

9 Days Thailand Explorer

Featuring Bangkok, Ayutthaya, Sukhothai, Lampang, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai.

Travel to Thailand offers the tourist every style of holiday imaginable. Relax on the magnificent island beaches of the south, or marvel at the cultural wonders of central and northern Thailand. Discover the less traveled regions such as the Isaan province, explore the archeological treasures of Ayuthaya, Pimai or Sukhothai or enjoy the endless shopping opportunities for more modern treasures in the great malls and markets of bustling Bangkok. Explore Thailand's capital city, Bangkok known to Thais as "Krung Thep" (the City of Angels), one of the world's most exciting cities. It holds the essence of the Thai spirit, and is very much the heart of the country. Its lively collection of nightlife venues, markets, shops, restaurants, magnificent "wats" (temples), museums, palaces and parks is truly exciting. Chiang Mai, Thailand's second largest city, also known as the "Rose of the North," is blessed with rich historical and cultural heritage. Chiang Mai not only boasts magnificent temples and nice weather, but also a strikingly beautiful landscape, excellent entertainment and shopping opportunities, and the charm of its people. Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand, lies in the heart of the notorious Golden Triangle, the area where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos converge. It is well known for its stunning mountain scenery and is home to several different hill tribes.

Day 1

ARRIVE BANGKOK

Today we arrive into Bangkok, Thailand. Thailand's capital city, known to Thais as "Krung Thep" (the City of Angels) is one of the world's most exciting cities. It holds the essence of the Thai spirit, and is very much the heart of the country. Without doubt, this fast-growing metropolis of roughly 10 million people has something to offer to everyone. Its lively collection of nightlife venues, markets, shops, restaurants, magnificent "wats"(temples), museums, palaces and parks is truly exciting.

MENAM RIVERSIDE.

Day 2

BANGKOK

Morning tour of Thonburi Klongs & Grand Palace. Among the best ways to explore Bangkok is by boat. A cruise along the Chao Phraya reveals scenes at odds with the bustling, modern inner city. Visitors get a glimpse of the serene and simple lifestyle of riverbank dwellers. En route, stop at the Royal Barges Museum and Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn). Almost opposite of Wat Arun is the Grand Palace, one of the most beautiful samples of the ancient Siamese court. It used to be the



residence of the Kings of Bangkok. Afternoon tour of the Bangkok City and its temples. From several magnificent temples in Bangkok, the three

most unique ones are Wat Traimit, Wat Pho, and Wat Benchamabophit. Wat Traimit houses a striking 3-meter tall Golden Buddha image - a gleaming, 5-ton figure of solid gold. Wat Pho, which features the largest reclining Buddha image in Thailand, and the Chedi of the kings, is Bangkok's oldest and largest temple. Finally there is Wat Benchamabophit, a fine modern Thai temple constructed from white Carrara marble with ornate crossbeams decorated with lacquer and gold.

Day 3

AYUTTHAYA-SUKHOTHA

Today we begin our drive to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Thailand. The principal sights are Wat Prangchong, the three ancient pagodas at Wat Phra Srisanpetch and the gigantic



bronze statues of Wat Mongkol Borphith. Later continue to Khampheng Phet and visit the historical park.

ANANDA MUSEUM GALLERY HOTEL.

Day 4

SUKHOTHAI-LAMPANG

Morning we will visit Sukhothai Historical Park, the Ramkamhaeng Museum and Wat Sri Chum with the gigantic Buddha statue. Later continue on our drive to Lampang and visit Wat Don Tao, where the Emerald Buddha was once enshrined (the same statue now installed in Bangkok), Wat Pa Fang and Wat Si Rong Muang, two Burmese-style temples with exquisite wood carvings. Later enjoy a horse carriage ride along the river.

LAMPANG RIVER LODGE.

Day 5

LAMPANG-LAMPOON-CHIANG MAI

Today we depart for Ko Kah to see Wat Phra Dhat Lampang Luang housing the only Emerald Buddha besides the one at Wat Phra Keo in Bangkok. Short stop at the colorful Tung Kwian Market, where handicrafts, fruit, vegetables, live animals and the famous Lampang Ceramics are on sale, then proceed to Lampoon for a visit to the famous Wat Haripoonchai, one of the most sacred monuments in the north. Continue to Chiang Mai. In the afternoon, visit the interesting Hill Tribe Museum (closed on Saturdays and Sundays) and handicraft manufactures, where the process of making lacquer-ware, spinning and weaving of Thai Silk and



Wat Haripoonchai, Lampoon

painting of paper umbrellas can be observed. Also visit a famous Thai wood carving factory with the possibility to buy Burmese antiques. Enjoy a walk in the

famous Chiang Mai Night Market.

THE EMPRESS CHIANG MAI HOTEL.

Day 6

CHIANG MAI

Visit the most interesting places in Chiang Mai such as Wat Phra Singh with its famous Buddha image, Wat Bupparam and



Wat Phra Singh, Chiang Mai

Wat Doi Suthep, tucked away in the mountains at 1,056 meters above sea level. Evening, enjoy a typical Thai dinner with a presentation of traditional dances from Northern Thailand.

Day 7

CHIANG MAI-HMONG HILL TRIBE LODGE

Morning we will depart to Mae Sa Valley. Visit the elephant camp to watch the elephants at work. Their strength and clever teamwork will amaze you. Enjoy a one-hour elephant



Elephants at work

ride into the jungle surroundings. Proceed to visit the hill-tribe Village at Ban Meo Mae Ki. Afternoon is at leisure, take a walk through the hill

tribe village or rent a bicycle to explore the neighborhood. Evening witness a program of tribal dances and songs.

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Day 8

HMONG HILL TRIBE LODGE-CHIANG RAI

Morning we will depart for Fang and Thatorn. En route, visit Huay Luek, a Hmong hill-tribe village. After arrival in Thatorn, a small village just a few kilometers away from the Burmese border, depart by long tailed motor boats from Ban Phatai for a three hour journey down the Kok River, passing tiny hill tribe villages consisting of simple bamboo huts among lush vegetation. A stop will be made to visit a Lahu hill tribe village along the way. Later continue on your drive to Chiang Rai.



Children from a Tribal group

Later continue on your drive to Chiang Rai.

THE LEGEND RESORT.

Day 9

CHIANG RAI-BANGKOK-HOMEBOUND

Morning we will visit the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos convene. Boat trip on the Mekong River to Chiang Saen. Later fly to Bangkok and connect homebound flight.

LAND Tour price per person	
Double Occupancy	\$1,795.00
Single Supplement	\$325.00
Internal airfare	\$100.00

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel accommodations as mentioned
- 8 American or buffet breakfasts, 6 dinners and 7 lunches table d'hote
- Sight-seeing tours including entrance fees
- Round trip transfers
- Expert local guides
- Baggage handling
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Passport cases and baggage tags

Tour prices are valid for the mentioned tour dates but are subject to change anytime.

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