





The taste I once knew so well feels faded, distant, almost like a dream. As I try to recall every detail, the smell, the texture, the sounds of the street, they seem both familiar and strangely new.

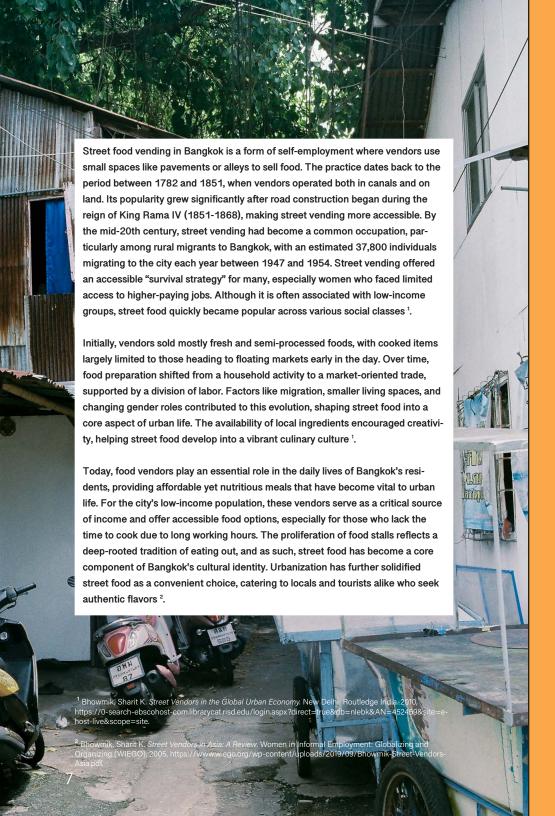
Being so far away from home has made me cherish these memories more deeply, as the everyday sensations I once took for granted become treasured pieces of my past. Conversations with people from across the globe— those from home, those who have visited, and those who have yet to experience Bangkok—have shown me how much street food connects us. These exchanges brought me joy and a new appreciation of home, the things that I might never have fully noticed had I stayed.

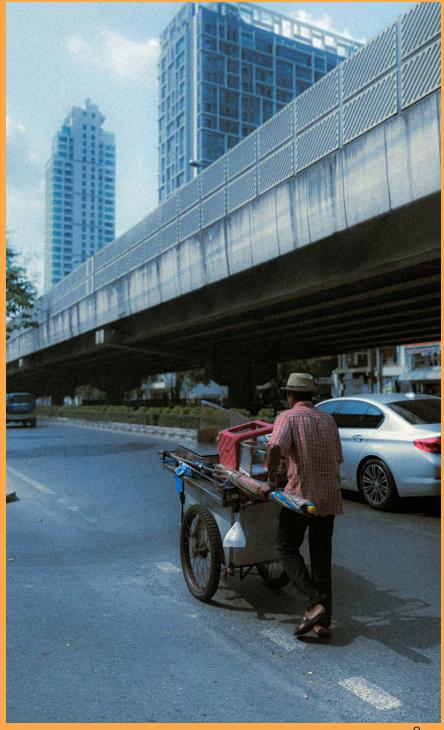
This book offers a glimpse of Bangkok's vibrant street food scene for those who call it home and those eager to experience its culture for the first time. Memories, shared stories, and a longing for home bring a piece of Bangkok closer, inviting everyone to savor its flavor, no matter who they are or where they come from.



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intro

If you are holding this book, whether it was a thoughtful gift from me, or an eBay find of a second-hand book titled Bangkok's Best Foodie Travelogue by Palm Paramee Panchaphalasom, I am glad it found its way to you. I am sure you are comfortable sitting on a couch at home, perhaps with a lit candle, flipping through these pages. And chances are, you fall into one ofthese categories: you are a fan of Thai food and curious about the vibrant world of street food, you're planning a visit to Bangkok this winter, you have been to Bangkok before and long for the energy of its street scenes, you are Thai but currently living outside of the country and misses the taste of home, and finally, you are a local deciding what you should eat for lunch today.

