

## 7 DAYS BANGKOK AND THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Duration: 7 days/6 nights/10 meals

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE BANGKOK

Arrive Bangkok international airport, meet and greet and transfer to your hotel (transfer unescorted). Rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps you could indulge yourself with a traditional Thai Massage, surprise your taste buds with the amazing local flavors and cap off the day by enjoying sunset in any of the stylish rooftop bars which have blossomed in the city's skyscrapers in recent years... the options are limitless. Overnight in Bangkok



#### DAY 2 | HALFDAY ROYAL GRAND PALACE & TEMPLE TOUR (B)

Today's tour includes three of the most important Buddhist temples in Bangkok. Wat Traimit also known as the temple of the Golden Buddha houses a 3 meter tall statue made from solid gold and weighing 5.5 tons. You will then pass through Chinatown on your way to Wat Pho, the temple of the Reclining Buddha and home to the Chedis of the Kings. At 46 meters in length and 15 meters high the Buddha is the largest in Bangkok and illustrates the passing of the Buddha into nirvana. The Grand Palace is one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese court. It used to be the residence of the Kings of Bangkok. Here you will see palaces which were used for different occasions: the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House, and Wat Phra Keo, the beautiful Emerald Buddha Temple. To round off the tour, we call in at a local lapidary factory and showroom where you will be able to get locally made jewellery, handicrafts and silk at competitive prices.



**Note:** The Grand Palace is closed during special royal ceremonies and during visiting heads of state

#### DAY 3 | FULLDAY FLOATING MARKET AND RAILWAY MARKET WITH SEAFOOD LUNCH (B/L)

Come and see the most famous floating market "Damnoen Saduak". On the way to the floating market, take a visit at a Coconut Sugar Farm - look around the farmhouse and see how they process the coconut sugar. You can also taste a few things prepared freshly there. Head out to the floating market by long-tailed boat, sightseeing along the canal. Experience the colorful market and watch the merchants as they paddle along the congested canals in sturdy canoes laden with fresh fruits and vegetables to sell to shoppers on the river bank. On the way to our next stop, see the natural monkeys in the Conservation Mangrove Centre which we drive through. Arrive to Don Hoi Lot and lunch is served at Seafood Restaurant. Continue to Maeklong Railway Market, or "Talad Rom Hoop" in Thai. Upon arrival the guide will introduce you to the history of the area. See the action in several minutes before the train is due to pass through the market. The process happens so quick it will amaze you for this unique moment. Transfer back to Bangkok.

#### **DAY 4 | BANGKOK - CHIANG MAI (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport. Arrival in Chiang Mai and transfer to hotel (transfer unescorted).

Pick-up at 13:30 in central Chiang Mai followed by guided tour of the old town and the city's main temples. Visit the historic Wat Suan Dok and admire its 48- metre-high Sri Lankan-style chedi, which overlooks the Royal Cemetery. Continue to Wat Phra Sing in the old town and appreciate the beauty of this large complex of more than 60 buildings before visiting 14th century Wat Chedi Luang in the very heart of the old city. This ancient temple has a more rustic appearance and has been restored after decades of decay. Discover, too, the nearby Wat Chet Yot and Wat Chiang Man. Due to its age, the Chet Yot temple betrays some signs of ruin while the Chiang Man temple is renowned for its numerous elephant sculptures (arrive transfer included) Overnight in hotel in Chiang Mai.

#### **DAY 5 | CHIANG MAI (80 kms – 3hrs) (B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep to enjoy magnificent panoramic views of the city. The temple is reached by climbing a 309-step naga staircase or via cable car (included). If the views are stunning, the temple itself is even better and boasts a number of dazzling structures. Continue to the bustling Wararot Market, a historical landmark renowned for the variety and quality of its produce, before visiting the fragrant flower market. In the evening, enjoy a khantoke dinner, a traditional northern Thai feast combined with a selection of traditional cultural performances inspired by the Lanna kingdom, which dominated northern Thailand for almost five centuries. Overnight in hotel in Chiang Mai.

#### **DAY 6 | CHIANG MAI - CHIANG RAI (260 km - 4 hrs) (B/L)**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading into the jungle to become acquainted with Thailand's national animal during a visit to the Thai Elephant Care Centre. The care centre was established to provide care for elderly elephants retired from logging and camps. Appreciate these gentle giants, learn more about their nature, their individual traits, their lifestyles, their talents and their charms. If time is right, watch them play during their bath-time. After lunch, continue by road via Doi Saket with a stop at Wat Rong Khun, nicknamed the 'White Temple', a dazzling temple built in the 1990s. Its ornate all-white exterior with embedded pieces of mirror gives it a resplendent appearance, which makes it one of the most beautiful temples in Thailand.



Continue to Chiang Rai, arriving in the afternoon and transferring to your accommodation. Overnight in hotel in Chiang Rai. (Start 7:00, finish approx. 17:30)

#### **DAY 7 | CHIANG RAI – GOLDEN TRIANGLE – CHIANG RAI (174kms- 3.5hrs) (B/L)**

Check out after breakfast at the hotel and visit Chiang Sean for a panoramic view of the Golden Triangle where Laos, Myanmar and Thailand meet where the mighty River Mekong flows through. Hop on a boat and take a trip around the Golden Triangle on a boat ride lasting around 30 minutes. After, enjoy lunch at the Imperial Golden Triangle Resort before being dropped off at Chiang Rai Airport at approximately 14:00 hrs (we recommend you book flight TG 2135 with an ETD of 16:55). (Start 07:30, finish approx.14:00)

### Superior Class

Day	Destination	Board	Accommodation	Room Type
1	Bangkok	-	Century Park	SUPERIOR
2	Bangkok	B	Century Park	SUPERIOR
3	Bangkok	B - L	Century Park	SUPERIOR
4	Bangkok – Chiang Mai	B	Holiday Inn Chiang Mai	SUPERIOR
5	Chiang Mai	B - D	Holiday Inn Chiang Mai	SUPERIOR
6	Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai	B – L	Laluna Resort	Garden Bungalow
7	Chiang Rai	B - L	-	-

### Deluxe Class

Destination	Accommodation	Room Type
Bangkok	Century Park	SUPERIOR
Chiang Mai	Holiday Inn Chiang Mai	DLX Corner
Chiang Rai	Imperial River House Chiang Rai	DLX

This is a join-in tour with English and other language guides possibly sharing the same vehicle.

This tour can also be arranged on a private basis for a supplement\$

## INCLUSIONS

Return airport transfers · English speaking local guides · 6 nights accommodations in double occupancy · Meals as per itinerary · Sightseeing as per itinerary · flight Bangkok-Chiang Mai.

**Not included** · International airfare and airport security taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Beverages · Optional excursions.

### Minimum 2 passengers required

Land package (Fares in CAD\$), per person in double occupancy, starting from		
	Superior Occupancy	Deluxe Occupancy
<b>Wednesday or Saturday departures</b> (join-in basis with other passengers)		
November 01, 2018 – October 31, 2019*	1239	1369
<b>Daily departures (Private basis)</b>		
November 01, 2018 – October 31, 2019*	1539	1619
<b>Single supplement</b> (minimum 2 passengers required on the tour)	300	400
<b>*High season supplements apply for departures from Dec.12 to Jan.09, 2019</b>		