

Amazing Thailand

Explore the natural wonders, historic treasures and cultural heritage in
Bangkok, Ayutthaya, Chiang Rai, and Chiang Mai

9 Days/ 8 Nights

Well tested itinerary and ready-to-go for any group size - pick your own dates



Tour Program Summary

THAILAND is a beautiful country that the whole world loves. It comprises of plains, mountains, plateaus, islands and endless beaches, thus offering visitors numerous opportunities to explore nature and culture. Bangkok is the soul of the nation and the friendliest city in Asia.

Your grand Thailand trip starts from **Bangkok**, the capital of Thailand with tours to the national monuments and urban market. This enchanting city is filled with historic temples and traditional and modern style buildings. It is very easy to immerse yourself in this friendly cosmopolitan capital city.

Ayutthaya is a city in Thailand, about 80 kilometers north of Bangkok. It was capital of the Kingdom of Siam, and a prosperous international trading port, from 1350 until razed by the Burmese in 1767. The ruins of the old city now form the Ayutthaya Historical Park, an archaeological site that contains palaces, Buddhist temples, monasteries and statues. The great cultural value of Ayutthaya's ruins was officially recognized in 1991, when the Historic City became an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its proximity to Bangkok makes it a popular day-trip destination for travelers from Bangkok.

Chiang Rai Province has such a diversity of attractions that its capital is often overlooked. This small delightful city is worth getting to know, however, with its relaxed atmosphere, good-value accommodation and great local food. It's also the logical base from which to plan excursions to the more remote corners of the province. Founded by Phaya Mengrai in 1262 as part of the Lao-Thai Lanna kingdom, Chiang Rai didn't become a Siamese territory until 1786 and a province until 1910. The metro area has a population of 200,000 and is the main commercial centre serving the Golden Triangle border region of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. It is an excellent base for exploring the region.

Chiang Mai is a city in mountainous northern Thailand. Founded in 1296, it was capital of the independent Lanna Kingdom until 1558. Its Old City area still retains vestiges of walls and moats from its history as a cultural and religious center. It's also home to hundreds of elaborate Buddhist temples, including 14th-century Wat Phra Singh and 15th-century Wat Chedi Luang, adorned with carved serpents.

Your adventure ends in Chiang Mai and fly back home or onto your next destination from there.

Tour Daily Itinerary

- Day 1 **Okinawa**
→ **Bangkok** Arrive in Bangkok on your own booked flight; met by local English-speaking guide & driver upon arrival and transfer to [Ariyasom Villa \(Studio room\)](#) for check-in and **enjoy a free afternoon/ evening; dinner is on your own tonight.**
- Day 2 **Bangkok** Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and off to a full day Bangkok city tour. We will first visit [Thonburi](#), the western part of Bangkok, situated on the right side of the Chao Phraya River. Passing by a boat along the canals gives you a first-hand impression of the scenic life along Bangkok's waterways.
- One of the outstanding wooden houses on Khlong Bang Luang is [Baan Silapin](#), where you can find an interesting art gallery upstairs. Continue to the [Temple of Dawn](#), one of the main landmarks of Bangkok.
- In the afternoon, head to the [Grand Palace](#), one of the most beautiful samples of ancient Siamese court. Here you will see palaces such as the [Funeral Palace](#), the [Reception Palace](#), the [Throne Hall](#), the [Coronation Hall](#), the [Royal Guest House](#), and the beautiful [Emerald Buddha Temple](#).
- Continue to [Wat Po](#), the most extensive temple in Bangkok with its colossal [Reclining Buddha](#) and the [Chedis of the Kings](#). Finally, walk through [Yaowarat](#), world's largest Chinatown where you will have a chance to taste several Thai-Chinese dishes from various eateries.
- Return to the hotel afterwards and **enjoy a free evening; lunch and dinner are on your own. **



- Day 3 **Bangkok** Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and enjoy a [half day biking tour in Bangkok](#). We will make a first stop at one of the hidden [local communities](#) in Bangkok. You might call it a slum, but the local people call it "home". The people who live here is poor but they are very friendly and will give us a warm welcome every day.
- We will continue the biking tour in the '[City of Angels](#)' and arrive at the pier and cross the mighty Chao Phraya River in a typical Thai long tail boat. On the other side of the river, we find ourselves back in the jungle or the [Green Lung of Bangkok](#), the greenest area in the city. Halfway the tour, we will stop at a local restaurant for a **Thai cuisine lunch**.
- Afterwards, visit an ancient [Buddhist Temple](#) and learn about Buddhism in Thailand. Later, we will make a last stop at an open-air [Muay Thai school](#). Muay Thai or Thai Boxing is the national sport with hundreds years of history. Return to the hotel afterwards and **enjoy a free evening; dinner is on your own. <B-L>**

Day 4 **Bangkok ⇄
Ayutthaya**

***Does this mean that they will ride bicycle from Bangkok to Ayutthaya???**

Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and enjoy a full day biking tour in Ayutthaya. Follow the road to northern part of Thailand through idyllic villages, along rice paddies, visit a local elementary school (if opens) to interact with local children.

