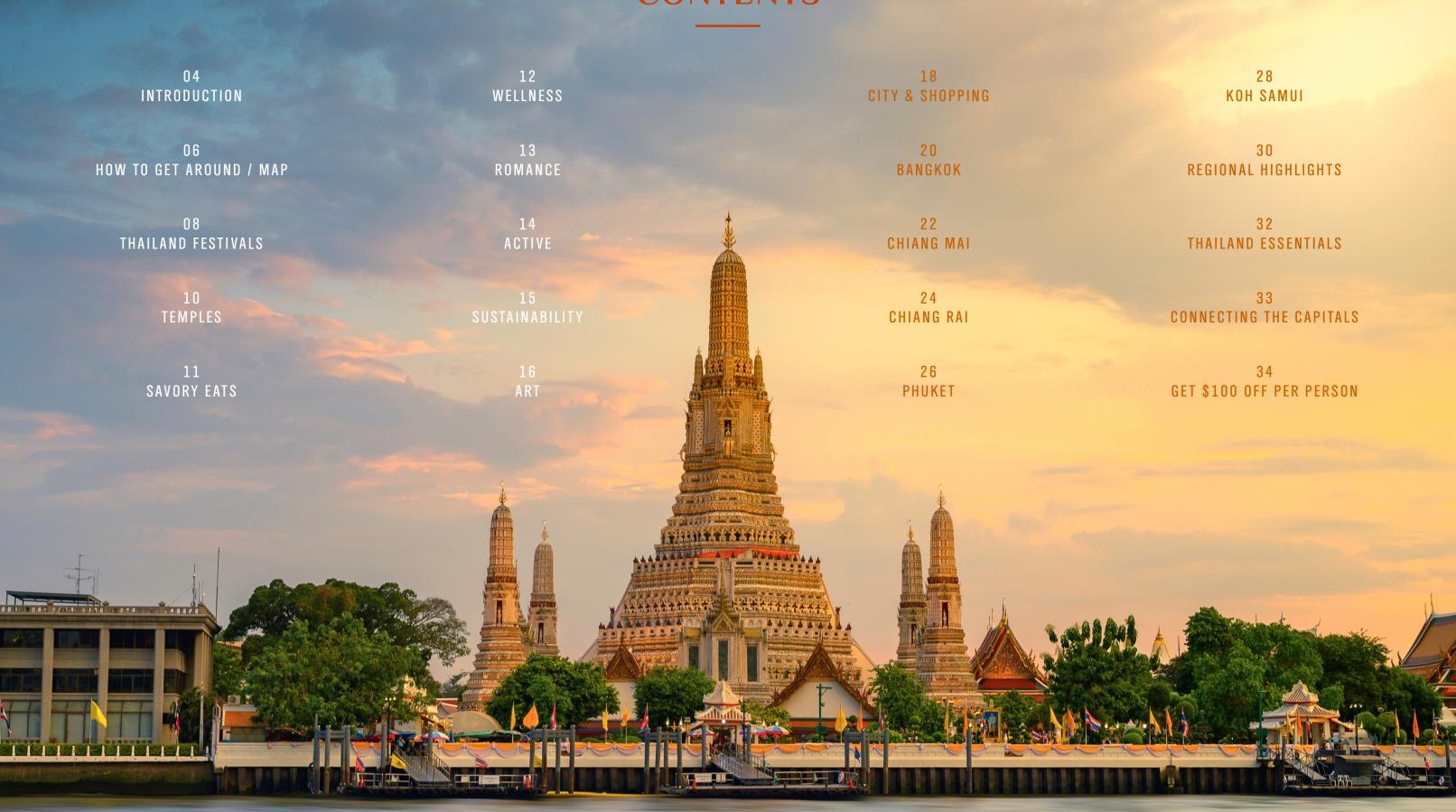
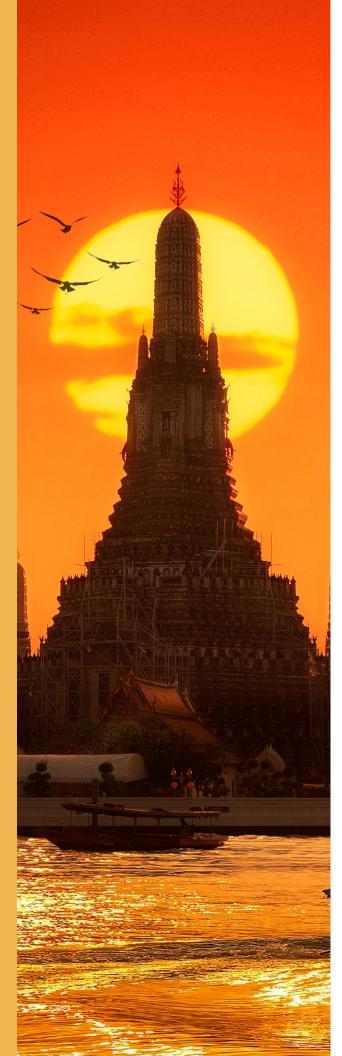


