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3rd Annual Destination Thailand 2016



A land of beautiful smiles, warm sunshine, and intensely good food, Thailand has become one of the most popular destinations on many people's bucket list. This **September 10**, people in Toronto have another chance to taste the delectable slices of Thai culture at [Destination Thailand](#), the largest Thai festival in Canada without ever having to board a plane!



Ambassador Vijavat Isarabhakdi, The Thai Dance Troupe of Ottawa and the Toronto Thai Dance Troupe, and Distinguished guests

The Royal Thai Embassy in Ottawa proudly presents the [3rd Destination Thailand festival](#) to Yonge-Dundas Square, a prime tourist attraction in Canada's top metropolitan centre. This year will be another year of great success as the event continues to attract both locals and tourists from far and wide who come to enjoy a full day of Thai cultural showcase.



Muay Thai Martial Arts Demonstrations

Expect a full day packed with amazing shows and activities such as an exciting demonstration of Muay Thai martial arts, relaxing traditional Thai massages, fruit carvings, elaborate and exquisite Thai classical dances by The Thai Dance Troupe of Ottawa and the Toronto Thai Dance Troupe, plus much more!



The Thai Dance Troupe of Ottawa and Toronto Thai Dance Troupe join hands and share the main stage

A major attraction of the festival was probably none other than Thai food. The participating food vendors were all certified with the Thai Select logo which is a guarantee of authentic Thai cuisine and heartwarming services. [Bangkok Garden](#), [Golden Thai](#), [Linda Modern Thai](#), [Pai Northern Thai](#), [Soi Thai](#), [Stratford Thai Cuisine](#), [Thai Noodle](#), and [Patchmon's Thai Desserts](#) will all be at this year's festival ready to satisfy all taste buds!



Receive your Free Thai Select Canada Passport, Eat, Stamp, and Win Great Prizes

Be sure to grab a free Destination Thailand festival passport and dine with at least 5 of 8 restaurants to receive a free Thai Select T-Shirt or Apron (while quantities last), and automatically be entered into a draw to win Dinner for Two for a Whole Year!

We are excited to announce this highly anticipated Thai cultural extravaganza on Saturday, 10 September 2016. We hope to see you at the 3rd Destination Thailand!

To view more photos of the festival, please visit:

www.facebook.com/DestinationThailandToronto



La Maison Samorn is a Cut Above, Ottawa



La Maison Samorn proves to be a not-so-hidden gem of Gatineau. This 38 seat authentic Thai restaurant is small in size but big in flavour. Mouthwatering taste, attractive display and heartwarming hospitality, it has all the ingredients of a successful restaurant.

Since 2002, customers' taste buds are stimulated with satisfaction from the zesty authentic taste of Thai cuisine. The food is proudly prepared by Mme. Samorn Pedthorn, an owner and Chef with almost 50 years of experience in cooking, which includes over 20 years of catering to numerous Thai embassies across the globe. Each plate will be made with TLC no matter how busy the business is. Sometimes you might even be able to eat an off-menu dish because Mme. Samorn always has her special recipes at hand.

It is strongly recommended to make a reservation especially on Thursday and Friday if you don't want to torture your stomach while waiting in line. The price is right and the food is a hit. If you are lucky to have a chance to meet with Mme. Samorn, you will understand why you've got to eat here.



Recommended Dish: Fried Mussel Omelet

If you don't know Pad Thai, you probably don't know Thai food. Besides the many familiar dishes of Thai food you can enjoy at La Maison Samorn, what you will find special here in the menu is **Fried mussel omelet**. It is commonly found in Bangkok's street food, and usually paired well with Pad Thai. All you need is mussels, eggs, tapioca flour, cooking oil

and seasoning. Top with fresh bean sprouts and sprinkle with Sriracha sauce. This crispy recipe is great as either an appetizer or a main dish. Add a glass of chilled Thai beer, it will be completed. If you don't want to sweat it out, simply order this signature dish from La Maison Samorn and you won't be disappointed, particularly that Mme. Samorn always adds her secret weapon in every of her dish and that is love.

Restaurant at a Glance

Neighbourhood: Gatineau

Appetizers: \$8.50 to \$11/ main dishes: \$15 to \$22

Hours:

Lunch - Monday to Friday, from 11:30 am to 2 pm

Dinner - Tuesday to Saturday, from 5 pm to closing

Address: 53 rue Kent, Gatineau, QC

Phone: (819) 595-0232

[Visit La Maison Samorn Website >>>](#)

Siam Bistro Runs on Flavour and Passion, Ottawa



Nearly two decades, **Siam Bistro** has found its root in one of the Ottawa's trendiest neighbourhoods. Located in Hintonburg, this Thai restaurant attracts customers from all walks of life, from government officers, lawyers, architects, to medical workers, etc. Ms. Montha McGinnis, the proud owner of Siam Bistro, always welcomes every customer with a bright smile. Former certified Thai cooking instructor, Ms. Montha knows more than a thing or two how to manage a busy restaurant. Despite the fire incident in 2005, it did not burn down Ms. Montha's passion in running a Thai restaurant. The building was deliberately renovated and redesigned with gold coloured ceiling, Ramayana inspired paintings, and Thai handicrafts.



Ms. Montha McGinnis and Embassy Staff sharing a meal at Siam Bistro



Recommended Dish: Chicken Satay

Among many popular items ordered by customers, the highlight is on an appetizer called **Satay** (Skewers of marinated pork or chicken). The tenderness of the grilled chicken and the bursting flavour of the marinade come from the goodness of fresh Thai herbs and ingredients, namely, lemongrass, cilantro root, turmeric, and fish sauce. It is served with the piquant peanut sauce which is made with red curry paste, coconut milk, and freshly ground peanut which is a perfect combination for this aromatic snack that is wildly popular in Thailand as well as in Canada.

Restaurant at a Glance

Neighbourhood: Hintonburg

Appetizers: \$5.75 to \$8.95/ main dishes: \$13 to \$18

Hours:

Lunch Monday – Friday, from 11:30 am to 2 pm

Dinner Monday – Saturday, from 5 pm to 10 pm / Sunday 5 pm to 9:30 pm

Address: 1268 Wellington Street West, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 3A5

Phone: (613) 728-3111

[Visit Siam Bistro Website >>>](#)





On 7 August 2016, the **Royal Thai Embassy** in Ottawa organized a Buddhist ceremony to celebrate the auspicious occasion of **Her Majesty the Queen's 7th Cycle Birthday Anniversary** 12th August 2016 at Ratchadhamviriyaram 1 Temple in Ottawa. The ceremony was presided over by **Ambassador Vijavat and Mrs. Wannipa Isarabhakdi** and was participated by many members of the Thai community in Ottawa and Canadian friends. In honour of Her Majesty the Queen, all participants dressed in blue, the colour of the Queen.



Ambassador Vijavat also humbly wished Her Majesty great happiness, good health, and long life

During the ceremony, Ambassador Vijavat expressed profound gratitude and appreciation for Her Majesty's countless contributions to the country and for devoting her time working tirelessly alongside His Majesty the King to improve the quality of life of all the Thai people. On behalf of the Thai community in Canada, Ambassador Vijavat also humbly wished Her Majesty great happiness, good health, and long life. The ceremony included a blessing chant, meditation, dhamma talk, and merit making to pay homage to Her Majesty who is not only the Queen of Thailand but also the Mother of the Nation.



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