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| 11 | **Introduction** | **Localise** | <i>  stupas  </i>  (Buddhist shrines) have been attracting pilgrims for centuries, but an emerging contemporary arts scene means the city offers cultural attractions old and new. For a glimpse of traditional Thai culture, you can book tickets to classical  <i>  Khon  </i> | <i>  </i>  <i>  </i> |
| 12 | **Body** | **Localise** | <h3>  Buddhist temples  </h3>  <p>  </p>  Hundreds of fascinating temples, or  <i>  wats  </i>  , are spread across Bangkok. Among the most opulent is the golden Wat Phra Kaew, in the grounds of the Grand Palace. It's home to the sacred Emerald Buddha, just 30 inches tall. On a different scale altogether, 17th-century Wat Pho houses a gigantic reclining Buddha. Other temples that deserve a spot on your shortlist include Wat Arun, with its spire covered in fragments of colorful porcelain from China, and Wat Saket, which has panoramic views across the city.  <p>  </p>  <em>  Wat Pho  </em>  <p>  </p>  Bangkok's oldest temple and the site of Thailand's first university, founded by King Rama III in the 19th century. Home to a huge reclining Buddha and one of the country's earliest massage schools.  <p>  </p>  2 Sanamchai Road, Grand Palace Subdistrict, Pranakorn District, Bangkok 10200Tel: +66 02 226 0335  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.watpho.com//" target="\_blank">  Wat Pho website  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  Wat Phra Kaew  </em>  <p>  </p>  Sacred temple of the Emerald Buddha. Considered to be one of the most holy sites in Thailand and situated within the Grand Palace. The King ceremonially changes the Emerald Buddha's golden clothing three times a year.  <p>  </p>  Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200. Tel: +66 02 224 3290  <p>  </p> | <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <i>  </i>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.watpho.com//" target="\_blank">  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p> |
| 13 | **Body 2** | **Localise** | <h3>  Modern art  </h3>  <p>  </p>  Vibrant galleries and cultural centers exhibiting modern Asian art have opened throughout Bangkok in recent years. Interesting places to spot Thai creative talent include the striking Bangkok Art and Culture Center (BACC), and independent galleries such as Whitespace and H Gallery. The National Museum, in the old Royal Mint building, displays 20th century artworks, as well as paintings by the reigning King of Thailand.  <p>  </p>  <em>  Bangkok Art and Cultural Centre (BACC)  </em>  <p>  </p>  A contemporary arts center spread across 9 floors of a bold, circular building designed to be an iconic landmark in the city. Spiral walkways lead visitors to light-filled galleries, an art library, and spaces dedicated to film and performance.  <p>  </p>  939 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330. Tel: +66 02 214 6630 - 8  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://en.bacc.or.th/"target="\_blank">  Bangkok Art and Cultural Centre (BACC) website  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  Whitespace Gallery  </em>  <p>  </p>  An independent art gallery displaying work by up-and-coming Thai artists. Exhibitions range from sculpture and painting to photography and conceptual art.  <p>  </p>  One Sala Daeng 1, Rama 4 Road, Khet Bangrak, Bangkok 10500. Tel: +66 8 1699 5298  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.whitesp-cegallery.com/"target="\_blank">  Whitespace Gallery website  </a>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Museums and palaces  </h3>  <p>  </p>  From splendid palaces to museums packed with national treasures, Bangkok has plenty of historic sites and cultural attractions to explore. You can admire royal artifacts at the Grand Palace, while Vimanmek Mansion contains objects Rama V collected around the world. If you're interested in traditional art and crafts, take a guided tour around the collection displayed in the teakwood house of Jim Thompson, an American entrepreneur who exported Thai silk.  <p>  </p>  <em>  Vimanmek Mansion  </em>  <p>  </p>  The world's largest golden teakwood mansion, exhibiting historic artifacts collected by King Rama V during his travels in Europe and Asia. Silverware, ceramics, and ivory are displayed in traditional rooms.  <p>  </p>  16 Rajvithi Rd, Dusit, Bangkok 10300. Tel: +66 2 628 6300  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.vimanmek.com/"target="\_blank">  Vimanmek Mansion website  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  Jim Thompson's House  </em>  <p>  </p>  Collection of Asian art and antiques displayed in a traditional teakwood house once owned by Jim Thompson, an eccentric American businessman and spy.  <p>  </p>  6 Soi Kasemsan 2, Rama 1 Road, Bangkok. Tel: +66 2 216 7368  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.jimthompsonhouse.com//"target="\_blank">  Jim Thompson's House website  </a>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Classical dance  </h3>  <p>  </p>  To experience traditional culture in Bangkok, you can take a break from the bustling streets of the modern city and watch a classical dance performance. Masked  <i>  Khon  </i>  shows, based on Thai  <i>  Ramakien  </i>  drama, are staged in the Art Deco surrounds of the Sala Chalermkrung.  <p>  </p>  <em>  Sala Chalermkrung  </em>  <p>  </p>  Former cinema, built in 1933, which now hosts masked  <i>  Khon  </i>  dance shows. Splendidly dressed dancers perform scenes from epic  <i>  Ramakien  </i>  tales with the accompaniment of traditional music.  <p>  </p>  Tri Phet Rd, Wang Burapha Phirom, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200. Tel: +66 2 224 4499  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.salachalermkrung.com//"target="\_blank">  Sala Chalermkrung website  </a> | <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://en.bacc.or.th/"target="\_blank">  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.whitesp-cegallery.com/"target="\_blank">  </a>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.vimanmek.com/"target="\_blank">  </a>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.jimthompsonhouse.com//"target="\_blank">  </a>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <i>  </i>  <i>  </i>  <p>  </p>  <em>  </em>  <p>  </p>  <i>  </i>  <i>  </i>  <p>  </p>  <p>  </p>  <a href="http://www.salachalermkrung.com//"target="\_blank">  </a> |
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