

## PAK KLONG MARKET HISTORY

Pak Klong Market or Pak Klong Talad is Bangkok's largest and oldest flower market, known for fresh good flowers and vegetables daily.

From time to time, random vendors sell flowers. Most sellers sell hundreds of garlands, flower bouquets, house flower decorations, merit flowers, ordinations, graduations, wedding receptions, funerals, and other activities that need fresh flowers. All over the country, most people visit Pak Klong Mai Market to buy wholesale flowers at affordable prices.

In addition, Pak Klong Market was also the center of fresh vegetables and fruits that came from the farms across the country, farmers delivered fresh vegetables and fruits in Pak Klong market every day.

In History, Pak Klong Market was also one of the largest fish market. With the boats carrying marine fish from Tha Chin (Samut Sakhon) from Bangkok Yai Canal to the Talat Canal. However during the reign of King Rama V, the fish market closed including Wua Lamphong Subdistrict ( Hua Lamphong).

The Pak Klong Market was used to be a Mandarin School. Nevertheless, the school was demolished and built new buildings where however business trading already exists in the said location.

In the past, 40 years the canal market was filled with vendors selling their products together with the merchants that came from different places.

Travel trading good was popular in the past years such as trading by boat at Tien Pier and Pak Klong Market. Paddleboats gathered together in this area then make it a small floating market. The boats were coming from the gardens in Bang Kruai and Nonthaburi. Moving back and forth between Pak Klong Market and Tha Tien, the trader who paddled from the various garden in Thonburi's side rely on Tha Tien, some at Pak Khlong Market.

To create several canals with small canals beside Wat Buranasiri Amatayaram, this resulting in a large waterfront community known in the past as "Klong Talat". Another canal was generated and became the same fishing trading center. It changes from the fish market to a fresh market with agricultural products. Until now it has become a tourist attraction, especially for locals.

Also, Foreigners loved to travel and take photos in the famous market called " PAK KLONG TALAD."

**At the present, Pak Khlong Talat consist of 3 main markets:**

**First** is the Market Organization under the Ministry of Interior. It has a central port, where people sell vegetables and it is the busiest part of the town because it is where they load and unload the goods. It also has a parking spaces available.

**Second** is the Market Yodpiman Private Market. It is located next to Soi Tha Klang.

**Third** is the Thai Agricultural Extension Market, a private market that is located in the opposite direction of Market Organization, Yodpiman Market and Pak Khlong Market. You can go sightseeing all the colorful flowers and take amazing photos of the landscape. You can also find one of the largest flowers in Bangkok! It is near Sanam Chai Station exit 4 across Chakpet road. You can also visit many flower shops nearby, selling local and imported flowers as well as offering beautiful flower arrangements. Though the market is open 24 hours, it is busiest before dawn. That's when boats and trucks arrive delivering flowers from nearby provinces.

**You can also visit some restaurants and check into cafes along the way.**

**1. Seaw Lang** Some restaurants in Pak Khlong Market have been in business for over 50 years. They offer a simple menu and their food is affordable and delicious! Vendors use chili and ginger to spice their foods and some dishes are quite hot!

**2. Floral Café at Napasorn** it is located at Pak Khlong Talat, opposite of Thanchart Bank. It is open from 10:00-20:00. Napasorn café has a unique vintage vibe. The tones of wooden furniture, brick walls decorated with picture frames of various sizes, stuffed animals, ceramic glass cabinets, mirrored chandeliers that help create interesting dimensions and stories and of course the fresh plants and flowers around the place.

**3. Yodpimann River walk** is an atmospheric community mall on the diversion of Chao Phraya River near Memorial Bridge. The building has three floors in a colonial style with restaurants, cafés, bakeries, banks, souvenir shops, clothing stores and even a terrace for walks and sightseeing along the banks of the Chao Phraya River. Traveling by car can come from Chakphet Road, Asadang Road, Asadang Pier and MRT Stadium. Sai, Exit 5, Royal Palace Police Station, Rajini School

**4. Farm to table** the shop is located under an old building on Atsadang Road, Pak Klong Talat area, although it's a small cafe with 3-4 tables, but it's full of cute and warm decoration details. Naturally, with old sewing tables, wooden chairs, hand-

sewn pillows, bowls from the villagers in Chiang Rai, and knick-knacks, the food menu may not be that many. But it is a food style with the concept Farm to Table that wants to show off the coolness of seasonal ingredients to the best. For those looking for a good drink, Slow Bar Coffee caters to coffee lovers. It can be said that everything from food to beverages is complete in one shop, Farm to table. Organic Cafe is a small shop with a size of about 10. Seats at the entrance of the alley, Thai Agricultural Market, open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Farm to table Hide out. The shop is in a small alley. Walk in from the door of the Thai Agricultural Market for about 50 meters, turn left and walk straight. The shop will be on the right, open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**5. Pak Wan at Pak Klong**, a café located on the Chao Phraya River, serves a la carte dishes and drinks that will make people feel close to the river. Chao Phraya with beautiful views, simple menus are also available, such as Pad Thai Seafood, suitable for seafood lovers, located at Rajini Pier, MRT Sanam Chai Station (Exit 5) about 50 meters.

