



Marriott Makeover

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The Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa has just experienced a complete makeover, and now this riverside city resort is ready to reveal its new look: you just have to step into their re-designed contemporary-Thai lobby to appreciate the difference.

The five-star Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa, famous for being the only city resort in Bangkok, has just completed its 413 guestroom renovation, as well as a thorough re-design of public space interiors. Stunning waterfalls from the upper lobby now cascade down to the lily pond of the lower lobby, with polished hardwood floors creating a noticeably warm atmosphere. Comfortable furniture, wall paintings and flowers are arranged in a contemporary Thai aesthetic.

“We have used natural lighting and tropical Asian plants to give the feeling of a modern Thai house. The reconfiguration of our front and concierge desks has allowed a more approachable and warm feel for every guest,” said Mr. Jonathan Wigley, Bangkok Marriott’s GM.





The newly renovated Club lounge also has a modern Asian look. With extensive enhancement of its areas, including the reception desk, new sets of furniture, wooden floors, wooden louvered partitions and carpeting in earth tone colours produce a whole new identity.

The meeting and function rooms re-design has pushed the frontiers of functionality and luxury. Meeting and incentive travellers will discover a cutting edge facility with state-of-the-art audiovisual systems and Thai silk wall-padded coverings. Inside, the meeting and banquet space works out to more than 1,500 square metres after the renovation, plus outdoor function space which can accommodate up to 300 guests.

“With the great attitudes and energy of our young management team, we aim to make possible the impossible: together they can create international-calibre meetings and theme events,” adds Mr. Jonathan Wigley.

The resort’s two renovated rice barges, Manohra Luxury Cruises have upgraded all services with new kitchens and furnishings, and Mandara Spa refreshed all their treatment rooms, private steam rooms and plunge pools to provide greater personalised services to all customers. The rejuvenation project also includes the completion of the expansive, lush garden areas designed by famed landscape architect Bill Bensley.

For a trial of Marriott’s new products, a special Suite Package is currently on offer at only USD 199 ++ per room per night for a minimum stay of two nights, incorporating: complimentary access to the Club lounge; a choice of daily breakfast at the Market or at the Club Lounge; round-trip airport transfers including a welcome drink and dinner on board luxury barge Manohra; complimentary local calls; pressing or laundry up to five pieces; welcome & turndown gift amenities; daily local newspaper; and late check out until 6.00 pm. The package is valid from now until June 2005. Or, just come and have a quiet drink in the lobby, and appreciate the staggering face-lift that the space has undergone. 



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