

THAILAND OVERLAND

TOUR CODE : TCTTHO

(11 Days/10 Nights)

Day 1: Arrive Bangkok

(-/-/-)

Arrive in Bangkok and transfer to hotel.

In the afternoon our guide will pick you up at your hotel and take you to Wat Po. One of the oldest temples in Bangkok, Wat Po is home of the famous 45 meters reclining Buddha as well as being the original school of traditional Thai massage. Continue to The Grand Palace, the most important and impressive royal palace in Thailand. Your guide will show you the palaces used for different occasions - the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House, and of course the mysterious Emerald Buddha, the most revered Buddha image in Thailand.

Note: Appropriate dress is required (or can be rented on site).

Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok

(B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning your guide will pick you up and drive you to Chinatown square where you start an interesting walk through one of the oldest parts of Bangkok. Walk along Yaworat Road where you visit interesting shop selling birds nests and shark fins, continue to a very old teashop to enjoy a cup of Chinese tea with the locals before heading down Trok Leng Moi Eia (a small soi) to Talad Kao for an interesting local market with variety of fresh foods, fresh & dry fruits, Chinese herbs, groceries. End the walk at Wat Leng Neng Yee to visit the Taoist temple before continuing by car to Rachawong pier and board on boat for the trip along Bangkok Noi klongs (Thonburi klong tour) sampling Thai houses and Thai life along the way with stop for visit to Wat Arun. Return to hotel in the early afternoon.

Afternoon, free at leisure to explore Bangkok at your own pace.

Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 3: Depart Bangkok - Ayuthaya - Uthai Thani

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Early morning departure from your hotel in Bangkok and drive to Ayuthaya. Capital of Thailand for more than 417 years from 1350 to 1776 when it was sacked by an invading Burmese army, Ayuthaya. First stop at Bang Pa In to see the summer palace built by King Rama IV at a time of growing European influence in Thailand. See the Italian inspired palace building and surrounding temples. Also visit Wat Nivet Thammavavat a gothic inspired temple beside the river. Continue by car to Ayuthaya and visit the most important of the ruined temples in Ayuthaya historical park, Wat Mahathat and Wat Pra Sri Sanphet. Take lunch at a pleasant riverside restaurant before continuing north to Ang Thong province to see the Sukhothai period reclining Buddha at Wat Pa Mok Worawihan on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River and continue to Ban Phae village where vary sizes of drums are made. After the visits proceed to Uthai Thani for dinner and overnight.

Overnight in Uthai Thani.

Day 4: Uthai Thani - Sukhothai

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast visit the local market place and Wat Chantharam (Wat Tha Sung) before driving north to Sukhothai. Sukhothai, a name meaning dawn of happiness, was founded in the 13th century and became the kingdom's first capital, overseeing a period known as the golden age of Thai history. On arrival check in to your hotel and visit Ramkhamhaeng National museum before proceeding to Sukhothai Historical Park. See Wat Mahathat, Wat Si Chum, Wat Sri Sawai and War Sra Sri and Wat Trapang Ngoen.

Overnight in Sukhothai.

Day 5: Sukhothai - Kampaeng Phet - Phitsanuloke - Sukhothai (B/L/-)

Breakfast at your hotel Head south towards Kampaeng Phet along scenic rice fields landscapes. Kamphaeng Phet province, whose name means "diamond wall", is more than 900 years old - making it more ancient than better-known Sukhothai - and is home to a selection of fascinating ruins bearing testament to its splendid past. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to the busier Phitsanuloke for a city tour including Wat Mahathat (featuring Thailand's most famous Buddha image) and Cha Tawee folk museum. At the end of the afternoon, enjoy a stroll by trishaw along the river banks to the local market. Back by road to Sukhothai.

Overnight in Sukhothai.

Day 6: Sukhothai - Chiang Mai (B/L/-)

After breakfast, drive north to Si Satchanalai Historical Park on the bank of the Yom River north of Sukhothai. The ancient town, formerly called "Muang Chaliang," was named "Si Satchanalai" during the reign of Phra Ruang and 134 ruined monuments have been discovered within the park. Visit the main sites of Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat, Wat Khao Suwan Khiri, Wat Chang Lom, Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo, Wat Suan Kaeo Utthayan Yai, Wat Nang Phaya, Wat Suan Kaeo Utthayan Noi, as well as the Celadon Kiln Site Study and Conservation Centre at Ban Ko Noi, some 4 kilometres to the north of Si Satchanalai. Lunch at a local restaurant during the visits. Continue to Chiang Mai by road.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 7: Chiang Mai. (B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning explore ancient and modern Chiang Mai including the city's most important temples: Wat Suan Dok, where the ashes of Chiang Mai's royal family are interred, Wat Phra Singh, home to an old and sacred Buddha image, and Wat Chedi Luang, where the famous Emerald Buddha was once enshrined. Drive around the old city walls and gates and see markets, residential areas, foreign Consulates, Government buildings and Tapae, Chiang Mai's main street. Stops are made at Chiang Mai University grounds, Monument of Three Kings (who established Chiang Mai as the Capital of Lanna Thai Kingdom), and Buak Haad Public Park. Lunch at Local Restaurant Drive to the mountain temple of Wat Prathat Doi Suthep, the most famous landmark of Chiang Mai. Climb the Naga staircase to visit the exquisite golden pagoda. The sound of temple bells fills the air and the view overlooking the city makes an irresistible photo opportunity. Afterwards drive up the mountain by "songtaew" onto a rough dirt road to the Chang Khien Coffee Research Project where you can enjoy a cup of the local 'arabica' surrounded by fabulous gardens of flowers. Continue to the white Hmong village of Chang Khien where the 800 inhabitants still wear their traditional hill tribe clothes and practice a culture that dates back 500 years. Upon arrival enjoy a quick cup of steaming mountain tea with a village family before returning to Doi Suthep and Chiang Mai.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 8: Chiang Mai - Elephant Camp

