

THE KEMPINSKI FIT FOR A THAI PRINCESS

Want to be spoiled like royalty? The strategically located Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok can do just that

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Located in central Bangkok and connected seamless via a pedestrian link to Siam Paragon shopping centre is the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok. Boasting a heritage of well over 100 years and being the oldest and most established luxury European hotel group, its exceptional brand of hospitality can be felt the moment you step into Suvarnabhumi Airport, where a hostess is awaiting your arrival. The limousine driver will quickly escort you onto the waiting vehicle and take care of the luggage while you can relax in the comfort of air-conditioning, quench thirst with a bottle of water and hook up your mobile phone to the free WiFi while you are on a 40-minute ride into town.

Once you arrive, you will be greeted by Kempinski's icon, the Lady in Red, with her effervescent smile. The part-concierge/linguist/bodyguard will make sure your stay in Siam Kempinski is splendid and if you have any seemingly ludicrous request, she will do her best to fulfil, if you let her know early.

After the luggage has been delivered to your room, a butler will bring in a tray of specially made Thai sweets. While their appearance may be similar to miniature fruit, their flavour is similar to the 'red tortoise' cakes that us Malaysians are familiar with. If you crave for healthier options, a platter of local fruit is placed on the table. Choices of fruit may include longans, dragon fruits, bananas, rambutans, rose apples, mangoes and mangosteens.

If you wish to cool down from the afternoon sun, the hotel's swimming pools might just do the trick. The pools take on unusual shapes and offer many hidden corners to ensure your privacy. The pools encircle shady plants, sheltering you from the intense Bangkok sunlight. Unlike some other hotels' pools, the water doesn't emit any foul chlorine odour. Should you prefer to take a dip on a chilly morning, there is also a heated pool to keep you warm.

Sign up for Kempinski's signature spas. Based on the four seasons of Europe, each seasonal-themed spa is conceived to pamper your body in a different way. You might find the 'winter' is rather warm as your feet are wrapped in warm bags while your body is massaged deeply, or the 'summer' is rather crisp as cool stones are placed on your soles, palms, ribs, lower back and face.

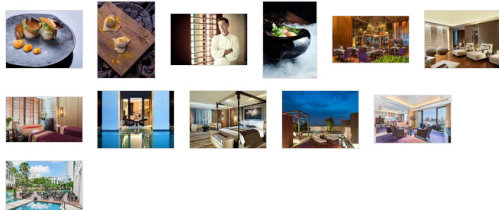
The hotel offers a free buggy service to CentralWorld shopping centre. Don't be surprised if the operator asks about your nationality and starts chatting with you in Malay. When you return to the hotel in the evening, you will notice a bucket of ice has been placed on the table, the cable of your phone charger is nicely curled and a pair of indoor sandals lies on a mat at the bedside which you prefer to sleep on.

Turn the handle in the shower and water of the right temperature will flow. You won't need to step away because the initial gush of water is icy cold or fiddle with the handle because the water gets overly hot. Coupled with premium Thai bath products by Harnn's, your skin is bound to feel soft, smooth and refreshed.

When you have the whole evening to yourself and loved ones, book a table at Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin. This fine dining restaurant by one-Michelin-star chef Henrik Yde-Andersen will take you on a molecular gastronomic ride of Thai flavours and aromas, with imaginative utilisations of cotton candy, syringes, smoke and sand.

Other notable services and amenities available include Kempinski Kids Club with its cooking and art classes, Brasserie Europa restaurant with its smooth and creamy cod fish that feels more like a giant pan-seared scallop in the mouth and Niche restaurant, whose specially curated menu comes with both Eastern and Western preparations of the same dish.

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