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## Classic Tour to Thailand - 10 Days

- Admire the Grand Palace and experience chanting sutras at Wat Po - Spend time with elephants at Baan Chang Elephant Park - Gain an insight into the local life and try your hand at Thai cooking - Mellow out on the white-sand beaches in Phuket

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Bangkok	 <b>Activities for today:</b> Upon arrival at Bangkok airport, you will be greeted by your guide and escorted to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy the rest of the time at leisure.  <b>Note:</b> Strict dress code is required for visiting palaces or temples. Men must wear long pants and shirts with sleeve no tank tops. If you're wearing sandals or flip-flops you must wear socks. (No bare feet). Similarly, women must be modestly dressed, no see-through clothes, bare shoulders, etc.



Breakfast, Lunch



**Activities for today:** Today, you will enjoy a full-day city tour accompanied by your private tour guide and driver. Firstly, visit a colorful flower and vegetable market to get an insight of real local life. Later, proceed to the Grand Palace, the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand and one of the must-sees that adjoins Wat Phra Kaew.

After lunch at a nearby restaurant, take a long-tail boat through the canals, locally known as Khlongs, to see Thai houses on stilts and typical rural life. You will also view the unique beauty of Wat Arun from the boat on the river. Afterward, visit Wat Po, also known as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, the city's oldest and biggest temple with the largest number of pagodas (95 in all). At 5:00 - 6:00 pm, sitting in silence and observing the monks chanting in the hall is a special experience. Finally, be escorted back to your hotel.

**Royal Grand Palace:** It is a complex of buildings at the heart of Bangkok. The palace has been the official residence of the Kings of Siam (and later Thailand) since 1782. The king, his court and his royal government were based on the grounds of the palace until 1925. This is a "must see" part of Thailand tour to tourists.

**Wat Phra Kaew (Emerald Buddha Temple):** It is also named the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, it is regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic centre of Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, it enshrines Phra Kaew Morakot (the Emerald Buddha), the highly revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade.

**Wat Arun (Dawn Temple):** Wat Arun also named "Temple of the Dawn" in Bangkok, it is a Khmer-style Buddhist temple and major landmark on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River.

**Wat Po:** The largest and oldest temple in Bangkok, as well as the largest single Buddha image: the Reclining Buddha (Phra Buddhasaiyas), also known as Wat Phra Chetuphon or The Temple of the Reclining Buddha. The temple is also known as the birthplace of traditional Thai massage Reclining Buddha.



Private vehicle



Breakfast, Lunch



**Activities for today:** Today, head north to the former capital Ayutthaya for a journey back in time. Your first stop is Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, one of the most beautiful summer resorts for Thailand's royal family. Proceed to Wat Maha That, a classic temple ruin of Ayutthaya, famous for the Buddha head engulfed by the Bodhi tree roots.

After a local Thai lunch, visit Ayutthaya Historical Park. Wat Phra Sri Sanphet was once the most significant temple during the Ayutthaya period. The adjacent Viharn Phra Mongkol Bopit houses a large seated bronze Buddha image, whose rebuilt pristine hall was believed to be a replica of the old Assembly Hall of Ayutthaya. Afterward, drive back to your hotel in Bangkok.








**Bang Pa-In Summer Palace:** also known as one of the most beautiful Summer Palaces in this country, is a palace complex formerly used by the Thai kings. The palace is located on the Chao Phraya River bank in Bang Pa-In district, Ayutthaya Province.

**Wat Maha That:** Temple of the Great Relics, apart from being the symbolic center where the Buddha's relics were enshrined, Wat Mahathat was also the residence of the Supreme Patriarch or leader of the Thai Buddhist monks.

**Ayutthaya Historical Park:** In 1991, part of Ayutthaya Historical Park was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site under criteria III as an excellent witness to the period of development of a true national Thai art. The inscribed area covered only 289 ha of the central and southwestern parts of Ayutthaya Island; as a result, only certain groups of historical sites are under UNESCO protection. The sites including Wat Ratchaburana, Wat Mahathat, Wat Phra Sri Sanphet, Wat Phra Ram, and Viharn Phra Mongkhon Bopit.

