



## Thailand In-Depth

- *Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability. We will only proceed with all reservations upon receiving your written confirmation. We recommend your confirmation as early as possible.*
- *Flight times and the daily sequence of sightseeing are subject to change.*
- *Transfer times are approximate and subject to local conditions at the time of travel.*
- *All flight times are local.*

### ITINERARY

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#### Day 1: Bangkok arrival (Flight to be advised/own tickets)

Bangkok offers the opportunity to experience fascinating glimpse of Thailand's gentle culture amidst the bustle of a great and dynamic metropolis. This great city has had astounding success in combining the ancient and modern world. Upon arrival, meet with your guide and transfer to your hotel. Check in and overnight.

**Meals: None**

**Accommodation: Shanghai Mansion hotel Bangkok/ Deluxe**

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#### Day 2: Bangkok

##### ESSENTIAL BANGKOK

After breakfast, drive to **Wat Pho** in time to experience the monks' morning chanting ritual. One of the oldest temples in Bangkok, Wat Pho is home to the famous 45m reclining Buddha; it is also the original school of traditional Thai massage. From here, take a **tuk-tuk ride via Pak Klong Taland Flower Market** towards the **Grand Palace**, the most important and spectacular royal palace in Thailand. The mysterious **Emerald Buddha**, the most revered Buddha image in Thailand, now is housed here. Continue with a walk to the pier for a long-tailed boat ride along the "klongs" (canals) of Thonburi to get a flavour of local life. Stop at **Wat Arun**, once the grand royal temple to King Rama II. After lunch at local restaurant, cross the river again and drive to **Chinatown** and get a first-hand look at old Bangkok. Walk along **Yaowarat Road** where there are many interesting shops selling everything imaginable. Enjoy a cup of Chinese tea with the locals at a very old teashop

before exploring the bustling **Talad Kao market**, where a variety of food, fresh and dry fruits, and Chinese herbs are on offer. Return to the hotel afterwards.

NOTES:

- Suggested time: 8:30 - 16:00
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### Day 3: Bangkok - Ayutthaya

#### AYUTTHAYA BY CAR (SET LUNCH)

Depart for a 1.5 hour drive through Bangkok's rural outskirts to **Ayutthaya History Park**. Begin by visiting the **Bang-Pa-In Summer Palace**, located 60 kilometer north of Bangkok, an impressive architectural blend of East and West dating back to the 17th century. Continue to Ayutthaya, which was the capital of the Thai Kingdom for 417 years. The city was founded in 1350 by King U-Thong and in 1767 it was destroyed by the Burmese army, resulting in the collapse of the kingdom. Nowadays the ruins of the former city are on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Stroll around the ruins of **Wat Phra Si Sanphet**, a former royal temple during Ayutthaya's days of glory; **Wat Mahathat**, where the roots of a tree surround the head of Buddha; and **Wat Chai Wattanaram**, a perfect example of Khmer architectural influence. Enjoy a set lunch at a local restaurant before visiting other temples and ruins in the area if time allows, before returning to Bangkok by car.

NOTES:

- Suggested time: 08:00 – 16:00
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- Due to unpredictable traffic conditions on return to Bangkok, we do not recommend the booking of additional tour services in Bangkok immediately following the normal schedule.

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### Day 4: Bangkok

#### DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET

Depart early morning for the two hour drive to the **Damnoen Saduak floating market**. This vibrant market features numerous small boats laden with colorful fruits and vegetables, paddled by Thai women wearing bamboo hats. Almost always crowded with hundreds of vendors, purchasers and tourists, the best way to experience the atmosphere of the market is to board a boat and make your way through the small canals to buy fresh produce from the vendors. This is the only place to see the traditional way of selling and buying goods in Thailand. Drive back to Bangkok and arrive at the hotel in time for lunch (not included).

NOTE:

- Suggested time: 7:00 – 11:00

**SALA RIM NAAM DINNER AND CLASSICAL DANCE SHOW (JOIN-IN)**  
*(Private Transfer & Join-in Show)*

**Sala Rim Naam** is known for being the most luxurious and exclusive **dinner shows** in Bangkok. Located **opposite the Oriental Hotel**, on the opposite bank of the Chao Phraya River, Sala Rim Naam offers a wide selection of Thai cuisine that has attracted visitors and locals alike for years. Housed in a richly decorated Thai pavilion that is reminiscent of Northern Thai architecture, the restaurant is also the setting for one of the Kingdom's unique cultural experiences - classical Thai dancing performed each night. Enjoy a **3-course set dinner of delectable Thai cuisine** - the perfect way to combine Thai cuisine and culture. After the show, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

NOTES

- Availability: Evening only
- Suggested time: 19:00
- Duration: 3,5 hours
- Capacity: Min 1pax - Max 80pax

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**Day 5: Bangkok – Chiang Mai (Air)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a flight to Chiang Mai – the second biggest city in Thailand. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and start your first day to visit Doi Suthep Temple.

