

BANGKOK HIGHLIGHTS

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

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DAY #1: ARRIVAL TO BANGKOK, TRANSFER TO HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

Welcome to Thailand! Our staff will meet you at Bangkok Airport and transfer you to your hotel.

DAY #2: BANGKOK - PRIVATE FULL DAY BANGKOK HIGHLIGHT TOUR WITH LUNCH

A visit to the **Royal Grand Palace**, the nation's landmark and most praised royal monument in Thailand, with the enclosed and dazzling **Wat Phra Kaew** is a must. Wat Phra Kaew, also called the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, is well known for its Golden Chedi, its Pantheon of the Chakri Kings and its Eight Coloured Tower. In Thailand, it is considered by many to be a living example of a classical Siamese Court, being the former residence of the kings of Thailand. **Wat Pho** is regarded as the first centre of public education and is sometimes called 'Thailand's first university'. Mural paintings, inscriptions, and statues found in the temple educated people on various subjects such as literature, warfare, archaeology, astronomy, geology, meditation and is considered to be home of Thai traditional massages. Here, you will enjoy a **30-minute Thai massage** as an excellent break after a morning sightseeing.

Experience an afternoon trip along the bustling **Chao Phya River and the quiet Klong (canals)** in a long tail boat, in which you can enjoy scenes of Bangkok life. We will bring you to a more traditional and serene way of living around Thonburi residential areas, away from all the skyscrapers and modern buildings of Bangkok City Centre. We will also stop by the "Temple of Dawn" (officially named **Wat Arun**). Finally, a visit to the **Flower and Vegetable market** will round off this day. Located close to the Chao Phraya River, the place pictures a rural piece of Bangkok where a vast selection of all kinds of flowers, especially orchids and tropical flowers, can be found. Also, observe how the merchants create very special flower garlands. This Bangkok day tour ends at the Golden Mountain

Please note that photography is permitted in the Royal Palace Grounds and in the compounds of the Emerald Buddha Temple, but not inside the buildings. Also, note that the chapel is a

national shrine and that you will be required to wear proper attire (no bare shoulders, knees or strapless-heel shoes). Shoes must be removed before entering the temple buildings as a matter of respect.

- Facts: Private - Daily (except Sundays), all major languages
- Duration - 9 hours (08:00 – 17:00)
- Meals - **Lunch included**

Be mindful: The Palace may be closed without prior notice during Royal ceremonies and officials/head of state visits. The inner courts of the Grand Palace are frequently closed on Sundays; we do recommend not to book this excursion on Sundays to avoid disappointment

Overnight in Bangkok



DAY #3: BANGKOK - FULL DAY DAMNOEN SADUAK & RIVER KWAI TOUR / OR FULL DAY AYUTTHAYA RUINS / + AND EVENING TUK TUK FOODIE TOUR (BREAKFAST AND LUNCH)

Full day Damnoen Saduak & River Kwai Tour

This busy full day tour will take you first to the rural yet world-famous **floating market of Damnern Saduak**, situated about 100 kilometres west of Bangkok. It is generally known as Klong Ton Khem Floating Market or Damnern Saduak Floating Market. Damnern Saduak has officially three floating markets. A narrow canal flanked with food stalls and souvenir shops form the principal market at Ton Kem. Farther south are the rarely visited markets of Her Kui and Khun Pitak. Photographers at Ton Kem will get their best shots from the bridge which crosses over the canal and from the shed on the right. Nowadays, the market is bustling with activity from very early in the morning until about 11.00 am.



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We will then continue to the world famous bridge on the **River Kwai**, built during World War II by the prisoners of the war. The bridge is located near Kanchanaburi town, 130 kilometres west of Bangkok. You will visit the well-kept War Cemetery of Allied Prisoners, which contains the graves of an estimated 9,000 Allied soldiers. These soldiers died while building the bridge and the notorious “Death Railway” which the Japanese had hoped to stretch all the way to the Burmese border. This tour will also bring you closer to the past, as paying a visit to the JEATH Museum (the name “JEATH” is derived from Japan, England, America/Australia, Thailand and Holland), where the past has been created and relived with pictures and artefacts out of this time. We will return back to Bangkok in the late afternoon.

