



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Discover Thailand and Cambodia

12-Day, 11-Night Journey

Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Siem Reap

Enjoy a world of difference, starting with a journey that takes you back in time to two ancient kingdoms that once flourished in Southeast Asia. Thailand and Cambodia are brothers. They have as many similarities as they are different in their unique ways. This trip features the rich history, ancient culture and natural beauty from two impeccable countries. Set out on an enriching private tour as you explore the highlights of Thailand and Cambodia. Gaze with awe at the dramatically different kinds of temples, from the iconic sandstone Angkor Wat temples, ornate golden Buddhist temples to the uniquely contemporary White temple. Explore the vibrant city of Bangkok, the tinted past of the opium-fueled Golden Triangle, the charming walled city of Chiang Mai and tourist friendly Siem Reap.

◆ Customizable Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

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| ▶ Bangkok City Tour | (Emerald Buddha) | ▶ Chiang Rai Golden Triangle Tour |
| ▶ Long-Tail Boat Ride | ▶ Wat Traimit | ▶ Mekong River Boat Ride |
| ▶ Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn) | (Golden Buddha Temple) | ▶ Opium Museum |
| ▶ Grand Palace | ▶ Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha) | ▶ Mae Fah Luang Garden, the Royal Villa |
| ▶ Wat Phra Kaew | ▶ Amphawa Floating Market | |
| | ▶ Maeklong Railway Market | |

- ▶ White Temple
- ▶ Chiang Mai Temple Tour
- ▶ Night Bazaar
- ▶ Elephant Hospital
- ▶ Wat Phra That
Lampang Luang
- ▶ Wat Hariphunchai
- ▶ National Angkor Museum
- ▶ **Angkor Archaeological Park***
- ▶ Angkor Wat
- ▶ Angkor Thom
- ▶ Bayon Temple
- ▶ Bapoun Temple
- ▶ Terrace of the Elephants
- ▶ Terrace of the Leper King
- ▶ Sunset View at Phnom
Bakheng Temple
- ▶ Banteay Srei Temple
- ▶ Prasat Kravan Temple
- ▶ Tonle Sap Lake
Floating Village
& Boat Ride
- ▶ Artisans d'Angkor
- ▶ Siem Reap Market

Why You'll Love This Tour



THE ART OF THE TEMPLES

Thailand's classical arts developed almost exclusively in the service of Buddhism. The best showcases are the Buddhist temples that come in all different shapes and sizes, in gold, white and wood, and range from ancient ruins to modernistic architecture.



A FLOURISHED KINGDOM THAT MADE HISTORY

The Khmer Empire was the largest empire of Southeast Asia and flourished between the 9th and 15th century. The ultimate expression of Khmer genius is found in a UNESCO World Heritage Site called the Angkor Wat, and is matched by only a few select spots in the world such as Machu Picchu or Petra.



ENDLESS STREET FOOD OPTIONS

This journey provides both first time visitors and returning travelers some amazing insight into the street food culture. Bangkok and Chiang Mai both offer fabulous street food with a wide variety of ready-to-eat meals, snacks, fruits and drinks that will have your taste buds craving for more!

Inclusions

- Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- Air Fare
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Bangkok - Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK)

Siem Reap - Siem Reap International Airport (REP)

Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

DAY 1: BANGKOK | ARRIVAL

Welcome to **Bangkok**, the vibrant capital city of Thailand that dazzles visitors with its vivid contrasts - serene temples, gardens and royal palaces amidst ultra-modern skyscrapers and bustling city crowds. Upon arrival in Bangkok, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

DAY 2: BANGKOK | CITY TOUR (B)

We kick off our journey with a **long tail boat ride** along the **Chao Phraya River**. We will visit **Wat Arun** (the Temple of Dawn), the **Grand Palace**, **Wat Phra Kaew** (Emerald Buddha), **Wat Traimit** (Golden Buddha Temple) and **Wat Pho** (Reclining Buddha).

DAY 3. BANGKOK | AMPHAWA FLOATING MARKET, RAILWAY MARKET (B, L)

No trip to Bangkok is complete without a visit to the local market. Visit **Amphawa floating market** 30 miles outside of Bangkok, an authentic local market with a mostly Thai clientele. It is the second most popular floating market after the Damnoen Saduak. Followed by a visit to **Maeklong market**, a one of a kind market that is located right on the tracks of an active railway line.



DAY 4: BANGKOK - CHIANG RAI (B)

Fly north to **Chiang Rai** today. Upon arrival into Chiang Rai, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free. Chiang Rai was the ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom in 13th century.

