

## 16 Days | Discover Thailand | With Flights

Bangkok - Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai - Sukhothai - Ayutthaya - Phuket

From **\$4,999** Typically \$5,999 ✈ pp twin share



Return International Economy Class Airfares from Australia to Thailand

14 nights of First Class Accommodations throughout

Explore the bustling city of Bangkok and relax in the tourist hotspot Phuket

Discover Ancient Wonders through Thailand's cultural Towns and Villages

## Description

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Traveling to Thailand is an enchanting journey that promises a diverse blend of culture, history, and natural beauty.

Starting your adventure in Bangkok, the vibrant capital city, you'll be captivated by its bustling streets, historic temples, and modern skyscrapers. One of the most iconic sights in Bangkok is the Grand Palace, a dazzling complex that houses the revered Wat Phra Kaew, also known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Exploring the bustling markets and street food stalls, like the Chatuchak Weekend Market, will give you a taste of the city's energetic atmosphere.

From Bangkok, a short flight or overnight train will take you to Chiang Mai, a city nestled in the lush hills of northern Thailand. Chiang Mai is famous for its ancient temples, the most notable being Wat Phra Singh and Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, perched atop a hill offering panoramic views of the city. While in Chiang Mai, you can also embark on an elephant sanctuary visit or immerse yourself in the local culture at the Sunday Night Market. The city is a hub for traditional handicrafts and a great place to explore Thailand's rich heritage.

Continuing northward to Chiang Rai, you'll find the unique Wat Rong Khun, or the White Temple, an otherworldly creation that stands out in stark contrast to the traditional temples in Thailand. This modern architectural masterpiece is adorned with intricate white carvings and reflects themes of good versus evil. Additionally, the Blue Temple, or Wat Rong Suea Ten, is a must-visit for its striking blue façade and impressive interior murals.

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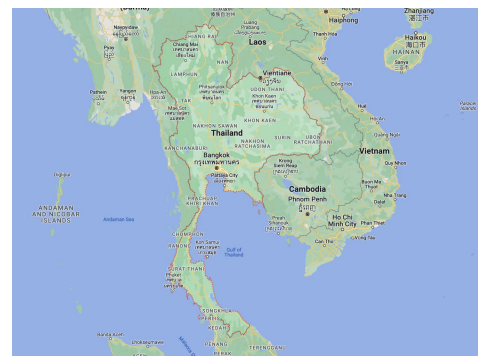
Sukhothai, the first capital of Thailand, offers a glimpse into the country's ancient history. The Sukhothai Historical Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to well-preserved ruins and statues of Buddha, providing a serene and educational experience. Cycling through the park allows you to explore the historical relics at your own pace.

Ayutthaya, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a short journey from Bangkok and was once the second capital of Siam. The city is known for its towering prang, large Buddha statues, and the haunting beauty of its ruins. The Ayutthaya Historical Park, with its ancient temples and palaces, tells the story of the city's rich past.

For a complete change of scenery, head south to the island paradise of Phuket. Patong Beach is the bustling heart of the island, known for its vibrant nightlife and water sports. But Phuket has more to offer than just beaches. Explore Phang Nga Bay with its iconic limestone karsts, visit the Old Phuket Town with its charming Sino-Portuguese architecture, or venture to the nearby Phi Phi Islands for crystal-clear waters and stunning snorkeling spots.



Whether you're admiring the opulent temples of Bangkok, savoring the tranquil history of Sukhothai and Ayutthaya, or enjoying the tropical bliss of Phuket, Thailand is a land of endless fascination. This journey through diverse cities and landscapes will provide you with a deep appreciation for the country's rich heritage and natural beauty. Thailand's charming blend of tradition and modernity is sure to leave you with lasting memories and a desire to return for more adventures.



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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**Australia ✈ Bangkok, Thailand**

Today you will check-in and board your flight bound for Thailand! Enjoy the services of your flight.