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Visitors from the United States benefit from great airfares when visiting Thailand. As a popular destination, many airlines facilitate travel with connections through Seoul (ICN), Tokyo (NRT), Taipei (TPE) and many other international hubs. Although Thailand offers six international airports, Bangkok (BKK) continues to be the preferred and most convenient point of entry into the country. When booking a Thailand vacation, our expert Travel Consultants will advise you on the best connections based on your itinerary.

Currently, visitors from the United States do not require a VISA if residing for a period of maximum 30 days. Remember to research VISA requirements before departure as government legislations may change.

## GETTING AROUND

Traveling by air will be the most convenient means of intercity transportation. Coupled with our private transfers, passengers will always enjoy a seamless experience aboard an air-conditioned mini-van. When exploring locally, take the opportunity to ride an iconic tuk tuk and take in the city bustle as a local!



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# PRIVATE GUIDES

Avant Destinations ensures a seamless travel experience by collaborating with expert local guides. From the time of arrival to private tours, and departure, passengers can expect to travel with professional and knowledgeable staff.

Upon arrival, a licensed, an Englishspeaking guide will greet travelers at the airport holding an Avanti welcome sign with the lead passenger's name, and lead them to their hotel. This is opportunity to learn more about the country and receive useful tips from an expert local guide.

During this journey, a qualified guide will make the difference between a vacation and a memorable experience. Learn the insightful history while visiting Bangkok's Royal Palace, trade tourist attractions for genuine experiences when visiting the local farms of Chiang Mai, or recommend the best seafood in Phuket! Our guides are there to show you the best way to memorable adventure!

## VIP FASTTRACK

Passenger will be met and greeted by professional representative holding a welcome sign with passenger's name at the arrival gate (air bridge) / Skywalk. Visitors will be then led to the exclusive fast lane immigration counter, where the designated staff will handle all immigration and customs documents details to streamline the process and reduce the hassle that can occur. After being assisted to collect their luggage, passengers will then be guided through customs and to the private transfer vehicle at Arrivals.





#### SONG KRAN FESTIVAL

Welcome to Thailand's most famous festival that marks the New Year in the Buddhist calendar. This three-day event starting on April 13 is a celebration of spiritual purity, coinciding with the sun's transition from Pisces to Aries. What started as a ritual of pouring water over Buddha statues has now become a nation-wide, animated holiday with people of all ages splashing water onto each other using everything from buckets, water guns, and even fire hoses!

Thai people believe that water is spiritually purifying, cleansing all the bad luck from the previous year. Every impurity one carries is washed away, allowing a bright and clear transition into the New Year. If you find yourself in Thailand during this festival, be sure to keep your belongings in waterproof bags, as you will be thoroughly 'purified'!



### SONG KRAN FESTIVAL IN BANGKOK

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

**4 NIGHTS BANGKOK** 

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE SONG KRAN FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE WITH DINNER PRIVATE BANGKOK TOUR DAILY BREAKFAST

Travel to Bangkok during this lively holiday and celebrate alongside locals on Khao San Road, a popular landmark to enjoy this festival. Finish your evening with a delicious Thai dinner at Aquatini Bar & Restaurant. Explore the capital during these festive times to appreciate a new side of Thailand!

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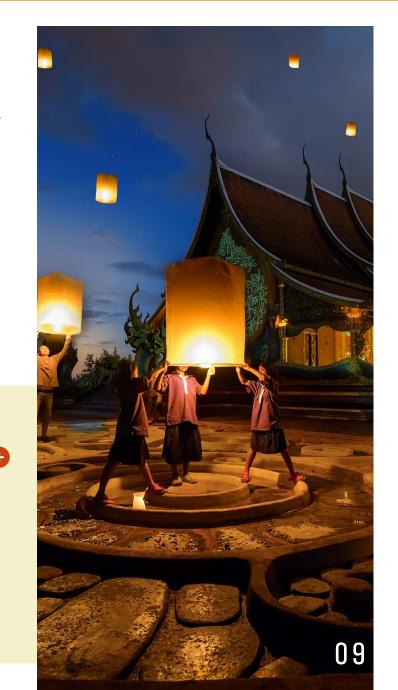
#### LANTERN FESTIVAL

The Festival of Lights (Yi Peng) is a religious celebration originating in northern Thailand, held on the full moon of the 12th lunar month. When rivers flow at their fullest and the moon shines at its brightest, the night skies of Thailand are adorned with thousands of lanterns, each carrying a person's hopeful wish into the distance.

