

Anantara Siam Bangkok

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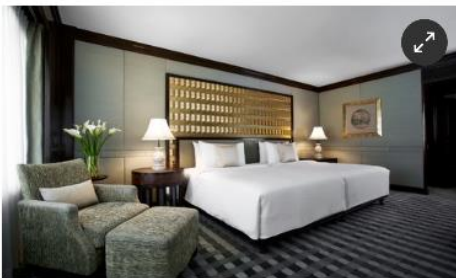
There's a heated debate in Bangkok around the best hotels--and it often centers around the riverside properties vs. the Ratchadamri ones. Both arguments for supremacy have their own merits, but if the centralized group needed a boost, it definitely comes in the form of the Anantara Siam. Housed in the former Four Seasons spot, this five-star gem has quickly grown into an 'it' spot for Bangkok's HiSo (high society) crowd with elegant afternoon teas, savory restaurants, and in-demand nightlife. The hotel itself is an elegant ode to the best of Thailand in its style, comfort, and service, and whether you're part of the society crowd or not, you'll appreciate this hotel's attention to details.

Room

There is an array of room types here but generally all feature hardwood floors, in-room espresso makers, complimentary water and fruit, and regal views of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. Some rooms even have live Thai fighting fish if you want a pet during your stay. We'd recommend the Garden Terrace rooms by the pool with private entry, your own pond, and an escapist feel.



Want your Wi-Fi on the go? The Anantara is one of the few hotels (for now) that provides guests with a smart phone that you can take anywhere in the city to keep you connected at all times.



Bathroom

If you stay in the Garden Terraces you'll be provided with L'Occitane products, while standard rooms use Anantara branded fare. Marble floors are typical for all, as are black sinks, large tubs, and separate showers.



Lobby

A gorgeous lobby is decked out with fresh flowers, and Thai art and artifacts in open display cases and shelves. The hotel's famous afternoon tea is served here among the vast selection of seating options. Make sure you look up as not to miss the meticulous hand-painted silk ceilings.



Pool

The huge pool is very lap-friendly and surrounded by comfy loungers and large umbrellas. There's a bar that serves food and drinks throughout the day and massage tables give guests an outdoor option for relaxing indulgences.



TIP Bring your kids out here, there's a playground that can occupy a LOT of their time.

Spa

Anantara Spa is complete with seven treatment rooms and offers everything from massages and wraps to nail care and waxing. There are several signature massages that are must-tries--go for the Siam 2482. On the Thai calendar, BE 2482 is when the country changed its name from Siam to Thailand.

Gym

There's a ton of space at this gym and it's made up of Cybex machines, free weights, and areas for classes that include Thai boxing, yoga, spin, and more. The lockers have steam rooms and hot tubs to soak those muscles post workout. If you want some competition in your workout, they also have a squash court.



Dining

There are 10 different dining options in the hotel, many award-winning, and most in a lush courtyard area with huge overhanging trees and a koi pond. Biscotti (Italian) and Shintaro (Japanese) are arguably the two best outlets, but the steakhouse and Thai restaurant are close runner-ups. There's really something for any taste and style.



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Drinking

There's a lobby where you can get craft cocktails, but the true hotspot inside is at Aqua—a buzzy bar where reservations are required and where Bangkok's HiSo come to drink. Cocktails here are second to none.



Aqua has a Sunday Brunch that's regularly considered the best in Bangkok.

WHY WE LIKE IT

This hotel oozes elegance and lives up to its reputation as a five-star spot away from the river. With a focus on service, Anantara gives its high-end guests a level of comfort rarely seen at competing properties. Besides its excellent restaurants and bars, the spa is near perfection, and the pool is a great spot to cool down after long days in the sun. Perfectly located, Anantara is nearby amazing restaurants, bars, shopping, and attractions and is a one-of-a-kind property that focuses on every little detail.

