



Travel Proposal

# 13 Days Thailand for Connoisseurs

Bangkok – Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai – Phuket

Duration	13 Days / 12 Nights
Travel Date	Anytime
Destination	Thailand
Tour Type	Private Luxury Tour

## Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival in Bangkok

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Welcome to Bangkok! After leaving the aircraft you can benefit from our **Fast track VIP Services**. You will be awaited at the air-bridge and guided to the privileged immigration lane, while the airport staff will take care of your luggage. As soon as the immigration process is finished, you will be accompanied further to the meeting point where your private tour escort will meet and greet you with a traditional fresh **welcome flower garland**. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing drive in a BMW 7 to the hotel, while your professional local tour escort will give you some first information about the city.

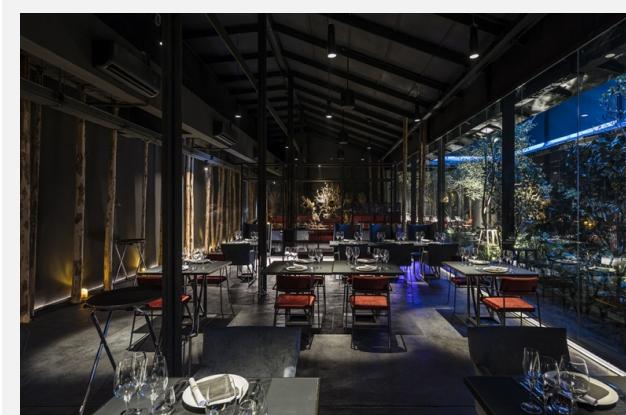


At the Hotel lobby your personal butler will get you to the exclusive club lounge check in. A **Welcome package** including a Thai SIM card, a traditional small gift and a bottle of wine will be placed in your room. It's time for you to relax after the flight.

For your first dinner, the escort will pick you up for a transfer to experience one of the city's latest fine dining concepts.

## Welcome Dinner at Wang Hinghoi Restaurant

*With the intention of creating a new city oasis and bringing nature closer to the guests the Wang Hinghoi simulates a natural ecosystem, serving deconstructed Thai cuisine. The whole restaurant was designed around the idea of dining inside a forest amongst the fireflies. Everything from the site, to the space, to the food and the experience are designed around this concept, even including sights, sounds and smells.*



Return to hotel

Hotel: 137 Pillars Suite and Residence Bangkok – Ayutthaya Suite

Overnight in Bangkok

DAY 02

Bangkok's Highlights

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Buddhism has rooted deeply in South East Asia's history and has also shaped Thailand's local lifestyle, food and architecture over many centuries. Today, your guide will introduce you to the Thai culture and history during an interactive sightseeing tour with many different experiences.

The first highlight of the tour is **the Grand Palace** or Wat Prakeaw. The other well-known name of this place is "Temple of Emerald Buddha" referring to the 22 inches tall Buddha image created out of a single jade stone inside of it. This statue is considered to be the symbol of the country, hence making it the most scared temple of Thailand.

The second important temple is **Wat Pho**. It is one of the oldest temples in Thailand dating back to the era of King Rama I, the first King of the Rattanakosin reign, whose heirs are still sitting on the present throne. During the beginning of Thailand's education system, this was the initiating school where monks and pupils were educated. It also houses several important Buddha images including the famous 46 meters reclining Buddha with its precious pearl inlaid soles of 3 m height and 4.5 m length.



### Lunch at Supatra River House

After the visit to two of the most sacred sites of Thailand, you will be transferred to the Supatra Riverside restaurant where you will experience a **Thai cooking class**. Food is one of the best ways to experience the local culture. The ingredients, recipes and favorite tastes are deeply connected to the history and lifestyle of the local people and your Thai chef will introduce you to the basic yet vital ingredients which are used to create standard yet meaningful recipes. Finish your class by savoring your self-cooked **lunch**.



At the restaurant pier, hop on a comfortable and safe boat which will serve as your water limousine for the following **Klong Tour** along the Chao Praya River.

Bangkok's charming riverside is brimming with stories to tell. Immerse yourself in the picturesque riverside scenery, as you drift past stilted wooden homes, 'floating kitchens', mobile shops, colonial mansions and all kinds of colorful culture along the riverfront, before stopping at the enchanting **Wat Arun**. Wat Arun, one of the iconic temples of Thailand is especially known for its white Stupa which is decorated by colored tiles. Despite its name "Temple of dawn" the most spectacular time to see this temple is during the sunset.



