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Bangkok's Buddhist temples — spread out like oases throughout the busy metropolis — inspire contemplation and wonder.

This Approach Guide, drawn from our more comprehensive guidebook to the The Temples of Thailand (also available on Amazon), makes an ideal companion for travelers seeking a deeper understanding of Thai art and architecture in Bangkok. As context is critical, we focus on differentiating Bangkok's temples from those of the country's two earlier capital cities, Sukhothai (1238-1368) and Ayutthaya (1350-1767).

This Approach Guide is broken into two sections:

The first section, an overview, looks at the primary architectural structures found in a Thai temple complex — stupa, prang, vihan, and ubosot — and the art forms used to decorate them (paintings and sculptures). To give a complete picture, we provide floorplans, historical context, images that highlight specific features and decoration, and descriptions of the prevailing Thai aesthetic, including subject matter and how styles changed over time.

The second section offers detailed profiles of nine temples, hand-picked as the best sites for Thai art and architecture in Bangkok. For each site, we discuss the overall layout, the exterior appearance, and the interior decoration. The overall goal of these site profiles is provide travelers with what is most important, a framework for understanding each site and what makes it special.

And along the way, this guide provides our personal tips for getting the most from your experience.

This Approach Guide contains:

- \* Nearly 100 high-resolution images — photos and floorplans — with color highlights that make visual identification of key structures easier.
- \* A quick reference checklist of the most distinctive features of art and architecture in Bangkok.
- \* A high-level map Bangkok to ease navigation and plan your itinerary.

\*\*\* If you are planning on visiting Sukhothai or Ayutthaya, we recommend purchasing our complete guidebook, The Temples of Thailand (also available on Amazon), which includes profiles of all three capital cities. \*\*\*

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