



Banyan Tree Bangkok

BANGKOK, THAILAND

This city buzzes with big-gun hotels, but here is a place to hibernate – gently, quietly and surprisingly doing the most splendid job. Banyan Tree isn't usually associated with urban living, but in a bing-bang-bosh city like Bangkok it can be exactly what you need. There's the scent of lemongrass in the corridors, the bend-over-backwards service, the juicy shops, and wow – that rooftop Vertigo restaurant with *Blade Runner* views. And, yes, what a perfect spa – the ladies have happy hands. The only problem is, do you have enough time? Many of the treatments are three hours, so make yours a two-night stay rather than an in-transit one-night stand.

Website banyantree.com. **UK reservations** Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732). **Rates** Double, from £205.