

One Night in Bangkok

Put a Candle in the Window

We boarded our Royal Bhutan Airlines Druk Air flight 130 at 2:45pm in Siliguri, India and after 4 hours and another time zone, we breezed through Thailand's Immigration checkpoint in a que designated for Senior Citizens, Monks and Airline Crew Members. Age has its privilege in Thailand and Diane and I graciously accepted Thailand's offer of an expeditious visa issuance.

As we exited customs into the main terminal, a memorial exhibit honoring Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulyadej was conspicuously present to



recognize the country's one-year period of mourning. On December 1st, a new King will be anointed, King Maha Vajiralongkorn, aka, Rama X. We have a 15-hour layover and will miss the national celebration.

As we passed the gauntlet of drivers awaiting their clients, we recognized our scheduled driver by his placard with our last name scripted in an Arial font. We pointed to the sign and without word spoken, he carried our luggage to a waiting SUV in the Taxi Lot. It was obvious he spoke no English, but in less than an hour, we arrived at the Montien Riverside Hotel, our Thai Sanctuary on the **Chao Phraya River** and 47 miles from the Suvarnabhumi Airport. Diane and I found scheduling a return trip from the hotel to the airport was less problematic than arranging transportation from the airport to the hotel.



Thailand is a magnificent country and Bangkok is its cosmopolitan metropolis for haute couture cuisine not only in its restaurants, but also in Damnoen Saduak Floating Market restaurants.



For our evening dining, we chose
Mazaaro Thai Cuisine at 42/1
Bang Rak and the Queen of



Curry at 49 Thanon Charoen Krung Soi 30 for
lunch. Both restaurants serve as our favorite



haunts when in
Bangkok.



Dinner, lunch and
therapeutic massages
were the only activities we could fit into
our **One Night in Bangkok.**



Reclining Buddha



Royal Palace on the Chao Phraya River







Sugar Processing – Thai House



Thai Cuisine – Floating Market Foodie Boat



Massage Therapy Establishment – Full Barnacle Body Scrub: \$11.00



The Queen of Fried Chicken on Bang Rak Road



Damnoen Saduak Coconut Ice Cream Maker



Leaving Bangkok - River of the King - Chao Phraya River