**Day 01 : Arrive in Bangkok**

*Well known as the* ***City of Angels****, Krungthepmahanakorn (Bangkok) is the present capital city and the focal point for Thailand. It was made the capital of Thailand in 1782, the first monarch of the present Chakri Dynasty. It is a vibrant city, a national treasure house and Thailand’s spiritual, cultural, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic enter with endless choice of sightseeing and entertainment opportunities. In addition to the many temples and historic buildings, such as The Grand Palace and Wat Arun, the list of interesting places to visit is endless. There are numerous canal (klong) networks, the Chaophraya River, giving it the name of “Venice of the East”. In Bangkok, are also bustling markets, Jim Thompson’s House, Chatuchak Weekend Market, Wat Po, Wat Benjamorpit and Mahboonkrong Shopping Centre.*

*Bangkok has a wide variety of accommodation options and at various locations. Food and entertainment opportunities in Bangkok are endless with excellent choice of eating options, from international style restaurants to roadside stalls almost 24 hours a day. Bangkok is home to many excellent Spa facilities, both in large hotels and privately run.*

**Arrive in Bangkok by flight (TBA)**

You will be met by Destination Asia Guide and then transferred to the hotel.

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| **Meal included:** | None | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Sukhothai Hotel (Superior room) – [www.sukhothai.com](http://www.sukhothai.com/) | |
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|  | Option#2 : Chatrium Riverside (Grand room–City View) | |

**Day 02 : Bangkok**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

**Full day Ayutthaya Tour by road including lunch**

This excursion takes us to Bang Pa-In, the former Royal Summer Residence of King Rama V. This site consists of a quaint mixture of European and Thai architecture. You will have a chance to visit the interior of the old Chinese Wehat Chamrun Palace.

Continue by road to the ancient city of Ayutthaya, the former Thai capital for 417 years and one of Thailand’s major tourist

attractions. Many ancient ruins and art works can be seen in the city, which was founded in 1350 by King U-Thong.

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A total of 33 kings of five dynasties ruled the kingdom until it was destroyed by the Burmese in 1767. The UNESCO-listed city includes attractions such as Wat Phra Sri Sanpetch with a three spire pagoda; the large Buddha image of Phra Mongkol Bophit; and Wat Chaiya Mongkol, afterwards return to Bangkok by road.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast, Lunch | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Sukhothai Hotel (Superior room) – [www.sukhothai.com](http://www.sukhothai.com/) | |
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**Day 03 : Bangkok – Kanchanaburi**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Depart Bangkok for the River Kwai with stops at the cemetery for Allied prisoners for war, ***JEATH Museum*** and the world renowned bridge over the River Kwai. Take a train journey on the ***Death Railway over the bridge*** and a spectacular wooden viaduct built by the POWs.

Lunch at local restaurant

Afternoon excursion to ***Hell Fire Pass Memorial,*** the largest of 1000 meter series of passes hacked through the mountains by allied POWs building the Death Railway and so named for its flaming torch-lit appearance at night

Late afternoon, check-in at ***Hintok River Camp.***

Dinner at the hotel

**Meal included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hintok River Camp

**Day 04 : Kanchanaburi**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Head to ***Erawan National Park*** to visit the spectacular Erawan Waterfall, considered by many to be the most beautiful in the country. This 1,500-metre cascade of water breaks into seven separate tiers, each with its own profusion of plant life. Deep, emerald-green pools await those energetic enough to take the well-marked trail which goes all the way up to the sixth tier. The first tier is especially good for a swim after the 700-metre climb from the parking area.

Lunch is at local restaurant. Dinner at the hotel

**Meal included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hintok River Camp

**Day 05 : Kanchanaburi – Bangkok – Overnight Train to Lampang**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

This morning, you will drive back to Bangkok for last sightseeing in Bangkok.

When you arrive in Bangkok, you will travel by long-tailed boat on the picturesque Chao Phaya River and ***Klongs (or canals)*** to see the serene family homes and temples along the waterways, which gives this city the namely “Venice of the East”.

Then proceed to the ***Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun),*** whose 79m-spire silhouette has become so identified with Bangkok.

After disembarkation, proceed to visit one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese Court

– ***Grand Palace***, previously the resident of the Kings of Thailand, which is today used by the Royal Family only for certain ceremonial occasions. Also stop at the Temple of Emerald Buddha, the world’s precious image of Lord Buddha.

Lunch at local restaurant

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Then you will be transferred to the train station for the overnight train to Lampang.

**1ST Class / Sleeper Train with air-conditioned (night train)**

ETD Bangkok 18:10 hrs.

ETA Lampang 04:57 hrs. (on the next day)

**Meal included:**

**Accommodation:**

Breakfast, Lunch

**overnight on train**

**Day 06 : Arrive in Lampang – Chiang Mai**

Upon arrival in Lampang, you will commence tour by a visit the ***Elephant Conservation Centre*** to see elephants bathing and demonstrating their skills at hauling lumber. Tour the facilities of the elephant hospital, to which sick and injured elephants are brought from all over the country and also see how young elephants are weaned from their dependence upon humans in preparation for releasing them into the wild.

