

**A FAMILY JOURNEY IN THAILAND**

13 days/ 12 nights

Bangkok - Kanchanaburi - Chiang Mai - Koh Samed  
TCFJT**Day 1: Arrival Bangkok****(-/-/-)**

On arrival your guide and driver will meet you at Bangkok Airport and transfer you by air-conditioned vehicle to check-in at your hotel in Bangkok at noon.

In the afternoon, your guide and driver will transfer you to Drive north of Bangkok towards Nonthaburi on the banks of the Chao Phrya River where you rendez vous with a waiting longtail boat. Enter the labyrinth of klongs (canals) and experience the sights, sounds and smells of Bangkok river life. Stop to walk through a bustling local market place where foreigners rarely venture before exploring canals that run deep into the countryside. Stop again to visit a waterside temple with an impressive reclining Buddha. Continue by boat back into the heart of Bangkok.

Overnight in Bangkok

**Day 2: Bangkok****(B/-/D)**

After breakfast, we begin our morning's exploration in Bangkok where we visit the Pak Klong Flower market, enjoy walking at Bangkok's biggest and most colourful flower market. Then continue to the Royal Grand Palace, the number one 'must see' attraction and the Thailand's most important landmark. Take you on an in depth journey through Thailand's history and royal heritage. And, of course, marvel at the mysterious Emerald Buddha, the most revered Buddha image in Thailand.

This afternoon will be at leisure to do further exploration or relax. This evening you will be treated to a memorable night of Thai hospitality and authentic Thai cuisine on board one of Bangkok's most luxurious boat restaurants as we float gently down the Chao Phraya River enjoying our first sunset.

Overnight in Bangkok

**Day 3: Bangkok - Kanchanaburi & River Kwai****(B/L/D)**

An early departure this morning is required for our 2 - 3 hour journey to Kanchanaburi. Visit the famous bridge of River Kwai built by Allied prisoners of war during World War II. The tour includes a visit the war cemetery and a visit to the JEATH Museum. If time allows, take a train ride through the Kwai Noi gorge. Afternoon proceed to Taweechai Elephant Camp where you can experience bamboo rafting and elephant riding. Lunch en route.

In the afternoon, visit Hellfire Pass museum and take a short trek through the canyon. Continue to visit Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua - well known as Tiger Temple. The Tiger Temple is a rescue centre for wild animals and the home of wild tigers, wild pigs, deer, antelopes, water buffalos, apes and a hand full other animals. The tigers are taken out from their cage in the afternoon and visitors can see them walk through a canyon with the monks. Then, transfer to your hotel in Kanchanaburi.

Dinner and overnight in Kanchanaburi

**Day 4: Kanchanaburi - Bangkok - Chiang Mai****(B/L/-)**

After breakfast departs from the hotel to visit Taweechai Elephant Camp where you can experience bamboo rafting on the peaceful Kwai Yai River and an Elephant ride through the jungle. Lunch and transfer back to Bangkok Airport for the flight to Chiang Mai.

On arrival your guide and driver will meet you at Chiang Mai Airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

**Day 5: Chiang Mai****(B/L/-)**

After breakfast at hotel, depart Chiang Mai by private mini-van for Phrao (94kms) passing Mae Jo Agricultural University. From Phrao continue driving for 45 minutes to Pang Tong Village where you begin trekking for 20 minutes to a Muhser Village, then trekking 2 hours to a Karen Hill tribe and another 15 minutes to an Akha Hill tribe Village. A box lunch is provided. After lunch and a brief rest trek another hour to a Palong Hill tribe Village (Karen immigrants from Burma) before continuing by pick-up van for Chiang Dao. A stop is made at an orchid and butterfly farm before returning to Chiang Mai.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

**Day 6: Chiang Mai****(B/L/D)**

After breakfast at hotel, depart your hotel in the morning for the Chiang Dao Young Elephants Training Camp. Enjoy a one hour elephant ride into the thick forest surrounding the camp before watching the elephants taking their morning bath in the running stream. After their bath, the trainers and elephants will demonstrate a number of their skills for you. Depart on your biking adventure along the beautiful and peaceful paved and dirt rural roads to an Akha hill tribe village and a Palong (new immigrants from Myanmar) hill tribe village. Continue your tour to the beautiful Orchid Nursery where more than 50 types of orchids bloom year-round. You will also visit a Butterfly Farm where you will see numerous colorful and rare butterflies. Local lunch is provided en route .

In the evening, your guide and driver will transfer you to enjoy typical Thai cuisine at the charming Gallery Restaurant nestled on the western banks of the Ping River. After the dinner jump into a tuk-tuk and to Chiang Mai's famous night bazaar for a stroll among the colorful stalls.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

**Day 7: Chiang Mai - Lisu Lodge****(B/L/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Lisu Lodge.

Upon arrival the Lisu guide will take you for a walk through the village. You will start from the Ton Lung temple to view the herbal garden and visit some local families with a stop for a cup of tea and a spot of traditional medicine at the shaman's house.

Return to Lisu Lodge for a Thai Lunch.

After lunch visit the cultural center created by the villagers, where you will find a collection of typical household items and tools used by the Lisu and Akha mountain tribes.

During the afternoon you have a choice of activities: Guided bike tour around the Lisu Lodge area / Steam bath / Massage / Ox-cart ride through farmlands and orchards to the Thai village of Baan Pang Mai Daeng - about an hour ending up back at Lisu Lodge.

Time at leisure until the Thai Dinner with a traditional Lisu dance show.