**DOI SUTHEP TEMPLE (FROM CITY HOTEL)**

Located only 15km out of Chiang Mai, **Wat Phrathat on Doi Suthep Mountain** is an easy outing offering a serene experience amidst the mountains surrounding Thailand's second city. The site is sacred to the Thai people and therefore appropriate clothing is recommended. The Wat was founded in 1383 A.D. and in 1935 the first road was built to the top, though nowadays people may climb the 309 steps from the car park to the top or take a tram (small extra charge). Once you are within the temple compounds you can see pagodas, statues, bells and shrines. The climb up is also rewarded with a superb panoramic view over the city. Return to the car park for the transfer back to Chiang Mai.

NOTES

- Suggested time: 14:00 – 18:00
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**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Puripunn Baby Grand Boutique hotel/ Superior**

Address: 104/1 Charoen Muang Soi 2, Charoen Muang Rd., T. Wat Gate, A. Muang, Chiang Mai 50000, Thailand

Tel: +66 53 302 898

<http://puripunn.com>

## Day 6: Chiang Mai

### ELEPHANT OWNER FOR A DAY AT PATARA (SIC ACTIVITY & PRIVATE TRANSER) (FROM CITY HOTEL)

The “Elephant Owner for a day” program is especially designed for those who wish to learn and interact with elephants and so experience what an owner would do on a daily basis. Participants are taught on how to approach the elephant correctly, understand the animal’s temper, and feed check on the giant’s health. Then it’s time for visitors to become the elephant’s “owner”. The program is a specialized and meaningful activity to create trust and relationship between visitor and the elephant. Here, visitors will learn about elephant farm management, daily healthcare, pregnancy tests and care for mother with small baby. Learn how to ride on the animal’s neck and to communicate with it through different spoken commands. Train to unchain and walk the elephant to the river where visitors will help bathing and brushing the animal and administer skin care.

Then it’s time practice riding. An easy ride within the farm, followed by a short trip to visit the local temple where visitors learn about elephants in Buddhism believe and how Thai people related to the elephant. We then prepare ourselves for a long trek up the hill to visit a waterfall where we enjoy a picnic lunch and enjoy a refreshing moment in/around the water with the elephant. With their conservation philosophy “Extinction is forever”, the elephant farm is encouraging people to – at least once in the lives – experience this very special animal, even if only for a day. The camp has adopted/rescued elephants from unsuitable living conditions (i.e. circuses, illegal logging camps etc.), nursed them and has so far released 8 of the animals back into the natural habitat. (Join-in).

#### NOTE

- Suggested time: 7:30 – 17:00

#### **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

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## Day 7: Chiang Mai

### BAAN HONG NUAL COOKING CLASS (4 DISHES) (FROM CITY HTL)

*(Private Transfer & Private Activity)*

Discover the secrets of the **Thai cuisine** during this half day cooking course. The subtle flavors and unique presentation of the Thai cuisine are well known all over the world, and this **Thai Cooking School program** includes an introduction to the ingredients, preparation and cooking of traditional Thai food. Soups, salads, curries, satay and desserts are covered during this course. Learn how to stir-fry, steam, and serve food the Thai way and impress your friends and family back home with your newly acquired skills. Taste your dishes afterwards and transfer back to the hotel.

#### NOTES

- Suggested time: 09:00 – 13:00
- Capacity: Min 1pax - Max 6pax. From 7pax up base on request
- 4 dishes included

#### **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

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## Day 8: Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai

Departure from Chiang Mai and drive to **Thaton** and then take exiting about 3 hrs long tailed boat ride from **Phatai** to Chiang Rai, passing tiny **hill tribe Village**, bamboo huts and jungle, visit the life of Karen hill tribe village, built along the banks of the **Maekok River**. We arrive at boat landing in the afternoon and proceed to hotel in **Chiang Rai (City)**. Lunch at local restaurant.