Although celebrated throughout the country, the best place to witness this spectacle of light remains Chiang Mai. The city adopts a jovial atmosphere that can last up to 3 days! Food stalls and vendors flood the markets, firecrackers and fireworks can be heard throughout, as well as traditional dances.

# PRIVATE YI PENG FLOATING LANTERN TOUR •

Make the most of our local expertise! A private guide will take you to the best place to enjoy this festival, in Mae Rim District. Start the evening with a Lana cultural performance and make your way to the ceremony area in front of the pagoda for one of the most memorable experiences Thailand has to offer!





### **TEMPLES**

#### AN OVERVIEW

Religion and spirituality play a fundamental role in Thailand's day to day life. So much so, that 30,000 temples welcome 95% of the population who practice Theravada Buddhism. These temples, also known as wat, are incredible works of architecture, adorned with complex shapes, patterns, and mosaics, where every corner is packed with symbolism. Golden motifs represent the sun and light, astonishing statues depict Buddha in various stages of his life, and frescoes recount scenes of Thai history or epic literature.

Although sharing many similar traits, many temples convey the same message in a unique way. Bangkok's royal Wat Pra Kaew, the famous Wat Pho, also known as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, or Chiang Mai's Wat Phra Tat Doi Suthep, each place of worship is an original and visually stunning celebration of peace.

Hats and shoes must always be removed before entering, so wear comfortable footwear that can be removed easily. Almost every temple will have a designated area to leave the shoes, or will offer plastic bags to carry them in hand. Long pants are recommended and shoulders should be covered. In many cases, visitors can rent a sarong (long fabric that can be wrapped around the waist) for a small fee.





### **SAVORY EATS**

This exotic and mouth-watering cuisine can be categorized based on region. As with every country, food and ingredients vary based on climate, geographical position, and culture. Staples such as rice or noodles are predominant throughout Thailand. Each region presents distinct qualities on the dinner table, allowing travelers to experience the culture with every bite.

other parts of Thailand, the vast diversity of dishes is something to revel in. Bangkok is one of Asia's greatest food hubs, where travelers can enjoy every type of national and international delights.



Predominantly rural, the north boasts heartier and healthier meals, often using fish sauce instead of salt to bring out flavor. The lush mountainous landscape is ideal to grow many vegetables that, combined with Laos and Myanmar influences, makes it an outstanding destination for foodies.

South of Bangkok, the culinary scene radically changes, and many gourmet travelers venture this way for a true burst of flavor. Rich and spicy curries made with coconut instead of yogurt, jasmine rice, and plenty of seafood. Cuisine here also draws influence from Malaysia and Indonesia.





### WELLNESS

Wellness plays an important role in Thailand's culture. Once available only in temples, Thai massage is not only found everywhere throughout the country, but across the world! Combining various elements such as reflexology and yoga, it is believed to unblock energy lines, benefiting both body and spirit.

In Bangkok, the Temple of Reclining Buddha is not only a retreat for the soul, but home of the most important massage school in Thailand. This institute is open to everyone looking to learn basic and advanced courses in the arts of Thai massage, and even offers massages to temple visitors.

Nowadays, health & wellness has become an important factor for many hotels in Thailand, bringing the spa standards to a completely new level. Many hotels throughout the country offer state of the art facilities featuring expert massage therapists, yoga studios, personal trainers, and more. Some properties such as Bangkok's Siam Hotel go as far as offering Sak Yant tattoos. This ancient form featuring geometrical shapes and deity patterns is said to possess healing effects, and offer protection, luck, or even charisma!





### ROMANCE

#### PHUKET

Honeymoon in Paradise! Phuket is a quintessential destination to celebrate each other on a romantic vacation. Stunning coastlines offer plenty opportunities to explore or relax, allowing couples to enjoy white-sand beaches and crystal waters without a worry in the world. Set out on a snorkeling adventure and seal the day with a romantic dinner topped by the region's arresting views. Phuket offers a plethora of resorts and restaurants to ensure an ardent vacation.

