

February 12-24, 2020

Discover the highlights of Thailand on this 13-day fully guided and inclusive adventure. From incredible UNESCO landmarks, delightful Thai cuisine, smiling local interaction, and relaxing on golden beaches our tour strikes the perfect balance. Explore the local markets, cruise on a long-tail boat and have a private Buddhist 'blessing ceremony' and delve into the grandeur, royalty and fun of Thailand.

Featuring

- Roundtrip International Airfare
- Tours of Distinction Tour Director
- Superior Accommodation
- Bangkok, Chiang Mai & Phuket
- UNESCO Site ~ Ayutthaya
- Kanta Elephant Sanctuary
- Local Markets
- Hilltribe Family Visit
- Rubber Plantation
- Pristine Beaches
- Incredible Local Culture & Cuisine
- Knowledgeable Local Guides

Activity Level | 



Price

\$4,800 pp dbl occ

\$6,200 single

Passport Required

Group Size | Maximum: 20

For Information & Reservations

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Grand Tour of Thailand – Your Itinerary

Day 1 | Home – Bangkok, Thailand

Arrive at the airport and board your overnight flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

Day 2 | Arrive Bangkok

Upon arrival in Bangkok, we transfer to our hotel. Once settled, we get together for dinner. (D)

Day 3 | Bangkok

This morning, we visit Wat Pho in time to experience the monks early morning chanting ritual. Following this uplifting and private experience, we head to the temple grounds and visit the famous 45-metre reclining Buddha. After, we continue to The Grand Palace, Thailand's most important landmark, and the Emerald Buddha. Lunch is an indulgence of Thai cuisine at our restaurant on the Chao Phraya River.

After lunch, board a long-tail boat sailing up the majestic Chao Phraya River where we tour the local Khlongs and experience a taste of local city life. Then, we discover an orchid farm and learn about this beautiful flower. (B,L,D)

Day 4 | Bangkok – Thai Countryside

Today, we journey outside the bustling streets of Bangkok to Samut Songkhram Province to experience the traditional charms of the Thai countryside.

The day starts with a trip to a local railway station where a bustling country market has sprouted up along the tracks. When a train pulls in or out of the station, the vendors quickly clear their stalls, only to set them up again moments later when the train has passed! From here, the journey continues to famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Although quite touristy today, the market remains the best example to showcase how a floating market originally was like decades ago.

A relaxing paddle boat ride through the canals offers the chance to see the old part of the floating market and local lifestyle. Off the boat, we tour the colorful floating marketplace bustling with boats and vendors selling tropical fruits and other delights. Lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant at the floating market. After, our tour continues by a long-tail boat to a local Buddhist temple and the King Rama II Memorial Park, with its ornate collection of Thai-style pavilions.

This evening's dinner is a visual and palatable delight as we experience an authentic taste of Thai cuisine and dance. (B,L,D)

Day 5 | Bangkok - Ayutthaya

After breakfast, we travel to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city of Ayutthaya, passing through verdant countryside and lush paddy fields. Ayutthaya, which dates back to the 14th Century, is a breath-taking temple-studded landscape. We tour multiple Wats, such as Wat Yai Chaimongkol, Wat Mahathat (where the Buddha face is naturally emerged out of the tree), and learn about the site through our local guide.

We then take the cable car across the river and go by golf cart to visit Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, the majestic mansions of Thailand's Royal family. The evening is free in Bangkok. (B,L)

Day 6 | Bangkok – Chiang Mai

We transfer to the airport today for our domestic flight to the northern capital of Thailand Chiang Mai. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, we transfer to our hotel and check-in.

After some down-time in the hotel, we cruise the Mae Ping River by long-tail boat. Along the river banks, witness traditional wooden houses, modern residences and local markets of traditional Northern Thai life. We return to Chiang Mai and have dinner. (B,D)

Day 7 | Chiang Mai

A day with elephants awaits! We travel to the Kanta Elephant Sanctuary. The Kanta Elephant Sanctuary is an ethical and sustainable retirement home for ALL elephants that have previously worked hard for tourism entertainment or in the logging industry. Throughout, we gain an insight into the elephant life and their story while spending time with them in a private area where we can feed and play with them.

Grand Tour of Thailand – Your Itinerary (continued)

Our dinner tonight is a traditional Khantoke dinner. Our meal is served on special, low, circular tables called 'toke' where various kinds of delicious Northern Thai dishes will be presented. During the meal, we are entertained by a gracious performance of Northern Thai folk dance. (B,L,D)

Day 8 | Chiang Mai

This morning's early starts will allow us to arrive at the base of Doi Suthep mountain in time to buy offerings and join the locals during the daily alms ceremony. This serene Buddhist procession is where dozens of monks walk barefoot through the street collecting food and everyday items. After a visit to Doi Suthep, we discover one of the best-kept secret temples of Chiang Mai, Wat Palad, known as the Temple below the Temple.

Next, journey to Wat Umong. Built in the 14th century, this heavily forested temple is covered by moss and small plants offering a unique yet charming sense of natural decay. We walk through its mysterious tunnel so we reach a temple and experience our own private blessing ceremony. Sample Khao Soy; this famous Northern Thai dish is a combination of coconut cream, crispy noodles and plenty of spice that is sure to delight!

