



**12 NIGHTS/ 13 DAYS**

**THAILAND**

**MAY 15-27, 2024**

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**ITINERARY****DAY 1 - Wednesday, May 15 - ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK**

Arrival in Bangkok's **SUVANNABHUMI** International Airport.

Flights TBA.

Meet your local guide at the main arrival hall. Private transfer to your hotel in Bangkok.

Overnight in Bangkok

**DAY 2 - Thursday, May 16 - BANGKOK**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your private guide and driver and start your tour of **Bangkok**, Thailand's Capital city. Your tour will include:

**WAT POH**, The Temple of the **Reclining Buddha**, is the oldest and largest Buddhist temple in Bangkok. Wat Pho is the largest and oldest Wat in Bangkok and is home to more than 1,000 Buddha images, more than any other temple in the country. Wat Pho is the birthplace of traditional Thai massage. Even prior to the temple's founding, the site was a center of education for traditional Thai medicine, It also shelters the Reclining Buddha, the Reclining Buddha is 46 meters long and 15 meters high.

Visit to the **EMERALD BUDDHA TEMPLE & THE GRAND PALACE**. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha sits within the grounds of the Royal Grand Palace, surrounded by walls more than a mile long. Inside, it contains some of the finest examples of Buddhist sculpture, architecture, painting, and decorative craft in Thailand. The Emerald Buddha sits atop a huge gold altar in the center of the temple. It is over 2 feet tall, made of green jasper or perhaps jadeite.

Enjoy lunch at a Riverside restaurant (included)

After lunch board a boat for **KLONG TOUR**, canal tour along the **CHAOPHRAYA River** and visit **WAT ARUN** (DAWN TEMPLE). Bangkok has been called "the Venice of the East" due to the many canals, known locally as "klongs" that crisscross the old city. In the old days of Bangkok these canals served as the main routes of transportation in the city. Even today, homes along the klongs each one have a small dock on the water. There are still many locals who live along the klongs and depend on them daily to reach markets or temples.

Return to the hotel, enjoy some time at leisure, refresh and relax.

At around 7:00 PM depart for a special night tour. Visit "**PAK KLONG TALAD**", also known as the **FLOWER MARKET**, a wholes flower market serving everyone from flower vendors to florists, but it also has a good selection of fresh vegetables and typical thai sweets, which are bought in the pre-dawn hours to be transported to neighborhood markets around Bangkok for sale in the morning. Pak Klong Talad is the most important flowers & Vegetables wholesale market in Thailand.

Return back to the hotel.

Overnight in Bangkok (Breakfast, Lunch)



### DAY 3 - Friday, May 17 - DAMNERN SADUAK, KLONG KHONE

Breakfast at the hotel.

After check out depart the hotel to the **DAMNERN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET**. On your way visit a **COCONUT FARM**, where coconut sugar is made and famous quality product of **Samut Songkhram Province**. When a coconut tree is about 3-4 years old, its' spadices are cut, so that farmers can collect its sweet sap, they simmer it over a fire until it becomes brown and dry.

The Floating Market, known as **Damnernsaduak** was actually the name of the canal dug in the reign of King Rama IV. Nowadays, people live densely along both sides of the canal. The majority of this people are agriculturists, growing several different kinds of fruit and vegetable. Day in and day out from about 8 a.m. to about 11 a.m. the Floating Market is routinely crowded with hundreds of vendors and purchasers floating in their small rowing boats selling and buying or exchanging their goods. What they purchase are particularly food, fruit and vegetable which mostly brought from their own orchards.

After your visit continue to the town of **AMPHAWA**. At **BAAN MAI CHAI LANE**, board a boat long tailed speed boat for an excursion into the mangrove forest. While in your visit you will enjoy picnic lunch at a **KRA – TENG**, a bamboo hut built in the sea. On your way back you will visit the monkey colony and have fun time feeding the money.

After this excursion, continue for a visit of the **MAEKLONG TRAIN MARKET**, nicknamed in Thai Salad Rom Hoop, Maning the Umbrella Puuldown market. The railway became famous for its route along the Meaklong market which whenever the train approaches, the awnings and shops fronts are moved back from the rails to let the train pass. You will be there at the right time to see this fantastic view.

Continue to **KANCHANABURI**, known for the Death Railway, built during WWII. The line crosses over the River Khwae Yai via the Death Railway Bridge. The Thailand–Burma Railway Centre explores the wider history of the railway. (Try watching the movie “The Bridge on River Kwai”).



Check into your very special hotel and enjoy dinner at the hotel (included).

