



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Best Of Thailand

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

DAY 1 ○ ARRIVE BANGKOK (3 nights):

Begin your Thai adventure in Bangkok and sing sawadee ka to the land of smiles. First, we transfer to the hotel, and then we meet our Travel Director and other guests with a local drink to welcome you on the first evening.

Royal Orchid Sheraton
Or Similar
Meals:

DAY 2 ○ BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING

Wake up early and join your local community for an elegant T'ai Chi training on Lumpini Park on your first day. Alternatively, enjoy a comfortable start to a sightseeing tour that begins with visiting Bangkok's most renowned fruit and flower market, Pak Klong Talad. See the golden towers of Bangkok's Grand Palace, where you will visit Wat Phra Kaew, the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Watch Thailand's largest reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, Bangkok's oldest temple, and enjoy traditional Thai massage at the temple's massage center. Pass the beautiful Wat Arun of the Temple of Dawn, stroll through Chao Praya and return to your hotel by express river boat.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 ○ BANGKOK

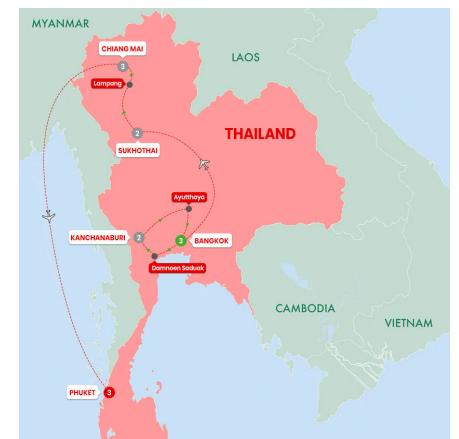
Open up your senses to the five flavors of Thai as you join a 'Local Expert' to attend a traditional cooking course in a colonial home. Visit a local local market to find the freshest ingredients that create the sweet, sour, salty, bitter and hot flavors of Thai cuisine. Stop examining the results for later, either spend the afternoon exploring the City of Angels or consider participating in an Optional Experience.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Dinner Cruise on The Loy Nava (with drinks)

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Dinner Cruise on The Loy Nava (without drinks)

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Jim Thompson House

Jim Thompson House is one of the most striking examples of traditional Thai architecture and hosts a breathtaking collection of Southeast Asian art. Born in Delaware in 1906, Jim Thompson admired Thailand while serving as an intelligence agent in Bangkok during World War II. Later, it became a permanent home and established a business that supplied fine Thai silk to overseas fashion houses and protected it with one hand in a recent country house industry. Silk company is still developing today. Thompson gathered the revenue from his success, collecting sections of a fascinating series of artworks and teak houses and merging them into a museum building set in a lush garden next to Bangkok's central Saen Saep Canal. The main house is curiously surrounded by tastefully exhibited Asian art and Buddha images, paintings, ceramics and antique furniture. The habitats are preserved as they did before Thompson mysteriously disappeared. We also have a pretty big boutique in Thailand restaurant and bar, which also sells fine silk products, books and prints.

Walking Tour Talad Noi

Discover the most interesting lanes of Chinatown in the Talad Noi area; a short walk from the hotel. The area is home to an interesting street art, but the real Bangkok that many visitors cannot discover. Stroll through age-old shops and impressive buildings such as Sol Heng Tai; A Chinese mansion over 200 years old. There are no traffic congestions in the narrow streets of Talad Noi and this is an ideal place for a walking tour. Take a look at the homes of the local people and see the unique view of recycled engine parts stacked on the side of the road, ready to be transformed into long-tail boat engines for the nearby Chao Phraya river. The walking tour ends with a drink at a hidden local rooftop bar, with spectacular views of the river. Enjoy a drink in Bangkok while the boats go by at sunset. Then hop on a tuk-tuk to see the bright lights of Chinatown before being returned to the hotel.

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DAY 4 ○ BANGKOK - DAMNOEN SADUAK - KANCHANABURI (2 NIGHTS)

As we start to visit the famous floating market in Damnoen Saduak, this morning, a spree of color tells us good morning. Chat with fellow merchants who are rowing along clogged canals in cramped canoes full of fresh fruits and vegetables to sell to bank shoppers. On the way, we will enter the Culture by standing at a coconut palm sugar plantation where we will discover how the farmer extracts the sap from the palm trees to obtain the palm sugar. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Museum, which tells the history of the famous railway line built by the Imperial Japanese army during World War II. Today's final stop is completed with a visit to thousands of Allied prisoners of war who were sent off on their last voyage at the War Cemetery.

