



Around Thailand

8 Nights

May – October 2018



Summary

This 9 day tour is a brief introduction to the history craftsmanship and beauty of Thailand. If you are interested in ancient Thai architecture, traditions that have been passed down through generations, as well as unique shopping opportunities, then this is the tour for you.

Overview

Dates: May – October 2018

Interest:: couple - family - group

Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: none

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Thai Baht
- **Language:** Thai and English
- **Dialing Code:** 66
- **Recommended vaccines:** Malaria risk exists in the forested and hilly, areas Thailand, mainly towards the international borders. There is no risk in cities and tourists areas.
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Money exchange counters are very easy to find in the visitor areas of Bangkok

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Day 1: Bangkok – Arrival

Upon arrival to Bangkok airport, meet and transfer to the hotel

Day 2: Bangkok - Ayutthya - Sukhothai

Pick up passengers from hotel in Bangkok. Depart from Bangkok to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Thailand. The principal sights are Wat Chaiwattanaram, the three ancient pagodas at Wat Phra Srisanpetch and Wat Yai Chaimongkol. Drive to Chainat for lunch at a local restaurant, then continue Khampheng Phet and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site (Kampheng Phet & Aranyik area). Continue to Sukhothai for dinner

Day 3: Sukothai - Lampang

After breakfast, tour the Sukhothai Historical Park (Wat Mahathad, Wat Si Sawai, Wat Sa Si) and Wat Sri Chum with the gigantic Buddha statue. Then continue to Sri Satchanalai, where we make a brief visit to Wat Phra Si Mahathad Chaliang. Cross the Yom River on the nearby footbridge for a walk through the village, then proceed for lunch at a local restaurant. We then drive to Lampang and visit Wat Don Tao, where the Emerald Buddha was once enshrined (the same statue now installed in Bangkok), Wat Pa Fang and Wat Si Rong Muang, two Burmese-style temples with exquisite wood carvings. Optional tour: Lampang is the only town in Thailand, where horse carriages are still used as a means of transportation. Take a leisurely ride on the colorful horse-drawn carriages along the river

Day 4: Lampang - Lamphun - Chiang Mai

After breakfast, depart for Ko Kah to see Wat Phra Thad Lampang Luang housing the only Emerald Buddha besides the one at Wat Phra Keo in Bangkok. Short stop at the colorful Tung Kwian Market, where handicrafts, fruit, vegetables, live animals and the famous Lampang Ceramics are on sale, then proceed to Lamphun for a visit to the famous Wat Haripoonchai, one of the most sacred monuments in the north. Continue to Chiang Mai and lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the handicraft manufactures in San Kampheng district, where the process of making lacquer-ware, spinning and weaving of Thai Silk and painting of paper umbrellas can be observed. Also visit a famous Thai wood carving factory with the possibility to buy Burmese antiques. Check-in at THE EMPRESS CHIANG MAI HOTEL. Dinner at local restaurant. After dinner, take a walk to the famous Chiang Mai Night Market or transfer back to the hotel.

Day 5: Chiang Mai

Visit the most interesting places in Chiang Mai such as Wat Phra Singh with its famous Buddha image, Wat Bupparam and Wat Doi Suthep, tucked away in the mountains at 1,056 meters above sea level. Lunch at a local restaurant. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a typical Thai dinner with a presentation of traditional dances from Northern Thailand.

Day 6: Chiang Mai - Hmong Hilltribe Lodge

After breakfast, depart Chiang Mai to Mae Sa Valley. Visit the elephant camp to watch the elephants at work. Their strength and clever teamwork will amaze you. Continue to an Orchid Farm for lunch. Proceed on a winding mountain road to picturesque Hmong Lodge (for group sizes of 7 or more persons, transportation to the Hill tribe village is on pick up trucks / Land rovers). Located at 820 meters (2700 feet) above sea-level, daytime temperatures are moderate year-round, while evenings can become quite chilly, especially during the cool season between November and January. Check in at The Hmong Hilltribe Lodge. The afternoon is at leisure, hike to the nearby hill tribe village or simply relax around the pool or during a traditional Thai massage at the lodge (payable on spot). BBQ dinner at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge followed by presentation of tribal dances and songs

Day 7: Hmong Hilltribe Lodge - Thatorn - Chiang Rai

After breakfast, depart for Fang and Thatorn. En route, visit to Huay Luek, a Hmong hill tribe village. After arrival in Thatorn, a small town just a few kilometers away from the Burmese border, lunch is served at Maekok River Village Resort. Depart by long tailed motor boats from Ban Phatai for a three hour journey down the Kok River, passing tiny hill tribe villages consisting of simple bamboo huts among lush vegetation. A stop will be made to visit a Lahu hill tribe village along the way. Arrival in Chiang Rai in the early evening.

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Day 8: Chiang Rai – Bangkok

After breakfast, visit the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos convene. Boat trip on the Mekong River to Chiang Saen. After lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to Chiang Rai Airport. Depart Chiang Rai by afternoon flight to Bangkok

Day 9: Bangkok – Departure

Transfer to airport for departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Bangkok (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
8-night accommodation at hotels
Meal: daily breakfast, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
Operated with English speaking guide
All entrance fees as appropriated
Air-conditioned transportation
Assistance of out representative in Thailand

Prices Exclude

Internal flight: Chiang Rai-Bangkok
Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses
DIP surcharge \$ 5/ticket

Starting price per person in US\$

Hotels

4* Hotels

Double

2685

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR 417	13:20	17:20
Doha	Bangkok	QR 826	18:30	05:30
Bangkok	Doha	QR 833	20:55	23:40
Doha	Beirut	QR 490	02:20	05:15

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