

Delve into a land where bustling modern cities, ornate ancient temples, and stunning jungle beaches coexist. Discover the busy metropolitan roads of Bangkok by tuk tuk. Nosh on perfectly balanced street food. See intricate colored tiles and golden statues at Buddhist shrines. Explore the melting pot of culture and bright, eccentric Sino-Portuguese architecture in Phuket's Old Town. Relax at pure white sandy beaches overlooking turquoise waters beside verdant green jungles. Uncover the beautifully balanced mosaic of old and new, metropolitan, rural, and coastal in Thailand.

## **Escorted Tour**

## Highlights

- Bangkok
- Reclining Buddha
- Emerald Buddha
- Bangkok Street Food
- Choice on Tour Suan Pakkad Palace Museum or Marble Temple
- Sukhothai
- Chiang Rai
- The Golden Triangle
- Chiang Mai
- Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai
- · Lanna Home Visit
- · Home-Hosted Meal
- Choice on Tour: Thai Massage or Dinner
- Phuket
- Tuk Tuk Rides

#### Your Tour Includes:

- 6 Handpicked Accommodations
- 24 Meals

#### **Must-See Inclusions:**

- Float along the waters of the Mekong River and see the Golden Triangle where Laos, Burma, and Thailand meet.
- Admire the Sino-Portuguese architecture of Phuket's Old Town.
- See the gilded Reclining Buddha, the sacred jade Emerald Buddha, and the dazzling Grand Palace in Bangkok.

#### Cultural Experiences:

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.

# Culinary Inclusions:

- · Savor the sweet, spicy, and salty flavors of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lan na family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.

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# Pre-Night or Pre-Tour Singapore Option

**Day: 1** Overnight Flight-Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey featuring lavish temples, cultural discoveries, and its stunning natural beauty.

**Day: 2** Bangkok, Thailand - Amari Bangkok-Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

**Day: 3** Bangkok- Breakfast & Dinner Amari Bangkok-Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple.

**Day: 4** Bangkok -Breakfast & Dinner Amari Bangkok -Today, experience Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace – the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorized rickshaw

Day: 5 Bangkok – Sukhothai-Breakfast & Dinner Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa-Today, it's your choice! Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques -OR- take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Day: 6** Sukhothai -Breakfast & Lunch Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa-Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai – which means "dawn of happiness" – as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling.

**Day: 7** Sukhothai - Chiang Rai-Breakfast & Lunch The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa-Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty.

Day: 8 Chiang Rai-Breakfast & Lunch -The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa-Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact on local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area.

**Day: 9** Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai-Breakfast & Lunch Kantary Hills Chiangmai-Today, it's off to Chiang Mai – once a religious center, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand.

**Day: 10** Chiang Mai-Breakfast & Lunch Kantary Hills Chiangmai-See elephants in their natural setting today for a powerful **Impact Moment** during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander along country roads to reach the camp. Then, walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. \* From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks in feeding stations.

**Day:** 11 Chiang Mai-Breakfast & Lunch Kantary Hills Chiangmai -- Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labor with a simple lunch. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR**- get a taste of the local flavor during dinner at a local restaurant.

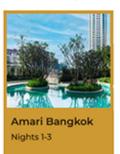
**Day: 12** Chiang Mai – Phuket-Breakfast Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket-Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul.

Day: 13 Phuket-Breakfast Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket-Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes and ice cream shops. Explore this charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day.

**Day: 14** Phuket—breakfast & Dinner Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket-It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the Old Town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand.

**Day: 15** Phuket – Bangkok-Breakfast Kantary House-Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories – the best kind of souvenir.

Day: 16 Bangkok - Tour Ends-Breakfast-Say farewell to Thailand and return home today.

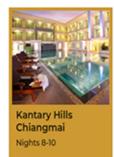




Nights 4-5



Nights 6-7





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