

# FULBRIGHT BANGKOK TOUR DAY

Brining a camera is a must. However, another must, is to be dressed appropriately. The “Fashion Police” in front of Wat Phra Kaew are especially fussy about appearances. Therefore, one must be dressed in appropriate temple clothing.

## **Appropriate Temple Clothing:**

Long Pants

Shirts with a collar (T-shirts are fine), and sleeves.

Closed toed shoes – These can be sandals, but the toes must be closed.

## **Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew) and the Royal Palace**



Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram) is regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic centre of Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, it enshrines Phra Kaew Morakot (the Emerald Buddha), the highly revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade.



If there is one must-see sight that no visit to Bangkok would be complete without, it's the dazzling, spectacular Grand Palace, undoubtedly the city's most famous landmark. Built in 1782 - and for 150 years the home of the Thai King, the Royal court and the administrative seat of government - the Grand Palace of Bangkok is a grand old dame indeed, that continues to have visitors in awe with its beautiful architecture and intricate detail, all of which is a proud salute to the creativity and craftsmanship of Thai people. Within its walls were also the Thai war ministry, state departments, and even the mint. Today, the complex remains the spiritual heart of the Thai Kingdom.

## Temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Pho)



Wat Pho (the Temple of the Reclining Buddha), or Wat Phra Chetuphon, is located behind the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and a must-do for any first-time visitor in Bangkok. It's one of the largest temple complexes in the city and famed for its giant reclining Buddha that measures 46 meters long and is covered in gold leaf.

## Lunch



Lunch, Coffee and walk around at the Famous Khao San Road. Khao San Road is a backpacker hang-out made famous for being in multiple western films, including “The Hangover 2” and “The Beach”. There are a bunch of sidewalk restaurants, shops, and places to enjoy a nice iced coffee while watching the interesting foot-traffic up and down the street.

## Bangkok City Pillar



Located across the street from the eastern wall of Wat Phra Kaeo to the southeast of Sanam Luang, this shrine contains a wooden pillar erected by King Rama I in 1782 to represent the founding of the capital. The spirit of the pillar is considered the city's guardian deity to whom hundreds of Thai worshippers daily come to pay homage and offer prayers.

### **Temple of the Dawn (Wat Arun)**



Wat Arun, locally known as Wat Chaeng, is situated on the west (Thonburi) bank of the Chao Phraya River. It is easily one of the most stunning temples in Bangkok, not only because of its riverside location, but also because the design is very different to the other temples you can visit in Bangkok. Wat Arun (or temple of the dawn) is partly made up of colourfully decorated spires and stands majestically over the water.