

# Thailand – the land of smiles

Duration: 12 days/ 11 nights

Route: Bangkok - Chiang Mai - Phu Ket

## **Day 1: Welcome to Thailand – Bangkok**

- VIP Fast Track service upon arrival (with golf buggy)
- Hotel check-in and time to relax

## **Day 2: Bangkok Cultural Highlights by Private Tuk Tuk with Guide (Tailor-made, private tour)**

- 1:00 – 1:30 PM | Pick-up from your hotel by private tuk tuk with a local guide
- 2:00 – 2:40 PM | Visit The Grand Palace & Wat Phra Kaew
  - Explore Thailand's most sacred temple and royal grounds (approx. 40 mins)
- 2:40 – 2:50 PM | Short walk or tuk tuk ride to Wat Pho
- 2:50 – 3:30 PM | Visit Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha)
  - Home to Thailand's largest reclining Buddha and massage school (approx. 40 mins)
- 3:30 – 3:45 PM | Transfer to Tha Tian Pier and board long-tail boat
- 3:45 – 4:15 PM | Long-tail boat ride along the Chao Phraya River
  - Cruise past riverside communities and temples (approx. 30 mins)
- 4:15 – 5:00 PM | Visit Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)
  - Optional: Rent traditional Thai dress and take stunning photos (approx. 40–45 mins)
- 5:00 – 5:15 PM | Travel to Chinatown
- 5:15 – 6:45 PM | Dinner in Chinatown
  - Enjoy the bustling atmosphere and diverse street food (approx. 1.5 hrs)
- 6:45 – 8:00 PM | Return transfer to your hotel

### **Day 3: Flight to Chiang Mai**

- Check-in at your hotel

**6:00 PM** | Pick-up from your hotel by Vespa with driver-guide

**6:00 – 10:00 PM | Guided Vespa tour around Chiang Mai Old Town**

- Sample a variety of local street food at hidden gems and popular night spots
- Ride through charming alleyways and lively markets
- Stop at illuminated landmarks and temples for scenic night photos
- Learn about Chiang Mai's history, flavors, and local life from your guide

**10:00 PM** | Drop-off at your hotel

**Note:**

- *If guests **do not have an international driver's license**, they will ride as a passenger with an experienced Vespa rider.*
- *If guests **can ride a Vespa** and have a valid international license, they may drive themselves — a **staff member will join as a passenger** to guide and assist.*

### **Day 4: Elephants & Thai Cooking Experience (Can be private or joined)**

- **6:30 – 7:00 AM** | Pick-up from your hotel by van or truck
- **8:00 – 11:00 AM** | Visit an ethical elephant sanctuary in **Mae On** or **Mae Wang** district
  - Feed, bathe, and walk alongside the elephants
  - Learn about elephant care and the daily life of local mahouts (approx. 3 hrs)

- **11:00 – 12:00 PM | Enjoy a Thai lunch** provided at the camp
- **12:00 – 1:00 PM | Transfer back to your hotel**

*Note: This experience is focused on animal welfare and education – no riding is involved.*

- Evening cooking: **Thai cooking class**

**4:30 – 5:00 PM |** Pick-up from your hotel by local red truck

**5:00 – 10:00 PM | Thai Cooking Class** (approx. 5 hrs)

- Choose your favorite Thai dishes to prepare
- Hands-on cooking with guidance from a professional chef
- Enjoy your self-cooked Thai meal after the session

**9:00 – 9:30 PM |** Drop-off at your hotel

## **Day 5: Temples of Chiang Mai & Cultural Dinner Show**

- Sightseeing tour of Chiang Mai's historic temples:

**11:00 AM |** Pick-up from your hotel by local red truck

**11:15 – 11:45 AM |** Visit **Wat Phra Singh**

- Home to a revered Buddha image and classic Lanna architecture

**11:50 – 12:20 PM |** Visit **Wat Chedi Luang** (3 mins from Wat Phra Singh)

- Explore the ruins of a once-massive Lanna pagoda

**12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lunch at a local restaurant** in the old city area

**1:40 – 2:10 PM |** Visit **Wat Sri Suphan (Silver Temple)** (6–8 mins drive)

- Admire the intricate silverwork craftsmanship (note: females may not enter the ordination hall)