**6. Burin Eat rice and steak homemade Burgera Steaks Food** is a small restaurant on Ban Mo Road. It offers a variety of menus, a la carte breakfast, spaghetti, steak, burgers, salads and appetizers. Open daily except Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. tel. 08-9145-4890 FB IG: Burinkinkao

**7. Yang Noey Sapan Put**, the service time has been adjusted to 4:30 p.m. to 23:00 p.m. (starting from Feb 1, '21). The atmosphere is mesmerizing to receive a cheap buffet for only 199. - Baht, no adjustment, no time limit, can call for location, route, time at the number 097-156-9970 The shop is in the Yodpiman River Walk project, Pak Khlong Talat Yodpiman River Walk, just 4 minutes walk from the Sanam Chai MRT station.

### **The Places near Pak Khlong Market**

**1. Museum Siam** Museum of Modern Learning, walk out of Sanam Chai Station via Gate 1, you will find a beautiful yellow colonial-style building that is the site of Museum Siam. Museum of learning about the history of Thai art and culture, which organizes exhibitions that focus on creating fresh experiences through modern technology and creative activities for visitors to play, touch, experiment and have fun on their own. Permanent, rotating exhibitions and creative learning activities.

**2. Site Museum** or the Underground Museum of Sanam Chai Tua Station tells the background story of Sanam Chai neighborhood and its vicinity from past to present. The idea of The Site Museum began after various ancient objects were discovered and retrieved during the construction of the MRT station. Some of them have been displayed at Museum Siam and inside the MRT station over the past year. The displays eventually turned the stairway areas of the station into The Site Museum. The Site Museum is located in a historical area once packed with the palaces of noblemen. The exhibition is divided into three major parts -- history of areas in Bangkok; the royal group at the back of Wat Phra Chetuphon (Wat Pho); and a simulation of the ancient royal hall.

**3. The Memorial Bridge or Saphan Phut** is the checkpoint where people sit and watch the sunset; beautiful and romantic, warm atmosphere with people surrounded by vintage mixed with modernity that makes everything strangely balanced from extraordinary natural phenomena.

**4. Phra Pathom Borom Rajanusorn King Rama I** is one of the important points of interest and the highlight of Pak Khlong Talat which is an area rich with plants and places of worship for people who pass by and celebrate Chakri Day Ceremony.

**5. The new Sky Garden of Chao Phraya** is a floating park in the middle of the river that is open to the public. It has a beautiful landscaping and in terms of architecture it highlights easy functionality and maintenance. Plants, trees and flowers are specially and thoughtfully selected to suit Bangkok weather conditions. The main perennial plants and other plant species include Tea, Khoi, variegated leaves, Love grass, Cat whiskers, Oleander, Staghorn and even Olive trees. The main purpose for planting these is to increase the green areas in the city. It's also beneficial to insects and the ecosystem.

**6. Wat Ratchaburon Ratchaworawihan**, an old temple known as "Wat Liap", was built in the late Ayutthaya period by Chinese merchants. It is located at the foot of the Phra Phutta Yodfa Bridge. In Ratchathani there are also other important temples namely Wat Mahathat, Wat Ratchapradit and Wat Ratchaburana.

**7. Pahurat Market** The main market is called the "Little India District of Bangkok." It is an old market located in the center of the area. Surrounded by shops and

commercial buildings, this market has many goods for sale such as food, clothing and other items.

**8. The Old Siam Shopping Plaza** is a 3-story shopping mall with a wide variety of products for sale including clothes, ladies' accessories, bags, shoes, gold, diamonds and Thai musical instruments. It is also known as Bangkok's premier silk shopping destination with pieces and ready-to-wear silks available. Old Siam is the place to be for both locals and tourists who like to shop!

Feung Nakorn Market place is a restaurants and shops known for its delicious and diverse Thai dishes and desserts. It's open every day from 10:00 to 19:00.

**9. Ban Moh Plaza** is a collection of shops known for selling affordable electrical equipment, electrical measuring instruments, digital multimeters, audio equipment and imported new technology products imported from China and Taiwan. They're open every day from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

#### **Travelling to Pak Khlong:**

Boat Express: Take an express boat with a blue and orange flag to Pak Khlong Talat or Pier Yod Phiman Pier.

Bus: Get off at the front stop. Pak Khlong Talat Sai 7 Kor, Line 9, Line 42, Line 82, Po. 9 and Por. 82. Get off at Saphan Phutthaya Bridge, Line 8, Line 73, Po 8.

BTS Skytrain: Get off at Saphan Taksin and connect to the blue and orange flagged Chao Phraya Express Boat. Get off at Pak Klong Talat Pier or Yodpiman Pier,

MRT Sanam Chai Station Exit 4 or 5.

Private car: You can park your car at the Yodpiman River Walk Parking Building for 4 hours. . Service Charge for The first 4 hour 40 baht, after that 40 baht per hour.

“From Ratchadamnoen, run to Chakphet Road through the school. Suan Kularb, turn left to pass under Saphan Phut

\*\* From Charoen Krung Road or Yaowarat, turn left onto Chakwat Road, along Phra Pok Klao Bridge, and pass under Saphan Phut

\*\* From Thon Buri side, take Phra Pok Klao Bridge down to pass under Saphan Phut