

Wonders of Thailand

Discovering Ancient Wonders and Natural Beauty from Bangkok to Phuket

with optional Pre Tour Extension

Highlights...

Bangkok • Reclining Buddha • Emerald Buddha • Bangkok Street Food • Choice on Tour: Suan Pakkad Palace Museum or Marble Temple • Sukhothai • Chiang Rai • The Golden Triangle • Chiang Mai • Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai • Choice on Tour: Thai Massage or Dinner • Lanna Home Visit • Home-Hosted Meal • Phuket • Tuk Tuk Rides



16 Days • 24 Meals: 14 Breakfasts • 6 Lunches • 4 Dinners

Collette experiences

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's old town on a boat trip.

Must-see inclusions

- See the gilded Reclining Buddha, the sacred jade Emerald Buddha, and the dazzling Grand Palace in Bangkok.
- Float along the waters of the Mekong River and see the Golden Triangle: where Laos, Burma, and Thailand meet.
- Admire the Sino-Portuguese architecture of Phuket's Old Town.

Culinary inclusions

- Savor the sweet, spicy, and salty flavors of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey featuring lavish temples, cultural discoveries, and its stunning natural beauty. From tropical vistas to gilded palaces and ancient ruins, Thailand offers up a piece of its soul to travelers – and your story starts here.

Day 2: Bangkok, Thailand - Tour Begins

Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

Day 3: Bangkok

Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's old town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Bangkok

Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace – the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson house and museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorized rickshaw – for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavor. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Bangkok - Sukhothai

Today, it's **your choice!** Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Sukhothai

Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai – which means “dawn of happiness” – as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 7: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai

Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 8: Chiang Rai

Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's *all aboard* for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch

before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 9: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Today, it's off to Chiang Mai – once a religious center, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* – lavish serpents – these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Chiang Mai

See elephants in their natural setting today during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means “relaxed elephants.” This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants.* From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the mahout community. Travelers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavor during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 11: Chiang Mai

Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labor with a simple lunch. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 12: Chiang Mai - Phuket

Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves, or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Phuket

Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes and ice cream shops. Explore this charming old town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those salt water vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 14: Phuket

It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the old town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 15: Phuket - Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories – the best kind of souvenir. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 16: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! The Street Food in Bangkok

In Bangkok, get a taste of the local flavor – quite literally – as your tuk tuk takes you around for food tastings. At one of Bangkok's oldest restaurants, get a taste for the city's famous food. With nearly 500,000 street vendors, the stalls and street carts in the city feature recipes that are generations-old and the patrons specialize in one thing that they cook to perfection. Bangkok's street food is thought to be perfectly balanced, a concept that reflects its Buddhist roots. The aromas, as you make your way to food tastings around the city illustrate the balance of flavor on the plates all around – salty, sweet, sour, spicy. A sweet cream, a smoky meat, a sour fruit, and a salty starch can all meet on your plate and perform a well-choreographed dance together on your tongue. Traditional Thai food is thoughtful, robust, and not to be missed – and savoring it from locals who love nothing more than to cook for their neighbors and friends is one of the coolest experiences you can have – and one you'll always remember.

Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Amari Bangkok, Bangkok
Days 5, 6	Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
Days 7, 8	The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
Days 9 – 11	Kantary Hills Chiangmai, Chiang Mai
Days 12 – 14	Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket
Day 15	Kantary House, Bangkok
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport.

Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

*For your comfort, we recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes during your visit to Changchill.

Not all vendors accept credit cards or travelers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use.

Extend your vacation with...

Optional 6 Days 4-Night Singapore Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$2,549.00 double, \$3,149.00 single, land & air inclusive

5 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a journey that introduces you to a mix of cultures in this impressive, vibrant city-state by the sea.

Day 2: Singapore - Pre-Tour Extension Begins

In Singapore, traditional beliefs and novel experiences come together in an extraordinary blend. Self-described as the city that never sleeps, Singapore combines old and new seamlessly, with impressive sights regardless of where you look - from atop skyscrapers that soar above colonial buildings to age-old places of worship.

Day 3: Singapore

Start your day by getting to know your surroundings on a tour through Chinatown and the Hawker Center. With your guide, explore places like the Telok Ayer area, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Ann Siang Hill, and Club Street by foot. After working up an appetite, your city tour will end at Maxwell Food Center where you'll get a tasting of local snacks and coffee. Not sure what to get? Don't worry – your guide will share with you tips as you walk through the market. Then, return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring how you like. (B)

Day 4: Singapore

Today starts with discovery as you learn the history of the 19th century Peranakan houses. Explore the area around Neil and Pertain Road and visit the restored homes with your guide. After your visit to the homes, continue the afternoon with a visit to a Chinatown shop to see traditional enamel, also known as "tingkat" sets, and hand drawn porcelain rooster bowls. Satisfy your appetite this afternoon with a delicious Peranakan lunch at the local Blue Ginger restaurant. Return to your hotel after lunch and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Singapore

Say "good morning" how you like and start with some free time to recharge for the day. Explore Singapore and visit that shop down the street you've been hearing all about. Later this afternoon, visit the Gardens by the Bay. Get ready to step into two climate conservatories: Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Flower Dome is the largest glass greenhouse and boasts a variety of changing flowers and plants from the Mediterranean regions. At Cloud Forest, take in breathtaking mountain views surrounded by a diverse collection of vegetation and hidden floral gems. End your visit with a local meal. (B, D)

Day 6: Singapore - Bangkok, Thailand

Bid farewell to Singapore as you head to Bangkok. Your journey has only just begun.

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travelers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travelers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

An additional air segment is required for this extension, quoted at time of booking. Additional air charges may apply.

Please note that departures that fall during Chinese New Year in January of 2025 may require changes to included features based on closures during this important annual festival.

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and

after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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