Next, we will make a stop at Phaniat Royal Elephant Kraal, where you have the chance to see these amazing animals up close. The closer we get to the old capital, the more ruins of temples we see along the way. Around midday, we will have a **Thai lunch** at a riverside restaurant. After lunch, we will enter the old capital and visit Wat Mahathat and Wat Pra Sri Sanphet to learn about the history of Ayutthaya.

We will continue the bicycle tour with a short ride over a local market, where typical local delicacies are made and consumed. Not far from the market, we make a stop at the biggest reclining Buddha in Ayutthaya, Luang Phor Lokayasuttha.

Later, we will continue our ride to another remarkable temple on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River, Wat Chai Wattanaram. This temple was constructed in 1630 by King Prasat Thong as a memorial of his mother's residence in that area.

We will continue our ride along the west bank of the Chao Phraya River until we reach the pier to cross the river back to the city by vehicle and this tour will dismiss at your hotel. **Enjoy a free evening; dinner is on your own.** <B-L>



Day 5 **Bangkok →
Chiang Rai**

Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and transfer to Bangkok Airport for a **flight** to Chiang Rai. Upon arrival, met by your local guide & driver and pay a visit to a local Hill Tribe Museum, where you can learn some interesting facts about the history of the local hill tribes. Proceed to the Legend Chiang Rai (Superior Studio room) for check-in. **Enjoy a free afternoon; lunch and dinner are on your own.**

Day 6 **Chiang Rai**

Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and drive to the Golden Triangle Area. Visit the Hall of Opium, which is constructed on over 40 acres of land at a site near the Golden Triangle Area. The site incorporates an exhibition area and information center of the Hall of Opium within the landscape of the Golden Triangle Park.

Continue the tour with a local boat go upstream on the Mekong River toward the center of the Golden Triangle where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos meets. Proceed to Chiang Saen, the former capital of the first Thai Kingdom, located on Mekong River at the border

of Thailand and Laos. Visit [Wat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti](#) by climbing 383 steps to the top of the hill. Also visit [Wat Chedi Luang](#) and a small [museum](#) nearby. Return to your hotel afterwards and [enjoy a free evening; lunch and dinner are on your own.](#)

Day 7 **Chiang Rai** 🚗 **Chiang Mai** Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and transfer to Chiang Mai by vehicle. Along the way, visit [Wat Rong Khun Temple](#), also known as the "White" Temple. The temple has a fine blend of traditional Buddhist art with contemporary themes and is decorated with small pieces of mirrored glass. The temple is almost entirely white.

Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, visit [Wat Doi Suthep](#), the most sacred temple in Chiang Mai offers a superb view over the city. Transfer to [Rachamankha Chiang Mai \(Superior room\)](#) for check-in and visit some other temples along the way to the hotel. [Enjoy a free evening; lunch and dinner are on your own.](#)



Day 8 **Chiang Mai** Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and drive to [Patara Elephant Farm](#), invites you to hands-on experience on participating, sharing responsibilities and taking care of an elephant. "Elephant Owner for a Day" is a special program created for everyone to learn and interact with elephants as what an owner would do daily, during which time you are trained to approach your elephant correctly, know the elephant's temperament, feed and check its health, learn about and take care of your own elephant, bathe and brush it in the river, learn how to ride on its neck, and communicate through different spoken commands. You will get a chance to bare-back riding to visit forests, waterfalls or local temples.

After the bare-back riding session on the farm get ready for uphill trip to visit the waterfall for [picnic lunch](#) and refresh yourself in the water with your elephant. Ride the elephant back to the farm for evening feed. Afterwards take your farewell and photo with your elephant and return to the hotel in the late afternoon. The program is specialized and meaningful activity to create trust and relationship between you and your elephant. [Enjoy a free evening; dinner is on your own.](#) <B-L>

Day 9 → Return Breakfast in the hotel; met by your guide & driver in the hotel lobby and transfer to the airport for a homebound flight. End of the service.

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Designated Hotels & Resorts Selected for Your Tour



Ariyasom Villa (Bangkok, Thailand)



The Legend Chiang Rai



Rachamankha Chiang Mai

Tour Land Price Inclusions & Exclusions

Tour Land Price Starting at: USD \$1,900 per person, double occupancy

What's Included in Tour Land Price:

- Designated class hotel or resort accommodations with full breakfast
- Air tickets as mentioned in the itinerary
 - Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Rai
- All airport taxes for domestic flights
- Ground transportation in air-conditioned motor coach with professional driver
- Private and professional English-speaking local tour guide in each city/region
- All sightseeing tours and activities including admissions fees according to itinerary
- 1 complimentary bottle of drinking water and 1 cold towel per person per half day tour / 2 bottles of water and 2 cold towels per person per full day tour.
- All meals according to itinerary
- Current fuel surcharges are included, however subject to change prior to tour start date
- Boat tickets according to itinerary

What's Not Included in Tour Land Prices:

- Cross-Pacific International air tickets (will assist upon request)
- Alcoholic drinks at included meals
- Trip cancellation, baggage, accident, and medical insurance
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and porters (*not including hotel bellboy to your room*)
- Items not listed and/or specified as included in the itinerary and things of personal nature

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90 days or more prior to departure *	10% of Total Tour Price
89 to 60 days prior to departure *	30% of Total Tour Price
59 to 30 days prior to departure *	50% of Total Tour Price
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* Plus any charges assessed by government agencies, land suppliers, cruise companies and airlines.

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