

## MONDAY, APRIL 6

**FLY:** Chicago (ORD) to **Seoul** (ICN), **KE38**, 12:25-16:25<sup>+1</sup>

## TUESDAY, APRIL 7

You have about three hours in **Seoul Incheon's** brand-new **Terminal 2**, which I sadly haven't flown through yet. There are a lot of dining and shopping options here, so although your layover is pretty long, it should be very enjoyable.

**FLY:** **Seoul** (ICN) to **Bangkok** (BKK), **KE659**, 19:45-23:50

Welcome to Thailand!

Immediately upon exiting immigration and customs at **Suvarnabhumi Airport**, proceed to one of the **AIS** or **True** desk to buy a Thai SIM card. I'd recommend getting the two-week option. I'd also recommend exchanging a small amount of money (around 200 USD) into Thai *Baht*. You'll do the rest later in the city, where the exchange rate is better.

You'll be arriving to Bangkok a bit too late to take advantage of the city's airport rail link. If you don't pre-arrange a transfer with your hotel (you can email them after booking to see what their rate is), using **Grab** to order a car as you would use Uber in the States.

**SLEEP:** The Sukosol—<http://bit.ly/2KTpgqm>

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

After breakfast in your hotel, ride the **BTS SkyTrain** (the nearest station to your hotel is **Phaya Thai**) to **Saphan Taksin**, which will necessitate a transfer at **Siam** station. Note that if you get going after or around 10 am, you may want to exit Siam and enter adjacent **Siam Paragon** mall, whose **SuperRich Money Exchange** offers the best rates in town.

Upon arriving at Saphan Taksin, walk down to the pier area, where you can board the **Orange** or **Green** line of the **Chao Phraya Express** boat and ride it to **Memorial Bridge** (*Sa Pan Poot* in Thai). When you get here, walk across the river on (you guessed it) Memorial Bridge—your first stop is **Wat Prayoon**, aka the White Temple. From here you can walk to the 17th-century **Santa Cruz Church** and **Wat Kalayanamitr** temple, then either walk or get a Grab to the restaurant below for a scenic, riverside lunch spotlighting delicious Thai cuisine.

**LUNCH:** Supatra River House—<http://bit.ly/2L9bTBq>

After lunch, take a grab (or, for an exciting Thai experience, a *tuk-tuk* auto rickshaw) back southward to **Wat Arun**, aka the **Temple of Dawn**. From here, you can take a cross-river ferry to **Wat Pho**, Temple of the Reclining Buddha.