

Enjoy a sneak peek of a few highlights on this 10-day tour from Bangkok to the north of Thailand.
Traveling by private car and a private guide is a great way to enjoy an authentic experience.
And while in this part of the world, you can add a beach-stay at one of the many beautiful resort islands. Don't forget the Angkor Wat Temple in neighboring Cambodia, just a one hour flight away!

#### **Experience Bangkok**

Bangkok, Thailand's capital, is a large metropolis known for its ornate shrines and vibrant street life. The boat-filled Chao Phraya River feeds its network of canals, locally known as klongs.

#### Kanchanaburi

Enjoy an historic ride on the famous and notorious Death Railway Train, while passing beautiful sceneries of Kanchanaburi's lush forests.

#### **Chiang Mai Elephant Sanctuary**

Visit an Elephant Sanctuary, where you can interact and play with the gentle giants. You may join the elephants for a therapeutic mud spa as well.





## The Package Includes:

- 9 nights accommodation in double occupancy
- 9 breakfasts
- 1 lunch with a Lanna family
- 1 lunch at the elephant sanctuary
- Private transfers from airports to hotels and v.v.
- Private English speaking local guides during sightseeing (unless stated otherwise)
- Ground transportation in private, air-conditioned vehicles
- Drinking water and cold towels during sightseeing

## The Package Does Not Include:

- · Lunches and dinners unless mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities
- Beverages
- Any airfare

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#### Thailand Highlights - 10 days / 9 nights



### Day 1: Bangkok

Welcome to Thailand! The country is blessed with attractions from bustling modern cities to golden tropical beaches, thanks to the renowned hospitality of the Thai people. This is why it's known as 'The Land of Smiles'.

Arrival at Bangkok Airport. Meet & greet and transfer to your hotel. Day at leisure.

Overnight in Bangkok

## Day 2: Bangkok

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will visit two of the most important sights of Bangkok.

The Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho is a giant lying Buddha, covered in gold leaf. The Grand Palace is a must-see for every visitor to Bangkok. Located close to the banks of the Chao Phraya River (River of Kings), the Grand Palace is the perfect example of an ancient Siamese court. Within the compound is the Temple of The Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew), which houses Thailand's most precious image of the Lord Buddha.

Important: Please note that for visiting the Grand Palace, you will be required to wear proper attire (no bare shoulders, bare knees). Shoes must be removed before entering all temple buildings as a matter of respect.

Overnight in Bangkok

### Day 3: Bangkok

Early breakfast at the hotel. To discover the old days of Bangkok, travel approximately 100 km outside the city to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market with its many colors, flavors and exotic fragrances. Start with a scenic ride on a narrow long tail - speedboat, passing riverside villages and fruit plantations, before entering the vibrant market. There will be many photo-opportunities along the way and on the colorful market on the water.

#### Overnight in Bangkok



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### Day 4: Bangkok - Kanchanaburi

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up from your hotel and depart for Kanchanaburi, known for the Death Railway, built during WWII. The line crosses over the River Khwae Yai via the Death Railway Bridge. Displays at the JEATH War Museum honor the prisoners of war who died building the bridge. Nearby, thousands of Allied soldiers are buried at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. Visit the War Museum, the War Cemetery and the River Kwai Bridge. Take a historic ride on the Death Railway Train, passing lush forests.

Overnight in Kanchanaburi

## Day 5: Kanchanaburi – Uthai Thani

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, drive to the Erawan National Park. The major attraction is the 7-tiered Erawan Falls with emerald-green ponds. The park and the falls are named after the three-headed white elephant of Hindu mythology. The top tier of the falls is said to resemble an elephant head.

Continue to Uthai Thani and check-in to your hotel.

#### Overnight in Uthai Thani



### Day 6: Uthai Thani - Sukhothai

Breakfast at the hotel. The Wat Tha Sung Crystal Temple was built a long time ago, back in the days of Ayutthaya. The temple possesses a small monastery where paintings of Buddha's history were completed by local artists. Another precious temple is the Luang Poh Yai pulpit where a stucco of Buddha's image, as well as traditional Thai wood carvings, are displayed.

Surrounded by nature, it's time to enjoy an old-time river cruise along the Sakaekrang River.

Afterwards, continue to Sukhothai and check in to your hotel.

Overnight in Sukhothai

# Day 7: Sukhothai - Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the famous Historical Park of Sukhothai and its many ruins from the 13th century. Wat Mahathat is considered the spiritual center of the Kingdom. Wat Sri Chum is one of the largest sitting Buddha statues of the country. Sukhothai was also the first capital of the Kingdom of Siam and is the cradle of Thai culture. Visit Wat Phra That Lumpang Luang and continue the drive to Chiang Mai. Check-in to your hotel. Enjoy the famous night market at your leisure.

**Overnight in Chiang Mai** 

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### Day 8: Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a fun cooking experience with a local family in a private home and learn about their way of life. The friendly hosts show their family tree in photos of their forefathers arriving in Chiang Mai riding elephants almost 150 years ago. The wealth of the family shows in the size of the house and rice barn as well as the large area dedicated to gardens and orchards. The homeowner takes you to select fresh ingredients from the garden, and fruits such as mango and coconut from the orchard. You'll then cook traditional northern Thai food filled with flavor and freshness! Included in this tour: Transfer from/to hotel in Chiang Mai (private with driver only). Welcome drink. Lunch. English speaking Home Host. The cooking with lunch will be in private basis, and all other activities are on join-in basis.

Continue the tour and visit the most significant temple of Chiang Mai, Doi Suthep, the sacred temple with a challenging flight of steps. Transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

## **Day 9: Chiang Mai – Elephant Sanctuary**

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day visit to an Elephant Sanctuary (Joining activity, private transfer)

Pick up from your hotel by a local 4WD truck. You'll drive approximately 1.5 hours outside of Chiang Mai through rural landscapes, agricultural areas and forested hills. Meet your guide and walk for 10-15 minutes through the village to the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary.

Change into traditional clothing and enjoy a lesson about elephant anatomy, history, and behavior. Meet the elephants, feed, interact and play with them in their natural home.

Lunch of traditional Thai food and fresh fruits will be served.

Walk with the elephants to the river, where you can bathe and brush the gentle giants. You can also join the elephants for a therapeutic mud spa or swim in the river. Change back into your clothes and walk for about 10-15 minutes through the village, before leaving the sanctuary and returning to Chiang Mai.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

# Day 10: Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Chiang Mai Airport for your onward flight.



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## Hotel options or similar

City	Option A	Option B
Bangkok	Mandarin Hotel managed by CenterPoint 4*  Deluxe room	Rembrandt Hotel & Towers 4* Superior Room
Kanchanaburi	Felix River Kwai Resort 4* Superior Garden View room	<b>Dheva Mantra Resort</b> 4+* Superior Garden room
Uthai Thani	UThai River Lake Resort 3* Superior room	UThai River Lake Resort 3* Superior room
Sukhothai	<b>Le Charme Sukhothai</b> 3* Superior room	Legendha Sukhothai 4* Superior room
Chiang Mai	The Empress 4* Superior room	<b>Veranda High Resort MGallery 4+*</b> <i>Valley Deluxe Escape room</i>

# Rates 10 days / 9 nights

Dates	Option A Per person double occupancy	Option B Per person double occupancy	
Nov. 1 - Feb. 29, 2024	<b>\$</b> 2,799	<b>\$</b> 3,399	
March 1 - April 30, 2024	<b>\$</b> 2,799	<b>\$</b> 3,199	
May 1 - Oct. 10, 2024	\$ 2,749	\$ 3,099	
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