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The Sukhothai

13/3 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120, Bangkok, | *Thailand* ◆◆◆◆◆

From £144 *per room per night*

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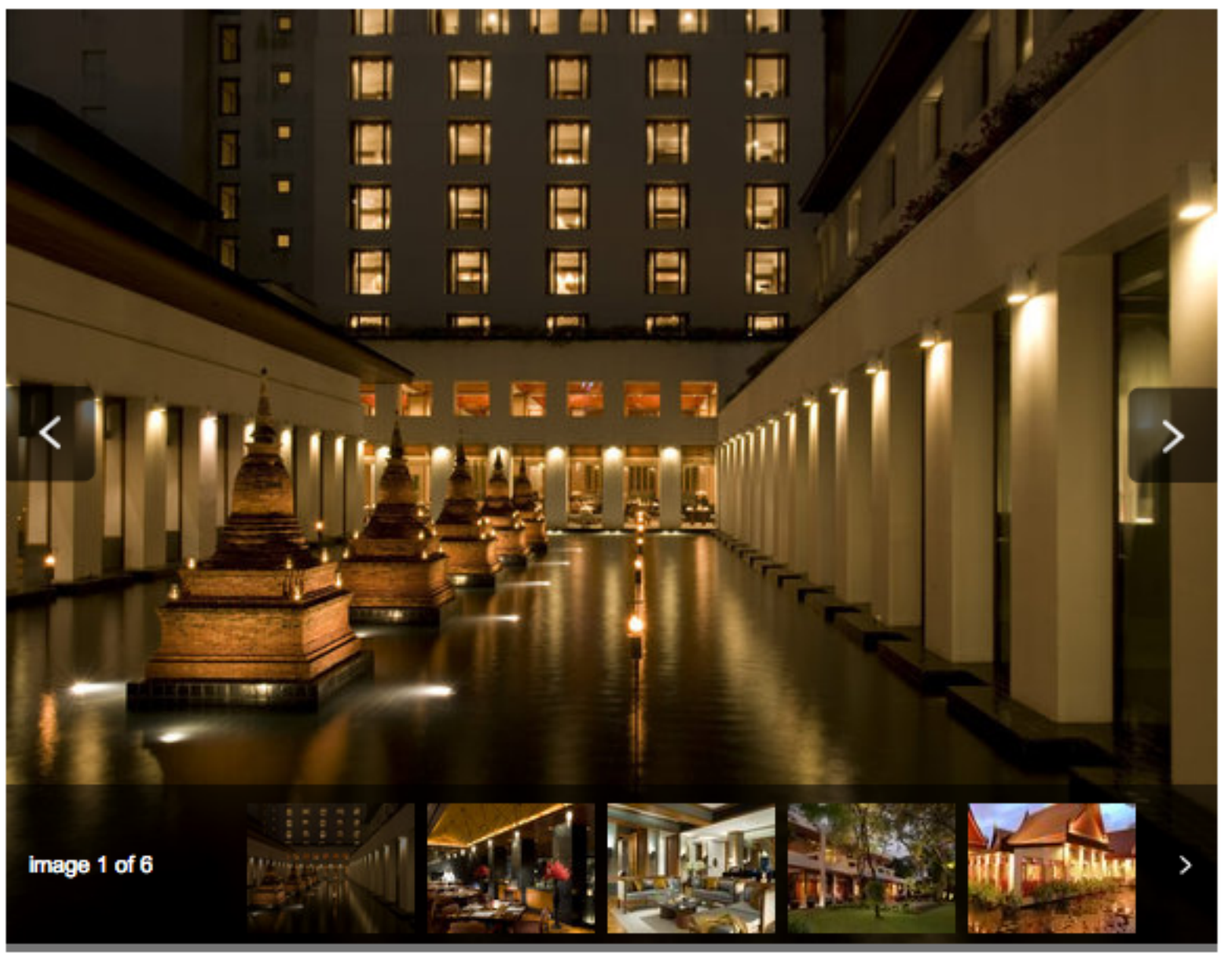

Set in cool Silom, amidst the shiny new business district high-rises, **The Sukhothai** has been hailed as one of the most stylish hotels in town for some time now. A dream for interiors mavens, it exudes stylish luxury and comfort, from the lavish Jim Thompson silks to the simply stunning exotic flower displays.

As soon as you arrive, it's clear it's also VIP all the way – whether it's in the form of the smart porter pulling back the doors to the delicious air conditioned lobby, the bell boys with their shiny brass buttons whisking away your bags or the welcoming staff everywhere who clearly believe that Thailand is indeed the 'Land of Smiles'.

The rooms are the perfect combination of classic Thai architecture and modern design. All come with smooth Thai silk and contemporary teak furnishings as well as gadgets like iPod docks, DVD player and an LCD TV. If the budget won't quite stretch to the 198 square-metre Sukhothai Suite ('the Suite of Kings' with its grand piano, private dining room, fully equipped kitchen, study and bedroom with separate dressing room and grand bathroom), the brightly coloured Garden Suites overlook the water features in the courtyard and are suitably fabulous.

There are three restaurants to pick from at The Sukhothai: the Colonnade with its killer buffets, La Scala, an Italian gastro-haven and Celadon, the traditional Thai restaurant surrounded by a fairy-tale lotus pond. Outside, the six-acre lush oasis is a tropical wonderland with water features and exotic blooms aplenty – the perfect antidote to the frenetically paced city that surrounds it.

What's hot?

- The spa

- The chocolate bar

- The staff

What's not?

- Some of the rooms are on the small side and have little in the way of views

- Drinks prices in the bar are steep

Need to Know: The Sukhothai

Number of rooms: 210

Check-in/check-out times: 2pm and 12noon

Room service: Yes

Swimming pool: Yes

Spa: Yes. The Botanica Spa with its zen interiors and alfresco massages beside the palm-fringed pool. Not to mention the health club with tennis and squash courts if you're feeling up for some exercise.

Dogs welcome: No

Eating and drinking: The hotel's Celadon restaurant serves up authentic Thai cuisine in elegant surroundings, with a beautiful open-air terrace overlooking the lotus pond. At La Scala you'll find gourmet Italian dining, while the Colonnade restaurant is open all day for a Western meets Asian menu and great Sunday brunches. Don't miss drinks in the lounge-like Zuk Bar.

Near to? You just have to hop onto the SkyTrain to get to the shopping districts of Siam and Ratchaprasong, the night bazaars and the Grand Palace.

Getting there: The hotel is just 5km from Hualampong Train Station and a quick stroll to the metro links

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Arrival date

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Nights 1 **Adults** 2

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Need to Know: The Sukhothai

Best room: The vast Sukhothai Suite

Best dish: At Colonnade, the Sunday Brunch is renowned for its oysters and champagne, while Scala is all about chef Maurizio Menconi's antipasti, pasta and risotto. Don't miss the 'chocolate fantasy' on weekend afternoons at the Chocolate Buffet or a Thai meal at Celadon.

Fashion/design credentials: Love lush fabrics? Look no further - those Jim Thompson silks really have the wow factor.

Who stays here? You know they're there, but The Sukhothai keep very hush-hush about their celebrity guests

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