By the time you reach the end of this book, I promise that you will want to get up and start cooking rice, growing basil, scrolling through Uber Eats, or booking your next flight. Wherever you land, this book will bring a taste of Bangkok to you. To get started, let me briefly introduce my background as a way to welcome you all to the taste of my home.





yaowarat

Growing up, my mom would take me and my siblings to my grandmother's house almost every day. Her house was located in the bustling heart of Chinatown—we called it เมาราราช (Yaowarat)—surrounded by the most vibrant streets you could imagine. Just a short walk away was a street market called จำเห็ง (Sampeng), a place where everything you could possibly need is being sold here. The air is filled with the scent of street food, incense, and the hustle of daily life. As vendors are shouting out their offerings, this narrow alleyway buzzes with crowds of people squeezing their way in search of something they need. My childhood is filled with memories of walking down those lively streets to hunt for all kinds of things especially costumes for Halloween and my favorite grilled bananas.





A small street next to my grandma's is where my favorite pork congee vendor sets up. It's a modest mobile stall run by a middle-aged woman who also does the cooking. She starts selling at 7 PM, catering to late-night workers and locals. She has known our family for years since we've been ordering her congee for as long as I can remember. My mom used to bring a metal container specifically to get the congee to-go, and we'd enjoy it as a late-night meal or as breakfast the next morning.

While Chinatown is always bustling with people at night, my favorite thing about nighttime street food is discovering those hidden spots that only you and your family know—places that offer a quiet escape from the crowds and hold a special place in your memories.

Although Chinatown is famous for its street food, living so close to it meant I never really saw it the way tourists do. I never dedicated time to explore the food stalls or visit the popular spots everyone shares on TikTok. Instead, there was one special thing I would ask my mom to get them from there, the roasted chestnuts in a red box. The golden-brown, soft yet firm texture, with a nutty, mildly sweet flavor that is subtly smoky from the roasting process is what I always craved for.

For us, Chinatown was more of a place to avoid at night, with its overwhelming vibrant scene from vendors setting up stalls overflowing onto the street itself, to the crazy crowds of people lining up for food or pausing to take photos. Meanwhile, the continuous arrival of people from all over the place, cars, taxis, and motorbikes competing intensely for the limited parking spaces, often led to traffic that barely moved. But now, if anyone asks me where to get the best street food in Bangkok, I would say Chinatown without hesitation. A someone who once saw the area as a chaotic hassle, I now realized that I may have overlooked its charm. The diversity of food and the lively chaos makes the experience memorable for many locals and tourists. This makes me wonder if I missed out on the thrill of that food-hunting adventure, even though it was right at my doorstep.





first stop

As I step out of the car, we settle right by the roadside, where the restaurant is a simple stall and the seating spills onto the street, with food served almost as soon as I sit down. We pull the metal chairs together to make room for everyone—my dad, my mom, and sometimes my siblings if they would come along to pick me up from the airport. Surrounded by these familiar sights and sounds, I realize just how deeply food is tied to my sense of home.

Every trip back home is incomplete without this first stop for real street food. Without even asking, my dad knows exactly where to take me. The best spot for บาวหมูแกรหมุกรอบ (Khao Moo Daeng Moo Krob) Red and Crispy Pork with Rice, where each bite feels like a taste of home and an instant reconnection with everything I've missed. The crunch of the crispy pork, the tenderness of the red pork, the soft creaminess of the just-boiled egg, all topped with a sweet red sauce over warm rice, the perfect combination anyone could ask for.







From living across the globe, I've found that the thing I miss most —apart from my family—is the food. But it's not just the usual Thai food you can find in restarants here. It is the authentic flavors, the bustling street scenes, the aromas, and the chaotic energy of people wandering around.

Looking back now, I realize how much the energy of those streets life became a part of who I am.









Street Food Categories

Meal styles

rice noodle soup side - dish stir - fried noodle

Flavors

sweet sour spicy savory

Food Types

made - to - order one - dish noodle breakfast grilled and skewered fried snacks dessert and sweets

Vendor Types

small cart food stall mobile vendor open air market

Food Type: Made - To - Order

Food Type: Made - To - Order



Food Type: One - Dish

Food Type: One - Dish



Food Type: Noodle

Food Type: Noodle



Food Type: Breakfast

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Food Type: Grilled and Skewers

