



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Heritage of Thailand

9-Day, 6-Night Journey

Bangkok, Ayutthaya, Lop Buri, Kamphaeng Phet, Sukhothai, Chiang Mai

Thailand is prominent a Buddhist country and temples play an important role in everyday life. People often visit the temples daily for merit making or to pray for things such as good health, good fortune and to seek advice from monks.

Step back in time as this journey features the rich history, culture and natural beauty of Bangkok and the ancient wonders of current and past kingdoms of Thailand, from Khmer, Sukhothai, Chiang Mai, Ayutthaya to the current Siam Kingdom. Perfect for any heritage explorer, this journey is the perfect introduction to the Southeast Asian countries with a private guide to fill you in with all of the details!

◆ Customizable Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ Bangkok City Tour
- ▶ Long-Tail Boat Ride
- ▶ Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn)
- ▶ Grand Palace
- ▶ Wat Phra Kaew (Emerald Buddha)
- ▶ Wat Traimit (Golden Buddha Temple)
- ▶ Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha)
- ▶ **Ayutthaya Historical Park*** (Palaces & Temples)
- ▶ Hindu Monument in Prang Sam Yod
- ▶ King Narai Palace
- ▶ **Kampagheng Phet Historical Park***
- ▶ Ruins of Sukhothai Historical Park
- ▶ Sri Satchanalai Historical Park
- ▶ Wat Chang Lom (Elephants Temple)
- ▶ Wat Phrakaew Dontao (Emerald Buddha Temple)
- ▶ Wat Pra That Doi Suthep
- ▶ Visit Umbrella Village

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.



KAREN LONG NECK HILL TRIBE

There are 6 main mountain tribes in northern Thailand, each with its own culture, language and religion. One of the tribes is the Karen. Their women put brass rings on their neck starting from 5 or 6 years old and add more rings every year.



ENDLESS STREET FOOD OPTIONS

This journey provides both first time and returning travelers an amazing insight into the street food culture. Bangkok is the best city in the world for street food and offers a wide variety of ready-to-eat meals, snacks, fruits and drinks. It's all simply, delicious!

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)

Chiang Mai - Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX)

Itinerary

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

DAY 1: MAJOR USA AIRPORT - BANGKOK (BKK)

Depart from your USA airport to fly to Bangkok. Night on board.

*If your flight departs in the early morning hours, you must arrive at the airport the night before the indicated departure day i.e. early Friday morning means Thursday night!



DAY 2: TRANSIT

DAY 3: BANGKOK

Welcome to **Bangkok**, the vibrant capital city of Thailand that dazzles visitors with its vivid contrasts. Upon arrival in Bangkok, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

*Hotel check-in time is generally 4 pm or later. If your flight arrives in the early morning (e.g. midnight or 7 am) we suggest you add a pre-tour hotel night during booking for a well-deserved rest before starting your tour.

DAY 4: 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 5: BANGKOK - AYUTTHAYA | AYUTTHAYA HISTORICAL PARK (B)

Depart to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Siam (1350-1767). Part of the **Ayutthaya Historical Park** has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will visit Wat Phra Sri Sanphet (three sacred pagodas), large Buddha of Phra Mongkol Bophit, Wat Chai Wattanaram, Wat Chaimongkol, Bang Pa-In Royal Palace (Summer Palace).

DAY 6: AYUTTHAYA – KAMPHAENG PHET | LOP BURI, KAMPHAENG PHET (B)

Depart to **Lop Buri**, one of Thailand's oldest cities and an important outpost of the Khmer Empire. We will journey off the beaten path visit to see the **Hindu monument in Prang Sam Yod**, 17th century **Ayutthaya King Narai's palace** and **Kampagheng Phet Historical Park**, a World Heritage site.

DAY 7: KAMPHAENG PHET –LAMPANG | SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK (B)

Today we step back in time to 13th century Siam Kingdom. The **Sukhothai Historical Park ruins** are one of Thailand's most impressive World Heritage sites. It showcases the beginnings of Thai architecture. We'll visit many ruins and temples including Wat Mahathat temple, Wat Sri Sawai temple, Wat Sra Sir, Wat Sri Chum (the speaking Buddha), **Sri Satchanalai Historical Park** and **Wat Chang Lom** (Elephants Temple).

DAY 8: LAMPANG - CHIANG MAI | TEMPLE & HANDCRAFT (B)

We visit **Wat Phrakaew Dontao** (Emerald Buddha Temple). And then continue to Chiang Mai city. En route to **Chiang Mai**, we visit **Wat Pra That Doi Suthep** at the 5,250 ft summit of Doi Suthep mountain and national park. Enjoy the panoramic view from the temple. Followed by a visit to **Bo Srang** ("umbrella village") and **Sankamphaeng village** for the renowned decorative umbrellas, Thai silk, lacquerware, celadon (a grayish green porcelain) and other handicraft. Bargaining politely with the sellers is recommended.

DAY 9: DEPART CHIANG MAI, THAILAND (B)

After breakfast, the tour comes to an end. Transfer to **Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX)** for your flight home to the USA. Arrive in the USA the same day, courtesy of the international date line!

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

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.