DAY 5: CHIANG RAI | GOLDEN TRIANGLE DAY TOUR (B, L)

Today we drive to the **Golden Triangle** that was once home to the world's most powerful opium smugglers at the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar. Take a long-tail boat ride along the **Mekong River** to Don Sao village in Laos. A fascinating **Opium Museum** offers an eye-opening look, from planting, harvesting and trading to paraphernalia for consuming opium. Along today's route, we visit the highest mountain peak in this region and enjoy the view of soaring mountains, crashing rivers and thick jungles that is unique to this region. We also visit the beautiful **Mae Fah Luang Garden, the Royal Villa.**

DAY 6: CHIANG RAI – CHIANG MAI | WHITE TEMPLE (B)

Depart for **Chiang Mai**. Enroute we visit the **White Temple** (Wat Rong Khun). The White Temple is an unconventional Buddhist temple designed by Chalermchai Kositpipat, a Thai painter-turned-architect. This magnificent temple is a surreal blend of traditional Thai architecture and the bizzare.

DAY 7 - CHIANG MAI | MORNING CITY TOUR, NIGHT MARKETS (B, L)

Chiang Mai was the heart and soul of the ancient Lanna Kingdom that flourished from 1250 to 1860. Along the banks of the Ping River and within the confines of the original walled and moated Old City, you will discover elegant temples, cultural emporiums for local dance and music, and distinct awesome Chiang Mai food with influences from Burma and China.

This **half-day Chiang Mai temple tour** explores the most famous and picturesque of the city's 36 Buddhist Wats, the perfect introduction to Northern Thailand's cultural and religious capital. Experience Chiang Mai's most visually stunning Buddhist temples.

Chiang Mai's **Night Bazaar** is perhaps the city's most popular attraction. The colorful mix of shops and stalls sell all sorts of things, from embroidered hill tribe textiles, silks, silver jewelry, carvings, ceramics, and antiques. It's also one of the best places in town to sample some spicy street food. Come hungry and sample along the way.

DAY 8 - CHIANG MAI | ELEPHANT HOSPITAL, TEMPLE TRAIL (B, L)

Visit the first **elephant hospital** in the world and some of the best temples in northern Thailand without the overt commercialization in the cultural cities of **Lamphun** and **Lampang**. 15th century **Wat Phra That**

Lampang Luang is both famous and beautiful, built on an 8th century fortress. **Wat Hariphunchai** is Lamphun's most famous temple.

DAY 9: CHIANG MAI – SIEM REAP | APSARA DANCE PERFORMANCE (B, D)

Fly south to **Siem Reap**, Cambodia. Siem Reap is a tourist friendly town that still retains its original small town colonial charm. Upon arrival into Siem Reap, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

We end the evening with a traditional **Apsara dance performance**. The elegant performers, dressed in glittering silk and sequins, evoke the legendary Apsara (female spirit of the clouds and waters) of Hindu mythology.

DAY 10: SIEM REAP | THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR (B, L)

Today, we see an astonishing profusion of ancient monuments in both size and number. Not to mention the intricate artistry of an idealized representation of the Hindu cosmos carved in stone. Visit the **National Angkor Museum** for an introduction to the story of Angkor and the Khmer empire before exploring the famed temples. Visit **Angkor Wat**, this iconic temple complex is considered the heart of Cambodia. It is crowned with five soaring towers and embellished with intricate sculptures and carvings. Continue to "Great City" of **Angkor Thom** with 54 towers, each decorated with 4 huge mysterious smiling faces. Let's wonder through the extensive grounds including grand **Bayon Temple, the South Gate, Bapoun, the Terrace of the Elephant** and the **Leper King**. Hike up **Phnom Bakheng Temple** complex for a spectacular sunset view of Angkor Wat.

DAY 11: SIEM REAP | BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE, PRASAT KRAVAN, FLOATING VILLAGE (B, L)

After breakfast, start out for the countryside to **Banteay Srei** before the crowds arrive. This 10th-century rose-pink sandstone temple is probably the best-preserved and elaborately decorated monument of the entire Angkor complex. With fewer tourists around, there is ample opportunity to enjoy the intricate bas reliefs up close and in the soft early morning light. And on the way back, visit the unique brick sculptures in **Prasat Kravan temple**.

Travel out to **Kampong Phluck**, a floating village a bit further away and which receives few tourists. Thus, this floating village is the best place to see the authentic life of the local fishermen and their families who live amongst the flooded mangrove forest. At Kampong Phluck, board a local boat for a ride on the lake. On the way, you will see houses on stilts that are submerged, and pass by **floating houses** and impressive flooded forests and get a good feel for life on the water.

Enjoy a delightful picnic lunch box in a cozy and soft atmosphere in the one of the local houses. You will embark on an interesting boat trip on the **Tonlé Sap Lake**, where you will have the opportunity to learn about life on the lake. Tonlé Sap is Southeast Asia’s largest freshwater lake. Its size varies greatly depending on the season.

If time permits, we visit the **Artisans d’Angkor** which supports Cambodian arts and crafts, and **Siem Reap Market**. Discover how wood and stone carvings, lacquering, gilding, and silk paintings are made.

DAY 12: SIEM REAP | END OF TOUR (B)

After breakfast, the tour comes to an end. Please inform us of your international flight details in order to schedule your transfer to **Siem Reap International Airport (REP)**.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