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Food Type: Fried Snacks

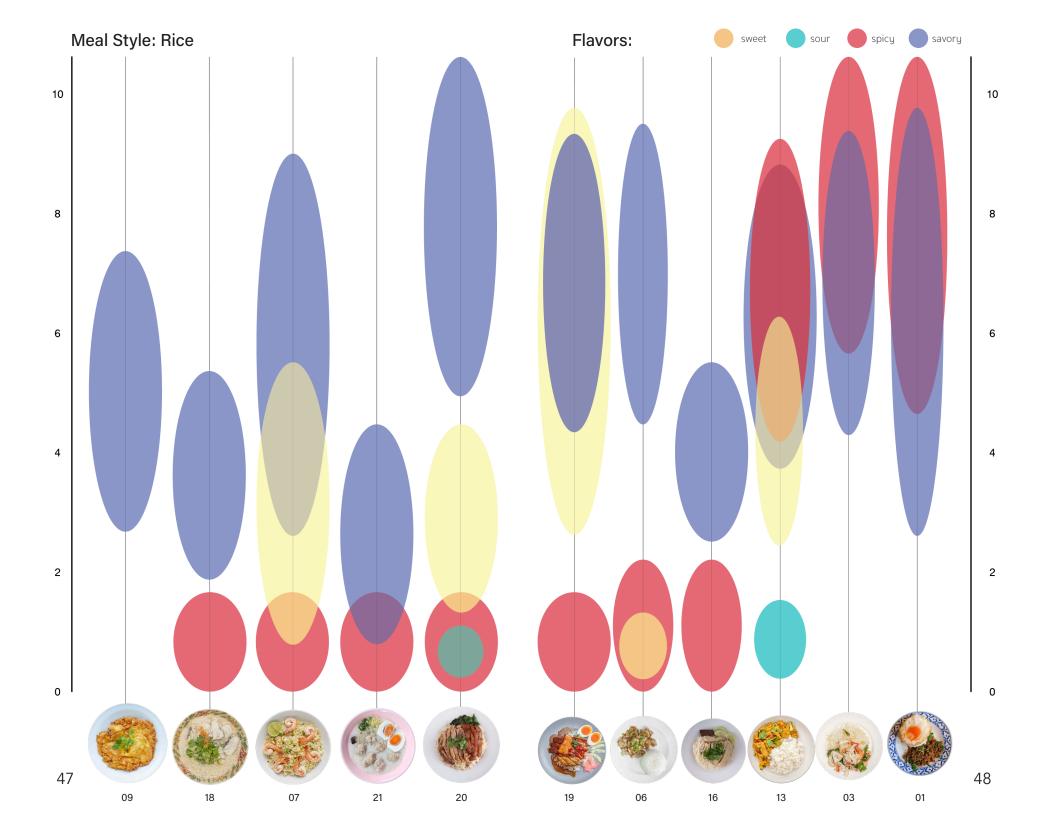
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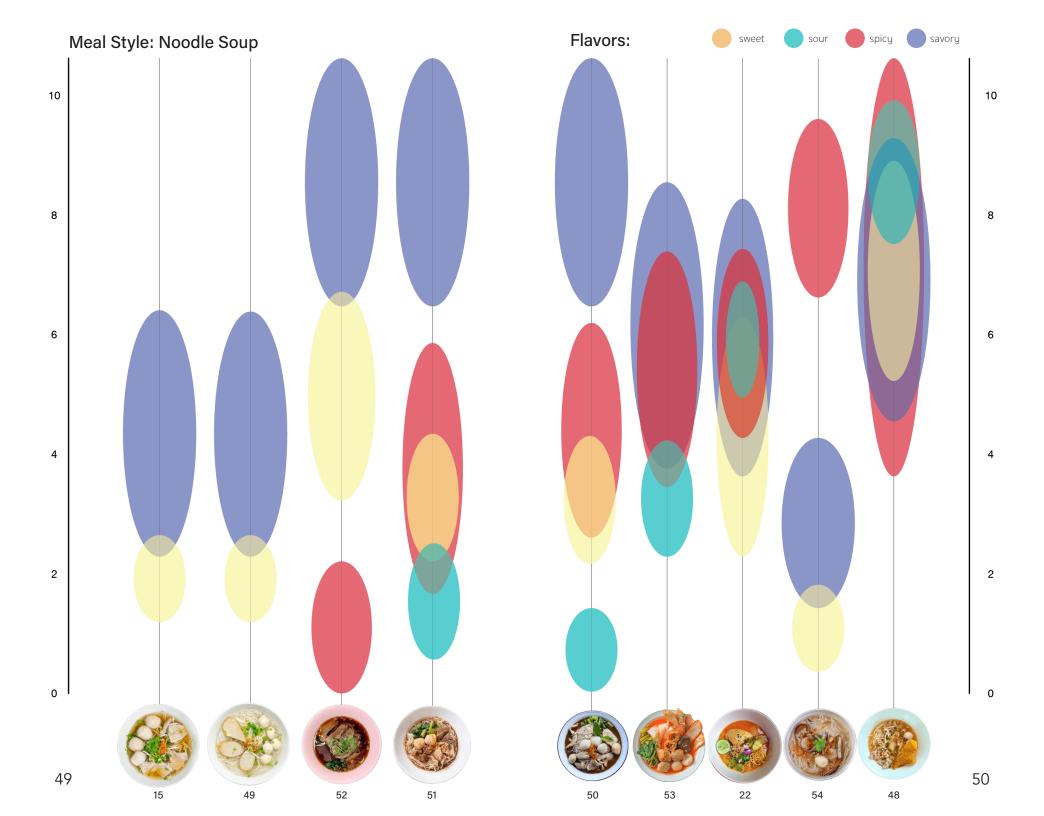


