

**Journey through Siam
7 Days - 6 Nights
Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai
Relaxation, Discovery, Culture, History**

Extensions to Phuket available

Well known as the City of Angels, Krungthepmahanakorn (Bangkok) is the present capital city and the focal point for Thailand. It was made the capital of Thailand in 1782, the first monarch of the present Chakri Dynasty. It is a vibrant city, a national treasure house and Thailand's spiritual, cultural, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic enter with endless choice of sightseeing and entertainment opportunities. In addition to the many temples and historic buildings, such as The Grand Palace and Wat Arun, the list of interesting places to visit is endless. There are numerous canal (klong) networks, the Chaophraya River, giving it the name of "Venice of the East".

Day 1: Bangkok

Sawasdee...Welcome to The Land of Smiles!

Upon arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport and after Immigration and Customs formalities, you will be welcomed by our local guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This evening enjoy dinner with classical dance at Sala Rim Nam, the ultimate in luxury. The riverside Mandarin Oriental Hotel is internationally renowned as one of the world's greatest hotels, with an abundance of awards bestowed. With a history dating back to 1879, it is also the destination of choice for celebrities, world leaders and especially authors; Joseph Conrad, Noel Coward, John le Carre and Graham Greene have all stayed at the Oriental and some of the guest rooms are named after leading writers. During this dinner experience, guests sit on pillows at low tables in the glittering, bronze-trimmed, teak and marble main hall, to dine on finely crafted Thai cuisine. The food is complemented by classical music and traditional dancing from different periods in Thai history. [D]

Day 2: Bangkok

Breakfast at the hotel is inclusive. We truly believe that a bicycle tour is one of the best ways to experience a destination and this cycling adventure takes us to a hidden area close to the city center that offers a stretch of lush green vegetation, jungles, coconut and banana plantations, small temples off the tourist trail and traffic-free roads. The excursion is suitable for all levels of fitness, and can be offered on a private or join-in basis. Operated by a very specialized and highly regarded bicycle tour company, this excursion has to be undertaken to be believed. You will be amazed that a city of nearly ten million people can have an oasis of calm so close to the central business district. The trip includes stops at a Buddhist temple, an open-air Muay Thai (kick-boxing) school, a Burmese style (Mon) built Chedi and a local elementary school. The tour includes a short boat trip across the Chao Praya River in a long-tail speed boat where we will see luxurious villas and apartments juxtaposed with dilapidated shacks in slum communities. Thai Set Lunch will be provided at Sala Rattanakosin Restaurant. Later today travel by boat through the klongs to see simple family homes erected on stilts, glittering temples and a way of life which earned Bangkok the title "Venice of the East". We stop at the Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun) whose towering spire has become an iconic symbol of Bangkok. There will be ample time for photo opportunities. Afterwards we will visit the stunning Grand Palace, comprising the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House, and the beautiful Emerald Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Kaew). Green in colour, the Emerald Buddha is actually carved from a single piece of jade, and only 17 inches tall, is the most revered object in Thailand. [B/L]

Known as the gateway to the Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai was founded in 1262 by King Mengrai as the capital of the Lanna Kingdom. Wat Pra Keow in Chiang Rai was once home to the famed 'Emerald Buddha' now residing at Wat Pra Keow in the Grand Palace. Chiang Rai itself is situated in a valley and the mountains in the surrounding area, are home to many people of the various ethnic

minority 'hill tribe' groups. It is possible to arrange treks into the nearby mountains to visit the villages where these people still live a basic lifestyle, albeit one that is changing rapidly. One of the most popular activities in this area is to visit the 'Golden Triangle' or other places of interest such as Mae Salong and Mae Sai.