Overnight in Kanchanaburi (Breakfast, Dinner)



## DAY 4 - Saturday, May 18 - KANCHANABURI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will visit the area of Kachnaburi. Start with a visit to the **HIN DAAD HOT SPRING**. The Riverside Hot Spring along with a pond for bathing. It was discovered by Japanese soldier during the Second World War.

Visit the **ERAWAN WATERFALL**, the largest and most beautiful waterfall in Western Thailand on the banks of river **KWAI** and the **IN KHAO SALOP (ERAWAN)** national park. The fall is about 2,000 meter tall divided into 7 levels.

Enjoy lunch in a local traditional Thai restaurant (included). In late afternoon return to the resort and enjoy time to relax.

Optional Kayaking on River Kwai.

Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight in Kanchanaburi (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



**DAY 5 - Saturday, May 19 - WAT THAM SUE, CHAING MAI**

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast check out of the hotel.

Visit **WAT THAM SUA**, known as the Chinese temple. The temple is a beautiful combination of Thai and Chinese temple housing a huge Buddha image situated on the mountain.

After your visit you will drive to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi airport (approximately 4 hours), stop for lunch and upon arrival board your flight to **CHIANG MAI**.

Arrive in Chiang Mai, meet your local guide and private transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai (Breakfast)





**DAY 6 - Sunday, May 20 - CHIANG MAI, ELEPHANT FARM**

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast you will be picked up for your special day at an **ELEPHANT FARM**. Upon arrival at the farm you will change into your special training outfit.

Your special training will include hiking to find the elephant in the bush, learn about elephant farm management and our breeding program, how to behave when you are near elephants and observe elephants temperament. You will participate in morning feeding, observe daily care, elephants skin care, see how elephants get pregnancy test and see first hand how mothers take care of their baby elephants.

You will enjoy picnic lunch (included) followed by the highlight of your visit, bathing with the elephants, communicating with them and optional riding back to the farm on the elephants (bare back). Before the end of the day you will participate in the elephants evening feeding.

Return to the hotel. Dinner on your own

Overnight in Chiang Mai (Breakfast, Picnic Lunch)

**DAY 7 - Tuesday, May 21 - CHIANG MAI**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start your day with a drive to **DOI SUTHEP**. Upon arrival at the **DOI SUTHEP TEMPLE** take the cable car to the top of the temple for a majestic view of the Temple and the Chiang Mai surrounding areas.

After your visit continue for a visit of the **HANDICRAFT OUTLET VILLAGE** in **SAN KAMPANG**. At this village you will learn first hand how local people at the San Kamphaeng district handmade local products like paper umbrellas and crafts.

Return to the hotel and enjoy free afternoon at leisure.

After time to relax and enjoy time at the hotel resort, depart to **KHUM KHANTOKE** for Authentic Lanna Dining and Thai Shows. After the show transfer back to the hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai (Breakfast, Dinner)

## DAY 8 - Wednesday, May 22 - LIGHT TREK, DOI INTHANON, HOME HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart the hotel for you light trek at **BAAN MAE KLANG LUANG**, Karen Hill Tribal Village. You will enjoy a 2 hour trek (about 3 KM) trail through the **KAREN HILL** tribal village by following the route of the **PHA SEOW** Waterfall. Enjoy the beautiful picturesque scenery and learn about agricultural farming in Thailand by walking along Asparagus, Cherry tomatoes farms.

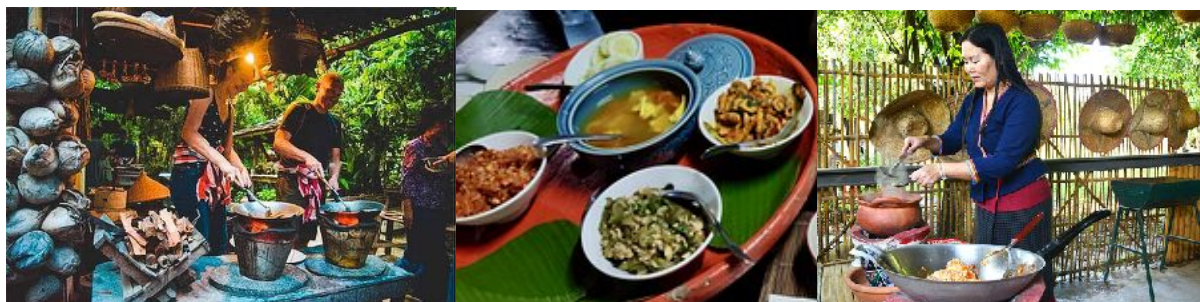
Continue for a visit of the **ROYAL PROJECT, DOI INTHANON** and the **TWIN PAGODA**.  
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (included).

