

Day 1 BANGKOK

In Bangkok we will stay at the Dynasty Inn. On day 1 we offer you the opportunity to take the morning off to relax and unwind as your flight will catch up with you. In the afternoon you will be taken to see the Grand Palace, you will need to wear respectable clothes and footwear. Then for those of you who wish to, you will be taken to some of the largest shopping malls in Asia where you can buy just about anything. A shoppers Heaven !

Day 2 BANGKOK

On day 2 we will take a long tail boat trip up the Chao Phraya river, detouring up the narrow canals to visit a floating market. It is a very interesting way of life with these locals, we pass many old temples, the most famous being Wat Arun, or Temple of the Dawn, one of the best known landmarks and one of the most published images of Bangkok. We will also sail past the Grand Palace.

Day 3 BANGKOK

On day 3 we will take a mini-van to Ayuthaya, the old ruined former capital city that existed from 1351 to 1767. Ayuthaya was friendly towards foreign traders it was described as one of the biggest and wealthiest cities in the East. We will return by long tail boat and get a sky train back to the hotel.

Day 4 BANGKOK - PATTAYA

On day 4 we take a minibus to Pattaya, where we will stay at Nature View Hotel. In Pattaya we offer you a free afternoon for shopping or relaxation, there are over 5000 bars in Pattaya & a lot of shopping. We also have other activities on offer at an extra charge for those of you who enjoy a bit more excitement, such as the Tree tops in Pattaya, paragliding or snorkelling. Please enquire if these activities are of interest to you and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. In the evening you will be taken by taxi to the waterfront, where you will have a superb dinner and cabaret show on the floating restaurant, Oriental Star. The meal will be at your expense but is very reasonably priced and the food is exquisite.

Day 5 PATTAYA

On day 5 we offer you a free morning. In the afternoon we will take a bus trip to Nong Nooch Tropical Gardens. These gardens are world renowned for their impressive Elephant and Thai Cultural Shows, along with what is largely considered the biggest and most beautiful botanical garden in Southeast Asia - 600 acres of pure paradise. There are two show on this outing - a fantastic cultural show and elephant show, and for a small fee you can travel around the gardens in an open air bus. Be sure to take your camera.

Day 6 PATTAYA

On day 6 we will minivan to the Pattaya elephant village where elephants are raised and looked after. You can go on a one hour elephant ride through the jungle and sample sumptuous tropical fruit such as Rambutan, Mangosteen, Jackfruit and a host of probably unfamiliar fruit. A movie will be taken of your ride and also a framed photo will be available for your purchase for a modest fee on your return, should you desire. Here there is also the opportunity to see how silk is produced

Day 7 PATTAYA

We're off to Sriracha Tiger Park, where tigers and crocodiles are raised. You can have your photo taken with both for a small fee. There are three shows here - a tiger show, a crocodile show and an elephant show, very funny and probably the best we've seen. At Sriracha there is the option to have your photo taken with all animals for a small fee. Here lunch is included.

Day 8 PATTAYA - CHIANG MAI

On day 8 we will fly to Chiang Mai, where we will stay at The Lana Hotel here you have an afternoon free to explore this fabulous old city. There are numerous 'wats' or monastery temples that are well worth visiting.

Day 9 CHIANG MAI

On day 9 we will minivan into the mountains to Doi Suthep Temple, with spectacular views of Chiang Mai. On our return down the mountain we will have a short trip to the long neck village where the Karen tribe live. The ladies are very obliging in having their photos taken with you, and you will learn about the significance of the rings around their neck. Skirting around Chiang Mai, our last stop is the umbrella village, which is well worth the trip for the arts and crafts. They will paint a picture on your camera case, T-shirt, Hat etc for a small fee. Items can be purchased from a small souvenir shop.

Day 10 CHIANG MAI

On day 10 for those of you who wish to learn how to cook the fabulous Thai food in the traditional way, this is a must and you will have heaps of fun meeting people from around the world. You will be picked up at your hotel, taken to the market where you will purchase some ingredients for your meals, then return to the cooking school where Thai chefs teach you how to cook a selection of Thai dishes, which you will then get to eat. This all-day course starts around 9am until about 3.30pm when you will be taken back to your hotel. Those who do not wish to participate will have alternative activities planned.

Day 11 CHIANG MAI - CHIANG RAI

On day 11 we take an air-conditioned first-class bus to Chiang Rai, where we will stay at The Moon & Sun Hotel. Here you are offered a free afternoon to relax at the hotel or explore the city.

Day 12 CHIANG RAI - GOLDEN TRIANGLE - CHIANG RAI

On day 12 we minibus to Golden Triangle, where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet at the Mekong River to visit the opium museums and stalls. We will drive through Mai Sai - the northernmost town in Thailand and then up into the mountains where you will view tea plantations and stop at an Old Chinese village situated at the highest point of the top of the mountains.

Day 13 CHIANG RAI - CHIANG MAI

On day 13 we will bus back to Chiang Mai then take our flights back to Bangkok.

Day 14 BANGKOK - NEW ZEALAND

Day 14 sees us catching some last minute shopping or relaxation, your choice as always. We will then minibus to Suvarnabhumi International Airport in the late afternoon for our flight back to New Zealand.

* Itinerary may change slightly depending on the times of shows, weather conditions etc. Alternatives will be arranged.

Previous participants have all been pleased with their holiday and the care taken by your tour guides, who are passionate about Thai people, country and culture.

It will be truly memorable trip.

There is only one condition on this trip - you must smile, laugh and have a world of fun !!!

(Additional activities can be arranged at your expense)

-Golf, Parasailing, Waterskiing, Pattaya Tower, the choices are endless just ask Wayne your friendly tour guide.

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