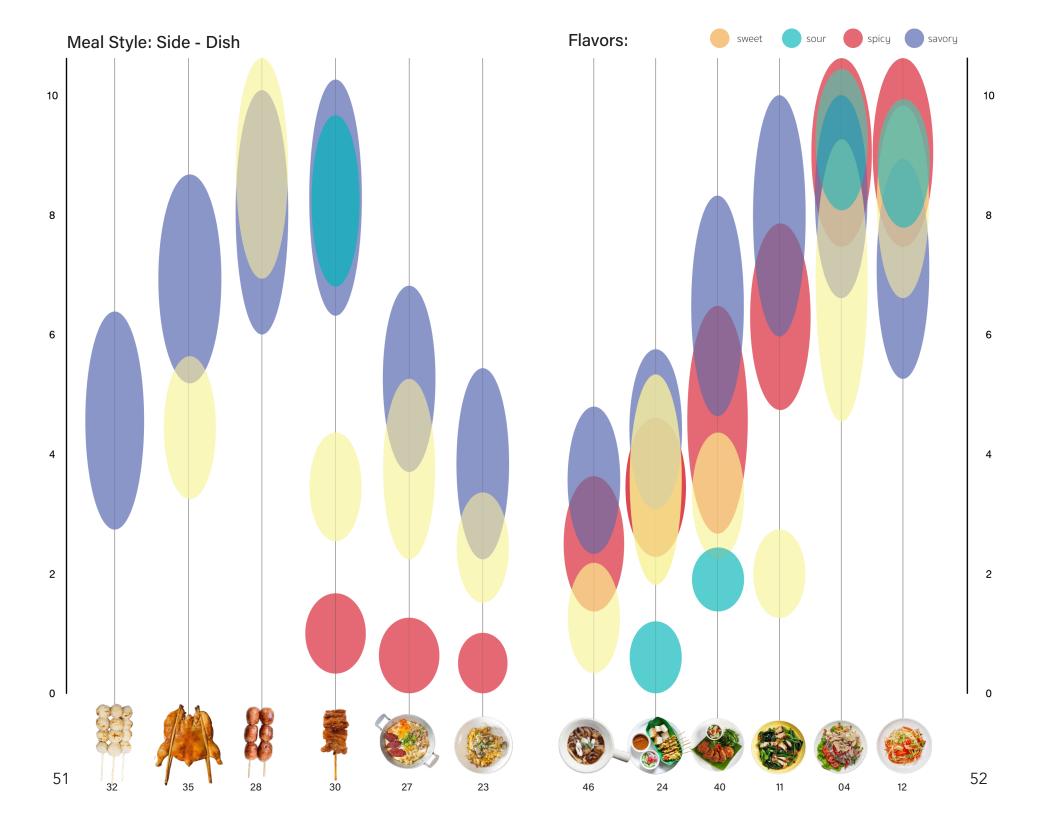
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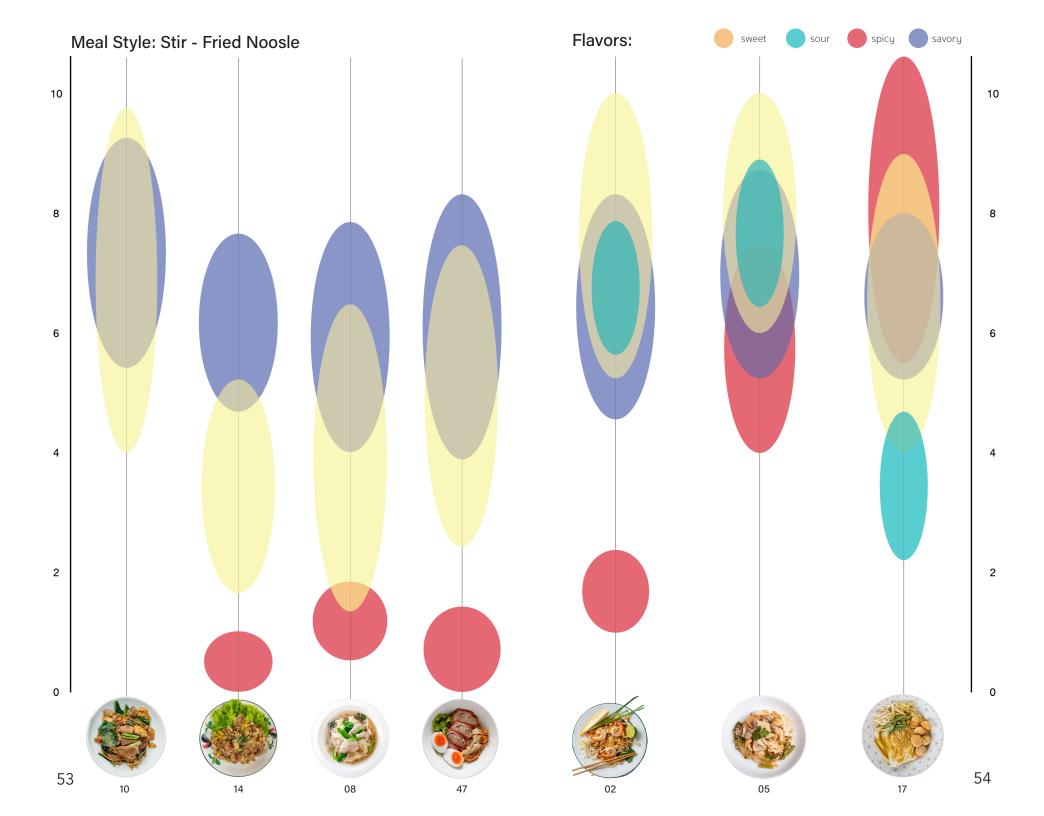
