

## 9 Days/8 Nights

Departs Daily from Bangkok



### **Best of Thailand:** Bangkok, Chiang Mai, & Phuket

This is the ideal Thailand itinerary! See the highlights that keep travelers from around the world coming back again and again. Peruse the bustling markets of Bangkok, visit the majestic temples and quaint countryside locales of Chiang Mai, and end your vacation in one of the most breathtaking and relaxing natural areas in all of Asia.

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#### ACCOMMODATIONS

• 3 Nights Bangkok

• 2 Nights Chiang Mai

• 3 Nights Phuket

## INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- Private Grand Palace Tour
- Private Floating Market Tour
- Private Chiang Mai City Tour
- Daily Lifestyle of a Lanna Family Tour
- Private Phuket City Tour
- Daily Breakfast



### ARRIVE BANGKOK:

Upon arrival at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport and after you have collected your luggage, you will be met in the Arrivals Hall by your private driver who will transfer you to your hotel.

*(Accommodations, Bangkok)*



### BANGKOK:

#### Private Grand Palace Tour

You will be picked up at your hotel by your private driver and guide for your tour of **The Grand Palace**, a must see for every visitor to Bangkok. Located close to the banks of the Chao Phraya River (The River of Kings) the Grand Palace is the perfect example of an ancient Siamese court. Within the compound is the **Temple of The Emerald Buddha** (Wat Pra Kaew) which houses Thailand's most precious image of the Lord Buddha. The Emerald Buddha is believed to have supernatural powers and is dressed in robes according to the season by the King of Thailand himself.

**NOTE:** Please note that when visiting the Grand Palace you will be required to wear proper attire (no bare shoulders, bare knees or strapless-heel shoes). Shoes must be removed before entering all temple buildings as a matter of respect.

*(Accommodations, Bangkok)*

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### BANGKOK:

After breakfast, you will be picked up by your private guide and driver for your full day tour to discover the way Bangkok as it used to be. You will travel approximately 62 miles outside of Bangkok to the **Damnoen Saduak Floating Market** with its many colors, flavors and exotic fragrances. You'll start with a scenic ride on a narrow long-tail speedboat, passing canal side villages and fruit plantations before entering the vibrant market. There will be many photo opportunities along the way



as well as in the colorful market on the water.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Bangkok)*

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## BANGKOK TO CHIANG MAI:

Your private driver will pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight (not included) to Chiang Mai. After arrival at the Chiang Mai International Airport, you will be met by your driver and guide for your private transfer to your hotel.

After you check in to your hotel, your guide will take you 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. Highlights of this trip will include **Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep**, the sacred temple with a challenging flight of steps, flanked by Naga Serpents, **Wat Chedi Luang**, the site of a formerly massive pagoda that was unfortunately destroyed in the great earthquake of 1545 and **Wat Phra Singh**, the lovely Lai Kam chapel that houses the revered Phra Singh Buddha image.

*(Breakfast, Bangkok; Accommodations, Chiang Mai)*

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## CHIANG MAI:

Your private guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel for a short transfer into the outskirts of Chiang Mai to meet your host **Lanna family** in an authentic Thai neighborhood. After being welcomed with a refreshing drink by your host, you will spend time with the Thai family learning about traditional Thai architecture and the graceful teak wood homes and structures. Stroll through the orchard and herb garden with your host family, who will also demonstrate how to make bamboo baskets and cigars from banana leaves. This rich cultural experience will wrap up with a delicious home-cooked Northern Thai lunch or dinner that you will prepare with the family. After the meal transfer back to your hotel.

*(Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner, & Accommodations, Chiang Mai)*

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## CHIANG MAI TO PHUKET:





Your private driver will pick you up at your hotel to transfer you to Chiang Mai International Airport for your flight (not included) to Phuket. After arrival at the Phuket International airport, you will be met by your driver for your private transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

*(Breakfast, Chiang Mai; Accommodations, Phuket)*



## PHUKET:

Your private driver and guide will pick you up from your hotel take you to view the best of **Phuket** in a nutshell. You'll visit the viewpoint at the renowned Promthep Cape, the Sea Gypsy Village at Rawai Beach, the Big Buddha on top of Nakkerd Hill with a stunning view over the island, the beautiful Chalong Temple, and century old Sino-Portuguese buildings along both sides of Dee-book road and Thalang road. Also included will be a visit to a Cashew-nut Factory and fabulous Gem Gallery before you return to your hotel.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Phuket)*



## PHUKET:

Free Day at Leisure or book one of our optional tours:

### Shared Full Day Tour to Phi Phi Island by Speed Boat

Today you'll enjoy a shared full day Phi Phi islands tour\*. Begin the morning with a transfer from your hotel to the pier. From here, you'll take a speedboat to reach Phi Phi islands. The journey will take approximately 45 to 60 minutes. As you approach the islands, they appear to rise from the sea like a fortress. Sheer cliffs tower overhead, then give way to beach-fronted jungle. Definitely love at first sight.

You're first stop will be Bamboo Island, where you can enjoy some free time to swim, snorkel or simply lie and rest on the beach. After lunch, we'll continue to Phi Phi Ley, home to the Viking Cave, a large limestone cavern where ancient rock paintings can be found. Your next visit will be to an amazing beach spot to relax and snorkel. You'll return to the pier in Phuket late afternoon, and then transferred back back to your hotel.

*\*What to bring: Swimming wear, shorts, Light T-shirt, Beach Towel, Sun Block, Sun Cap, Sunglasses, Camera, Light Deck Shoes and a little money for sundries.*

### Shared Full Day Seacave Canoe by Cruiser

Pick up from your hotel and transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to Laem Sai pier. Depart from the pier and cruise to Phang Nga Bay by shared cruise where you will enjoy a boat ride through mangrove swamps and view the famed limestone outcrops. After arrival you will explore sea caves and tunnels by canoe sessions at **Panak and Hong Islands**. Enjoy on board lunch while the boat slowly cruises to **Lawa Island** where the you can do self-paddling, swimming or simply relaxing on the white sand beach. Transfer back to your hotel.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Phuket)*

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## **DEPART PHUKET:**

Your private driver and guide will pick you up and transfer you to the Phuket International Airport to continue to your next Avanti destination.

*(Breakfast, Phuket)*

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