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TWO WEEKS IN THAILAND

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YOUR TRAVEL PROGRAM

Date of Services

Details of Service

Day 1

Arrival in Bangkok



Upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok your guide will be waiting for you in the arrival hall holding a signboard with your name on it and bring you by air-conditioned car to your hotel in Bangkok. On the way your guide will give you some more information about the city and its rich history as well as Thai culture in general.

We will check into your hotel, so you may drop off your luggage prior to the start of your tour. The tour starts with the Grand Palace where you visit the main sites including the magnificent throne halls and the emerald Buddha. We then continue to visit Wat Po. Bangkok's oldest temple is home to the magnificent reclining Buddha as well as the first school of traditional medicine and Thai massage and is also regarded as Thailand's first University.

Afterwards we will drop you off for a star-studded close to your evening at one of Thailand's famous skyline lounges so you may view Thailand's modern palace of Bangkok. Our recommendations are:

Cloud 47: Located on the 47th floor of the United Center Building this spot is perfect for those who wish to mix and mingle with hip locals and have a truly Thai introduction to their time in Bangkok

Moon Bar: Located on the 50th floor of the Banyan tree Hotel, this hotel is regularly featured in every guidebook and travel magazine for its stunning panoramic views of the city. If you are looking to be around a western crowd and get to know Bangkok's cosmopolitan and luxury side.

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Overnight in Bangkok

Day 2

Bangkok



Today in Bangkok will have a foodie focus:

First we will take you to a market that's literally on the move! At the Bangkok Train Market, passenger trains have passed through the center of this local market 8 times a day for almost 30 years. Only an hour drive away from Bangkok you will get a breath-taking experience you will never forget. It's also a great market for you to see, smell and taste a great variety of local produce, handicrafts and the unique peaceful atmosphere of Thai culture.

Afterwards we will switch from trains to pedal power, This exciting and great introduction to Bangkok city life incorporates the many intriguing highlights accessible on bike along with tasty samples taken from the myriad of street food stalls. Your tour begins on Klong Saen Saap with a walk to the nearby Nanglerng Food Market to give a taste of bustling market life.

Try some traditional Thai bites before taking a tuk-tuk for a sightseeing tour, passing the famous landmarks such as Rachadamnoen Avenue, the Giant Swing and City Hall before heading to Chinatown for some superb culinary delights. In the evening we switch back to bikes to make our way around and cycle between some well known dining institutions that every visitor to Bangkok should try. We finish our day at the awe-inspiring Wat Arun before transferring you to the best Pad Thai venue only visited by the locals.

Day 3

Bangkok

Of all Thailand's art forms the most revered is the Art of the 8 Limbs or Muay Thai. Today we will help you find your warrior spirit, as we take you for a private Muay Thai Training Session. Customizable to your fitness level, this can be used either as an intensive workout, or simply a way to better understand Thai culture while you watch the other fighters train. Strictly non-contact.

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In the evening look sharp , we will book you front row seats, as you watch your fighter compete that very evening. In front of a clamouring Thai audience. If you'd like we can even place a bet for you!



Day 4

Bangkok-Ayutthaya- Chiang Mai

In the morning you will depart by car for the one hour drive to Thailand's ancient second capital of Ayutthaya. Here you will be able to explore a massive complex of ruins that encapsulate both the modern Thai Kingdom (One of the King's residencies is stationed here) to the ancient. Ayutthaya, with it's spiraling stupas and historic wats evoke both the beauty of past royalty and the spirituality of the Buddha.

After visiting this site we will drive you to Bangkok international airport for your flight to Chiang Mai. Here, you will be met at the airport by your private guide and rest at your hotel.

Day 5

Chiang Mai

Today we will welcome you to the Call of the Wild!

First up, Doi Inthanon National Park is one of the most fertile natural treasures in northern Thailand. The invigorating mountain air, and fresh cool climate, makes the park a rejuvenating break from the city. The park is home to Thailand's highest peak – Doi Inthanon, rising 2565m above sea level. This National Park is a true jewel of natural beauty, consisting of rugged mountainous terrain blanketed by lush tropical forests and dotted with mighty rivers and majestic waterfalls. The park's protected status makes it a sanctuary for a wide range of animal species with more than 383 species of birds being reported.

Depart from Chiang Mai, and drive ninety minutes to the park's entrance. where you will immediately notice the change: houses and roads make place for trees and streams, while mountains take over from the vast fields in the Mae Ping valley. Your short hike starts at a Karen hill tribe village. Most of the villagers work at the coffee plantation project, the quality of which you will be able to sample, while chatting with your Karen hosts. From here we trek around two hours, crossing small streams on forest trails to several beautiful waterfalls. The pace will be leisurely though there are a few climbs on vertical ladders and bamboo bridges. There will be with plenty of stops to relax and take photos. We then board our vehicle to

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make a last stop at Watchirathan Waterfall, one of the most spectacular in Northern Thailand.

Afterwards we will return you to the city where we will organize a private khan toke lantern dinner for your party. This beautiful meal is centered around the principles of Lanna culture and hospitality. In addition to your sumptuous meal of northern Thai cuisine there will be dancing, singing and the releasing of khan toke lanterns into the sky, signifying all your troubles floating away.

Day 6

Chiang Mai- Chiang Rai



After taking a walk on the wild side, walk alongside the king of the Jungle!

