

BANGKOK LIFE

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THAI NEW YEAR WATER FESTIVAL



KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

WELCOME NOTE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Valued Guests,

Hello and welcome to InterContinental Bangkok. March and April are going to be busy months here at the hotel, especially in April when our Easter and Songkran (Thai New Year) festivities go into full swing.

Songkran is an especially festive time here in Thailand, as everyone - young and old - gets into the celebration spirit. This holiday occurs mid-April, so if you are staying with us over that period, get set for a city-wide party like you've never seen before. This time of year is also marked by Easter celebrations, and we have plenty of things lined up over the course of this holiday weekend, most of which involve lots of chocolate (great news for kids!).

In the months to come we have lots of interesting developments in store, including the soon to be launched Bar 150 - a stylish drink spot named for the fact that it's been 150 years since cocktail mixology was created and the first cocktail recipes appeared in print. In the meantime, an upcoming food event to look forward to is taking place on March 28th at Fireplace Grill. On this night Chef Sebastian will present a special Earth Hour Low Carbon Footprint Menu featuring ingredients that are found locally, and farmed responsibly.

Another bit of gourmet news includes the successful launch of our Culinary Panel - a continuing initiative featuring celebrated chefs who have been appointed IHG Culinary Ambassadors. Each chef creates 20 recipes, ranging from appetizers to main courses and desserts, and in February we welcomed Chef Takagi Kazuo, our first Culinary Ambassador this year.

For three exclusive nights, from the 26th to the 28th of February, we showcased his inspired Japanese creations at the Fireplace Grill.

So, once again, welcome to InterContinental Bangkok. We wish you a most pleasant stay throughout March and April, and we hope you take advantage of all the fine dining we bring your way.



Thomas Schmelter
General Manager



AWARD WINNING

INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK WINS BIG AT THAILAND'S BEST RESTAURANT AWARDS 2014

Please join us in celebrating the two prestigious awards our hotel recently received. These latest accolades confirm InterContinental Bangkok as not only one of Thailand's top business and leisure hotels, but also as one of the country's finest hotels for fine dining.

FIREPLACE GRILL

Received Thailand's Best Restaurant 2014 by Thailand Tatter

ESPRESSO

Received Bangkok's Best Restaurant Award 2014, Buffet category

Bangkok Best Dining (www.bangkokbestdining.com) awards by votes entered through their website, and honours outstanding restaurants and entertainment venues. The Bangkok's Best Restaurant Awards are one of the most highly anticipated yearly extravaganza events in the city's social calendar.



CONCIERGE IN THE KNOW

Our Chief Concierge - Mr. Thanarat Menbangphung and the whole Concierge team are always eager to share their local knowledge, so do make a point of visiting our innovative Concierge Lounge.

Songkran Tips:

"This annual three day event, running from the 13th to the 15th of April, rings in the Thai New Year and the most famous aspect of the Songkran celebrations is the throwing of water. The custom originates from the "spring cleaning" aspect of Songkran, and part of the ritual was the cleaning of Buddha images using blessed water. To join in on what is often called "the biggest water-pistol fight in the world", head to any of Bangkok's three biggest Songkran parties - Silom Road (near Lumpini Park), Royal City Avenue (RCA), or the backpacker nexus of Khao San Road."



CHEFS OF THE MONTH



NIDAL KIWAN

CHEF NIDAL KIWAN

Growing up in Beirut, in Lebanon, and being surrounded by an extended family of passionate cooks, Chef Nidal Kiwan knows his way around Middle Eastern cuisine. His love of cooking started early, spending time with his uncle and aunt at their local restaurant in Jbeil and learning about the key spices - cinnamon, cumin, and cardamom. To try his savoury specialties, please visit Espresso Restaurant.

CHEF AMEDEO FERRI

A native of the region of Umbria, in Italy, Chef Amedeo Ferri started very early in his career coming up with his own creative ideas for dishes. The 32 year-old gourmet has worked with a great number of famous Michelin Stars chefs, and he runs his own kitchen according to his self-created principles of excellence. To sample his outstanding Italian cuisine visit Grossi Trattoria & Wine Bar.



AMEDEO FERRI

DINING

AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK IS ALWAYS A DELICIOUS AND DELIGHTFUL GOURMET EXPERIENCE.

InterContinental Bangkok has a wide range of F&B facilities, each offering specialized menus and unique seasonal promotions, and March and April promise to be a veritable feast for the senses. So come and enjoy all we have to offer, whether it be a casual get-together or a special occasion



SUMMER PALACE PEKING DUCK AND FOIE GRAS

Now - 31 March



All this month Chef Khor presents his Peking duck and foie gras specialties. highlights of the menu include: three variety foie gras combination platter; roasted baby prince duck, with pan fried foie gras in pancake; and braised beef fillet and foie gras done Chinese traditional style.

Priced from Baht 500 to Baht 1,200
Open daily - Lunch: 11:30 – 14:30 hours
Dinner: 18:30 – 22:30 hours

MARCH & APRIL

GROSSI TRATTORIA WHITE ASPARAGUS

Available everyday throughout March & April

Celebrate seasonal produce with a month of white asparagus specials. The time is right to eat these tasty veggies, so why not try such divine pairings as scallops carpaccio with asparagus, foie gras with green asparagus and mushrooms, and risotto with white asparagus and crab.



Dishes priced from Baht 800 to Baht 1,200
Open daily: 11:30 to 23:00 hours

ESPRESSO

THE LONGEST BRUNCH IN TOWN

Every Sunday in April



Every Sunday in April you're invited to our gigantic all-day Brunch - known as the "longest brunch in town" - from 11:30 to 22:00 hours.