Visit the **WACHIRATHARN WATERFALL**, this beautiful waterfall with it's 750 meter drop into a deep pool below creating a misty veil and great beauty.

Your last stop for the day will be the **BANDOO** at the **HANGDONG** district where you will arrive at the home of the **RAUNKAEW-YANON** family who arrived in the area by elephant back almost 150 years ago. The family is an ancient Lanna family, continuing the traditions of many generations in building their homes of teak wood and maintaining the natural surroundings in A manner now rarely seen in **CHIANG MAI**. At their home you will learn and experience the simple Lanna way of life including a visit to the family orchard with many types of fruit such as banana, mango, coconut and the garden filled with herbs for cooking.

You will join the family cooking a meal for dinner and enjoy authentic dinner with the family. At the conclusion of dinner private transfer to the hotel (arrival around 8:30 PM).

Overnight in Chiang Mai (Breakfast, Dinner)





## DAY 9 - Thursday, May 23 - CHIANG MAI, KOH SAMUI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out of the hotel and depart to the Chiang Mai airport for your flight to island of **KOH SAMUI**.  
Arrival at Samui airport. Meet and greet and private transfer to your Samui hotel located at Chaweng Beach.

Overnight in Samui (Breakfast)

## DAY 10 - Friday, May 24 - KOH SAMUI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Friday at leisure to enjoy the resort, beach, pool, spa.

Overnight in Samui (Breakfast)



## DAY 11 - Saturday, May 25 - SAMU, CORAL ISLAND

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart the hotel and board a long tail boat to the **CORAL ISLAND**. In the first part of your day you will visit the **KRUT** village where you will embark. You will cruise by a long tail boat (20 minutes).

Coral Island is Koh Samui's neighboring island. This rustic tranquility place is a primitive island with a small pristine village. The island is surrounded by coral reefs along the white sandy beaches.

You will enjoy snorkeling along the coral reef near **KOH TAN**, where you will see many beautiful tropical fish and corals. Continue to **KOH MADSUM** and enjoy swimming or relaxing on the beach along. Your tour will include round trip transfers, life jackets & Snorkeling Mask, drinking water, lunch and English speaking guide. This tour is not private. The tour does not include entrance fee for Koh Madsum ( 50 baht/\$1.5 per person paid at the entrance). Program can be changed depending on weather and tide condition).

Cruise back to Koh Samui for lunch at beachside restaurant and enjoy late afternoon at leisure at the hotel.

Overnight in Samui (Breakfast, Lunch)



**DAY 12 - Sunday, May 26 - KOH SAMU, BANGKOK**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Late morning check out of the hotel. Private transfer to Samui airport for your flight to Bangkok.

Arrive in Bangkok airport, meet your local guide and driver and transfer to your hotel.

Free afternoon at leisure in Bangkok.

In early evening depart the hotel for your Bangkok grand finale dinner at the BAIYONKY SKY restaurant and observation deck (84th floor) for majestic view of Bangkok by night.

After dinner private transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Bangkok (Breakfast, Dinner)

**DAY 13 - Monday, May 27 - DEPARTURE**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out and private transfer to **SUVANNABHUMI** International Airport.

Flight back to the USA. Flights TBA.



## PACKAGE INCLUDES

Lodging	12 nights in deluxe first class hotels 3 nights in Bangkok 2 nights in Kanchanaburi 4 nights in Chiang Mai 3 nights in Samui
Melas	12 Breakfast at hotels 6 lunch 4 dinner 1 Family cooking dinner
Transportation	Airport private transfer in all locations
Tour Guide	Private English speaking tour guide on all private tours English speaking guide on joint tour boats
Activities & Entrance fees	All entrance and sightseeing fees as indicated in the itinerary
Service	24/7 ground service support by our office in Bangkok

## NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

International Flights	International flights to and from Bangkok, Thailand. We will be happy to assist in booking.
Domestic Flights	Domestic flights as per itinerary (3 flights). Booked by B2 Travel Group. Exact cost provided for customer. Rates subject to change until booked.
Gratuities/Tips	Tips for guides and drivers \$25-\$35 per day
Credit Card fees	Please note that for any payments by credit card, a 4.5% processing fee will be added.

## DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

FLIGHT	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVAL	REMARKS
TBA	May 19, 2024	BANGKOK	CHIANG RAI	TBA	TBA	NOT YET BOOKED
TBA	May 23, 2024	CHIANG MAI	SAMUI	TBA	TBA	NOT YET BOOKED
TBA	May 26, 2024	SAMUI	BANGKOK	TBA	TBA	NOT YET BOOKED