Combine romance and luxury on a private Phi Phi Islands adventure by speedboat. Spellbound by the region's arresting beauty, delight in stunning sceneries, remote beaches, and the company of your loved one.



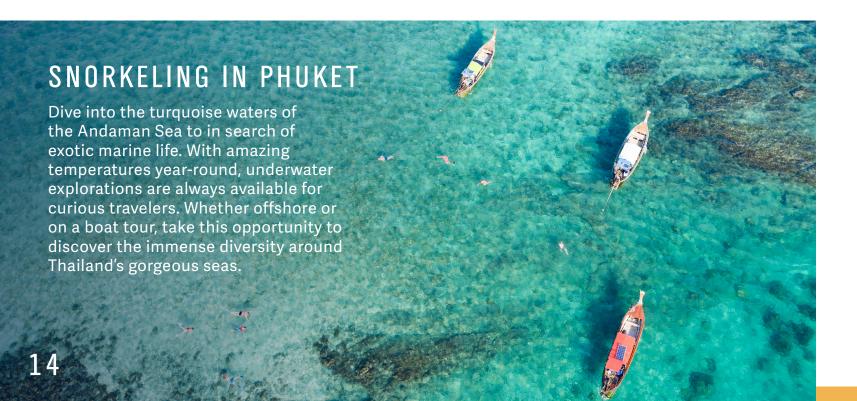


# COLORS OF CHIANG MAI &

Exploring Thailand by bike is an active yet leisurely way to help travelers uncover the true essence of a destination. Colors of Chiang Mai is a window into the authentic life of Northern Thailand, highlighting many sights form ancient ruins and temples, to local markets, shops, and more.

## SUKHOTHAI & AYUTTHAYA

Combine history and adventure in the two ancient capitals of Sukhothai and Ayutthaya. Pedal along gorgeous ruins that stand as emblems of once grandiose cities, now prized as UNESCO world heritages, and unravel the heritage that has been passed on for centuries.





### **SUSTAINABILITY**

#### FARMING FOR A DAY

Engage in a unique experience that allows you to connect with the people and the land. Become a farmer for a day and help the local community of Bang Pa In at an organic rice farm. After a fulfilling experience, prepare a delightful lunch picking fresh produce and herbs from the farm.

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Sustainability-based travel not only supports local communities, but allows travelers to delve into the most authentic experiences in a destination. Just outside Bangkok, in the province of Nakhom Pathom, travel along the canals on a traditional wooden boat on your way to discover the essence of rural life in central Thailand.

#### MAE KAMPONG •

From Chiang Mai, travel to the poetic village of Mae Kampong. Accompanied by the villagers, learn about their lifestyle while strolling along community forests, coffee and tea plantations, and return to the village for a traditional lunch prepared by the host. End this visit with a peaceful Thai massage, and witness the process of tea leaf fermentation by the locals.







#### SIAM NIRAMIT

Experience the culture and art of Thailand on one of the largest stages in the world! Featuring 100 actors, 500 costumes, and amazing special effects, history comes to life in an amazing performance at the Siam Niramit Show. Travel through 7 centuries of history during this 90-minute depiction of the country's story that blends historic feats and mythical folklore, narrated in a spectacular setting.



## CALYPSO CABARET SHOW

Every night at Bangkok's Asiatique The Riverfront, an electrifying performance captivates it's audience with a show of individual talents. The Calypso Cabaret Show has been celebrating the freedom of the body and spirit since 1988 with exciting choreographies by transsexual artists. The various acts blend traditional and modern music with comedy and drama that, paired with the Parisian ambiance, offer an immersive experience into the artful show.



## ART & CULTURE WALK IN BANGKOK •

Step into the artistic soul of Bangkok. After crossing the Saphan Phut Bridge into the Portuguese quarters, revel into the old-time charm of 18th century alleyways and churches found on the Thonburi side of the river. Embark a long tail boat on the Chao Praya River towards Klong Bang Luang, the capital's expressive neighborhood, exploring each stilt-house turned workshop and gallery.



### CHIANG MAI ARTS & CRAFTS

Chiang Mai is an important art exponent and creative hub of Thailand. Explore the arts and crafts of this expressive city, from traditional to contemporary. Learn more about local studios promoting ethical fashion with ancient techniques and natural dyeing techniques, and be inspired while walking through Chiang Mai's Contemporary Art Museum.



# TERMINAL 21

Housing 600 shops over 9 floors, Terminal 21 is an attraction in itself. From Tokyo to Paris or even Caribbean, each floor will feature a theme that immerses shoppers into a different experience. Stop by the gourmet food court for an endless variety of cuisines, or the Istanbul floor with its collection of jewelry and fashion accessories.

