









November 9 - 18, 2024

# Adventures in THAILAND

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# Nov. 9 | Departure

Depart on your international flight to Thailand.

Nov. 10 | Fly to Bangkok

# Nov. 11 | Arrive in Bangkok

Arrive in the capital city of Thailand. What originated as a fifteenth-century trading outpost has since developed into a hub of intensity. A kaleidoscope of sights lay all around, from the ancient temples to the modern scooter taxis, from the street food vendors to the neon lights that pierce the night. Visit three of Bangkok's coolest neighborhoods by private tuk-tuk. Sample some of the city's local food and explore the "City of Angels" on your own for a bit. Ride to Chinatown before settling down at your hotel. **(D)** 

Dinner included. Overnight in Bangkok.

# Nov. 12 | Grand Palace, Temple of the Emerald Buddha, River Cruise, Kanchanaburi

Visit awe-inspiring religious centers. An early morning start ensures the opportunity to witness Wat Pho's monks gather for the morning chant. Explore the spiritual grounds, including the gilded 45-meter reclining Buddha. Next up is the Grand Palace. You'll feel as if you've stepped into Rodgers and Hammerstein's The King and I. Sunlight bounces off of golden tiles. Curvaceous rooftops protect hidden statues and figures. The Grand Palace has been the seat of the Thai monarchy for more than two centuries. Water means life to Thailand. Akin to Egypt's Nile River, Thailand's seasonal monsoons bring fertility to the land. A river cruise is the perfect way to see how the locals revere their waterways. Make a stop at Baan Silapin, famous for its puppet shows. Then, travel towards central Thailand as you make your way to Kanchanaburi. (B, D)

Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

# Nov. 13 | Huai Mae Khamin Waterfall

With sunlight streaming through jade-colored leaves, weave through the mystical rainforest of Sri Nakarin National Park. Your inner child is sure to come alive! Tiered waterfalls cascade along easy hiking trails. Keep an eye out for native wildlife such as gibbons, peacock pheasants, hornbills, and barking deer. From there, head out to one of Thailand's largest lakes, Srinakarin, created by a dam built in 1980. **(B, L, D)** 

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

# Nov. 14 | WWII Museum, Allied War Cemetery

Continue learning about lesser-known WWII history as you explore the WWII Museum, recently voted Thailand's best museum and the Allied War Cemetery. During WWII, 60,000 were captured and used to build the Japanese train line into Burma (now Myanmar). Pay your respects to fallen Allied soldiers at the cemetery. Transfer to Ayutthaya, Thailand's former capital. Its mythical ruins hold a temple that once claimed to be the center of the universe. True or not, the temple certainly leaves its mark. Hundreds of figures line the pathways. Formidable stairways climb so long and steep that they seem to stretch towards heaven. These icons of foregone Siamese royalty whisper declarations of conviction that permeate the culture. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site and glean insight seldom available to the western world. **(B, D)** 

Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Ayutthaya.

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# Nov. 15 | Aranyik & Chiang Mai Private Table

Visit Aranyik, known for its knife craftmanship. Each villager has their own knife-making technique, which you can observe and discuss with them. Meet one of Chiang Mai's culinary masters, Chef Gee, during an intimate dining experience. Return back to Chiang Mai to celebrate the Loy Loy Krathong Festival. (B, D)

Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

#### Nov. 16 | ChangChill Elephant Experience

Be a part of a historical effort in Thailand – transforming the treatment of elephants. For thousands of years, the Thai people have relied upon elephants for their livelihood. Now, thanks to the ChangChill Elephant Experience, they are learning a harmonious respect for these exquisite creatures. **(B, D)** 

Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

## Nov. 17 | Doi Suthep

Enjoy Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, named after two mountains within the park – Doi Suthep and Doi Pui. Numerous waterfalls, lookout points, and trails make it one of the best parks in the country. Doi Suthep Temple is the most popular attraction within the park and offers great views of Chiang Mai's cityscape. The indigenous wildlife also adds to the wonder. See if you can spot dholes, Assam macaques, Indochinese serows, Malayan porcupines, and more. **(B)** 

Breakfast included. Overnight flight or overnight in Chiang Mai.

# Nov. 18 | Return

Return home a changed person with rare and unexpected perspectives to share!

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinne

# YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Round-trip International Airfare
Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
Meals as Listed in the Itinerary , Deluxe Motorcoaches
First-Class Hotels & much more!