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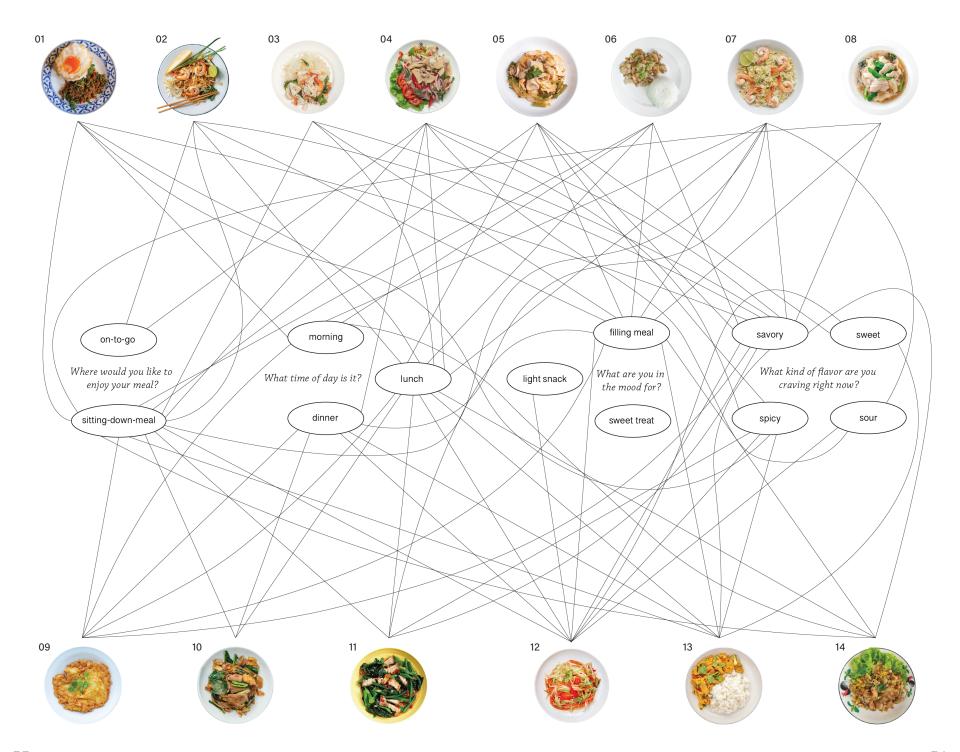