4	Day 4 Bangkok - Chiang Mai	<div data-bbox="627 91 675 136"></div> Flight, Economy Class <div data-bbox="627 147 675 192"></div> Breakfast <div data-bbox="627 203 675 248"></div> <b>Activities for today:</b> Today, take a late morning flight to Chiang Mai in the north part of Thailand. Upon arrival, be greeted by your local guide and escorted to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit the main attractions of Chiang Mai, including Wat Chedi Luang, Wat Phra Singh, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep and Wat Umong. Lying at an altitude of 3,520 feet (1,073 m) on the slopes of Mount Suthep, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is the most venerated Buddha figure in northern Thailand. <b>Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep:</b> It is a Theravada Buddhist temple. From the car park, at the temple base visitors can climb 309 steps for free to reach the pagodas or there is a tram. You can have a panoramic view of Chiang Mai city. <b>Wat Chedi Luang:</b> The Emerald Buddha was once housed here but it was removed after the earthquake for safety reasons. A replica of the Emerald Buddha made of black jade has recently been placed where the original once stood. At only a few of the many Temples you visit you may find an amazing life like statue of a venerated monk who had been associated with that particular Temple. A fine example of this is to be found in the Library Temple behind the main Chedi at Wat Chedi Luang. <b>Wat Phra Singh:</b> located in the western side of the old walled city is a classic example of Northern Thai architecture built in 1345. It houses the Phra Singh Buddha, a highly revered statue. Housed within the Temple complex is a learning centre for young boys and men studying to become Buddhist monks. It is one of the most important Temples in the city.
5	Day 5 Chiang Mai	<div data-bbox="627 1122 675 1167"></div> Breakfast, Lunch <div data-bbox="627 1178 675 1223"></div> <b>Activities for today:</b> Today, you will enjoy a half-day cooking experience with a local family. Drive about 45-minute to a traditional Lanna family, who keeps the traditions of building their homes using teak wood and maintaining the natural surroundings in a way now rarely seen in Chiang Mai for many generations. You will use fresh ingredients selected from the garden and traditional home recipes with authentic Northern Thai flavors that are different from standard dishes offered in commercial cooking classes. You will get to know a real Thai family, and enjoy a delicious home-cooked lunch with them. After the meal, be transferred back to your hotel. Spend the rest of the time at leisure. Two pick-up time for selection: Morning session: 09:30. Afternoon session: 16:00. <b>Cooking class:</b> What would be the best souvenir to take home, to make your travels last forever and to impress your friends and family with? Correct, learning to cook Thai yourself!

6	Day 6 Chiang Mai	<div data-bbox="627 91 671 141"></div> Breakfast, Lunch <div data-bbox="627 145 671 194"></div> <b>Activities for today:</b> Today, you will spend a whole day in Baan Chang Elephant Park, an elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai (Join-in Group Tour with shuttle bus), where you may take care of the gentle elephants and get close to them. 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, the times shown here are approximations. WHAT TO BRING: Hat / Towel / Bathing Suit / Walking Shoes / Sunscreen / Change of Clothes and Under wear / Insect Repellent / Camera (Optional) <b>Baan Chang Elephant Park:</b> 08.30 – 09.00 am. Pick up from your hotel or accommodation in Chiang Mai City. 09.00 am Drive approximately 50 Mins North of Chiang Mai through beautiful countryside, forest, and local farming areas. After arriving at Baan Chang Elephant Park, change into our Park's traditional clothing Prepare fruits for our elephants and meet our elephants. Feeding, roaming, touching, and playing with elephants. *** At the Park, we will allow you to spend as much time as possible with the elephants. 12.00 am Lunch 13.00 pm Prepare and cook sticky rice in order to be mixed with herbal stuff for our elephants. Learn about the background, health care and behavior of the elephants. 14.00 pm Enjoy more time with roaming, feeding and taking elephant walk to a clean water pond where they will cool off themselves and you will have chance to observe and join bathing with them as well. Feed sticky rice balls, fruits to our elephants. ** This part is focused on taking your time and allowing the elephants to enjoy each moment of their freedom, scratching, rubbing, throwing dirt, enjoy the view and take lots of pictures** Tea and coffee break. Visit and play with our baby elephants in a Nursery Zone. Leave Baan Chang Elephant Park and drive approximately 50 Mins back to Chiang Mai. Drop off at your hotel.  <b>Note:</b> Please note van & English speaking guide will pick up at hotel /guest house in Chiang Mai City Area between 08:30 - 09:00 am, please be ready at hotel lobby by 08:30 am for picking up smoothly.
7	Day 7 Chiang Mai - Phuket	<div data-bbox="627 1617 671 1666"></div> Flight, Economy Class <div data-bbox="627 1671 671 1720"></div> Breakfast <div data-bbox="627 1724 671 1774"></div> <b>Activities for today:</b> Enjoy the morning at leisure. In the afternoon, take a flight to Phuket. On arrival, be met by your guide and escorted to your hotel. The following two days are left for your own arrangement

