

Wat Kanlayanamit

Location: Thailand

Wat Kanlayanamit is a Buddhist temple located in the Thonburi district of Bangkok, Thailand. The temple was built during the Ayutthaya period (1350-1767), and it was originally called Wat Khok Khwai. The temple was later renamed Wat Kanlayanamit in honor of King Kanlayanamit, who ruled Siam from 1868 to 1910. The temple features a distinctive Chinese-style architecture, with a multi-tiered roof, ornate eaves, and intricate decorations. Inside, visitors can see a number of important Buddhist artifacts, including a large Buddha statue and several ancient scriptures. During the late 19th century, Wat Kanlayanamit became an important center of Buddhist education and scholarship. Many prominent monks studied and taught at the temple, including the influential monk Somdet Phra Buddhaghosacariya, who is regarded as one of the greatest Buddhist scholars of the 20th century. In the 20th century, Wat Kanlayanamit underwent several renovations and improvements, including the construction of a new ordination hall and the addition of several new statues and murals. Today, the temple remains an important spiritual and cultural landmark in Bangkok, and it is open to visitors

throughout the year. In addition to its religious significance, Wat Kanlayanamit is also known for its role in Thai history. During the reign of King Taksin the Great, who ruled Siam from 1767 to 1782, the temple served as a center of resistance against the Burmese invasion. King Taksin is said to have taken refuge at the temple during the conflict, and it is believed that he received divine guidance that helped him to defeat the invading army.

