



THE ATHENEE HOTEL
BANGKOK

THE
LUXURY
COLLECTION

DESTINATION DISCOVERIES

A VOYAGE TO OUR ROYAL ROOTS

KANDHAVAS PALACE

Nestled on a leafy boulevard, in a sought-after area of Bangkok, The Athenee Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Bangkok has a rich history and a royal connection. Built on the site of Kandhavas, the Palace of Princess Valaya Alongkorn, the hotel has been lovingly and extensively designed to celebrate its royal heritage.

PASSION OF THE PRINCESS

The story of Princess Valaya Alongkorn, begins with her father, Chulalongkorn Rama V – the “Great Beloved King”. His reign was pivotal to the shaping of Siam and later Thailand and his educational interests undoubtedly influenced the young Princess.

While much is recorded about the Chakri Dynasty, Princess Valaya Alongkorn was truly special. Known for her love of books, Princess Valaya as a young girl would disappear for hours lost in literature.

What started as a pastime, became a passion that she shared. Princess Valaya was pivotal in establishing one of the first all-girl schools in Thailand, even donating the land to establish a university specialising in training Thai women to become teachers and educators.

Princess Valaya’s creativity extended far beyond her skilled chess-playing and appreciation of literature. At the coronation ceremony of Queen Rambhai Barni, it was Princess Valaya who designed the dress that became a sensation.

Renowned for her ability to elevate European styles with a Thai aesthetic, Princess Valaya’s influence was seen in everything from interior design to flower arrangement. It was her mastery of these pursuits that are integral aspects of the modelling of The Athenee Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Bangkok.



DESTINATION DISCOVERIES ITENARARY

Date: Wednesdays
Time: 02:30 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.
Meeting Point: The Lobby

Treasure Your Moment in our photo frame with an optional fee at THB 1,600 or complete your experience with our Royal Afternoon Tea at THB 1,200
(Rate are exclusive of 10% service charge and 7% government tax and for 2 persons basis)