In the afternoon, our tour continues to the Three Kings Monument, followed by Chiang Mai City Arts and Culture. (B,L,D)

Day 9 | Chiang Mai – Mae Kampong

Our day begins with breakfast then a transfer to Mae On. We stop along the way at a local market to select ingredients for our lunch. We then continue to Mae Kampong village where we are met upon arrival by villagers and given a little tour. The tour will go through the community forest, passing tea and coffee fields. After, we return to the village in time to watch lunch being prepared by our host family and see how Thai food is fixed in the countryside. After lunch, relax with a Thai traditional massage and take a walk around the village to see the processing of fermented tea leaves and various products which are handmade in the village. The evening is at leisure to explore Chiang Mai. Chiang Mai's night market is one of the best in SouthEast Asia. (B,L)

Day 10 | Chiang Mai – Phuket

Enjoy some free time in Chiang Mai this morning before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Phuket. Upon arrival in Phuket, we transfer to our hotel for our 3-night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the beach and resort before our dinner. (B,D)

Day 11 | Phuket

After breakfast, we venture out and explore a different side of Phuket not seen by most. We begin with a visit to a rubber plantation, one of the main industries in Phuket. We discover how rubber sap is collected from trees- a manual process that is very time-consuming- and then processed. After, we travel to Tong Sai National Park, a lush expanse of jungle teeming with wildlife. We meet with a volunteer from the Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (GRP) and learn about the center's activities to protect the native gibbon population and their natural habitat.

Our half-day tour concludes with a visit to Wat Prathong, one of the oldest temples in Phuket. Later, we return to our hotel and have some time to relax before our evening tour of Phuket.

Phuket's rich cultural heritage is on display with a visit to the island's historic quarters on our walking tour. After, we drive to the summit of Rang Hill and enjoy sweeping views of the town from a different point of view all the while having a cocktail and snack in this pristine spot. (B,D)

Day 12 | Phuket

Today is free to enjoy the island of Phuket. Relax on its golden, sandy beaches, snorkel, shop – the choice is yours! (B)

Day 13 | Phuket - Home

This morning, we have breakfast and then transfer to the airport. The tour may be over, but the memories of all the beautiful places we have visited will stay with you forever as we check-in and board our flight home. (B)

Grand Tour of Thailand – The Details

Roundtrip International Airfare | Airport Transfers Bangkok & Phuket

Domestic Flights in Thailand | 11-Nights Superior Accommodation | 25 Meals | Bangkok City Tour

Khlong Tour | Local Countryside Tour | Silom Village Dinner & Dance Show

Tour of Ayutthaya | Traditional Khantoke Dinner | Tour of Chiang Mai and Temples

Kanta Elephant Sanctuary | Hilltribe Community Visit | Gibbon Rehabilitation Project

Phuket Night Walking Tour | Rubber Plantation Tour | Local English Speaking Guides

Private Blessing Ceremony | Drinking Water & Cold Towel Daily | Porterage

Tours of Distinction Tour Director | All Taxes & Fees | Gratuities for Tour Director

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$250 non-refundable deposit per person due at time of reservation + Optional Travel Protection

\$2,000 per person due **August 12, 2019**

Final Payment: October 26, 2019

Pay-in-Full at time of deposit and save 5%

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Optional Travel Protection cost per person, double occupancy | single occupancy

\$319 | \$422

Categories not listed above or single supplement rates may increase the cost of your Travel Protection. It is advised that you submit the optional Travel Protection payment with your initial deposit. The Plan Document will be provided to you with your tour confirmation packet. Read this document carefully as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. **IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: A cancellation fee of \$250.00 per person + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure.



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RESERVATION FORM

One Form Per Person

Tours of Distinction
13-Day Grand Tour of Thailand
February 12-24, 2020 | Asia

GUEST DETAILS

Name*: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 First Middle Last
* Important: Name listed here MUST match the name on your passport
Address: _____ City, State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____ Cell #: _____
Passport issue date: _____ Passport Exp Date**: _____
Passport issued in what country: _____ Passport #: _____

CRUISE DETAILS

Occupancy: Single | Double
Travel Partner/Roommate(s): _____
Special Needs (wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.): _____
~~Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. specific staterooms, specific deck, adjoining staterooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Mail this form, a copy of your Passport & deposit to: Tours of Distinction (See Address Below)
_____ *Please check here if you will be applying for a Passport renewal or applying for a Passport.
**Note: The U.S. Department of State recommends your passport have at least six months of validity—beyond the last date of travel.

Optional Deluxe Travel Protection Plan: I would like to: Accept or Decline the optional travel protection.

I am paying by: Check (Payable to Tours of Distinction) or Credit Card

Total Deposit for the Cruise Portion: \$ _____

Total Optional Travel Protection Insurance: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card Information:

Visa | MasterCard | Discover | Amex Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CID #: _____
3 or 4 numbers located on back of card

I acknowledge that I have read the Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies on the reverse of this page and understand all information given to me.

Guest's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Date Received: _____
Cabin Type: _____
Cabin #: _____
Reservation #: _____

Disclaimer and Cancellation Policies

RESPONSIBILITY:

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Optional Group Deluxe Travel Protection cost per person:

Double Occupancy | Single Occupancy

\$319 | \$422

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Passports are required for all International Travel
Passports need to be obtained no later than the final payment date of the tour.

Rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.