



HIGHLIGHTS OF THAILAND

8 days | US\$2,100 | Thailand

Bangkok, Walking tour, Grand Palace, River Kwai, Kanchanaburi, Ayutthaya, Mekhala River Barge Cruise, Chiang Mai, Cooking Class

Journey through Thailand and experience the highlights with a particular focus on delicious Thai cuisine, visit Bangkok and Chang Mai, cruise the Chao Praya River aboard a custom designed river barge. Explore the colourful markets and absorb the history of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Fly between major centres, and stay at the best available accommodation including the world renowned Sukhothai in Bangkok.

Days 1-3 Bangkok

Experience Bangkok with its hustle and bustle, sample an ancient Siamese court with a visit to the Grand Palace. Visit Bangkok's Wat Po Temple famous for the reclining Buddha and opulent gold leaf. Explore Chinese way of life with a guided walk through China town and a Tuk Tuk ride. Cruise the Chao Phraya River – the city's lifeblood and the canals of Thonburi, glimpse the serene and simple lifestyle of riverbank dwellers. Savour the experience of Bangkok the "Venice of the East".

Day 4 - River Kwai & Kanchanaburi

Set off for Kanchanaburi by private vehicle a lovely riverside town with beautiful scenery and warm welcoming people. Today's visits will be dedicated to the history of the "Death Railway", built by prisoners of war during World War II.

Day 5 - Ayuthaya & Mekhala River Barge Cruise

Travel to one of Asia's great former capitals, Ayuthaya, and explore striking temple ruins. Return to Bangkok along the Chao Phraya River, the lifeblood of the metropolis, aboard a custom-designed river barge and indulge in delicious Thai food on-deck. Retire under the stars to your private air-conditioned cabins on this atmospheric journey as you sail by small fishing boats and riverside scenery.

Days 6-8 - Chiang Mai & Cooking Class

Fly to Chiang Mai, former capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom, discover the north with a samlor (bicycle rickshaw) tour inside the old city walls. In the evening explore the famous night markets. Enjoy an entertaining half-day cooking class, complete with a visit to the local market to identify the abundant spices and produce that makes Thai cuisine so delicious. Visit serene Doi Suthep Monastery and lunch on khao soi soup, the most famous dish in the north. Your journey through Thailand's tastes, sights and smells ends on day 8 with an airport transfer.

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