

# Mae Klong Railway Market (Hoop Rom Market)

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## ATTRACTION DETAILS

Mae Klong Railway Market (Hoop Rom Market) is a local market in Samut Songkhram Province, commonly called Siang Tai (life-risking) Market. It is considered one of amazing-Thailand attractions in the province. Spreading over a 100-metre length, the market is located by the railway near Mae Klong Railway Station, Mueng District, Samut Songkhram Province. It is a common fresh market selling seafood, vegetable, fruits, fresh and dried food, meats and other miscellaneous goods. Mae Klong Railway Market is open from 6.00 a.m. -6.00 p.m.

The market is called ‘life-risking’ market because its stalls are attached to the Mae Klong-Ban Laem railway, which is a short railway line running from and to Mahachai and Mae Klong. Vendors at the market put out parasols or canvas to protect themselves against the sun. The shelters stick into the railway where visitors walk and do their shopping. When each signal of the arriving train rings, chaos happens: vendors will rush to close their parasols and canvas, along with clearing all goods that will obstruct the coming train at a great speed. Once

the train passes, parasols and canvas will be reopened as goods are again put into their usual place next to the railroad. The market, accordingly, is so called 'Hoop Rom (umbrella/parasol-closing) Market'. The practice is usual for vendors and local people, but not for tourists who will definitely find the scene exciting and enjoyable at each visit. The parasol-closing event happens eight times per day according to the time that trains leave Mahachai for Mae Klong and depart Mae Klong for Mahachai. Trains will arrive at Mae Klong Station at 8.30 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 5.40 p.m., and depart the station at 6.20 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m..

# Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

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In the past, daily commerce in Thailand was conducted mostly along rivers and canals (or khlongs in Thai). Bangkok's water network was busy and served as the principal means of communication causing Bangkok to be called as the "Venice of the East" by early European visitors. Out from Bangkok, there is a floating market that becomes one of the Thailand's most famous attractions, Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Every morning, boat vendors will cramp in Khlong Damnoen Saduak to sell product from their plantations that varies from fruits to vegetables. Now the product is more varieties as there are many visitors visit here every day. Check out there early morning and take a ride on a row boat to get the real sense of floating market.