### NOTE

- Suggested time: 08:00 - 16:00

### **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### **Accommodation: The Legend Chiang Rai hotel/ Superior Studio**

Address: 124/15 Moo21 Kohloy Road, Amphur Muang, Chiang Rai 57000

Tel: +66 53 910 400

<http://thelegend-chiangrai.com>

## Day 9: Chiang Rai

### **CHIANG RAI'S TEMPLE & WAT RONG KHUN (FROM CITY HOTEL)**

Founded in 1262AD, Thailand's most northern city boasts a fascinating architectural history in a mix of Thai and Burmese styles. Begin your tour by visiting the ancient temple of **Wat Phra Kae**, original home of the Emerald Buddha which is now housed in Bangkok. A replica was made and placed in the same spot where it was found. Continue with a visit to **Wat Phra That Doi Chom Thong** with its large gold stupa. Visit **Wat Rong Khun**, which is different from any other temple in Thailand - in contrast to the ancient temples, this temple was built in 1997 and was designed using white glass. While travelling through the city, observe the influence of the city's Chinese ethnic minorities. Return to hotel after tour.

### NOTES

- Suggested time: 08:00 – 12:00
- An earthquake affected to Wat Rong Khun recently and this temple is under constructions so we can visit from the outside only.
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### **Meals: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation: The Legend Chiang Rai hotel/ Superior Studio**

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## Day 10: Chiang Rai

### **A DAY OUT IN MYANMAR (FROM CITY HOTEL)**

Thailand's close proximity to **Myanmar** makes it easy to visit this mysterious country. Cross the **Sai River** into Myanmar to witness local life in a nearby village. Explore a simple **Shan-style temple**, which is the home and training center for

young novice monks. Tuk Tuk await to take you for a unique ride through the lanes and side streets of **Thakhilek**, which ends at the local market where you will have free time to browse and snatch up a few bargains. Return to the Thai side of the Sai River for lunch at **Mae Sai** before leaving for the infamous **Golden Triangle**, renowned for centuries as the center of the opium trade. From a hilltop viewpoint, marvel at the splendor of the mighty Mekong joining with the **Ruak River** and watch them form the actual “Triangle” between Laos, Myanmar and Thailand. Finish the day with an amazing boat ride over the Mekong that allows you to observe the backwoods and beauty of the surrounding area. Afterwards return to Chiang Rai late afternoon.

NOTE:

- Suggested time: 8:30 – 13:30

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

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**Day 11: Chiang Rai – Phuket (Air)**

In the morning, transfer to the airport for a flight to **Phuket**. The largest island in Thailand and an international magnet for beach lovers and serious divers. Phuket offers various and interesting activities that can mostly correspond to your own favors. It is the place of savage forest, wonderful white-sand beaches, magnificent islands, fascinating sightseeing, flourish culture, exciting sport activities and the place of anything else it would be, it is up to your own definition.

Upon arrival, check in hotel and free at leisure for rest of the day.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Burasari Resort Patong/ Premier Collection**

Adress: 18/110 Ruamjai Road, Tambon Patong, Amphur Kathu Phuket 83150, Thailand

Tel: +66 7629 2929

<http://burasari.com/BRR/index.html>

**Day 12: Phuket**

**JAMES BOND & SEA CANOE BY SPEED BOAT (JOIN-IN)**

Enjoy the journey by speed boat to **Phang Nga Bay National Marine Park**. Cruise through hundreds of fascinating islands rising above the sea. You will discover the underwater cave when tide is low by paddling an inflatable canoe with your expert paddle-guide. Explore the **Dark Cave, Hong Island, Mangrove Cave and Diamond Cave**. Later, get back in the boat for a cruise to visit **James Bond Island**, the famous island where “007 The Man with the Golden Gun” was filmed. Then continue onto visit **Panyi stilt village**. A tasty Thai set lunch is served at local restaurant and after there is time to swim at **Lawa or Naka Island**. Later return to Phuket and your hotel.

NOTES:

- Suggested time: 08:00 - 16:00
- Capacity: Min 1 pax - Max 60 pax

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Accommodation: Burasari Resort Patong/ Premier Collection**

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### Day 13: Phuket

All of days free at leisure to enjoy the beach and resort facilities.

**Meals: Breakfast**

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### Day 14: Phuket – Bangkok (Air)

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and take the rest of the day at leisure.

**Meals: Breakfast**

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### Day 15: Bangkok Departure (Flight to be advised/own tickets)

Pick up at hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to next destination. For domestic flights you need to be at the airport at least one hour prior to departure. For international flights you need to be there at least two hours prior to departure. Your guide will inform you the pickup time

**Meal: Breakfast**

**End of services**

### **TOUR COST**

*This itinerary is provided for example only.*

*For full details including pricing, please contact us at [info@toiinternational.com](mailto:info@toiinternational.com).*