**Meals:** Inflight Menu

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### Day 2

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**Bangkok**

Arrive in exotic Bangkok, Thailand's capital city. Transfer to your hotel and check in. The rest of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimatise to the new time zone.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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### Day 3

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**Bangkok**

Begin your day with a city and temple tour of Bangkok, a fascinating mix of ancient and modern. Drive through Chinatown and then on to the colorful Indian Market. Visit serene Wat Po, the oldest and largest temple in the city, with the astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long and almost 50 feet high. Drive to Royal Avenue where most of the Government offices are located and the King's Palace. Later in the afternoon, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 5PM, followed by a light dinner with your fellow travelers.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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### Day 4

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**Bangkok**

Today is yours to explore Bangkok independently. Or, take the optional tour to the elaborate 18th-century Grand Palace, the symbol and ceremonial heart of the kingdom, and to Wat Phra Kaew, (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), with its brightly colored buildings, golden spires and gorgeous mosaics. You'll see the distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European design of the Grand Palace. In the afternoon, embark on the optional canal tour along the Chao Phraya River passing by Wat Arun and other iconic landmarks as well as a scenic view of local life along the river. Then travel on a tuk-tuk to dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

*Optional: Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (AM)*

*Optional: Bangkok Canal Tour with Dinner (PM)*

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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### Day 5

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**Bangkok ✈ Chiang Mai**

Morning is at leisure before flying to Chiang Mai, the ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom. The afternoon is free for individual interests, before a unique experience tonight. Join a local Chiang Mai family for an authentic Thai dinner in their home. Enjoy a tour of the home, a conversation about life in Chiang Mai and savor the great flavors of home-cooked food.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation



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## Day 6

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### Chiang Mai

Morning is free to explore this vibrant city independently. In the afternoon, visit Sankampang Street, the center of handicrafts, for on-site demonstrations on how the silk, lacquer, and silver, wares are made. Later, visit the world's largest gem factory, to watch while the gemstones are cut and set. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 7

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### Chiang Mai Doi Suthep Temple Chiang Mai

Start today's morning tour with Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, Northern Thailand's most sacred temple, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha. Equally impressive is the mythological Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase, with 306 steps leading up to the temple grounds. Visit a local jade factory, followed by an afternoon at leisure, or pamper yourself with an optional Thai massage.

*Optional: Thai Traditional Massage (PM)*

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 8

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### Chiang Mai Chiang Rai

This morning, depart Chiang Mai and drive to scenic Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Or, join an afternoon optional excursion to Mae Chan, still inhabited by hill people, namely the Akha, Long Neck and Palong tribes. Visit one of the tribes to see their unique way of life and learn more about their culture.

*Optional: Half Day Mae Chan Hill Tribe Village (PM)*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 9

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### Chiang Rai Mae Sai Border Town & Golden Triangle Chiang Rai

Travel to the border town of Mae Sai, at the tip of Thailand. At this border crossing, arrangements may be made to enter Myanmar\*. Ascend to the hilltop viewpoint to see the famous "Golden Triangle" of Southeast Asia - the meeting point of the borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. The locals call it "Sop Ruak", as this is also where the Mekong meets the Ruak River. Continue to the dramatic House of Opium at Golden Triangle, offering an informative exhibition on the history of opium which dates back almost 5,000 years. This afternoon, enjoy a locally prepared lunch before embarking on a long tail boat ride along the banks of the Mekong River between Myanmar, Laos and Thailand where you will see local farmers and fishermen at their craft and learn more about how this river played a role in the opium trade. End the day with a stop at an old teak forest and view centuries-old giant teak trees before returning to Chiang Rai for the evening.

*\*Entering Myanmar (Burma) requires a border crossing fee of approx US\$45, payable locally. The opportunity to cross the border will depend on local conditions and cannot be guaranteed. If the border crossing is not possible, alternate arrangements will be made.*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 10

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### Chiang Rai 🚗 Sukhothai

Travel southward to Sukhothai, the birthplace of the Thai nation, founded in the 13th century by King Ramkhamhaeng. The country's first capital was established here in 1238 and lasted over two centuries. Sukhothai is world-famous for its over 100 historical sites and treasures, including some of the most beautiful Thai art and architecture in the country, created during the city's "golden era", between the 13th and 14th centuries. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore historical Sukhothai independently.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 11

