Soi Map

The Bangkok Bucket List

50 things to do once. Tick them off, then count your score.

The big sights

- [ ] See the Emerald Buddha at the Grand Palace
- [ ] Stand at the feet of Wat Pho's Reclining Buddha
- [ ] Climb Wat Arun's central spire
- [ ] Watch sunset from the Golden Mount
- [ ] Tour the Jim Thompson House
- [ ] Get lost in Chatuchak Weekend Market
- [ ] See the five-tonne Golden Buddha at Wat Traimit
- [ ] Walk the glass floor of the Mahanakhon SkyWalk
- [ ] Watch the dancers at the Erawan Shrine
- [ ] Spot a monitor lizard in Lumphini Park

Eat & drink

- [ ] Eat your way down Yaowarat Road at night
- [ ] Stack up five bowls of boat noodles
- [ ] Survive a properly spicy som tam
- [ ] Eat mango sticky rice in mango season
- [ ] Queue for khao man gai with office workers
- [ ] Breakfast on moo ping and sticky rice
- [ ] Toast the sunset from a rooftop bar
- [ ] Try a fruit you've never heard of at Or Tor Kor Market
- [ ] Take a Thai cooking class
- [ ] Drink a Thai iced tea from a bag with a straw

Do it like a local

- [ ] Ride the BTS Skytrain end to end
- [ ] Take the orange-flag boat down the Chao Phraya
- [ ] Brave the Khlong Saen Saep canal boat
- [ ] Hop on a motorbike taxi
- [ ] Bargain for a tuk-tuk ride (and win)
- [ ] Get a traditional Thai massage
- [ ] Watch Muay Thai live at a stadium
- [ ] Order a meal entirely in Thai
- [ ] Shop a night market after dark
- [ ] Visit a temple at opening time, before the crowds

Off the radar

- [ ] Cycle Bang Krachao, the green lung
- [ ] Eat a Portuguese cupcake in Kudi Chin
- [ ] Walk around Ko Kret island
- [ ] Catch the puppet show at the Artist's House
- [ ] Graze Nang Loeng market at lunch
- [ ] See the glass ceiling at Wat Paknam
- [ ] Find David Beckham in a temple altar
- [ ] Wander Talat Noi's street-art lanes
- [ ] Eat at a floating market locals actually use
- [ ] Ride the express boat to the end of the line

Only in Bangkok

- [ ] Freeze for the 6pm national anthem with everyone else
- [ ] Get caught in a tropical downpour (and wait it out with a drink)
- [ ] Eat a 7-Eleven ham-and-cheese toastie at midnight
- [ ] Need a jacket inside a mall when it's 35°C outside
- [ ] Get soaked at Songkran
- [ ] Float a krathong on the river
- [ ] Return a wai without overthinking it
- [ ] Politely dodge the "palace is closed" scam
- [ ] Sit in Bangkok traffic and decide to take the train next time
- [ ] Say "mai pen rai" and mean it

Your score

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0–9	Fresh off the plane
10–24	Soi explorer
25–39	Street-food veteran
40+	Honorary Bangkokian