

7DAYS _ THAILAND INSIGHT

Thailand (Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai)

1. OVERVIEW

From energetic Bangkok you will travel to Chiang Mai to enjoy a leisurely ride on bamboo raft down the Mae Ping River, take an elephant ride at the Chiang Dao Elephant Conservation Camp. In the province of Chiang Rai, visit the renowned Golden Triangle and explore the many fascinating temples. Apart from exciting outdoor activities, the Royal Palace, the sacred Wat Phra Keo, ancient ruins and flower market will surely delight you more.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	BANGKOK ARRIVAL
2	FULL DAY HIGHLIGHTS
3	BANGKOK TO CHIENG MAI BY FLIGHT
4	FULL DAY ELEPHANT SAFARI & OX-CART RIDE
5	CHIENG MAI -TO CHIANG RAI - HALF DAY CITY & TEMPLES
6	FULL DAY & GOLDEN TRIANGLE
7	CHIANG RAI - BANGKOK - DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: BANGKOK ARRIVAL

Welcome to Bangkok! When you're arrival at Bangkok international airport, your guide will greet you and escort you to the hotel. The driving distance is approximately 45 minutes. Check in hotel and leisure

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 2: BANGKOK FULL DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Today, enjoy a full day city tour including the Royal Grand Palace, the nation's landmark and most praised royal monument in Thailand, the enclosed and dazzling Wat Phra Keo with its revered Emerald Buddha, the Golden Chedi, the Pantheon of the Chakri Kings and the Eight Coloured Towers, all are must-see highlights in Bangkok. It is considered to be a living example of classical Siamese Court, being the former residence of the kings of Thailand.

Next, you'll visit Wat Pho – the first centre of public education and 'Thailand's first university' where you will find mural paintings, inscriptions, and statues placed in the temple-educated people on different subjects such as literature, warfare, archaeology, astronomy, geology, meditation. You're then offered the Thai traditional massage with a 30-minutes treatment as an excellent break after a morning tour.

In the afternoon, experience a trip along the bustling Chao Phya River and the quiet Klongs (canals) in a long tail boat. The tour shows you more scenes of life by water, more local traditional way of living that totally away from all the high-rise and modern buildings of Bangkok City. As we gently pass Thonburi residential areas, a stop will be made at the "Temple of Dawn" (officially named Wat Arun). Next, visit the Flower and vegetable market that closed to the Chao Phraya River, this part brings you to a rural piece of Bangkok where there is a vast selection of all kinds of flowers, orchids and tropical flowers. You also see how the merchants create very special flower garlands. This Bangkok day ends at the Golden Mountain. Photography is permitted in the Royal Palace Grounds and in the compounds of the Emerald Buddha Temple, but not inside the buildings.

Note: Please dress respectfully by not wearing sleeveless, shorts or sandals, when visiting the Grand Palace and temple complex.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 3: BANGKOK FULL DAY AYUTHAYA BY COACH & CRUISE

Morning, visit the former capital of Thailand, Ayuthaya, located approximately 75km north of Bangkok. The mixing cultures in Ayuthaya began in the mid-16th century when ships from Ayuthaya plied the Asian seas and traded with neighboring countries. Ayuthaya became a port city and trading routes extended to China, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Holland and France and up to the Scandinavian when the Dutch showed up in the 17th century.

Although the ancient villages of foreign traders lining the Chao Phraya riverbanks were abandoned when the city was sacked by Burmese troops in 1767, some remnants survive to showcase the cities past glory. Arrival, start at the Summer Palace of the late King Rama V, commonly known as "Bang Pa-In". Move on to the magnificent ruins of early splendor that Ayuthaya is famous for all over the world. We will pass all the most impressive ruins of this World Heritage Site for taking sufficient pictures. We then return to Bangkok by cruising down the Chao Phraya River on a comfortable, air-conditioned cruise ship, while enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch on board. Upon arrival at the disembarkation point in Bangkok in the late afternoon, we drive you back to your hotel.

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Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 4: BANGKOK - CHIANG MAI

After breakfast, you will check out the hotel and then transfer to the airport for flight to Chiang Mai. The flight time is approximately 1hour and 15 minutes.

Arrival Chiang Mai, our guide will meet you & escort you to the hotel.

When you arrive Chiang Mai, meet our local guide at the airport then this amazing sightseeing tour takes guests around the famous city for an up-close and personal look at some of its most notable temples, as well as stops at its old city walls, gates and moat, and the local market and Tapae Gate. Highlight of this trip include Wat Chiang Man, the city's oldest temple and famed for a Chedi supported by rows of elephantine buttresses; Wat

Phrasing home of the beautiful Lai Kham chapel with its exquisite woodcarving and northern style murals; Wat Chedi Luang and its enormous Pagoda (which was partially destroyed by an earthquake in 1545); and Wat Suan Dok, which dates back to the 14th century when it served as the pleasure gardens to the Thai monarchy. Nowadays it houses several white Chedi's, containing the ashes of Chiang Mai's former Royal family. The last temple also houses one of the most famous Monk Schools in the whole of Chiang Mai.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Chiang Mai (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 5: CHIANG MAI FULL DAY ELEPHANT SAFARI & OX-CART RIDE

Morning, have breakfast at hotel then we will get experience the beauty of the north. Our first stop will be made at a beautiful orchid nursery & next door butterfly farm in the Mae Rim District. Then, we continue our journey through the hilly, and forest area, just north of the city to see the elephants at work at Mae Taman camp a lovely place behind the hills. Here, we will give you the chance to make a journey through the forest on the back of these gentle animals; you will be crossing the river and get up and close with the jungle (approximately half an hour). The ox and cart is another traditional means of transportation and you will experience this; a 30-minutes' ox-drawn cart brings you at a leisurely pace past rural villages. This journey gives you a direct insight into of how the inhabitants life and dwell in the northern part of Thailand. Lunch will be provided during the day.