Drive back to hotel for relaxation until your escort will pick you up again for tonight's dinner

#### Dinner at Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin

*The restaurant is well known for its fine dining Thai-inspired dishes created and presented with impressive modern interpretations. Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin was conceptualised by world-famous Chef Henrik Yde-Andersen whose Kiin Kiin restaurant in Copenhagen is one of the world's very few Thai restaurants with a Michelin star rating.*



Hotel: 137 Pillars Suite and Residence Bangkok – Ayutthaya Suite

Overnight in Bangkok

**DAY 03**
**Bangkok's Highlights**
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Breakfast at the hotel.

Today morning you will travel to the outskirts of Bangkok where the **Damneonsaduak Floating Market** is situated. This market is a popular photo motive in many traveler's magazines and gives you another insight into Thailand's unique lifestyle. Upon arrival, your escort will take you to a local rental boat from where you will experience the community. You will be able to see the busy vendors, locals and tourists on the boats selling and buying goods. Of course, you are also welcoming to engage in this spectacle yourself and we highly recommend tasting a few sweets like Coconut Ice-cream or the famous sticky rice with Mango.



Drive back to Bangkok with a **lunch** stop at qualified local restaurant. Taste the authentic signature food just like a local. You will be back at your hotel in the afternoon and can enjoy some leisure time until your next exciting experience.

In the evening, get your stomach and your grip ready to take a **Tuk Tuk Foodie Ride**. On this private food Tuk Tuk tour you will explore Bangkok's legendary food scene including the areas of Rattanakosin and Chinatown. This little culinary adventure gives you a local's perspective on night time eating in Bangkok. We combine a few traditional street food eating experiences with some favorite local restaurants to give you a diverse look at the Bangkok food scene.



Drive back to hotel.

**Hotel: 137 Pillars Suite and Residence Bangkok – Ayutthaya Suite**

Overnight in Bangkok

**DAY 04**

**Bangkok – Chiang Mai – Kantoke Dinner**

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Leisure time in the morning to indulge yourself with the hotel's first-class facilities. Transfer to airport according to your flight time (suggested PG217 1205-1325).

Arrive in Chiang Mai, the old capital city of the Lanna Kingdom before it later integrates to the Kingdom of Thailand. Nowadays it is still the commercial and cultural capital of Northern Thailand.

Transfer to hotel and have lunch there. Check-in at your ravish Villa.

As an official welcome to the Northern Province, you will be transferred to the special dinner called **Kantoke Dinner**. "Kantoke" is the name of a Northern-Thai large wooden tray that is used to serve a set of meal. Back in the old days, this typical sharing style dinner was a typical way for family members to gather, discuss the daily activities everyone has done and savor the dishes as celebration. Traditional performances will be held for you during the meal.



Drive back to the hotel

**Hotel: The Dhara Dhevi Chiang Mai – Villa**

Overnight in Chiang Mai

**DAY 05**
**Tak Bad – Local Lifestyle Experience and City tour**
**(B, L, D)**

Breakfast at Hotel

The first activity in the early morning today is to participate in the traditional Buddhist practice of alms giving or the so called **Tak Bad**. At 0630, your local guide will pick you up at the resort and take you to the foot of Doi Suthep Mountain. After a brief stop at the statue of Kruba Srivichai, the “Engineer monk, whose followers constructed the road to Doi Suthep Temple”, we will make a merit and offer food to the monk before driving further up to Wat Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai’s most famous temple. From Wat Doi Suthep you have a great view over Chiang Mai.



A short transfer takes you into the outskirts of Chiang Mai to meet your host family in an authentic Thai neighborhood. After being welcomed with a refreshing drink by your host, you will experience the **Lanna Lifestyle**. Spend time with the Thai family and learn something about the traditional Thai architecture and the graceful teakwood homes and structures.

Stroll through the orchard and herb garden with your host family, who will also demonstrate how to make bamboo baskets and cigars from banana leaves. This rich cultural experience will wrap up with a delicious home-cooked **Northern Thai lunch** that you will prepare together with the family.



Then, you will head off to **Chiang Mai old town** where you will first visit Wat Chiang Man, Chiang Mai's oldest temple. King Mengrai, the founder of Chiang Mai, built this temple in 1296. We leave through the backdoor and head for Wat Phra Singh. This is probably Chiang Mai's most revered temple. Wat Phra Singh currently houses Phra Chao Thong Tip, the most venerated Buddha statue in northern Thailand. From Wat Phra Sing we make our way to Wat Chedi Luang with its giant Chedi. An earthquake in 1545 damaged the Chedi. Next to Wat Chedi Luang is Wat Phantao which is a beautiful wooden temple.



