

LOY KRATHONG FESTIVAL 2018

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA



This year Loy Krathong Festival is held on **Saturday, 17 November 2018 at Parramatta** (Parramatta River Foreshore), **Sydney, from 4pm until 10pm.**

A unique Thai Loy Krathong Festival delivered by Parramatta City Council in partnership with The Royal Thai Consulate Sydney, Tourism Authority of Thailand and Thai Australia Association. It includes a Krathong floating ceremony on Parramatta River Foreshore and Loy Krathong stage will come alive with cultural performances by local and international stars.

Loy Krathong Highlights

Singha Beer Garden

Relax with a chilled beverage in the glowing Thai Beer Garden, sponsored by Singha Beer.

Workshops

Participate in free cultural workshops and learn about their significance to Thai heritage.

Krathong making

Make your own krathong and then, as the sun sets, float your krathong on Parramatta River and make a wish for a prosperous future.

Thai Village

Amazing Thailand

Visit the Amazing Thailand stall and be provided with destination information on beautiful Thailand.

Food Stalls

Enjoy delicious cuisines from a variety of food stalls and trucks. Enjoy traditional Thai cuisine, Asian delights, sweet tea, sugar cane, scrumptious desserts and ice cream.

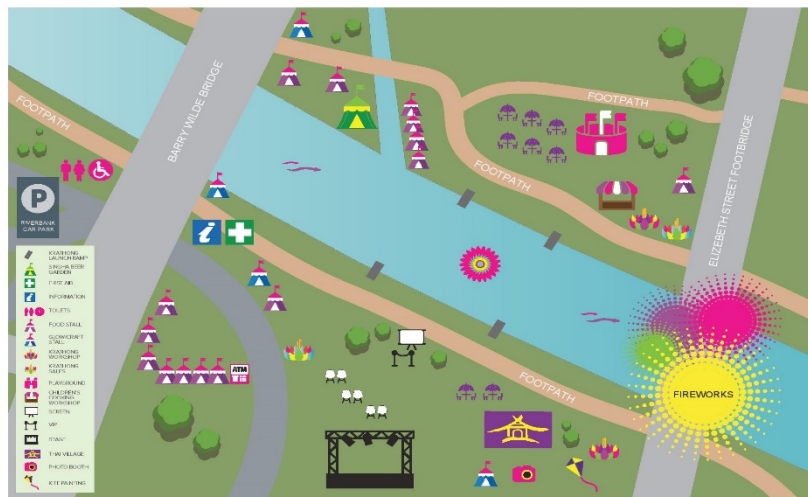
Floating of the Krathong

The procession and krathong floating ceremony commence at 8pm. Make your own unique krathong or purchase a krathong ready to participate in this ancient Thai ritual. Float away all your worries on Parramatta River bringing you a better life and prosperous future.

Fireworks Spectacular

Fireworks spectacular takes place at 9pm.

Loy Krathong Festival is located at the Parramatta River Foreshore, between Barry Wilde Bridge and Elizabeth St Footbridge. There are activities on both sides of the river and in front of the Parramatta River Foreshore playground.



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Loy Krathong is a festival celebrated annually throughout Thailand. The name could be translated as "to float a basket" and comes from the tradition of making krathong or basket, decorated vessels, which are then floated on a river.

Loy Krathong takes place on the evening of the full moon of the 12th month in November. The traditional krathong are made from a slice of the dried banana leaves, incense sticks, and a candle. A small coin is sometimes included as an offering to the river spirits. On the night of the full moon, Thai launch their krathong on a river canal or lake, making a wish as they do so. The festival ends with the burning of a boat playing respect to the water spirits.