8	Day8 Phuket	 Breakfast  <b>Activities for today:</b> Free day. You may enjoy all that this charming place offers, from the crystal-like seawater to the vast beach, water sports, exotic food, and island hopping. <b>Free day on your own:</b> No guide or vehicle arranged for you, it is time for you to walk around or you can join in some activities arranged by your hotel on your own expense like short tour to the islands nearby...etc.  <b>Note:</b> You can also choose the optional tours provided with surcharge. Optional tour: Phi Phi Island, Maya Bay & Khai Island by Speed Boat (Join transfer+ Join tour) James Bond Island Tour & Nature Canoe By Speed Boat (Join transfer+ Join tour) Full Day Swimming, Hopping & Cooking tour More information please consults your travel consultant.
9	Day9 Phuket	 Breakfast  <b>Activities for today:</b> Another free day on this fascinating island. <b>Free day on your own:</b> No guide or vehicle arranged for you, it is time for you to walk around or you can join in some activities arranged by your hotel on your own expense like short tour to the islands nearby...etc.
10	Day 10 Phuket - Bangkok	 Flight, Economy Class  Breakfast  <b>Activities for today:</b> Today, take a flight to Bangkok and connect your international flight back home(international flight is not included).

## COVID-19 Travel Regulations

### Thailand

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#### 1. Passengers must have

- a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated with AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria),Covaxin,Covishield Janssen Medigen(MVC-COV1901),Moderna(Spikevax)Nuvaxovid(Novavax),Pfizer-BioNTech(Comirnaty),Sinopharm,Sinovac,Sputnik V or Turkovac at least 14 days before departure; or
- a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they received one dose of AstraZeneca(Vaxzevria) Covaxin,Covishield,Janssen,Medigen(MVC- COV1901),Moderna(Spikevax), Nuvaxovid(Novavax),Pfizer-BioNTech(Comirnaty),Sinopharm,Sinovac,Sputnik V or Turkovac and a COVID-19 recovery certificate; or
- a negative COVID-19 antigen or RT-PCR test result issued at most 72 hours before departure.

## Tour Includes :

1. **Admission fees** of the scenic spots as listed in the itinerary.
2. **Meals** as specified in the itinerary. If you temporarily

## Tour Excludes :

1. **Flight/Accommodation/Sightseeing** NOT specified in the itinerary.
2. **Visa fee**

cancel a meal for personal reason during the tour, the cost is non-refundable. Our company reserves the flexibility to arrange a meal with equal value in your tour or make other arrangements.

No drinks include in the meal.

3. **Transportation** Flights or train as listed in the itinerary. Airport tax and fuel fee included, economy class.

4. **Sightseeing** As outlined in the itinerary will be escorted with English-speaking guide;

\*Please note that our English-speaking guide and driver provided for you in each city or area will not fly with you from one city to another.

\* We reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and/or to re-route the order of cities if that will enable you to visit all listed excursions. In either case, the itinerary content will be maintained to the extent possible and there are no refunds for any unused or unavailable excursions.

5. **Accommodation** with daily breakfast in the program

\*Check-in & Check-out time: generally check in is after 2 pm and check out before 12 pm (noon). Early check and late checkout are subject to room availability and may generate additional full day room rate.

6. **Private transfers** between airports, hotels and scenic spots while sightseeing in each city or area by private air-conditioned vehicle with driver and English-speaking guide as listed in the itinerary.

\* The transfer service on arrival and departure date is for the whole group at one time. If separate transfers are requested, extra charge will be needed.

7. **Daily bottle of drinking water**

8. **Service charge** the planning, handling, operational and communication charges & Government Taxes.

3. **Gratuities** tips to guides, driver etc.

\* We recommend USD 5-8 per traveler per day as tips for the guide and USD 3-6 per traveler per day as tips for the driver. However you might pay more or less depending on their services.

4. **Travel Insurance** Please kindly note that the full coverage travel insurance from your country of origin should be purchased in advance on your own.

5. **Personal expenses** such as room service, internet charge, laundry, drink, fax, telephone call, optional activities, etc.

6. **Excess Baggage Charges**

7. **Optional tours**

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