Overnight at Lisu Lodge

## Day 8: Lisu Lodge - Khum Lanna

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the Lodge, start an exciting day with an easy 13 kilometers (8miles) of cycling to the Elephant Camp. Enjoy an hour of elephant riding through the mountainous jungle scenery down to the river. After a healthy picnic lunch on the bank of the river you will go on an exciting ride, about 45 minutes of white water rafting that takes you a traditional Thai country village. From there you proceed to Khum Lanna.

Upon arrival, as a welcome drink, enjoy a refreshing herbal tea or fruit juice from the bountiful gardens of Khum Lanna itself. Check-in to your room. Brief to decide on your activities for the following morning.

Evening, Thai cooking introduction; get a free Khum Lanna recipe book and start a first lesson to learn to prepare an authentic Thai meal (4 dishes). All the major ingredients in Thai cooking are introduced along with the concept of balancing the 5-flavor groups.

Time at leisure until dinner. Enjoy the Thai dinner that you helped prepare yourself.

Overnight at Khum Lanna

## Day 9: Khum Lanna - Bangkok - Koh Samed

(B/L/-)

Early morning, Coffee/tea will be brought to your room for your wake-up call before the sunrise - biking along the rural country road via San Kwang village to Phrao to visit an early morning local market where local coffee is available. With the help of your guide you may buy local cookies and flower garlands for the temple offering on the way back.

Then you visit a farmer's rice and traditional tools shop, chat with the owner, and learn more about the rice legends and differences & properties of the varieties of rice. Your local escort will translate. Biking back to Khum Lanna with a stop to visit Wat Pa, pay respect to the Buddha image under the sacred tree. Continue biking to Khum Lanna along the local canal through the rice fields and get more information about the rice-growing process and the important place that rice occupies in Thai life. Refreshment or shower before breakfast is served.

Enjoy the preparation for a Lanna country-style BBQ lunch with a garden tour around the compound; collect different seasonal herbs, vegetables and fruits for cooking. A hands on demonstration of a Lanna country - style BBQ lunch.

After lunch your guide and driver will pick you up at Khum Lanna and transfer you to Chiang Mai Airport for your flight to Bangkok.

On arrival your guide and driver will meet you at Bangkok Airport and transfer you by air-conditioned vehicle to Rayong, then take a shuttle boat to Koh Samed.

## Day 10 - 12: Koh Samed

(B/-/-)

Breakfast at hotel. Day at leisure.  
Overnight in Koh Samed

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## Day 13: Koh Samed - Bangkok Departure

(B/-/-)

After breakfast at hotel, check-out; depart from Koh Samed by shuttle boat. Upon arrival the mainland our guide and transportation will meet you and transfer back to Bangkok Airport for your flight.

**\*\* End of Service \*\***

## RATES & CONDITIONS

### SUPERIOR CLASS

#### Accommodation

City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Bangkok	Holiday Inn Silom	Premier Room
Kanchanaburi	River Kwai Resotel	Standard Chalet
Chiang Mai	U Chiang Mai Hotel	Superior Room
Chiang Mai	Lisu Lodge	Standard
Chiang Mai	Khum Lanna	Standard
Koh Samet	Ao Prao Resort	Superior Room

#### Tour Prices (THAI BAHT)

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Period	SHARED IN 1 BEDROOM		SEPARATED IN 2 BEDROOMS	
	2 Adults + 1 Child	2 Adults + 2 Children	2 Adults + 2 Children	2 Adults + 3 Children
26 Jan - 30 Apr 09				
01 May - 31 Oct 09				

#### Note:

- Child / Children's ages must not over 12 years old

#### Holiday Inn Silom

- Peak Season surcharge during 25 Feb 09 - 01 Mar 09 = 1,470 Baht per room per night  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 01-30 Apr 09 = 2,940 Baht per room per night

#### Ao Prao Resort

- Peak Season surcharge during 24 - 28 Jan 09 = 1,360 Baht per room per night  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 12 - 16 Apr 09 = 2,260 Baht per room per night

## DELUXE CLASS

### Accommodation

City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Bangkok	Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa	Deluxe Room
Kanchanaburi	Hin Tok River Camp	Luxury Tent
Chiang Mai	Rati Lanna Riverside Resort & Spa	Deluxe Room
Chiang Mai	Lisu Lodge	Standard
Chiang Mai	Khum Lanna	Standard
Koh Samet	Le Viman Cottage	Deluxe Cottage

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**Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa**  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 23 - 26 Jan 09 = 660 Baht per room per night  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 10 - 13 Apr 09 = 660 Baht per room per night

**Le Viman Cottage & Spa**  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 24 - 28 Jan 09 = 1,320 Baht per room per night  
 - Peak Season surcharge during 12 - 16 Apr 09 = 2,640 Baht per room per night

### Inclusive:

- Accommodation in selected hotel
- Meals as mentioned (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner).
- English or French speaking guide
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees for mentioned visits
- Round-trip hotel shuttle boat transfer from Seree Ban Phe Pier - Koh Samet

### Exclusive:

- Other meals than mentioned
- Other services than mentioned
- International and Domestic Flights
- Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature
- Admission fee to Khao Laem Ya - Mu Koh Samet National Park

ADDITIONAL AIRFARES incl. taxes		
Route (One way ticket)	Airline	Prices (per person)
Bangkok - Chiang Mai	Thai Airways Int'l	
<b>Note:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All airfares, taxes and conditions are subject to change without prior notice.</li></ul>		

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