Baht 2,299 per person

* Free flow Champagne Baht 4,599++ / person
* Free flow Chandon Baht 1,499++ / person
* Free flow Prosecco Baht 1,299++ / person

THE DELI ECLAIR'S BY CHEF BUSSCHAERT

Available everyday throughout March

Indulge your sweet tooth with elegant éclairs made the old-fashioned way with a few modern twists. Try the creamy chocolate classic, or sample such flavours as coffee, strawberry, caramel, green tea and more.

Open daily: 8:00 – 19:00 hours
Éclairs are priced at Baht 100 each

SUMMER PALACE SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES

Available throughout April

This month we showcase Chef Khor's creativity with all things undersea related. He has created a specialty seafood sharing platter with such tantalizing menu items as: baked Alaskan king crab with garlic, cream, cheese sauce; pan fried mackerel fish squeezed with lemon juice; roasted river prawns with spicy chili dressing; deep fried crispy squid rings; and baked fresh oysters done Portuguese style.

Priced at Baht 1,980++ per set
Open daily - Lunch: 11:30 – 14:30 hours, Dinner: 18:30 – 22:30 hours

ESPRESSO WAYGU WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday throughout March



Indulge in mouth-watering dishes featuring the world's best beef. Dig into a delicious sampling of cold dishes, such as Beef Carpaccio with Balsamic and Parmesan and Pine Nuts, as well as a variety of international hot dishes, and a live carving station.

Dinner runs from 18:30 to 22:30 hours,
Baht 1,259++ (per person)

FIREPLACE GRILL HEAD-TO-TOE MENU

Available from 14 - 30 April



Indulge your inner carnivore with our "head-to-toe" fare. Start with beef tacos or brisket, and continue with selections of twice-cooked tongue, miniature steak and ale pies featuring beef cheek, oxtail consommé and tortellini, and short ribs. Then, follow everything with a grilled rib cap.

Baht 3,200++ (per person)
Open daily: Dinner 18:30 to 22:30 hours

CELEBRATIONS TO REMEMBER

EASTER

3 – 6 April, 2015

Although Easter is primarily a religious observance, it has also come to be associated with family gatherings, sumptuous feasts, and lots and lots of chocolate. This year The InterContinental Bangkok once again offers an array of Easter weekend promotion for guests staying with us during this annual holiday

EASTER BRUNCH & CHOCOLATE BUFFET AT ESPRESSO

Available from 3 - 5 April



Enjoy a huge selection of gourmet delights, including: seafood station; sushi and sashimi station; assorted French cheeses; Western hot dishes (including pasta); Dim Sum station; and traditional Easter favourites such as roasted leg of spring lamb and glazed ham.

Baht 2,299++ (per person)

EASTER AFTERNOON TEA BUFFET AT THE BALCONY LOUNGE

Available from 3 - 6 April

Take a relaxing time-out at our Easter Afternoon Tea Buffet, running from 2:30pm to 6pm. Enjoy scrumptious savouries such as egg sandwich brioche rolls, cucumber and cream cheese on mustard bread, and smoked salmon and dill cream tartines. Then, from the sweet table, sample everything from Sacher cakes to macaroons, as well as traditional scones with mascarpone cream and jams.



Baht 750 (per person)

OUT & ABOUT IN BKK EARTH HOUR

Saturday 28 March

On this evening Chef Sebastian will present diners with his special Low Carbon Footprint Menu, featuring high quality ingredients that are found locally, and farmed responsibly. The one night, five-course special menu is priced at Baht 2,000++, and organic wine recommendations include Boschloof wines from Stellenbosch - Sauvignon Blanc or Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot - priced at Baht 777++ per glass, or Baht 3,350++ per bottle.



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SONGKRAN

CHARM THAI BBQ POOL PARTY HOLIDAY INN

13 & 14 April

Celebrate Songkran at InterContinental Bangkok by visiting Charm Thai restaurant and splash around to your heart's content at our water party by the pool. There will also be a hawker stall, showcasing the restaurant's renowned Thai delicacies. Remember that InterContinental Bangkok guests also have access to Holiday Inn restaurants and facilities, which means you can celebrate Songkran at this BBQ Party at the Holiday Inn swimming pool. The party goes from 18:00 to 22:00 hours, so get wet and wild to your hearts content while enjoying great grilled gourmet fare.



Baht 999

SPA INTERCONTINENTAL BOOK A MASSAGE AND GET A BODY SCRUB FREE

1 March - 30 April

Let the relaxation begin at the award-winning Spa InterContinental. Discover complete tranquility in Thailand's best luxury spa destination where every element is customized to your needs. Now, when you purchase any massage of choice - minimum 90 minutes - you will receive a complimentary 30 minutes on your choice of body scrub. In addition, if you purchase a 90 minute collagen facial, you'll receive a complimentary 30 minute head and shoulder massage.



Level 36, InterContinental Bangkok
Open daily: 9:00 to 23:00 hours

LOU'S TIP WINE & CHEESE NIGHT AT GROSSI

**Available every Wednesday
throughout March**

For a great wine and cheese evening, Grossi Trattoria Wine Bar's manager Lou Christiansen recommends stopping by on Wednesdays, from 18:00 to 22:00 hours, and spending two hours sampling their free flow vino, complemented by a sumptuous selection of imported cheeses and cold cuts.

Baht 799++ (for 2 hours)