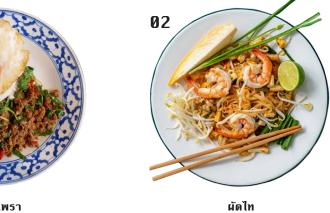












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Pad Krapow Stir-Fried Basil

Pad Thai Thai Stir-Fried Noodle

ข้าวผัด Khao Pad Fried Rice

Rad Na Stir-Fried Rice Noodle









ผัดขึ้เมา Pad Kee Mao "Drunken" Stir-Fried

ย่า Yam Thai Salad with Herbs

ข้าวไข่เจียว Khao Khai Jiew Fried Egg and Rice

ผัดซีอิ๊ว Pad See Ew Stir-Fried Soy Sauce Noodle









สุกี้แห้ง Suki Haeng Dry Hot Pot Dish

ข้าวหมูกระเทียม Khao Moo Kratiem Garlic Pork Rice

ดะน้ำหมูกรอบ Khanah Moo Krob Stir-Fried Crispy Pork with Chinese Broccoli

สัมตำ Som Tam Papaya Salad



ข้าวราดแกง Khao Rad Kaeng Rice Topped with Curry



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวตั๋วไก๋ Guay Tieш Kua Gai Stir-Fried Noodles with Chicken



ช้าวหมูแดงหมูกรอบ **Khao Moo Daeng Moo Krob** Red Pork and Crispy Pork with Rice



ช้าวชาหมู **Khao Kha Moo** Stewed Pork leg with Rice



ก๋วยเตี๋ยว Guay Tiew Noodle



ข้าวมันไก่ Khao Man Gai Chicken with Rice



โจ๊ก Jok Congee



ช้าวช่อย **Khao Soi** Northern Thai Curry Noodle



ขนมจีน **Khanom Jeen** Rice Noodle with Curry



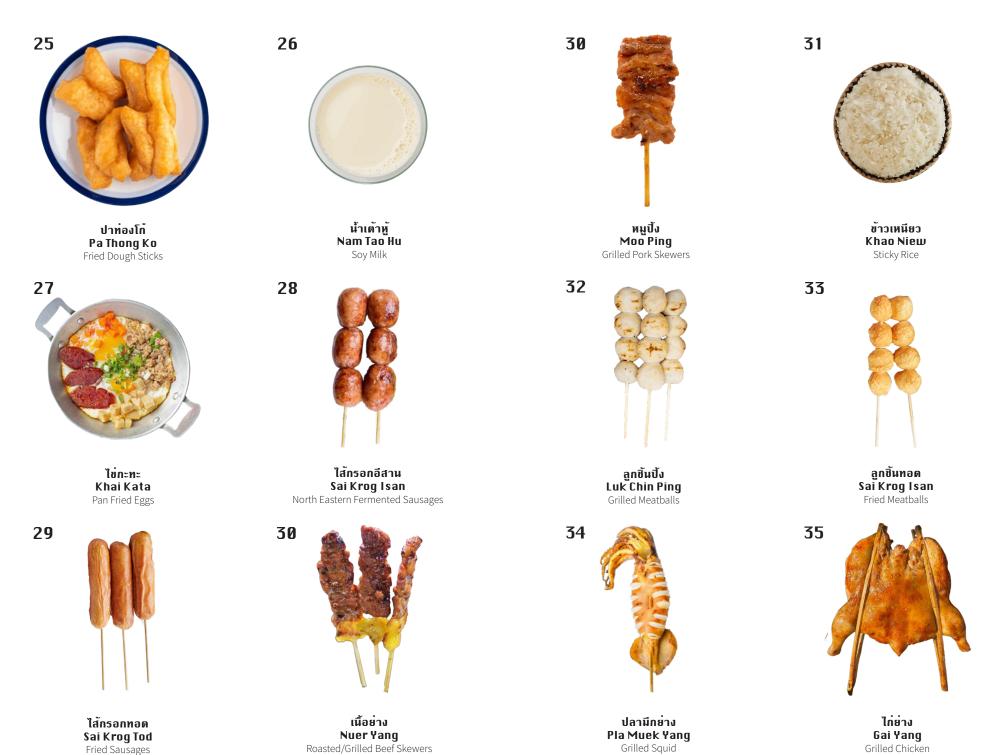
ข้าวตั้ม **Khao Tom** Rice Soup



หอยทอด Hoi Thod Fried Oyster Omelet



หมูสะเต๊ะ Moo Satay Pork Satay







ก๋วยเต๋ียวตั้มยำ Guay Tiew Tom Yum Spicy and Sour Noodle



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวลูกชิ้น Guay Tiew Luk Chin Meatball Noodle Soup