### SIAM SQUARE

Follow Asia's latest fashion trends in Bangkok's trendiest shopping strip. Countless national and international boutiques feature well-known brands, as well as up-andcoming designers with fresh motifs and styles. Revel in style and spend a delightful afternoon in one of Bangkok's trendiest shopping districts!

### CHATUCHAK MALL

With over 200,000 visitors each weekend. Chatuchack Mall has become one of the largest in the world. 15,000 stalls display numerous products, from antiques, to fashion, food, and everything in between! Easily accessible even with public transportation, this is a great market to find colorful souvenirs and enjoy authentic Thai street food.





#### MAHANAKHON SKYWALK

Stand above Bangkok on Thailand's highest observation deck. At 1000 ft. of height, this 360 degrees viewpoint offers magnificent views of the capital, sprawling into the horizon. For the brave of heart, the hair-raising glass tray offers a bird's eye view of the skyline below.



### ICONSIAM SHOPPING

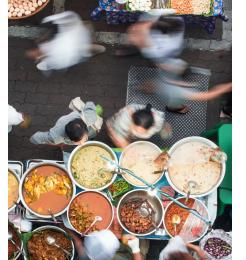
Welcome to Bangkok's newest shopping sensation! IconSiam is an impressive riverside mall offering a new kind of experience to shoppers, as well as free shuttle boats and buses. Stop by the countless shops ranging from small boutiques to world-renowned brands, and enjoy Thailand's only indoor floating market.



### ASIATIQUE SHOPPING

Combining a night bazaar and a mall, Asiatique is the ideal place for an evening of discovery and shopping. Split in 4 districts, visitors can explore over 1500 shops with handicrafts, designer clothes, and more, before ending the evening with a dinner by the waterfront.





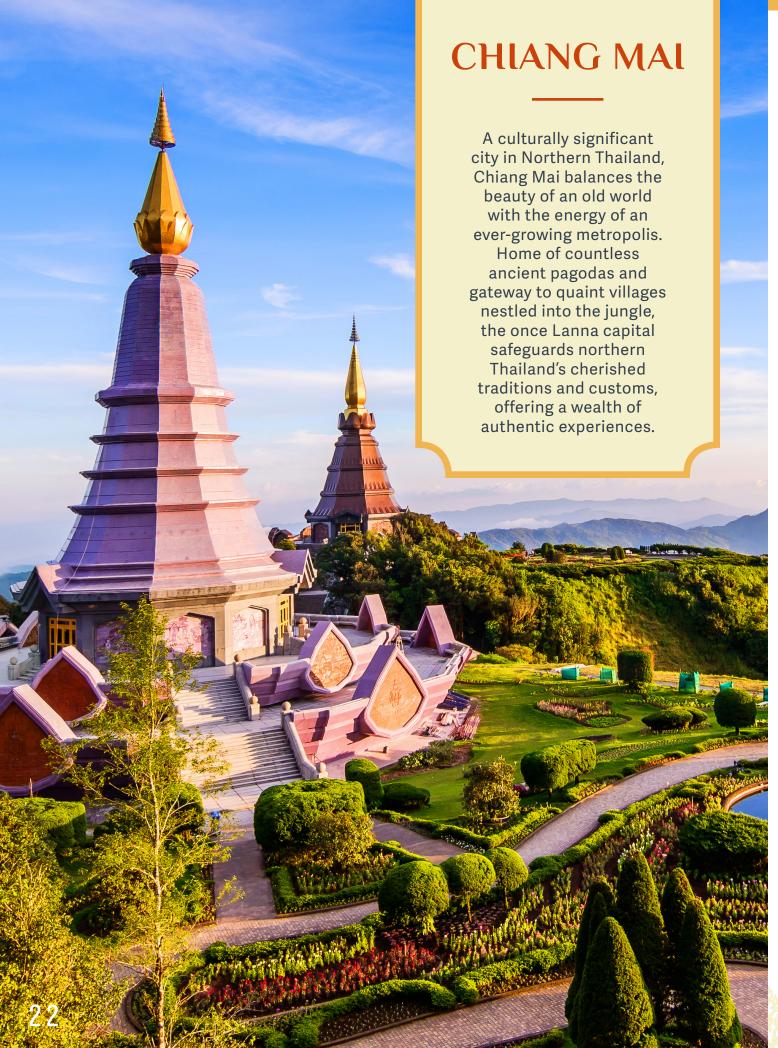
#### **CULTURE CONTRASTS**

Being the home of the largest Chinatown in the world has its perks. Busy streets brim with shop houses, and food stalls lure in passerby with inviting fragrances of the best Thai fusion delicacies. At dusk, the neon-lit alleys add a new layer of charm to an already luminous culture.

# ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Trendy or traditional, every neighborhood holds a special character that contributes to the overall beauty of Bangkok. From the down-to-earth streets of Chinatown to the high-end strips of Sukhumvit, the royal capital offers more than just temples and monuments. Enjoy an evening walk on grungy Khao San Road in search of souvenirs, or embark on a foodie discovery in the up-and-coming Ari neighborhood. For those in search of romantic ambiance, the Riverfront offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy a couple's massage, candlelit dinner, or even an evening cruise on the Chao Praya River.







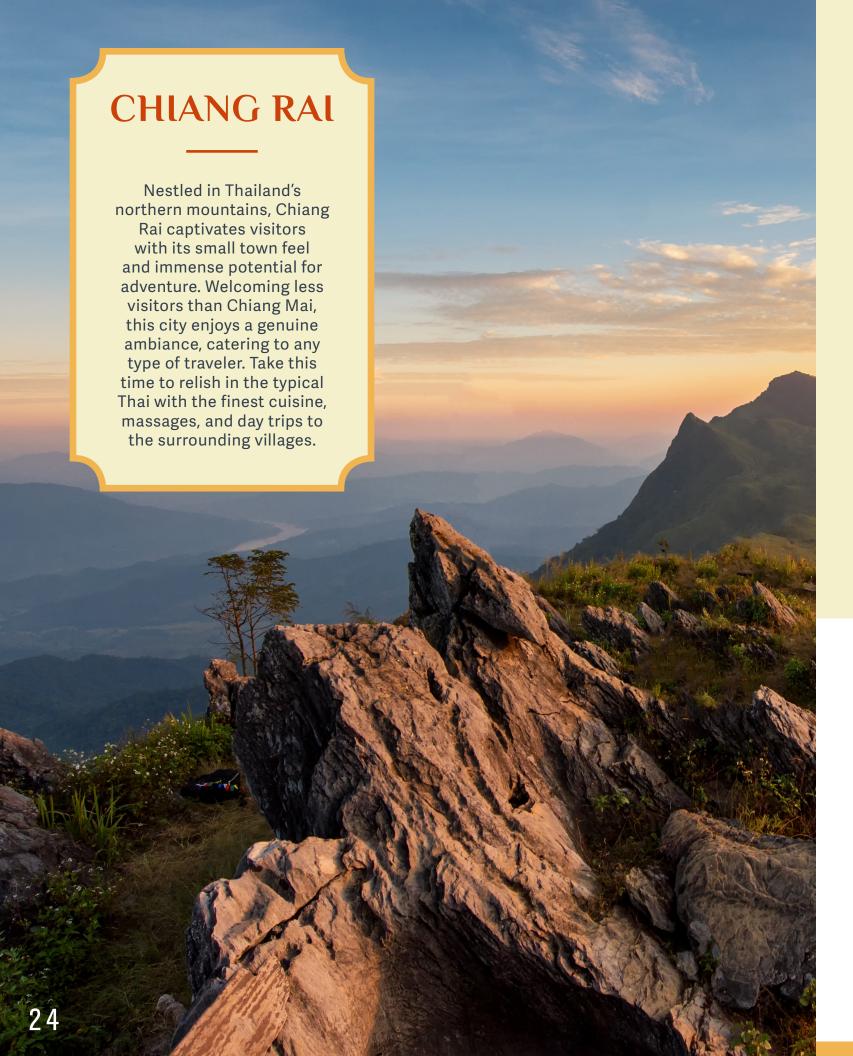


# ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Contrasting the bustling capital, Chiang Mai and the surrounding province enjoys a more peaceful demeanor, allowing visitors to enjoy the beauties of Thailand at a slower pace. There is no shortage when it comes to boutique or luxury accommodations, and the city harbors a wealth of wonders.

The night bazaar in Chiang Mai is one of the best highlights of the city. Offering everything from local treats to handicrafts, and clothing, revel in the lively market atmosphere and remember that bargaining is part of the fun! Take advantage of this change of pace to visit the surrounding countryside and live like a local with the welcoming Lanna people.

