



4. 80/20

Helmed by chefs Napol Jantraget, Saki Hoshino and New Suthichoti, this restaurant makes 80% of its ingredients including jams and ice creams or sources them from the local market. The produce-focused approach results in flavour-packed, Thai-accented dishes like grilled prawns, coconut chicken, and dragon fruit sorbet. **1052-1054 Charoen Krung Rd, facebook.com/8020bkk**

5. Speedy Grandma

When Speedy Grandma opened back in 2012, it was the first contemporary space to open in this forgotten-about riverside area. Fast forward six years, and it's still setting the pace with avant garde art exhibitions and works that challenge the status quo. And that name? Legend has it a ghostly grannie cruises the lanes on her silent scooter. **Soi 28, Charoen Krung Rd, facebook.com/speedygrandma**

6. Warehouse 30

Architect Duangrit Bunnag had a dream: to convert a series of riverside World War II-era warehouses into a creative collective. Following the inventive template set by his Jam Factory complex, he has brought together an art gallery, fashion store, art house cinema, bakery, café, flower shop and theatre. **Soi 30, Charoen Krung Rd, facebook.com/thewarehouse30**

7. TCDC

The imposing TCDC (or the Thailand Creative and Design Centre) occupies one wing of the historic Grand Postal Building. It consists of a vast library of design books, an area where budding designers can create furniture and fabrics, and a roof terrace with views of the city. While some areas are members-only, the exhibition space is always open to the public. **1160 Charoen Krung Rd, web.tcdc.or.th**

Bangkok's hippest street

Once-dilapidated warehouses and shophouses are undergoing a remarkable renaissance in the historic area of Charoen Krung

1. Lhong 1919

What to do when you've inherited a 100-year-old complex of crumbling mansions on the wrong side of the river? For Rujiraporn Wanglee, founder of interior design firm PIA, the answer was to turn it into a hub for local designers, filling the space with upmarket boutiques, eateries, a co-working space and incredible wall art. **248 Chiang Mai Rd, facebook.com/lhong1919**

2. FooJohn Building

FooJohn is the former headquarters of a family of Thai-Chinese traders. On the ground floor you'll find FoudieJoie, a French bistro with a Hong Kong flavour. Up one flight of stairs is an unnamed speakeasy bar and finally, on the rooftop, the SpareParts Smokehouse, with slow-cooked ribs and draught beers. **831 Charoen Krung Rd, facebook.com/foojohnbkk**

3. JVA

This yakitori joint is the result of a true passion for Japan. Owner and chef Chet Adkins serves up a range of moreish skewers, from tiger prawns with durian butter to pork belly with *negi* (a long onion). They are happy to make sake recommendations if you don't know your Bijofu Junmai from your Yuki No Boshu. **Soi 28, Charoen Krung Rd, facebook.com/juabangkok**

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