Children’s Attractions

Safari World
A favorite with children, the attractions at Safari World include a jungle walk and cruise, safari terrace, marine park, and spy war zone as well as orangutan boxing, Hollywood cowboy stunts and dolphin, bird, and sea lion shows.  
99 Panyaintra Road, Minburi • Map U4  
(02) 518 1000 • Open 9am–4:30pm daily  
Adm • www.safariworld.com

Children’s Discovery Museum
A veritable heaven for curious kids, hands-on exhibits include a studio where children can make TV shows. They can also learn about life underground and watch a puppet show.  
Queen Sirikit Park, Kamphaenphet Road • Map T5 • (02) 615 7333 • Open 9am–6pm Tue–Fri, 10am–6pm Sat & Sun • www.bkkchildrenmuseum.com

Dusit Zoo
This zoo was initiated a century ago by Rama V (see p34), who had been impressed by the zoos he saw in Europe and was aware of their power to educate.  
77 Rama V Road • Map F1 • (02) 282 7111 • Open 8am–6pm daily • Adm • www.zoothailand.org

Bangkok Dolls Museum
This museum was created by Tongkorn Chandavimol in the 1950s after a visit to Japan, which aroused her interest in the various types of dolls from different countries and periods of history. The dolls on display, from her own collection, are from all over the world. Dolls can be purchased for around B400–500. The museum is tricky to find, but well worth the effort.  
85 Soi Mo Leng, Ratchaprarop Road • Map T5 • (02) 245 3008 • Open 8am–5pm Mon–Sat • Free • www.bangkokdolls.com

Bangkok Planetarium
Aspects of the universe are projected onto a huge domed ceiling at this planetarium. There are also exhibits on space travel, astronomy through the ages, and the life of stars and the solar system, as well as a separate computer zone and an aquarium. Allow at least half a day to see everything of interest.  
928 Sukhumvit Road • Map T6 • (02) 392 5951–5 • Open 9am–4:30pm Tue–Sun • Adm • www.bangkokplanetarium.com
6 **Siam Park**
Located in the outskirts of the city, Siam Park is a water park, amusement park, and themed attraction rolled into one. The highlights of the water park are a speed slide, a super spiral, and a wave pool. The amusement park has a mini carousel, a swan boat, and adventure safari, while the theme park has a Jurassic adventure and a miniature train.

* 99 Seri Thai Road, Kanna Yaow • Map U5 • (02) 919 7200–5 • Open 10am–6pm daily • Adm • www.siamparkcity.com

7 **Dream World**
This amusement park has four main areas: Dream World Plaza, Dream Garden, Fantasy Land, and Adventure Land. A sightseeing train runs around the Dream Garden, which has models of world-famous sights such as the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal.

* 62 Moo 1, Rangsit-Nakornnayok Road, Thanyaburi, Pathumthani • Map T2 • (02) 533 1152 • Open 10am–5pm Mon–Fri, 10am–7pm Sat & Sun • Adm

8 **Lumphini Park**
Named for the birthplace of the Buddha in Nepal, this is the only decent-sized park in the center of Bangkok. Though slightly crowded at times, it has a pleasant environment with lots of shady trees, picnic spots, and a large lake (see p80).

9 **Siam Ocean World**
One of the largest aquariums in Southeast Asia, the superb Siam Ocean World is divided into seven zones, which include Deep Reef, Living Ocean, and Rocky Shore. Attractions include glass-bottom boat rides and the chance to dive with sharks. There are also penguin and shark feeding sessions, plus a Magical Mermaid Show.

* Basement, Siam Paragon, Rama I Road • Map P2 • (02) 687 2000 • Open 9am–10pm daily • Adm • www.siamoceanworld.co.th

10 **Snake Farm**
Founded as the Pasteur Institute in 1923, the Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute, better known as the Snake Farm, is now run by the Red Cross. Venom-milking sessions of cobras and pit vipers take place at 11am daily, with an extra session on weekdays at 2:30pm. Brave visitors can also get a souvenir photo with a snake curled around their neck (see p81).