The afternoon is reserved for a 5 kilometers' long bamboo rafting along the beautiful Mae Taeng river to the raft station before heading back into Chiangmai. Pure adventure all the way.

Note: during some parts of the rainy season, this tour may not be operational subject to high water levels.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Chiang Mai (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 6: CHIANG MAI - CHIANG RAI

After breakfast, you're transferred from Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai city by private car. The driving time is approximately 2 hours.

Upon arrival, we will start a half day city tour to visit the Wat Phra Kaew, said to have been the original place where the Emerald Buddha was found, now venerated in the Bangkok's Wat Phra Kaew Chapel. Proceed to Wat Phra Singha that is a fine example of Lanna Thai religious architecture. Continue to the Ob Khum Museum Lanna Heritage Conservation Centre, which is known to embrace a collection of objects from the areas affiliated with the Lanna kingdom including ritual objects and objects used at the Royal courts. If time permits, we also tour the Wat Rong Khun. Unlike the many temples with centuries of history behind them, Wat Rong Khun (also known as the White temple) was only built recently. Construction began in 1998 and is expected to take seven generations to fulfil the design and vision of noted local artist Chalermchai Kositpipat who is overseeing the project. Visit the most popular fresh market of the Chiang Rai town and return to the hotel. A perfect half day to get to know the city!

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Chiang Rai (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 7: CHIANG RAI - GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Morning depart to Chiang Sean, the historical city dating back more than 700 years. It is formerly known as Wiang Hiran Nakhon Ngoen Yang, the former capital of the Lanna Thai kingdom until this was moved to Chiang Rai in 1262. Chiang Sean still keeps vestiges of its past glory through ruins of double city walls, antiques and its distinctive Buddhist sculpture style that evolved in the 13th century. We continue to visit The Golden Triangle where Thailand, Laos & Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) meet. The Golden Triangle Area used to be the area where an extensive trade of opium and papaver between these three neighboring countries. It is a must not to pass this by. After this, arrive at Mae Sai, a small trading town right on The Thailand – Myanmar border and known as the “Northern most point of Thailand. Lunch will be used at a local restaurant here (lunch not inclusive in the price). After lunch, continue to Doi Mae Salong, where we visit the Akha Hill tribe at Baan Samyak Village and the Yao Hill tribe at Baan Pong Pa Kham Village. Arrive back at your hotel will be in the early evening.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Chiang Rai (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 6: CHIANG RAI - BANGKOK DEPARTURE

Morning, check out hotel then transfer to airport for flight back to Bangkok and you then connect your international departure flight back home or extend tour with us.

Meals: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Vietnam & Myanmar

5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	886	795	795	727	707	+216
Superior packages	1055	965	965	897	877	+422
Deluxe packages	1319	1229	1229	1161	1141	+686

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	805	723	723	661	641	+196
Superior packages	959	877	877	815	995	+384
Deluxe packages	1199	1117	1117	1055	1035	+624

Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	902	810	810	740	719	+220
Superior packages	1074	982	982	913	909	+430

Deluxe packages	1343	1251	1251	1182	922	+699
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SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Note: Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Bangkok (BKK) to Chiang Mai (CNX): US\$ 130 per person
- From Chiang Rai (CEI) to Bangkok (BKK): US\$ 169 per person

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
Bangkok	A-One Bangkok Hotel <i>Superior Room</i> www.a-onehotel.com/bangkok	Amari Watergate Hotel <i>Deluxe Room</i> www.amari.com/watergate	Centara Grand at Central World <i>Superior World Room</i> www.centarahotelsresorts.com
Chiang Mai	Chiangmai Plaza Hotel <i>Superior Room</i> www.chiangmaiplazahotel.com/	Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel <i>Deluxe Room</i> www.aruntarahotel.com	Anantara Chiang Mai Resort & Spa (formerly Chedi Chiang Mai) <i>Deluxe Room</i> www.chiang-mai.anantara.com/
Chiang Rai	Chiang Rai Valley Resort @ Doi Hom Fha <i>Deluxe Mountain View Villa incl</i> www.chiangraivalleyresort.com/home.php	Katiliya Mountain Resort & Spa <i>Mountain Suite Room</i> www.katiliya.com	Le Meridien Chiang Rai Resort <i>Deluxe River View Room</i> www.lemeridienchiangrai.com/en

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Thailand menu meals: US\$ 18 for lunch & US\$ 25 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide

- Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
- Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
- Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)