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# The ultimate Bangkok photowalk



# Key Points: Daytime

Bangkok's Old Town is arguably one of the most spectacular locations on the planet, especially for photographers. From Morning to Midnight the streets are alive with life, vibrant colours and a perfect array of opportunity. Expect stunning traditional buildings, open markets, glorious food. Into the evening the streets glow with neon lights and explode with life.

The purpose of this is to guide you in the right direction and help you know where to go. I do, however, encourage you to go off map. Walk down alleyways, stop at cafes, restaurants and street carts. Exploring is the point and how to really experience the atmosphere.

## 01

### Fotospot Wat Arun

The start of your journey for the iconic 'sunrise over Wat Arun' photograph. Check out surrounding streets too! Hang around a little before making your way along Maha Rat Road

## 02

### Along Maha Rat Road

This road is somewhat quiet in the mornings but if you like interesting shots, calm temples, local interactions and lovely colours in the morning sun then you'll enjoy a slow walk up here.

## 03

### The Flower Market

This is also a great place to start your journey if you're okay to miss the sunrise. I usually walk back down and get here for around 9am, it is a little busier with some great tones between the flowers and morning sun.

## 04

### Ong Ang and Sampheng

Walk up towards The Old Siam plaza the along towards Ong Ang Canal. Take your time here, keep an eye out for little alleyways and be adventurous. Make your way to Sam Pheng Market and get ready to get lost for a few hours.

## 05

### Song Wat and Talat Noi

When your ready walk towards Song Wat Road. Once again take your time here, explore and wander around. Song Wat leads well into Talat Noi, an incredible maze of street art and cafes. I usually spend a good few hours walking around here!

## 06

### River City and The Warehouse

I am sure you're ready for some AC now. Walk down to River City and The Warehouse to check out there exhibitions and perhaps take a look at the pier for some cool river shots.



# Exploring markets and street art

This walk spans all aspects of the Old Town. From Temples, along canals, through markets and past street art; this district has it all. Expect a warm and vibrant colour palette with nostalgic vibes and traditional scenes. I recommend stopping for Thai Tea or Matcha in this area too, there are some excellent cafes.

In Sampheng Market there are many lanes, alley ways and sections. I suggest just walking up and down for a while, get lost and then reorientate yourself with google maps once you're ready to move on. This way you spend your time in the present, looking around rather than staring at your phone trying to work out where on earth you're going!

The same goes for Song Wat and Talat Noi, explore the alley ways, stop for food/drinks and spend the time to look really explore. It is truly worth the hype and deserves to be explored. Look out for river view points.



# Key Points: Into the evening

Now the night has fallen prepare yourself for bright neons and busy sidewalks. The vibe really changes here at night. Locals and tourists alike flock for the nightlife, street food and iconic scenery. Check out DD seafood for a cool traditional interior and amazing food.

## 01

### Back to Talat Noi

After having a little rest you should head back into Talat Noi for golden hour. The beautiful golden glows filter through the wider streets and along the river. *You can go further along to Song Wat too depending on time.*

## 03

### Along to Sam Yot MRT

Work up an appetite by walking up to Sam Yot MRT. Take time to enjoy cool lighting, traffic, transport and a real nightlife vibe. Soak up the atmosphere and see a less touristy side of this Bangkok hotspot.

## 05

### Ending your walk

The iconic China Town night market is where his walk ends. Take your time to explore some of the best photographic opportunities and the best cuisine of your life.

## 02

### Hua Lamphong Station

Walk towards Hua Lamphong intersection for some awesome transport shots. If you're interested in architecture walk over to Hua Lamphong railway station for some incredible scenes.

## 04

### Yaowarat Road

Now it's time for the evening highlight. The neon lit streets of Yaowarat. Incredible during the day but ALIVE at night. Bright lights, busy walkways, clanging woks and steaming pots; this is a real photographers paradise.

## 06

### Last words

This walk, if you take your time, can last 12+ hours. My day recommendation for this is Friday. That way all the areas will be at their 'best' (they're always alive). A Friday gives you a slightly less busy daytime which makes Sampheng better but still a busy night, best for Yaowarat.

# Incredible eats and neon lit streets

Before making your way from River City you should utilise the facilities and AC before you head back into The Old Town. There are charging points in River City too, boost your phone and camera before you go.

This walk ends on the iconic Yaowarat Road. I urge you to stop here for dinner before you go home. There are so many amazing dishes and snacks along here, don't just eat spring rolls and Pad Thai. This is a foodies haven, filled with flavourful soup broths, unbelievable seafood and traditional desserts.

If you're truly a machine and want to go on after this then I have two suggestions. Go back to Talat Noi and you'll find edgy cocktail bars and intimate vibes or take a short ride to Khoa San and it's surrounding streets for everything from cool bars to crazy night clubs.