**2:20 – 2:45 PM | Visit Wat Pan Tao (6–10 mins from Silver Temple)**

- A charming teakwood temple with beautiful grounds

**Hidden Temple & Scenic Sunset**

- **2:45 – 3:30 PM | Travel to Wat Pha Lat (approx. 30–40 mins)**
- **3:30 – 4:30 PM | Explore Wat Pha Lat**
  - A tranquil forest temple hidden along the monk's trail
- **4:30 – 4:50 PM | Continue up the mountain to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep (approx. 15–20 mins)**
- **4:50 – 6:00 PM | Visit Doi Suthep Temple and enjoy panoramic sunset views over Chiang Mai**

**Evening Cultural Dinner**

- **6:00 – 6:45 PM | Transfer to Khum Khantoke (approx. 45 mins)**
- **7:00 – 8:30 PM | Dinner at Khum Khantoke**
  - Savor traditional Northern Thai dishes
  - Enjoy Lanna-style cultural performances
- **8:30 – 9:00 PM | Return transfer to your hotel**

**Day 6: Free Day in Chiang Mai**

- Enjoy the day at your leisure; explore, relax, or shop at your own pace

**Day 7: Flight to Phuket**

- Check-in at your Phuket hotel
- Free time to unwind on the beach or explore the surroundings

*beaches recommend Kata, Karon, Maikhao, Kamala, Kalim and Patong beach.*

**Day 8: Phi Phi Islands Boat Trip (Join-In Group Tour)**

6-7.00 am: Pick up from the hotel

8.00 am: Arrive to Panwa pier and enjoy breakfast (sandwiches, fruit juice, coffee and tea)

8.30 am: Program briefing by guide  
9.00 am: Depart from the pier  
9.45 am: Maya bay- the mysterious crescent moon-shaped clear white sand beach hidden in the huge limestone mountain, full of baby sharks. Its beauty is in the world's rank and it's chosen to be the location for shooting the movie title "The beach"  
10.45 am: Pileh Lagoon - Known as "swimming pool in the sea", enjoy swimming in the emerald green water surrounded by limestone mountains  
\*\*optional need to book in advance: hop on the long-tailed boat to take photos on Pileh bay.  
12.15 pm: Viking cave - cruising and taking photos of viking cave or known as Phraya Nakarat cave, enjoy snorkeling among various kinds of fish along the coral reef.  
13.20 pm: Monkey bay - Sight seeing adorable monkeys on the forested cliff along the seaside.  
13.30 pm: Tonsai bay - Buffet lunch and relax time.  
14.30 pm: Bamboo Island - love curved beach with powdery white sand with astonishing beauty, enjoy swimming and relax on the beach.  
15.30 pm: Depart from Bamboo to the pier.  
16.15 pm: Transfer from pier to hotel.

## **Day 9: Free Day in Phuket**

- Optional activities: beach day, spa, snorkeling, or local markets

## **Day 10: Phuket City Tour & Evening Show**

Morning guided tour of **Phuket Old Town** – colorful Sino-Portuguese architecture and local markets

### **7:00 – 8:00 AM | Pick-up from hotel**

- Meet your guide and begin your cultural journey through Phuket

### **8:00 – 9:00 AM | Phuket Old Town Exploration**

- Walk through charming **Talang Road**
- Visit the **Sang Tham Shrine**
- Discover local architecture, street art, and markets

### **9:00 – 10:00 AM | Local Dim Sum Breakfast**

- Enjoy authentic **Phuket-style dim sum** and local coffee/tea

**10:30 – 11:30 AM | Visit Wat Chalong (Wat Chaitararam)**

- Learn about the island's spiritual roots and admire temple architecture

**12:00 – 1:15 PM | Seafood Lunch at a local restaurant by Chalong Beach**

- Feast on fresh seafood with beautiful seaside views

**1:15 – 2:00 PM | Transfer back to hotel**

Evening entertainment: **Carnival Magic** or the glamorous **Simon Cabaret Show**

**Carnival Magic Show open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 5.30 - 11.30 pm, buffet time 5.30 - 8.30 pm, show time 8.30 - 9.20 pm**

**Simon Cabaret show open everyday 6.00 pm, 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm**

**Day 11: Return to Bangkok**

- Flight back to Bangkok
- Hotel check-in
- Evening **Chao Phraya River Dinner Cruise** – enjoy Thai cuisine with scenic night views of Bangkok's landmarks

\*\*Manohra cruise, recommend to stay at Anantara Riverside Bangkok because the cruise belong to the hotel dinner cruising time 5.30, 6.30 and 8.00 pm

**Day 12: Farewell Thailand**

- Departure day – transfer to airport for your onward journey