Dinner for this evening will be at **David's Kitchen Restaurant**.

*"Welcome to the restaurant where you will taste some of the best food in Thailand. You arrive at David's Kitchen as a hungry stranger. You leave as a satisfied family friend."*



Drive back to hotel

**Hotel: The Dhara Dhevi Chiang Mai – Villa**

Overnight in Chiang Mai

DAY 06

Chiang Rai with visit of the White Temple

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Breakfast at the Hotel

Today your journey continues into the direction of Chiang Rai. On the way stop to visit the Hot spring at Mae Kha Chan. Continue to **Wat Rong Khun**- The famous white temple. Here you will have the chance to meet the artist behind the project, **Mr Chalermchai Kositpipat** who also did mural paintings at the Buddha Prateep Temple in London (subject to availability). The original temple itself was left abandoned until this local artist devoted his entire life to renovate and turn it into an astonishing art exhibition.



Lunch will be served at local restaurant. Continue drive to Golden Triangle, drop off at your luxury tented camp about 14.00.

Dine at your resort.

**Hotel: Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai**

Overnight in Chiang Rai

DAY 07

The Golden Triangle

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### Breakfast at Hotel

This morning, explore the border triangle Of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand. This is the place where the rivers met and form the natural border of the 3 countries - called the **Golden Triangle**. Make a short boat tour with a stop on the Lao tian river Island Don Sao. Then drive to visit the **Hall of Opium** which explains the long history of Opium, including its ancient origin and the how's and why's it spread globally.



For lunch a **private riverside picnic** can be arranged in the untouched nature of the Golden Triangle.

Back in the resort enjoy a rejuvenating **spa treatment**.

Experience blissful rituals inspired by Asian traditions and mountain botanicals in the open-air salas inside a bamboo forest.

**Hotel: Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai**

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

DAY 08

Elephant Experience at the Four Seasons Tented Camp

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided by a team of experienced mahouts you will spend a **wonderful day in the company of wild elephants**. Join the customary daybreak ritual and climb up the Camp Peak together to watch the sunrise from behind the mountains of Laos as it casts a warm light over the Mekong River.

Afterwards join the elephants and mahouts at their **daily bathing ritual**, where you can observe these gentle giants as they enjoy their bath. Watch out for splashes from a mischievous elephant!

Lunch and leisure time at the resort.



To close this magical day, enjoy a **candlelit, al fresco dinner** at the Elephant Camp, as traditional musicians play Thai folk songs to set a beautiful soundtrack to your experience.

**Hotel: Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai**

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

DAY 09

Leisure – Flight to Phuket

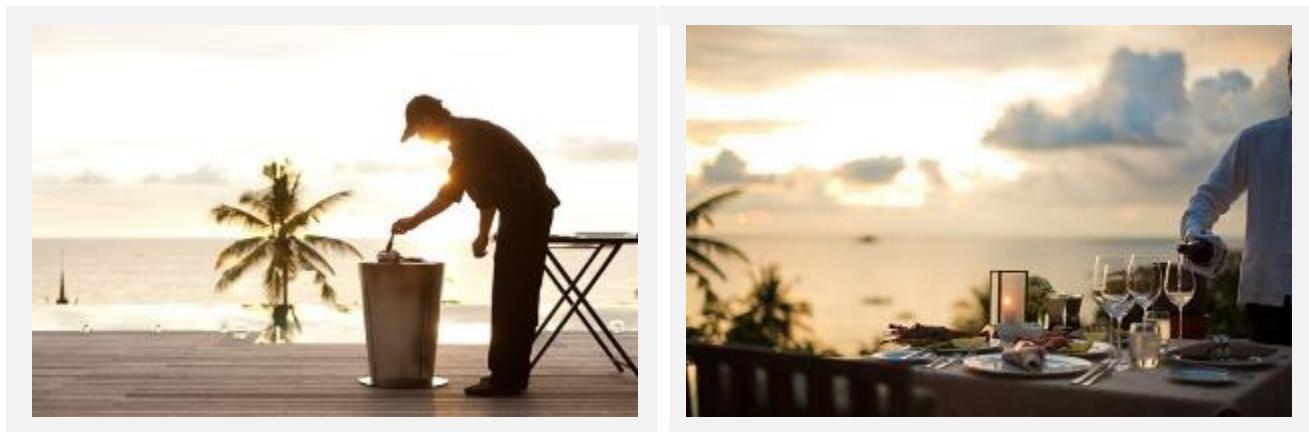
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Breakfast at Hotel

Afterwards transfer to the airport in Chiang Mai for your flight to Phuket (suggested PG248 at 1435-1640),

Arrival in Phuket and transfer to the tranquil Trisara

For dinner, enjoy exclusive in Villa dining in your own room.