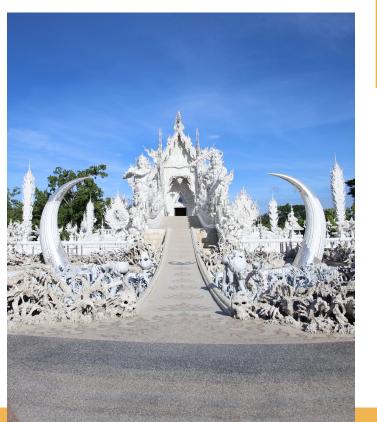






#### THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

The meeting point for Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar is a place of absolute magic. The dense jungle stretches onto mist-shrouded mountains and out into the distance. Scenic wonders await nature lovers that choose to explore this area, along with many local communities that are happy to share their way of life.



# MORE THAN JUST A TEMPLE

One of Thailand's most stunning temples, this complex and incredibly detailed structure is not just a place of worship, but a true work of art. Built by a renowned Thai artist using personal funds, this admired yet controversial temple embraces its uniqueness, featuring even modern characters such as Hello Kitty or Predator.





### DAY TRIPS

Phang Nga Bay, a stunning archipelago known for its towering limestone karsts and crystal blue waters, offers endless possibilities for exploration from Phuket. Although modern film productions such as James Bond or Star Wars brought its worldwide fame, this region has been welcoming

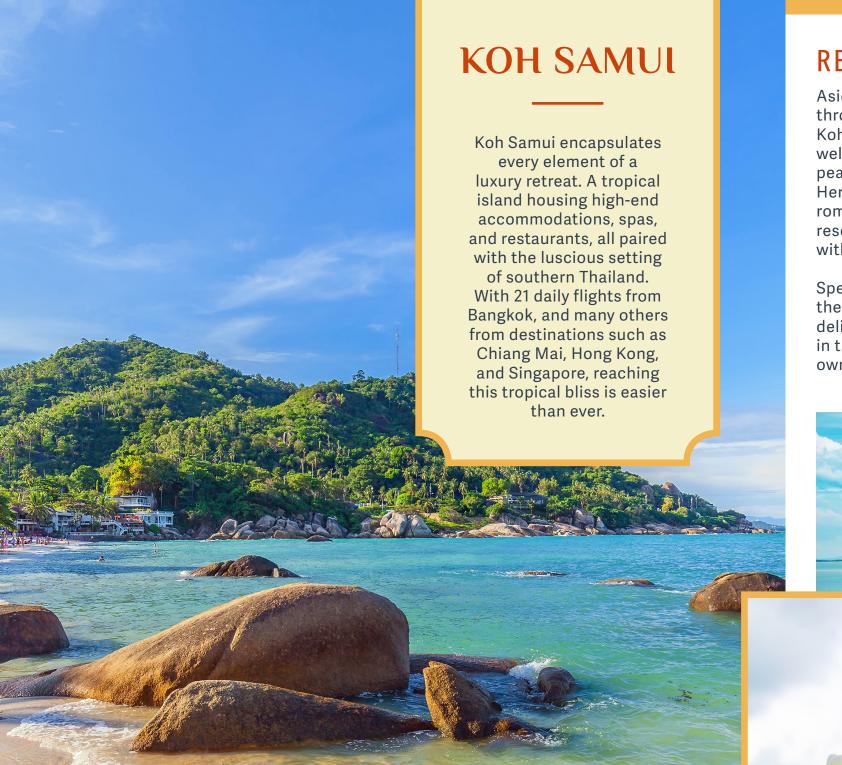
adventurers in search of limestone caves and clear waters for ages. Whether it is snorkeling in search of tropical fish, visiting renowned islands, or interacting with local communities, having an expert local guide will make all the difference between a day tour and a genuine experience.



### OLD TOWN

Phuket old town still maintains the chic milieu of a prosperous past. A compact, historical hub with a distinct character and gorgeous Sino-Portuguese architecture, it provides the perfect setting for a romantic evening stroll, or a gourmet's journey through the many cafés and restaurants. The region offers a diverse culinary experience thanks to influences from China, Malaysia, and even India!





#### RELAXED VIBES

Aside from the classic appeal found throughout southern Thailand, Koh Samui is a leisure island, welcoming travelers in search of a peaceful and rejuvenating retreat. Here is where couples enjoy a romantic vacation at a luxury resort, and families come to relax with no distractions.

Spend your days relaxing on the pristine beaches, enjoying a delightful spa treatment, and relish in the surrounding beauty of your own corner of paradise.