The centre also runs training courses for mahouts and participants can join in at the beginners' level and learn some of the basic techniques of elephant handling.

Lunch at local restaurant

Continue to Lampang city for lunch followed by a visit to one of the most sacred temples in the North, ***Wat Phrathat Lampang Luang,*** and the Burmese-style temples ***Wat Phra Kaew Dontao*** and ***Wat Sri Longmuang***.

Then you will continue drive to Chiang Mai for check-in.

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| **Meal included:** | Lunch | | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Puripunn Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.puripunn.com](http://www.puripunn.com/) | | |
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|  | Option#2 : Empress Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.empresshotels.com](http://www.empresshotels.com/) | | |
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**Day 07 : Chiang Mai**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

The city of Chiang Mai has many beautiful and historic Buddhist temples and this excursion takes in one of the best; 600 year-old ***Wat Pra That Doi Suthep.*** This is the landmark of the city located near the summit of Doi Suthep. After a drive up the mountain’s winding road, the final climb to the site is via a magnificent Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase of 306 steps. Inside is an intriguing copper-plated chedi topped by a five-tier gold umbrella which contains partial relics of Lord Buddha. On

a clear day, there are panoramic views out over the city of Chiang Mai.

Reminder of the day, you will be at leisure.

**Evening : Kantoke dinner with show**

It was not until 1953 that Khan Toke became a social gathering when a local politician invited high honoured guests to sit with him and enjoy this special dinner. The “Khan Toke” dinner is traditionally specific to the people of the northern region. Dinner is served in small bowls, known in Thai as Khan. Guests are seated on cushions at a low table, known as Toke in Thai. The cuisine served is northern Thai and it is prepared with the western palate in

mind as traditional Thai food can be very spicy. During dinner, entertainers will perform the intricate Forn Leb finger dance; the Forn Thien candle dance; the Ramwong circle dance; and the Ram Dab sword dance. Opt for an additional hill tribe show performed by various members of the Yao, Lahu, Meo, Lisu, and Karen hill tribes after you have finished dinner. Transfer back to hotels at the end of the evening.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast, Dinner | | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Puripunn Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.puripunn.com](http://www.puripunn.com/) | | |
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|  | Option#2 : Empress Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.empresshotels.com](http://www.empresshotels.com/) | | |
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**Day 08 : Chiang Mai**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Free day in Chiang Mai to enjoy a temples tour, learn how to make Thai cuisine or experience a handcrafts tour.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast | | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Puripunn Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.puripunn.com](http://www.puripunn.com/) | | |
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|  | Option#2 : Empress Chiang Mai (Superior room) – [www.empresshotels.com](http://www.empresshotels.com/) | | |
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**Day 09 : Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Proceed to Chiang Rai and then cruise down the Mae Kok River. Continue by road to Chiang Rai and check in to hotel.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast | |
| **Accommodation:** | Legend Chiang Rai (Superior Studio) – [www.thelegend-chiangrai.com](http://www.thelegend-chiangrai.com/) | |
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**Day 10 : Chiang Rai**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Start the day with interesting visits to ***Akha and Yao hill tribe villages.*** The Akha originated in Tibet and are one of the most fascinating of Thailand’s ethnic minorities. The Yao originate from China and still follow some Chinese traditions.

We then head onto ***Chiang Saen,*** a small port town on the banks of the Mekong, where we will view the ruins of the Chiang Saen kingdom dating back to 1325. Here we can see chedis, images of Lord Buddha, and earthen city ramparts.

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We then head to ***Mae Sai,*** the northernmost point of Thailand and an interesting little market town. Many Burmese come over during the day from Thakhilek to work or do business, hurrying back before sunset and the border’s closure. Burmese lacquerware, gems, jade and other goods from Laos and Myanmar (Burma) are sold in the market at very competitive prices, but don’t forget to barter – the only way to trade in this part of the world.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast, Lunch | |
| **Accommodation:** | Legend Chiang Rai (Superior Studio) – [www.thelegend-chiangrai.com](http://www.thelegend-chiangrai.com/) | |
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**Day 11 : Chiang Rai**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will be at leisure in Chiang Rai.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast | |
| **Accommodation:** | Legend Chiang Rai (Superior Studio) – [www.thelegend-chiangrai.com](http://www.thelegend-chiangrai.com/) | |
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**Day 12 : Chiang Rai – Bangkok**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will be transferred to Chiang Rai airport where you will board on flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival in Bangkok you will be transferred to the hotel for check-in.

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| **Meal included:** | Breakfast | |
| **Accommodation:** | Option#1 : Sukhothai Hotel (Superior room) – [www.sukhothai.com](http://www.sukhothai.com/) | |
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|  | Option#2 : Chatrium Riverside (Grand room–City View) | |

**Day 13 : Depart from Bangkok**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

You will be transferred to Suvarnabhumi Airport where you will board on your departure flight.

**Meal included:** Breakfast

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