

CE-HD001 – half day: Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaeo

Area	: Bangkok
Departure	: Daily - 2 times a day
Duration	: Morning / afternoon
Pick up	: Hotel in Bangkok
Drop off	: Hotel in Bangkok
Operated	: Private
Language	: English-German



Grand Palace, when you visit Thailand and have a few days in Bangkok you should see the magnificent buildings within the Grand Palace compound to get a feeling of the grandeur architectural style. Since the founding of Bangkok as the Nations capital by King Rama I, *The Grand Palace* has been the major architectural symbol of the Thai Royal Family. In the present time The Grand Palace is used for ceremonial purposes. The main buildings within the Grand Palace compound were built for King Rama V, who was the first Thai King to travel to Europe. Phra Thinang Chakri Maha Prasat, built in 1877 by King Rama V as his Royal Residence, is the most highly recognized architectural landmark of the Nation. The central throne hall, which was formerly used for the reception of foreign envoys, is flanked by reception areas decorated with galleries of portraiture. The central room on the second floor is used as a shrine for the reliquary ashes of Kings Rama IV, Rama V, Rama VI, Rama VII and Rama.

Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the *Emerald Buddha* (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram) is regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic centre of Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, it enshrines Phra Kaew Morakot (the Emerald Buddha), the highly revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade. The Emerald Buddha (Phra Putta Maha Mani Ratana Patimakorn) is a Buddha image in the meditating position in the style of the Lanna school of the north, dating from the 15th century AD.