**Hotel: Trisara, Phuket**

Overnight in Phuket

**DAY 10**
**Helicopter scenic flight - Phang-nga & Koh Hong in Starlight**
**(B, L, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you get the opportunity to appreciate what was once thought of as “only for the privileged” in discovering Phang Nga’s majestic limestone cliffs flourished graciously amid the emerald bay of the Andaman Sea. Your odyssey will commence from Phuket heliport, crossing over directly to Phang Nga. During your **scenic helicopter flight**, you will encounter the extraordinary limestone rock formations, see afar Koh Panyi (a Muslim floating village) and be approached to James Bond Island (Koh Ping Kan). Cross over the secret lagoon, hidden within the limestone island itself.



After 30 minutes flight, transfer back to hotel for a short refreshment (suggested to have lunch at hotel). You have seen the Phang Nga Bay and some lagoons from a bird eyes view already but it will be totally different to go inside and experience them on the ground. Your guide will pick you up and transfer you to the marina. Get on board a modern Twin-engine escort boat and transfer to the **Hong Islands** while light lunch will be served on board. Upon arrival, hop on a kayak with your paddle guide, who will row the kayak for you while you drift inside the caves discover the amazing mangrove forest lagoon. Here you might be lucky to see rare species such as Hornbills. Continue to explore more of its neighboring Island caves.



In the early evening, seafood dinner will be served on board of the main boat. Enjoy a spectacular sunset while you cruise further to next destinations. In the approaching darkness, you will visit another Island cave where, depending on the tide, moonlight and power of nature, you can see **bioluminescent plankton**. Return to the marina and transfer back to your hotel. Estimated arrival time at the hotel is around 2100.



**Hotel: Trisara, Phuket**

Overnight in Phuket

**DAY 10**

**Leisure Time in Phuket**

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Today will be your leisure day. You can relax in your private Villa and enjoy the resort's facilities including the spa and its restaurants. Or book some excursion if you wish.

**Hotel: Trisara, Phuket**

Overnight in Phuket

**DAY 10**
**Leisure – Dinner at The Black Ginger**
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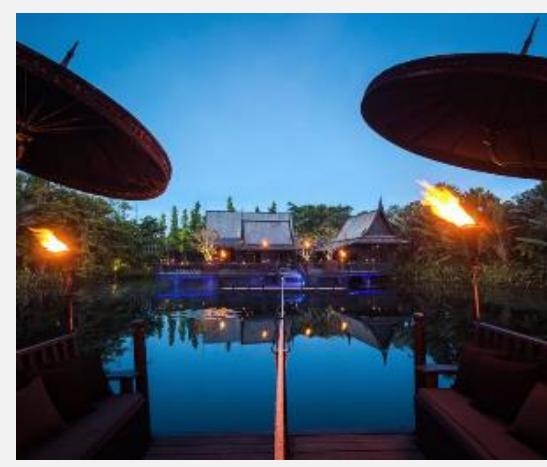
Breakfast at the Hotel

Today will be your leisure day. You can relax in your private Villa and enjoy the resort's facilities. Or book some excursion if you wish.

For the farewell dinner, the guide will take you on a short ride to The Black Ginger restaurant.

#### Dinner at Black Ginger Restaurant

Discover the true tastes of Phuket. A modern MASTERPIECE of Thai art, Black Ginger is designed like a traditional mansion hovering over a luminescent lagoon. The restaurant serves a fusion of flavours for you to savour in sublime surrounds. Celebrating the authenticity of the island's heritage, the talented chefs bring ancient local recipes to the forefront.



Return to hotel

**Hotel: Trisara, Phuket**

Overnight in Phuket

**DAY 11**
**Leisure – Airport transfer**
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Breakfast at hotel.

Leisure time until the pick you up for the airport transfer. Bid farewell to this lovely Island and have a safe flight back home.

**End of services**

## Suggested Accommodation

City Name	Hotel Suggestion
Bangkok	137 Pillars Suite & Residence
Chiang Mai	The Dhara Dhevi
Chiang Rai	Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle
Phuket	Trisara

Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternate accommodation will be booked within the same hotel category without surcharge/reduction. If no hotel in same category available, we preserve the right to apply a surcharge for any higher category or a reduction for any lower category.