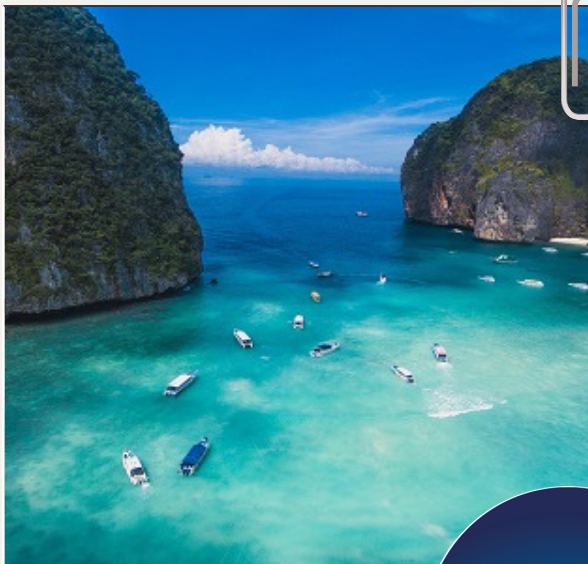


JOURNEY TO THE BEST OF THAILAND

BANGKOK – CHIANG MAI – PHUKET



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Embrace what Thailand can offer through memorable experience. Visiting three popular destinations in the country. Starting in Bangkok, travelers can explore the city's famous landmarks. Indulge in the city's vibrant street food scene, go shopping at the Venice of the West, and enjoy the city's nightlife.

Next, Chiang Mai offers a more laid-back and cultural experience. Visitors can explore the city's ancient temples, enjoy the city's night markets and exquisite local cuisines. Finally, round off the trip by relaxing on the beaches of Phuket with its stunning scenery and crystal clear waters.



Trip Highlights

- Travel alongside the Chao Phraya River and visit the famous temple & palace
- Visit the picturesque floating Market of Damnoen Saduak
- Indulge in the flavours & scents of the exquisite cuisine scene
- Spent time in some of Chiang Mai's most famous temples & pagodas
- Observe and participate in the life of the elephant at Baan Chang Elephant Park
- Ride the wave on the speedboat to Phi Phi & Khai islands
- Enjoy snorkelling and swimming in the crystal clear water of Phuket
- Shop for beautiful handicrafts

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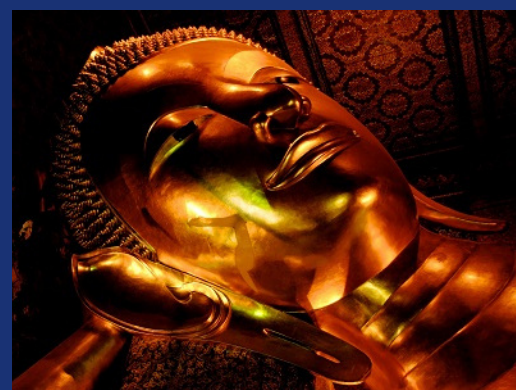
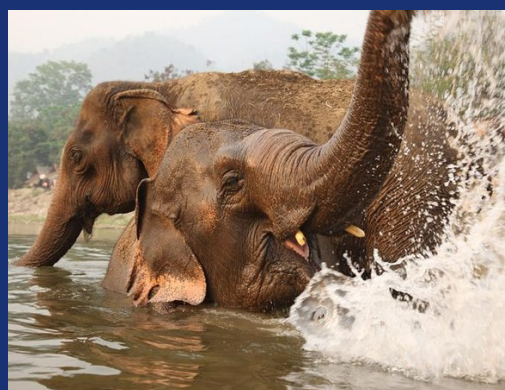
Destinations: **BANGKOK - CHIANG MAI - PHUKET**

Duration: **9 days**

Active level: **Moderate**

Departures Available: **2023-2024**

Prices: **From \$2,758 per person**



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Bangkok (D)

Upon arrival at Bangkok, your local English-speaking guide and driver will pick you up and accompany you to the hotel.

Overnight in Bangkok - Mandarin Hotel

DAY 2: Day in Bangkok (B,L)

Visit two of the most important sights of Bangkok: the Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho is a giant lying Buddha, covered in gold leaf. The Grand Palace is a "must see" for every visitor. Located close to the banks of the Chao Phraya River the Grand Palace is the perfect example of an ancient Siamese court. Within the compound is the Temple of Emerald Buddha (Wat Pra Kaew), Lunch will be served in a Thai restaurant. Travel on the Chao Phraya River (The River of Kings) and on through the Klongs (canals) of Thonburi.