# A CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Koh Samui's culinary scene is an experience in itself. This leisure destination not only boasts some of Thailand's finest restaurant, but a delicious variety of both Thai and international cuisines. Although the island is notorious for fine dining, many delights can be found at the local stalls. Indulge in the freshest of seafood during your culinary endeavor, and taste your way through Koh Samui's tastiest bites.

#### KOH TAN

Spend a day exploring the marine wonders of Koh Tan. This small island south of Koh Samui is notorious for is pristine beaches and natural beauty, both above and below the water. Enjoy a day of adventure while snorkeling along the colorful reefs to swim with turtles and other exotic creatures. After your adventure, a delightful lunch awaits on the neighboring island of Koh Madsum!



5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

**4 NIGHTS BANGKOK** 

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY PRIVATE GRAND PALACE TOUR PRIVATE BANGKOK NIGHT TOUR BY TUK-TUK PRIVATE FLOATING MARKET TOUR DAILY BREAKFAST

Experience the high-energy of this South East Asian capital. Learn about its honored traditions and revered Buddhist culture touring the Grand Palace. Take a ride on the iconic tuk tuk as you tour the city at night like a local. Make an adventurous day trip to the Floating Market and sample fresh fruit, treats, and even hot meals; all sold directly from the boats.

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## **CHARMS OF CHIANG MAI**

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

4 NIGHTS CHIANG MAI

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY TRADITIONAL KHANTOKE DINNER PRIVATE CHIANG MAI CITY TOUR PRIVATE CHIANG MAI NIGHT MARKET TOUR PRIVATE TEA PLANTATION EXPERIENCE DAILY BREAKFAST

Aptly nicknamed the Rose of the North, Chiang Mai's ancient temples and cooler climate make this a popular destination for travelers. Sample northern Thai cuisine with a traditional Khantoke dinner, Have an opportunity to enjoy a colorful and revealing tour though their famous night market, and learn about their long-standing tea culture with a visit to one of the famous plantations.

### PHUKET **PARADISE**

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

**3 NIGHTS PHUKET** 

#### **FEATURED INCLUSIONS:**

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY PRIVATE PHUKET STREET FOOD WALKING TOUR SHARED PHI PHI TOUR BY SPEEDBOAT DAILY BREAKFAST

This alluring island has something to offer for everyone. Experience both the natural and cultural beauty of this dazzling jewel; abundant pristine beaches, historic architecture, and quirky museums and shops. Take an adventurous food tour, sampling some of the island's Peranakan-influenced cuisine, and set out to the area's superstar, Phi Phi Islands.





4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

3 NIGHTS KOH SAMUI

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY SHARED ANGTHONG NATIONAL MARINE PARK TOUR DAILY BREAKFAST

Escape to Thailand's second largest island, off the east coast of the Kra Isthmus. Known for its palm-fringed beaches, coconut groves, and dense rainforests, Koh Samui is a traveler's delight. Visit the colossal Big Buddha Temple (Wat Phra Yai) the cascading Na Muang waterfalls and a shoreline dotted with white powdery beaches.

VIEW EXPERIENCE



9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

2 NIGHTS BANGKOK, 2 NIGHTS CHIANG MAI, 1 NIGHT CHIANG RAI & 3 NIGHTS PHUKET

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY PRIVATE BANGKOK HIGHLIGHTS TOUR PRIVATE CHIANG MAI TOUR SHARED PHI PHI ISLANDS TOUR BY SPEEDBOAT DAILY BREAKFAST

Discover rich cultural heritage, bustling cities, verdant scenery, and pristine beaches. Get under the skin of the capital, head to a cultural hub, ascend to a famous temple, and cap the journey off with turquoise waters amidst stunning limestone karsts.

VIEW EXPERIENCE





8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

3 NIGHTS BANGKOK, 2 NIGHTS AYUTTHAYA & 2 NIGHTS SUKHOTHAI

#### FEATURED INCLUSIONS:

PRIVATE ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TRANSFERS PER CITY PRIVATE CITY, TEMPLE & ROYAL GRAND PALACE TOUR PRIVATE ART & CULTURE WALK PRIVATE KOH KRET TOUR ORGANIC RICE FARM EXPERIENCE WITH COOKING CLASS PRIVATE AYUTTHAYA TEMPLES TOUR PRIVATE SUKHOTHAI TOUR DAILY BREAKFAST

Take a historical tour of the 3 great kingdoms of Thailand, unveiling the past and present of Thailand's capital cities. Discover the pleasures of vibrant Bangkok visit organic rice farm, and stroll around Koh Kret, boasting one of Thailand's oldest settlements of Mon people.

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