Hotel Away Kanchanaburi Dheva Mantra Resort and Spa

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 ○ KANCHANABURI SIGHTSEEING:

This morning we visit the Hellfire Pass, a part of the Thailand-Burma "Death Railway", taking its name from the tough conditions that prisoners of war endured during World War II. After lunch, we take an exciting train ride on the wooden viaducts and cross the winding waters of the River Kwai. We will witness the dismantling and overhaul of the wooden viaducts. Tonight we will have dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel Away Kanchanaburi Dheva Mantra Resort and Spa

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 ○ KANCHANABURI - AYUTTHAYA - SUKHOTHAI (2 NIGHTS):

After breakfast, while traveling to Ayutthaya on the list of UNESCO, once the oldest capital of Old Siam and the world's largest city. Here, we will examine the commercial heritage of a powerful city that has moved to the top with the 18th century Burmese invasion. We will return to Bangkok for our flight to Sukhothai, Thailand's first capital.

Hotel Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort and Spa

Or Similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 ○ SUKHOTHAI SIGHTSEEING:

Get to know a powerful kingdom that lived through the golden age of the 13th and 14th centuries and shaped modern Thailand as we know it today. Start your day with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Sukhothai Historical Park, a 15-meter residence with

thousands of years of history and hidden within its walls. Explore the historic complex by bike or tram. This afternoon, visit the home of a local family and learn how to make the amulet, which is thought to protect the landlord from harm.

Hotel Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort and Spa

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 ○ **SUKHOTHAI - CHIANG MAI (3 NIGHTS):**

Today, it starts with a visit to the village of Natonchan, which is our 'Creature of Difference' by supporting our community's eco-tourism project. We will protect them against fading to communicate with the locals and learn about the construction of a gymnastic doll with one of the villagers and the traditional cotton clothes soaked in the mud. We continue to the north, have lunch on the road, and make a short visit to the "Friends of the Asian Elephant" Hospital, a foundation dealing with wounded elephants. When you arrive in Chiang Mai, we enjoy an evening stroll with our Travel Director and visit the colorful Sunday market. Our hotel is located in the old town of Chiang Mai tonight.

The Rim Resort

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 ○ **CHIANG MAI SIGHTSEEING:**

Get to know famous masterfully crafted elegant hand-painted and colored paper umbrellas in the Sankamphaeng area of Chiang Mai. Meet children and teachers at a local school where Boungiorno will donate the materials he needs. For lunch, Thai-style Be My Guest joins a family at his home in a typical resort and proceeds to a small village where 'Connect with the Locals'. Next is a visit to Wat Suan Dok, where we will meet a local monk and learn about Buddhism in the face of the temple's majestic golden jaw.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 ○ **CHIANG MAI:**

You can use the morning as a free time or you are free to consider participating in an Optional Experience. Then we visit Wat Doi Suthep, one of Thailand's holiest temples. As the sun sets into this mystical temple, listen carefully to the serene sounds of the monks. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner with the travel director at a traditional Thai restaurant by the river.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Hill Tribe Village Experience

Head to the north of Chiang Mai to visit Baan Tong Luang Village, an ecological Paduang village situated in a beautiful valley and home to Long Neck Karen hill tribe from Myanmar. The women wear heavy copper neck rings as a ritual starting from when they are 5 or 6 years of age. Other hill tribes such as Lahu, Hmong and White Karen can also be seen in the village in their traditional costumes.

The Rim Resort

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Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 ○ **CHIANG MAI - PHUKET (3 NIGHTS):**

Leaving Chiang Mai behind, we arrive at Phuket, the largest island in Thailand. Upon arrival, we will enter our hotel and have fun in our spare time for the rest of the day.

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Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 ○ **PHUKET SIGHTSEEING:**

Phuket offers more than spectacular beaches and dazzling nightlife. The island is a fascinating combination of Thai, Chinese, Indian, Arabian and even Portuguese influences, and you'll feel this combination on your walking tour with the 'Local Expert' in Phuket Town. Visit the fresh food market early in the morning, rub your shoulders with locals who stop by every day to shop and enjoy a quick breakfast. Continue to the amulet market and learn how to use these metal jewelry that protects the owner from metal damage or brings good luck. Admire the beautifully restored shops along your route and learn about the island's business history. Before enjoying local snacks in the area, before enjoying the coffees in a restored coffeehouse, visit the beautiful Thai-Chinese-style colonial mansion that reveals the history of Baan Chinpracha and Phuket. The walking tour ends with lunch at one of Phuket Town's restaurants, where you can taste local delicacies, then return to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 13 ○ **PHUKET AT LEISURE:**

Have the opportunity to pamper yourself, enjoy a full day. Take advantage of the tropical environment, spend the day relaxing at your beachfront hotel, or consider joining an Optional Experience.

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Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

DAY 14 ○

DEPART PHUKET:

The end of your charming holiday with Thailand, transfer to Phuket International Airport for your future flight.

Meals: Breakfast
