

# Experience Thailand



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Thailand, the 'Land of Smiles' boasts tropical beaches, mountain jungles, quaint villages, and bustling cities. In Bangkok, a 21st-century playground, the scent of spicy street food fills the air, and the Grand Palace recalls the country's ancient traditions. Outside the capital, the wonders of the countryside enchant, whether you are elephant trekking in the northern hills, exploring Ayutthaya's splendid ruins, or diving in the waters of the idyllic southern coast.

The shopping is great and the sightseeing is diverse and compelling. If that weren't enough, in Thailand you have 67 million new friends to make – the Thai people love to have a chat while standing at a food cart or waiting for a taxi. Thai culture is perfectly reflected in its cuisine: generous, warm, inspiring and casual. From the golden temples that are as accessible as the home of a friend to the islets that dot the coast like charms on a bracelet, Thailand is a destination that beckons visitors back time and time again.

### Best Time to Travel

Generally speaking, the best time to visit Thailand is from November to February. During this cool season, the temperature ranges from 66 to 94 degrees in Bangkok, while in northern and northeast Thailand, temperatures can get quite cool with morning temperatures as low as 46 degrees, with the occasional 70 degree day.

The summer period, or hot and dry season, is from March to June. At this time temperatures in Bangkok average around 98 degrees, but can often reach 110 degrees with humidity levels of 75%. April is the hottest month across the country.

From July to October is the monsoon, when most of Thailand's annual rainfall is accumulated and flooding can occur. The humidity averages just under 90%, with temperatures averaging around 88 degrees in a very wet and rainy Bangkok.



## Discover authentic Thailand in Nan and Phrae

11 days / 10 nights

Bangkok • Nan • Phrae • Chiang Mai • Phuket

from **\$2,649\*** pp based on double occupancy

Natural beauty abounds in Thailand's provincial north. Nan and Phrae, adjacent provinces, deliver soul-filling sights and experiences, and perfectly complement Thailand's more frequently visited destinations.

### Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive Bangkok** - On arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred in a private vehicle to your hotel for the following 2 nights.

**Day 2: Bangkok** - Visit two of the most important sights of Bangkok. The Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho is a giant Buddha covered in gold leaf. The Grand Palace, on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, is a perfect example of an ancient Siamese court. Inside is the Temple of Emerald Buddha. Explore the Chao Phraya River canals, observe and photograph the serene family homes and temples along the waterways. Visit one of the most photographed sights in Bangkok, the Wat Arun, decorated with glazed ceramic pieces that reflect the rising sun. Then, visit the biggest flower market in the city. (B,L)

**Day 3: Bangkok & Nan** - In the morning, travel by longtail speedboat to the Floating Market. In the afternoon, fly to Nan (airfare not included). On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for the following 2 nights. Head to the Night Market or local restaurant for dinner. (B,D)

**Day 4: Nan** - This morning, visit a traditional village, then enjoy lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit 200 year old Noble House, the home of an ancient ruler of Nan. Visit Wat Phumin, the most attractive temple in the town of Nan. Then visit Phrathat Chae Heng, the most important temple located on a small hill east of town across the Nan River, from where good views of the town of Nan and the surrounding valley and river can be enjoyed. (B,L)

**Day 5: Nan & Phrae** - Travel by vehicle from Nan to Phrae. Visit a local market where monks gather to ask for alms. Drive to Phrae and experience Indigo dying at an art center which shares its proceeds with the local community. (B,L)

**Day 6: Phrae & Chiang Mai** - Visit two of Phrae's most important temples, Wat Phra and Wat Chom Sawan. Travel to Chiang Mai, your home for the following two nights.

Explore Chiang Mai independently in the afternoon and evening. (B,L)

**Day 7: Chiang Mai** - Enjoy a full day ethical Elephant experience, including an optional mud bath with your new friend! (B,L)

**Day 8 Chiang Mai & Phuket** - Transfer to the airport for your flight to Phuket (airfare not included). On arrival in Phuket transfer to your hotel for the following three nights. (B)

**Day 9: Phuket** - Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, take a cruise among small islands enjoying time to swim, kayak and snorkel. Enjoy a sunset dinner at famous Phang Nga Bay. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Phuket** - Day at leisure to enjoy the beach, or explore. (B)

**Day 11: Depart** - You will be transferred to the airport for departure. (B)

### Inclusions:

- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Bangkok
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Nan
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Phrae
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Chiang Mai
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation in Phuket
- Tour guide services provided in English
- Ground transportation in private, air-conditioned vehicle
- Drinking water and cold towels during sightseeing
- Multi-lingual 24-hour customer support hotline
- Welcome pack on arrival
- All applicable local taxes
- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners
- Airport transfers