You will have the chance to observe and photograph the serene family homes and temples along the waterways, which gave the city the name "Venice of the East". You will also pay a visit to one of the most photographed sights in Bangkok, the Wat Arun. The majestic shrine has a pagoda of 76 m high. It is decorated with glazed ceramic pieces, that reflect the rising sun and gave the temple its name.

Important: Please note that you are required to wear proper attire (no bare shoulder, bare knees or strapless-heel shoes). Shoes must be removed before entering all temple buildings.

Overnight in Bangkok - Mandarin Hotel

DAY 3: Bangkok - Trip to the floating market (B)

To discover the way Bangkok used to be, travel approximately 100 km outside of Bangkok to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market with its many colours, flavours and exotic fragrances. Start with a scenic ride on a narrow longtail - speedboat, passing riverside villages and fruit plantations, before entering the vibrant market. There will be many photo opportunities along the way and on the colourful market on the water.



Afternoon free at leisure.

Overnight in Bangkok - Mandarin Hotel

DAY 4: Bangkok - Chiang Mai (B)

Arrive in Chiang Mai and transfer to visit Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, the sacred temple with a challenging flight of steps which are flanked by Naga Serpents. Wat Chedi Luang, is the site of a formerly massive pagoda that was unfortunately destroyed in the great earthquake of 1545; Wat Phra Singh, the lovely Lai Kam chapel houses the revered Phra Singh Buddha image. Then transfer to check in at the hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai - Movenpick Suriwongse Hotel

DAY 5: Baan Chang Elephant Park (B)

A Half-Day Elephant's Heaven allows visitors to get to know each of the remarkable elephants and gain a special understanding of their daily lives and behaviours.

Pick up from hotel in Chiang Mai at 06.30-07.00 AM

Activities: Feeding, Roaming, Herbal Medicine, observing and join them bathing

PLEASE NOTE: At the Park, we will allow you to spend as much time as possible with the elephants. Therefore, there is no formal schedule aside from pick-up times

Afternoon free at leisure.

Overnight in Chiang Mai - Movenpick Suriwongse Hotel

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DAY 6: Chiang Mai – Phuket (B)

Transfer from the hotel to Chiang Mai Airport. Arrive in Phuket and transfer to the hotel

The rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Phuket – Dewa Phuket Resort and Villas

DAY 7: Phuket – Phi Phi & Khai Island (B,L)

Venture to Maya Bay to see the stunning location of the Hollywood movie "The Beach". Experience of fun and enjoy sightseeing, swimming, and snorkelling with an experienced crew.

Visit Pileh Lagoon where you can swim and jump in crystal clear water. Visit Viking Cave and see ancient cave paintings and thousands of swallows

living on the top of the high ledges. Visit the hidden cove of Ao Ling or Monkey Beach.

Overnight in Phuket – Dewa Phuket Resort and Villas

DAY 8: Leisure Day in Phuket (B)

Enjoy the hotel facilities or venture to the stunning and tranquil Nai Yang beach, which is part of the protected Sirinath National Park, on the northwest coast of Phuket island. The day is yours to spend how you wish.

Overnight in Phuket – Dewa Phuket Resort and Villas

DAY 9: Phuket – Departure (B)

Your Thailand adventure concludes today. Head to the airport for your journey home or extend your time in the region the choice is yours.



Package Inclusions:

First-Class Service

- 24/7 local assistance and travel guidance
- Airport Meet-and-Greet welcome service
- A unique "local-host" experience exclusively offered by us.

Meals

- Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- Full Breakfast Daily, Selected Lunches and Dinners

Accommodation

- Stay at excellent hand-selected high-quality 4-star accommodation in a central location or adjacent to monuments or strategically at the edge of a wilderness.

Transportation

- Arrival and departure airport transfers in private air-conditioned vehicles
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles with locally based professional drivers

Sightseeing

- Sightseeing as all destinations following the itinerary
- All entrance fees at monuments
- All local government fees & tax

Tour Guide & Tour Leader

- English-speaking local tour guides who live and breathe the destination – they will bring your itinerary to life