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### Sukhothai 🚗 Sukhothai Historical Park 🚗 Ayutthaya

After breakfast visit the Old Town of Sukhothai with its impressive Historical Park, immaculately restored and set among leafy hills and peaceful lotus ponds, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At this astonishing site, most of the remains of the original city can be seen. Marvel at the ancient Buddha figures, palaces, temples, and historical monuments and feel yourself drift back in time to a bygone era. Depart Sukhothai to Ayutthaya, the second Siamese capital after Sukhothai for over 400 years, once glorified as one of the largest cities in Southeast Asia. Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies in the center of the city. Here, you can see the ruins of the former capital and its remaining palaces, monasteries, and towers - one can envision the grandeur and splendor that was once the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. Continue to the Chai Wattanaram Temple, built by King Prasat Thong to honor his mother, conceived as a replica of the Angkor Temple. Tonight, dinner is at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 12

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### Ayutthaya 🚗 Bangkok ✈️ Phuket

This morning, visit Bang Pa-In Palace, a collection of beautiful buildings in various architectural styles, surrounded by a lake. Originally built by King Prasat Thong in 1632, Bang Pa-In served as the Royal Summer Palace for the Thai kings. Drive to Bangkok Airport for your flight to Phuket, the largest island in Thailand. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the evening is at leisure to begin your exploration of this "paradise on earth" with its world-class beaches and chic jet-set atmosphere. Tonight, perhaps sample some of the island's delicious Malay, Sri Lankan, and Thai cuisine in lively Phuket Town.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 13

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### Phuket

Today is yours to just relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. There is plenty to do and much to see in Phuket, including the Aquarium, Butterfly and Orchid Gardens and the Thai Village. In the older area of the town, discover the 19th-century buildings with their distinctive Sino-Portuguese architectural style. Be sure to stop at the buzzing market where villagers shop for their daily meals or watch the stoic monks on their daily alms rounds. Perhaps, join the full-day optional excursion to Phang Nga Bay and Lawa Island by Cruiser with lunch. Travel through mangrove jungles and limestone peaks, where cliffs rise vertically from the sea. Stop at Phang Nga Bay, one of the most unusual and beautiful coastal locations in the world and Lawa Island with its pristine white sand beaches before returning to Phuket.

*Optional: Full Day Phang Nga Bay and Lawa Island by Cruiser with lunch*

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 14

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### Phuket

Full day at leisure to explore Phuket independently. Spend time in Patong, the island's most famous beach resort. Watch the trendsetters coming in droves to the many restaurants, boutiques and luxurious spas. Or, travel by speedboat on the optional full day excursion to the magnificent Phi Phi Islands. There'll be time to snorkel in the crystal-clear waters, watch the fantastic colorful marine life, and spot the monkeys at Monkey Beach. Enjoy swimming, or sunbathing on the beach before returning to your hotel. On your last night in Phuket, enjoy the island's non-stop entertainment scene, at a choice of bars, clubs with live music and fabulous cabaret shows.

*Optional: Full Day Phi Phi & Bamboo Islands by Speedboat with lunch*

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 15

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### Phuket ✈ Bangkok

Depart Phuket this afternoon by flight to Bangkok. Spend your last day in Thailand at leisure in Bangkok revisiting some of the city's fantastic sights, or shop to your heart's content for souvenirs and treasures at the city's many markets, boutiques and choice of different shops. Treat yourself to a delectable Thai dinner tonight at a world-class restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBC on Booking Confirmation

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## Day 16

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### Bangkok ✈ Australia

Today its time to wrap up your discovery of Thailand and fly home! Make your way to the airport, check-in and board your flight. We hope you have enjoyed your time in Thailand!

**Meals:** Inflight Menu

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfares from all Australian Capital cities to Bangkok
- All intra-flights: Bangkok-Chiang Mai & Bangkok-Phuket-Bangkok
- 14 nights First Class Accommodations based on twin share
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 21 meals: 14 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in a modern air-conditioned motor coach
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- Entrance fees per itinerary
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- Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenditure
- Tips and Gratuities

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