

Thai New Year

Tuesday 15th April 2014

Songkran is the traditional Thai New Year water festival which starts on 13 April every year. The word Songkran comes from the Pali language of the Therevada Buddhist scriptures (Sankhara) and the Sanskrit word (Sankranti) for 'movement' or 'change'. In ancient times, it was celebrated as a moveable feast, and set to occur as the sun moved into the Aries portion of the zodiac.

In modern times the date has been fixed as 13 April although the Thai people officially changed the New Year to January 1 in 1940 to coincide with the Western business world, the traditional Songkran Festival is still celebrated as a national holiday in Thailand.

Join us in the Curve on Tuesday 15th April 2014 as we celebrate the Thai New Year with a variety of traditional and modern Thai dishes such as Massamam curry or bream steamed with the citrus flavour of the kaffir lime leaf, served with a galangal and coriander rice.

You can also sample some regional desserts flavoured with mango and coconut!