serving at one or two in the morning.

Three entertainment zones do not: Ratchadaphisek, RCA and Patpong run to four.

Everything else follows from that. If the night is to end at four, it has to end in one of those three, which means the last move is decided at the start of the evening and not at two in the morning on a pavement.



TWO

The Areas

Sukhumvit is the spine: one long road, the BTS above it, numbered sois either side. Soi 11 is the concentrated version, rooftops and clubs on one street.

Thonglor and Ekkamai are smarter, quieter and stricter at the door.

RCA is a strip of large clubs with a four o'clock licence and a young crowd. Our signature venue is here.

Silom and Patpong is the oldest district, now half night market. Riverside is the calm one.

Two areas a night, twenty minutes apart. Three is how a night turns into a taxi tour.



THREE

Rooftops

The easiest win in Bangkok and the easiest refusal.

Two things get a group turned away: shorts and sandals, and fifteen men arriving together with no table.

A round for twelve runs 6,000 to 10,000 baht. Reserved tables carry a minimum spend.

Go at nine. The light is still going, the door is soft, and it puts the group in a club at the right time afterwards.



FOUR

Nightclubs and Tables

The big rooms do not fill until half past eleven.

A table is floor space with a bottle minimum against it. The minimum is spend you were making anyway, not a fee.

Nobody publishes those numbers. In practice a VIP zone in a Bangkok nightclub runs 30,000 to 300,000 baht, by venue and by night.

Which is why walking in at midnight with twelve men and asking is the most expensive way to find out.



FIVE

Live Music

The most underrated half of Bangkok nightlife.

Bands start around ten and play until late — Thai and international, covers you know and rock you do not. In the better rooms, three bands across one night.

The PIMP, our signature venue, is a live music club with a private half: the stage in the middle of the room rather than at the end, hosts moving between the tables, and a cosplay theme every weekend with the venue's own show troupe between sets.



SIX

Go-Go Bars

Three streets, and everything else is a variation.

Nana Plaza on Sukhumvit Soi 4 is a three-floor building rather than a street, which makes it the easiest stop for a group. Soi Cowboy, between Asok and Soi 23, is the photogenic one. Patpong in Silom is the oldest.

The named bars on those streets come from Bangkok Nightlife's own list of them, and that list moves.

How to use them: one stop, early, standing, one beer each, forty-five minutes, van waiting. Carry cash. Photograph nobody.



SEVEN

Gentlemen's Clubs

A go-go bar is a room you pass through. A gentlemen's club is a room you stay in.

Seated, table service, live music on the floor and private rooms off it with a door that closes.

At our signature venue the rooms run 3,500 to 15,000 baht for the whole night, holding four men to a hundred and fifty. Non-members carry a minimum spend of 3,000 baht a person on food and drink; the liquor package is 20,000 baht and bottles start at 6,000.

Those are the venue's own figures, confirmed with the venue. They are not ours and nothing is marked up.



EIGHT

The Daytime Half

Bangkok nightlife starts in the afternoon if you let it.

A villa pool from lunchtime, hosts and a sound system, is the best first thing for a group that has just landed. A party-allowed villa is from 18,500 baht a night.

Then the river: three hours on the Chao Phraya, crew and catering, up to sixteen aboard, from 48,000 baht, past Wat Arun and ICONSIAM in the last of the light.

It finishes at a pier twenty minutes from a club table, which is the neatest handover in a Bangkok itinerary.



NINE

Getting Around

The van is the night, not a comfort item.

Three taxis from a rooftop to a club arrive at three different times at three different doors, and one of them goes to the wrong club.

A ten-hour VIP van with a driver waiting is from 6,500 baht. Over eight men you need two.

The traffic is the thing first-timers underestimate. A twenty-minute hop at nine in the evening is fifty minutes at seven.



TEN

What a Night Costs

Rooftop round for twelve: 6,000 to 10,000 baht. Club table minimum: 30,000 to 300,000 baht.

A private room at the venue: 3,500 to 15,000 baht, plus the 3,000 baht a person minimum spend.

Van for ten hours from 6,500 baht. An eight-hour event host from 7,800 baht. River charter from 48,000 baht. Villa from 18,500 baht.

Planned end to end, our packages run from 100,000 baht for one night with six to ten men to 450,000 baht for a full week. VAT is inside every figure.



ELEVEN

The Order We Run

Dinner at eight. A rooftop at nine. A club table at eleven. A private room from one.

Change nothing else about your night and change only this, and it is a better night.

Run it backwards and you will spend more and remember less.

More than one night spreads the pool day, the river, the coast and the finale across the trip instead of stacking them into one evening.



TWELVE

Who Runs It

We hold the bookings, the van, the host and the room, and one price covers the group with VAT inside.

At The PIMP, our signature venue, since 2011 — more than fifteen years at the same address. That record is the venue's, and we are the organiser who books it.

Send your dates and a headcount and you get the night back in writing, with one number on it.

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