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning depart your hotel for the Chiang Dao Young Elephants Training Camp, 56 km/35 miles from Chiang Mai. 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. You depart the elephant camp to the Mae Ping River where you meet your bamboo raft driver for a leisurely, one hour ride down the river. Lunch at a local restaurant. 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.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 9: Chiang Mai - Golden Triangle

(B/L/-)

Pick up in Chiang Mai and head East by minivan(s) towards Mae Kampong village. On the way, a stop will be made at a local market to select the ingredients for your lunch. The village is 1,300 meters above sea level and has a cool climate all year long. Upon arrival meet some of the villagers before starting a walk through the community forest to a waterfall. Return to the village to prepare lunch with your host family. After a short rest, continue through the mountains to Chiang Rai. **Note:** 4-5h drive.

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 10: Chiang Rai - Mae Sai - Chiang Saen - Chiang Rai

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at your hotel. Visit Mae Sai to see the bustling Burmese border market. Continue to Sop Ruak where to see the point of the Golden Triangle where the Mekong River converges on Laos, Myanmar and Thailand. Visit the old Opium Museum, an informative museum that documents the history of the area and details its links to the opium trade. Continue to the 13th century ruined city of Chiang Saen and the heart of the Golden Triangle where the Ruak and the Mekong Rivers meet. After a walk in its temples, take a boat ride along the Mekong River to get a closer look at Laos and Burma. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 11 - Chiang Rai - Departure

(B/-/-)

After breakfast, check out of the Hotel and make a short tour of Chiang Rai to see Wat Pra Kaew. Then depart for Chiang Rai airport for your flight to Bangkok or return to Chiang Mai by car.

END OF SERVICES

RATES & CONDITIONS

Please contact your travel agent or www.exotissimo.com

FIRST CLASS

Accommodation

City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Bangkok	Siam Heritage	Superior
Uthai Thani	Uthai River Lake resort	Superior
Sukhothai	Legendha Sukhothai	Superior
Chiang Mai	BanThai Village	Superior
Chiang Rai	Laluna Resort	Superior

Tour Prices (THAI BAHT)

No. of Pax	1 pax	2 pax	3-6 pax	7-10 pax	11-15 pax	SGL Supplement
01 Nov 08 - 30 Apr 09						
01 May 09 - 31 Oct 09						

Note:

Legendha Sukhothai

- Peak Season Surcharge during 28 Dec 08 - 02 Jan 09 = 795 THB per room per night

Laluna Resort

- Peak Season Surcharge during 29 Dec 08 - 02 Jan 09 = 345 THB per room per night

- Peak Season Surcharge during 12-15 Apr 09 = 345 THB per room per night

SUPERIOR CLASS

Accommodation

City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Bangkok	Siam@Siam Design Hotel & Spa	Leisure Class
Uthai Thani	Uthai River Lake resort	Superior
Sukhothai	Sukhothai Heritage	Superior
Chiang Mai	U Hotels & Resorts	Superior
Chiang Rai	The Legend Chiang Rai	Superior Studio

Tour Prices (THAI BAHT)

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01 Nov 08 - 15 Apr 09						
16 Apr 09 - 31 Oct 09						

Note:

Siam@Siam Design Hotel & Spa

- Not applicable for India & Middle East Market

Sukhothai Heritage Resort

- Compulsory Gala Dinner on 31 Dec 08 = 2,260 THB per person

U Hotels & Resorts

- Peak Season Surcharge during 25 Dec 08 - 05 Jan 09 = 2,150 THB per room per night

The Legend Chiang Rai

- Peak Season Surcharge during 24 Dec 08 - 02 Jan 09 = 2,260 THB per room per night

- Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec 08 = 1,695 THB per person

- Compulsory Gala Dinner on 31 Dec 08 = 2,260 THB per person

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

Exclusive:

- Other meals than mentioned
- Other services than mentioned
- International and Domestic Flights
- Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature
- Tips, Travel insurance

Additional Airfares:

Route	Airline	Prices (per person per way)
Chiang Rai - Bangkok	Thai Airways Intl.	

Note:

- All airfares, taxes and conditions are subject to change without prior notice.

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