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- Facts: Private - Daily, all major languages
- Duration - 9.5 hours (07:30 – 17:00)
- Meals - Lunch included
- Train - Due to time constraints in relation to the train schedule, **we are unable to include a train ride over the Death Railway in this program.**

Full day AYUTTHAYA RUINS

Visit the former capital of Thailand, Ayutthaya, situated approximately 75 kilometers north of Bangkok and which is one of those destinations you have to see. The mix of cultures in Ayutthaya began in the mid-16th century when ships from Ayutthaya plied the Asian seas, trading with neighboring countries. When the Dutch showed up in the 17th century, Ayutthaya became a port city and trade routes were extended to China, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Holland and France and even up to the Scandinavian countries later. Although the ancient villages of foreign traders lining the Chao Phraya river banks were abandoned when the city was sacked by Burmese troops in 1767, some remnants have survived and now showcase the city’s past glory. The tour will start at the Summer Palace of the late King Rama V, commonly known as “Bang Pa- In”. You will then continue to the magnificent ruins of early splendor that Ayutthaya is famous for all over the world. We will pass or visit all the most impressive ruins of this World Heritage Site. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Ayutthaya. We will eventually return to Bangkok by coach.

Note: - Kindly be aware that proper attire is required to enter the Summer Palace compounds; our guide will be pleased to advise you accordingly.

- Facts: Private - Daily
- Language : English
- Duration : Approx. 8-9.5 hours (07:00 – 18:00)
- Meals - Lunch included - Food Only

Included services:

- Lunch at local restaurant - Food Only
- Entrance fee to temples
- Private transfer
- An English speaking guide



Evening: Tuk Tuk Foodie Tour / Pick up time: 6 PM at lobby

Enjoy a night spend exploring Bangkok via Tuk-Tuk, so named for the sound emitted from its small capacity, two-cycle engine. Your evening of adventure begins as you embark upon your 4 hour open-air journey that will take you past bustling markets, ancient temples and savoury street food as you witness the city come alive under a glistening stream of vibrant night lights. Continue to **Wat Prayoon**, standing out from the rest of the city’s temples thanks in part to its iconic red fence, fashioned out of ancient lances, swords and axes. The temple was built during the reign of King Rama III and features a low-rise Turtle Mountain housing spirits dedicated to the deceased. From there, pass by the Memorial Bridge, stretching over the Chao Phraya River. At the **Giant Swing**, learn about the prior influence of Brahmanism in Thailand. The nearly 70-foot swing was originally built in 1784 to serve as an integral part of Brahmin ceremonies. Enjoy a visit to the **Flower Market**, where you will see numerous varieties of exotic orchids and sweet smelling flowers. The buzz in0 this market is best experienced at night during which busy vendors load their wares up and down their mopeds. Travel to **Yaowarat Road**, home to Bangkok’s thriving Chinatown District. Here you will find an array of gold shops, exotic markets, historic buildings and colourful snacks. Visit a local restaurant where you can sample mango sticky rice. Return to your hotel.

Services included: Tuk Tuk with English speaking guide, cold water and food tasting during the tour.

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DAY #4: TRANSFER TO BANGKOK AIRPORT, FLIGHT TO PHUKET.

Transfer from hotel to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport for domestic or international flight.

Included Services:

- All mentioned tours, and transfers with English speaking guide and transportation, and admission fees
- Meals as indicated in program
- 3 nights of lodging at chosen hotel in Bangkok with breakfast and taxes
- Service charge and current government tax

Excluded services:

- Private transfer surcharge: Pick-up time at Airport for flight scheduled to arrive between 22.00 – 06.00 hrs or departure from Hotel to Airport between 22.00 – 06.00 hrs. Surcharge USD20 / per Vehicle.
- Expenditure of a personal nature i.e. laundry, telephone bills, drinks, souvenirs etc.
- International and Domestic air-tickets
- Supplement charge for festivals and special events upon arrival
- Optional tours
- Services and meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Expenses due to no show caused by airline delays, flight cancellations, natural disasters, or situations outside the direct control of our operation
- Gratuities and tips to guides and drivers