Today we will take you to meet the famed forest elephants of Chiang Mai. These animals, once used by the Thai for logging, are now ambassadors for Chiang Mai's past culture and present forests. You will be introduced to the animals by their Mahouts (care-takers). Afterwards your program can be customized to your interests. Perhaps a piggy-backed ride through the rainforest? Learning to speak 'Elephant', or visiting newborns and their mothers? We can arrange multiple programs for your time with these gentle giants. If you wish we can make this a completely private activity as we work with sanctuaries that are available only to a single party at a time.

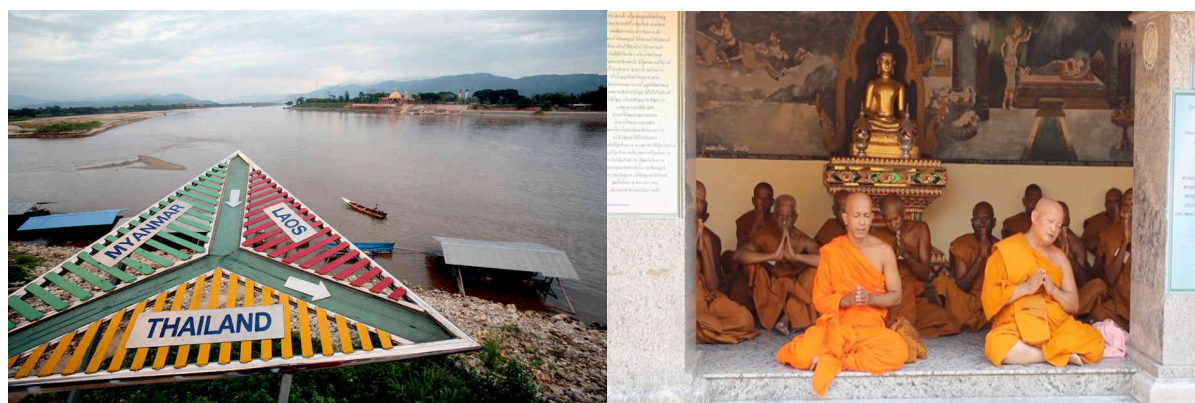
Afterwards, we will begin our drive north to the city of Chiang Rai. This small city 3 hours north of Chiang Mai holds some of Thailand's most unique artistic and geographic resources. The city offers a completely different taste than Chiang Mai, with many immigrants from the Golden Triangle and a 'pure northern' take on food and drink.

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For today, you will explore the sites and temples of the city. Chiang Rai has some of the most dynamic art in Thailand and visiting these galleries and sites is a must. The culmination of your tour will intersect between art and spirituality as you visit the famous juxtapositional art pairing of the 'Black House and 'White Temple'.

Day 7

Chiang Rai- Chiang Mai



In the morning, venture out for your final Northern Thai adventure. You will drive to the Golden Triangle area of Sop Ruak. The Golden Triangle was one of Asia's two main illicit opium-producing areas. It is an area of around 350,000 square kilometers that overlaps the mountains of three countries of mainland South East Asia: Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand.. Here, you may get the chance to meet local hill tribe people who populate the Golden Triangle area. As well as explore the forests and mountains that make up their home.

After exploring return you to Chaing Mai for a final interaction with the locals. We will take you on a Segway tour of the city. This will conclude at the stairway to Chiang Mai's most famous monastery: What Phra That Doi Suthep. At sundown you will walk up the famous dragon stairway to the top until you reach the brilliant golden stupa and monks of this monastery. Here we will give you a private blessing. Celebrating your time in Thailand and the adventures still to come.

Afterwards enjoy dining locally at any of Chiang Mai's charming Thai or foreign restaurants. Tomorrow you will leave Chiang Mai for Thailand's beaches.

Day 8

Chiang Mai- Krabi

In the morning transfer to the airport, we will fly you to Krabi to start your island adventure. Krabi is near enough to Phuket to enjoy sharing its wonders such as the stunning Andaman Sea, but also far enough off the beaten path that you may still enjoy space and wilderness that proves difficult to find on Thailand's more well known islands of Koh Samui and Phuket.

Day 9-12

Krabi

Please relax and enjoy the Island Life! Nearly any activity can be arranged for you on the spot. From Kayaking deep into Krabi's Mangrove forests to explore prehistoric cave art, to speedboating across the sparkling Andaman Sea, to rock climbing or deep sea diving. Or simply lounging in your saltwater pool, a drink in hand and the ocean in view. Please relax

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and let Thailand unfold before you as you see fit. Should you wish you can easily explore the islands of Phuket and Koh Phi Phi from your perfectly-stationed destination.



Day 13

Krabi-Bangkok

In the morning or afternoon (per your preference) you will fly from Krabi to Bangkok. Spend your final day in Bangkok at Jim Thompson Silk House. This entrepreneur was responsible for bring the quality and beauty of Thai silk to the world's attention. Here you will have a chance to peruse his beautiful and well preserved manor and purchase any last minute gifts for your friends or family at home.

In the evening, we will send you off at a hidden restaurant which overlooks the Chao Phraya River. You can watch as Wat Arun is lit up and boats gently pass by. A peaceful reminder as to the true spirit of Thailand and your time here.

Day 14

Bangkok

In the morning we will transfer you to the airport for your international flight, and memories that will last a lifetime from your visit to the land of a million smiles.

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