

THAILAND SPLENDORS
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
BANGKOK, CHIANG MAI, CHIANG RAI, PHUKET



The Kingdom of Thailand is a country filled with Buddhist temples, gorgeous beaches, exotic wildlife, and spectacular islands. The friendly people, its history and culture and the frenzy of a modern capital city is a perfect blend for a unique destination. Experiences can include caring for elephants, river rafting, diving, nature parks, spas, cooking classes, Thai massage; the list is endless!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 BANGKOK

Arrive at the Bangkok International Airport and transfer to your hotel (transfer unescorted). Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps indulge yourself with a traditional Thai massage, delight your taste buds with the amazing local flavours and cap off the day by enjoying the sunset at any of the stylish rooftop bars which have blossomed in the city's skyscrapers in recent years - the options are limitless.

Accommodation: Bangkok for 3 nights

DAY 2 BANGKOK - HALF-DAY ROYAL GRAND PALACE & TEMPLE TOUR

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-metre tall statue made from solid gold and weighing in at 5.5 tonnes. You 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 metres in length and 15 metres high, the Buddha is the largest in Bangkok and illustrates the passing of the Buddha into nirvana. Next, we make our way to the Grand Palace*, one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese royal court and used to be the residence of the kings of Bangkok. Here you will see palaces which were used for different occasions including the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guesthouse and Wat Phra Keaw - the beautiful Emerald Buddha temple. To round off the outing, stop in at a local lapidary factory and showroom where you will be able to get locally made jewellery, handicrafts and silk at competitive prices. (*The Grand Palace is closed to the public during special royal ceremonies and official government visits.) (B)



DAY 3 BANGKOK - HALF-DAY RAILWAY MARKET AND DAMNERN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET

Depart from Bangkok and head to Maeklong Railway Market, also known as Talad Rom Hoop. Upon arrival the guide will introduce you to the history of this area. See the action in several minutes before the train passing through the market. The process happens so quick it will amaze you. Then go to the world-famous floating market of "Damnoen Saduak", there are countless floating markets throughout the country, the colorfully clad merchants at these lively markets paddle along congested canals in sturdy canoes laden with fresh fruits and vegetables to sell to shoppers on the banks. This is an exciting and fun way to see the local life and to go bargain hunting. Transfer back to Bangkok. (B)

DAY 4 BANGKOK – CHIANG MAI / HALFDAY DOI SUTHEP TEMPLE WITH MEO DOI PUI

Morning transfer to Bangkok airport for your flight to Chiang Mai. Arrive at Chiang Mai International Airport with meet-and-greet service and transfer to your hotel. **At 13.00hrs pick up** at hotel and make your way 15 km outside of Chiang Mai to visit the beautiful golden Doi Suthep temple. This ornate temple's origins date back to the 14th century and according to legend, it is said that the temple houses an important relic – one of Buddha's bones. Climb up the more than 300 steps to the temple for some great panoramic views and enjoy this magical experience. Next, continue up the mountain of Doi Poi, located in a national park. Go up the mountain in a 4x4 vehicle and get acquainted with the people of the White Hmong hill tribe village. Here you see the Hmong in

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their traditional costumes selling their wide range of antiques, decorative ornaments and fabrics. The villagers now earn their living by planting vegetables and growing fruit, having replaced their traditional cash crop - the opium poppy. Return to hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, the night market is a must, with an impressive selection of artisanal products, colorful souvenirs, tasty snacks and more. Get ready to haggle! (B)

Accommodation: Chiang Mai for 3 nights

DAY 5 CHIANG MAI - CHIANG RAI AND GOLDEN TRIANGLE – CHIANG MAI

An early morning drive through the beautiful Northern scenery, with a stop at the Hot Springs at Mae Kajan. Drive on to visit Wat Rong Khun (White Temple) which is completely white in color. Continue on to the border town of Mae Sai, where just across the bridge lies the Burmese town of Tachilek and there is time to shop for some Burmese souvenirs (such as sarongs, puppets, handicrafts and Burmese cheroots). Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local Restaurant. Visit the famous Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos meet at the confluence of the Ruak and Mekong Rivers. Return to Chiang Mai. *As an option*, you have a chance to enjoy a boat ride to view the scenery and splendor of the mighty Mekong River. (B/L)



DAY 6 CHIANG MAI - FULLDAY ELEPHANT JUNGLE SANCTUARY

Begin the day with a tasty breakfast. After, visit the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, an amazing experience with these beautiful creatures. See the elephants in a happy environment surrounded by pristine scenery. Enjoy a delicious lunch served at the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary camp. Return to hotel.

Remark: this tour is not possible on a private basis. (B/L)

DAY 7 CHIANG MAI · PHUKET

Transfer to the airport for your flights to Phuket. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. (B/D)

Accommodations: Phuket for 4 nights

DAYS 8-10 PHUKET (BEACH STAY)

Three full days at leisure to enjoy the beach. (B/D)

DAY 11 PHUKET · BANGKOK · DEPART

Your journey comes to an end. Transfer to the airport and flight to Bangkok. End of services (B)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Thailand. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting temples, religious or official buildings. Shoes should be removed before entering a temple or private house. Sun protection, sunglasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.

INCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights Bangkok-Chiang Mai-Phuket-Bangkok with Bangkok Airways
- Return airport transfers
- English speaking local guides
- 10 night accommodations in double occupancy
- 16 meals as per itinerary : 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing and excursions as per itinerary ([Join-in touring with other passengers](#))

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



Hotels or similar

| LOCATION | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| BANGKOK | Century Park 3* | Movenpick Hotel Sukhumvit 15, 4+* |
| CHIANG MAI | Dusit Princess 4* | Dusit Princess 4* |
| PHUKET | Andaman Seaview Hotel 4* | Andaman Seaview Hotel 4* |

Minimum 2 passengers required

| Rates are in CAD\$, per person, double occupancy, <i>starting from</i> | Land package | Land package |
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| DAILY DEPARTURES 2021 | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
| January 15 - March 31 | 2099 | 2249 |
| April 01 – October 15 | 1999 | 2099 |
| Supplement for private touring* | 240 | 240 |
| Single supplement (minimum 2 passengers required on tour) | 720 | 890 |

*private guide not available for Jungle Sanctuary

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