ก๋วยจั๊บญวน Guay Jab Yuan Vietnamese-Style Noodle Soup



ขนมปังปั้ง **Khanom Pang Ping** Toasted Bread with Toppings



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวเรือ Guay Tiew Ruea Boat Noodle



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวน้ำตก Guay Tiew Nam Tok Nam Tok Noodle



ข้าวเหนียวมะม่วง Khao Niew Mamuang Mango Sticky Rice



ขนมเบื้อง **Khanom Buang** Crispy Thai Crepes



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวเป็ด Guay Tiew Ped Duck Noodle Soup



ก๋วยเตี๋ยวเย็นตาโฟ Guay Tiew Yen Ta Fo Pinkish-Red Broth Noodle



บัวลอย Bua Loy Sweet Rice Balls



น้ำแข็งไส Nam Kaeng Sai Nation Adding Sec.
Thai Shaved Ice with Toppings
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ទែពី Roti Crispy Flat Bread



ชนมบ้าบิ่น Khanom Ba Bin Ba Bin Coconut Cake



ขนมโตเกียว **Khanom Tokyo** Tokyo Pancake



กลัวยเผา ฌสีฟ้ ญฟน Grilled Banana



กลัวยปั้ง Gluay Ping Grilled Banana



ขนมดรก Khanom Krok Coconut Pancake

Palm's Pick

choice 1

Palm's Pick

choice 2

breakfast



ช้าวเหนียวหมูปั้ง **Khao Niew Moo Ping** Sticky Rice and Grilled Pork Skewers





ผัดกะเพรา Pad Krapow Stir-Fried Basil

lunch



ข้าวหมูแดงหมูกรอบ Khao Moo Daeng Moo Krob Red Pork and Crispy Pork with Rice





ก๋วยเตี๋ยวเรือ Guay Tiew Ruea Boat Noodle

dinner



ดะน้ำหมูกรอบ Khanah Moo Krob Stir-Fried Crispy Pork with Chinese Broccoli

dinner



ผัดชีอิ๊ว Pad See Ew Stir-Fried Soy Sauce Noodle

dessert



ទែ Roti Crispy Flat Bread

dessert



ขนมเบื้อง **Khanom Buang** Crispy Thai Crepes

Your Pick

Breakfast

Name:		Date: / /
What are you in the mood for?		
rice side - dish	noodle soup	stir-fried noodle
Where would you like to enjoy your meal?		
on - to - go sitting down meal		
Which type of food are you looking for?		
made - to -order one- dish	noodle	breakfast
grilled and skewers fried snacks	dessert and sweets	
What kind of flavor are you craving?		
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spicy		
savory		
sweet		
sour		
What is your final dish? no. food name:		

Your Pick

Lunch

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rice	(side - dish	onoodle soup	stir-fried noo
Where would	d you like to	enjoy your meal?		
On - to		sitting down meal		
Which type of	of food are y	ou looking for?		
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grilled a	and skewer	fried snacks	dessert and sweets	
What kind o	f flavor are	ou craving?		
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spicy				
savory				
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sour				
What is your	final dish?			
·	r final dish? od name:			

Your Pick

Dinner

Name:	_	Date: / /
What are you in the mood for?		
rice side - disl	h noodle soup	stir-fried noodle
Where would you like to enjoy your me	eal?	
on - to - go sitting do	wn meal	
Which type of food are you looking for	·?	
made - to -order one- di	sh noodle	○ breakfast
grilled and skewers fried s	nacks dessert and sweets	
What kind of flavor are you craving?		
0	5	10
spicy		
savory		
sweet		
sour		
What is your final dish?		
no. food name:		

Your Pick

Dessert/Snacks

Name:			Date: / /
What are you in	the mood for?		
dessert	skewers	fried	fruits
Where would yo	u like to enjoy your meal?		
on - to - go		I	
Which type of fo	ood are you looking for?		
made - to -	order one- dish	noodle	○ breakfast
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