Day 3: Bangkok, Chiang Rai

After your leisurely breakfast in Bangkok, transfer to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport and board by your onward flight to Chiang Rai. Upon arrival in Chiang Rai, you will be welcomed by the Representative of Anantara Golden Triangle who will wait you at the airport and help you with arrival transfer to the property. Dinner is provided at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 4: Chiang Rai

Day free to rest and relax. Enjoy the hotel facilities and services. [B/L/D]

Popularly known as the Rose of the North, Chiang Mai is blessed with stunning natural beauty and unique indigenous cultural identity. Founded by King Mengrai the Great as the capital of the Lanna Thai kingdom by merging the various city states in the region in 1296. Today Chiang Mai is the economic, communications, cultural and tourism centre of Northern Thailand. About 700 kilometres from Bangkok, Chiang Mai is situated on the Mae Ping River basin some 310 metres above sea level. Surrounded by high mountain ranges, it covers an area of approximately 20,107 square kilometres. The terrain is mainly jungles and mountains, parts of which are within national parks which are still fertile and verdant with plentiful flora and fauna. There are many sites and locations where tourists prefer to visit to study the lifestyle of the tribal people who live on high hills.

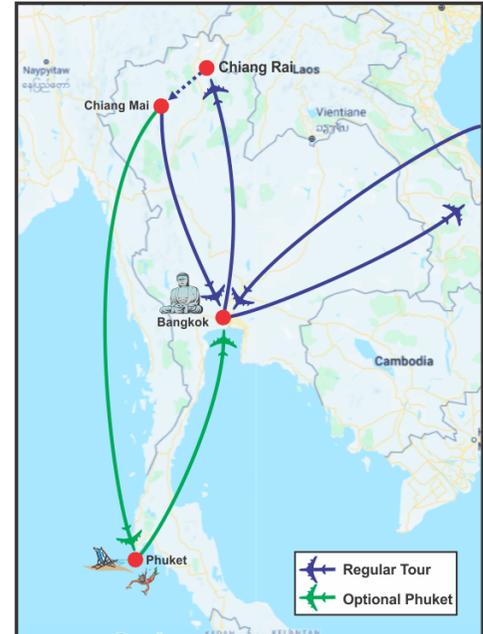
Day 5: Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai

Pick up from Anantara Golden Triangle Resort and travel through Splendid Mountain scenery and tropical jungle approx. 3 hours to Chiang Mai with short break is made at Wat Rong Khun where is also known as the "White Temple" designed by the famous Artist in Thailand and further drive to Baan Dam (Black House) estate created by Thailand national artist Thawan Duchanee, this is an impressive park area with plenty of fantastic wood buildings, the main hall all in black. Beautiful woodcarvings, skins and horn installations are everywhere. (This is private gallery might be closed without prior notice). Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, check-in and freshen up. Later this evening, enjoy our Chiang Mai Culinary Tour. As the former capital of the Lanna Kingdom; the second-oldest Thai Kingdom after the Sukhothai Kingdom, Chiang Mai became a vital cultural and commercial crossroads city between Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), Laos and China. The first Thai culinary recipes, as identified by many ingredients that are still in use today such as lemongrass and galangal, have their roots in culinary use in the north and were perfected in the Chiang Mai royal courts. This evening tour provides an insight into the culinary heritage of the "Rose of the North". You will embark on a guided tour, where you will sample the delights of Chiang Mai cuisine, including various mouthwatering local snacks, and the delicious Khao Soi – a delicious coconut curry noodle dish that is unique to Chiang Mai. After the tour, you may wish to go to the night market, where your guide will assist you should you want some help with bartering, or searching for particular items. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Chiang Mai

One of the most unique experiences in Thailand is a visit to a Buddhist temple to offer alms to the monks. Each morning before dawn, the monks put on their distinctive saffron robes and quietly pad in their bare feet along the streets, carrying alms bowls and receiving boiled rice and condiments from the citizens of Thailand. In return, people receive the monks' blessings. This morning, we too are able to participate in this very special Thai custom by personally presenting alms. Beforehand, our guide leads us on an exploration of the temple. Afterward, return to your hotel for breakfast. The city of Chiang Mai has an abundance of beautiful and historic Buddhist temples and this tour takes in the most interesting. One of the highlights is a visit to the 600-year-old temple of Wat Pra That Doi Suthep, near the summit of Doi Suthep mountain. After a drive up the mountain's winding road, the final

climb to the site is via a magnificent Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase of 306 steps. Inside is an intriguing copper-plated chedi topped by a five-tier gold umbrella which contains partial relics of Lord Buddha. On a clear day, there are incomparable views over the city of Chiang Mai. Other temple visits on this tour include: Wat Suan Dok, whose large central stupa contains the ashes of Chiang Mai's royal family; Wat Chedi Luang, where the Emerald Buddha was once enshrined; and Wat Phra Singh, housing a very sacred 1,500-year-old Buddha image. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant in Chiang Mai. Chiang Mai is Thailand's "handicraft heaven" and it is ringed by small cottage factories and workshops. On this tour, a visit is made to the San Kamphaeng district, the heart of the silk and cotton home-based industries to witness the fascinating process of making and weaving fabric. The tour continues onto Bor Sang Umbrella Village where delicate Thai paper umbrellas are hand-painted. We then head to Thai Celadon, about six-km north of Chiang Mai, where the famous ceramics are produced. These are modeled on the Sawankhalok pottery that used to be produced hundreds of years ago at Sukhothai and exported all over the region. Last but not least, stops are made to observe the intricacies of both lacquer ware and silverware production. [B/L]



Day 7: Chiang Mai

After your leisurely day in Chiang Mai, transfer to Chiang Mai Airport in order to board by your onward flight to your preferred beach destination.

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 nights' accommodation at your choice of hotel
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 4 dinners
- 4 lunches
- At Chiang Rai:
 - Beverages (non-alcoholic, house wines, house beer and house spirits and select cocktails)
 - In room minibar
 - Internet Access throughout resort
 - Ticket to Opium Museum (one time per person per stay)
 - One activity per person for each night stayed for choice of:
 - Elephant Camp Experience
 - Golden Triangle Discovery Excursion
 - Spice Spoons Cooking Class
 - 90 minutes Spa Treatment
- Private tours in air-conditioned vehicle
- All entrance fees for sightseeing tours
- Service of English-speaking guide for included sightseeing and transfers

- Porter services at the hotel and airport
- Applicable tax (including VAT)
- Bottled water and cold towel during sightseeing and transfers

Tour does not Include:

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Entry Visa and visa fees
- Wi-Fi at hotels except as indicated
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks except as indicated
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Portage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room type	Tripadvisor
First Class			
Bangkok	Riva Surya	Deluxe Riva	4.5
Chiang Rai	Anantara Golden Triangle	Deluxe 3-Country View	5
Chiang Mai	Siripanna	Deluxe Lanna	4.5
Deluxe			
Bangkok	Peninsula	Deluxe	4.5
Chiang Rai	Anantara Golden Triangle	Deluxe 3-Country View	5
Chiang Mai	137 Pillars House	(Rajah Brook Suite	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices

Season	2 Pax	3-5 Pax	1 Pax	Single Suppl.
First Class				
6 Jan – 29 Feb	\$3,845	\$3,715	\$6,439	\$1,895
1 Mar – 31 Mar	\$3,415	\$3,279	\$5,565	\$1,455
1 Apr – 14 Sep	\$3,015	\$2,875	\$4,945	\$1,239
15 Sep – 31 Oct	\$2,975	\$2,835	\$4,679	\$1,015
Extra Bed	\$2,235			
Deluxe				
06 Jan – 31 Mar	\$4,745	\$4,615	\$8,239	\$2,795
01 Apr – 14 Sep	\$3,779	\$3,639	\$6,485	\$2,005
15 Sep – 31 Oct	\$3,699	\$3,565	\$6,145	\$1,745
Extra Bed	\$2,559			

Prices are valid until 31 October 2020, are per person and may change without notice

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