

Classic Thailand: Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Phuket - 9 Days

9 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Bangkok - Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai - day trip - Doi Inthanon - day trip - Phuket

From USD 1,267 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Thailand



- 1 Bangkok
- 2 Chiang Mai
- 3 Chiang Rai - day trip
- 4 Doi Inthanon - day trip
- 5 Phuket

— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Bangkok's Grand Palace and temples
- Chiang Rai's White and Blue Temples
- Black House and Doi Inthanon
- A Karen village, coffee and waterfalls
- Free days on Phuket's beaches
- Optional excursions to suit your interests

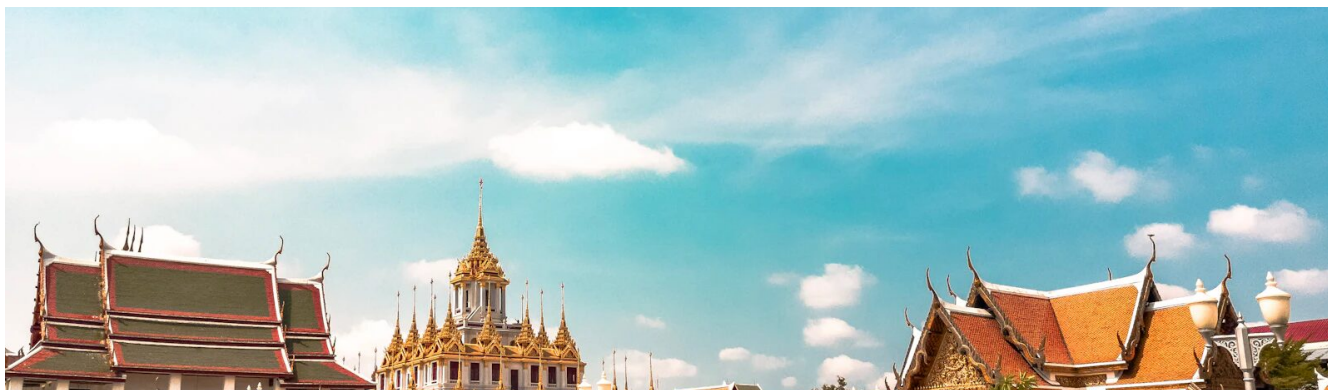
DAY 1**Welcome to Bangkok**

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Your journey begins on arrival in Thailand. Your private driver will welcome you at the airport and take you to your hotel. After check-in, take some time to relax after your flight.

Stroll through the streets to discover historic buildings, local architecture and a lively mix of shops and stalls. Return to your hotel after your first explorations.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 2**Explore Bangkok's temples (B)**

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Meet your guide at the hotel and visit the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Photography may be restricted inside the buildings. After exploring the chedis and palace architecture, continue to the Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, one of Bangkok's oldest and largest temple complexes, with a history spanning more than 200 years.

Continue to Wat Benchamabophit, the Marble Temple, which combines Italian marble with traditional Thai architecture.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 3

Fly from Bangkok to Chiang Mai (B)

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Enjoy your remaining time in Bangkok before your private driver takes you to the airport for the flight to Chiang Mai. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 4**Chiang Rai: White Temple, Blue Temple and Black House — group tour (B/L)**

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Set off from Chiang Mai at around 7 am for a scenic drive through northern Thailand. Your first stop is Maekhachan Hot Springs, where you can stretch your legs and watch steam rise from the thermal waters.

Visit the White Temple, Wat Rong Khun, where white surfaces and mirrored mosaics symbolise purity and enlightenment. Continue to the Blue Temple, Wat Rong Suea Ten, whose deep sapphire colours and intricate murals combine tradition with contemporary art.

After lunch, explore the Black House, or Baan Dam Museum. The complex combines Lanna architecture with thought-provoking artwork, offering a different view of Thai culture and creativity. Return to Chiang Mai at around 5 pm.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 5**Doi Inthanon National Park — group tour (B/L)**

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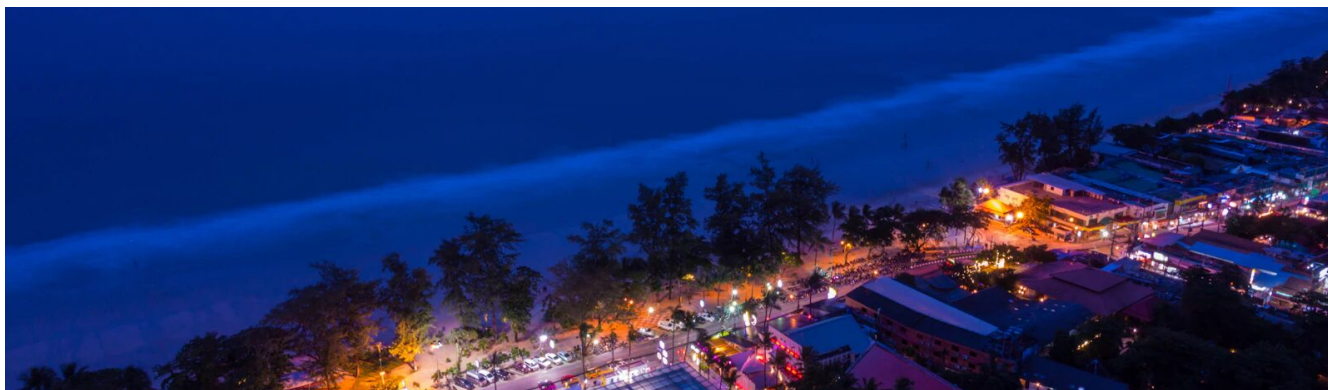
Meet your driver in the hotel lobby between 7 and 7:30 am. The journey to Doi Inthanon National Park and Thailand's highest peak takes around two hours. Enjoy the views and a nature trail with birdlife, historical sights and flowers.

Visit the Nopamaytanidol and Phra Mahathat Nopaphon Bhumisiri chedis, built to commemorate the 60th birthdays of King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit. Afterwards, stop for lunch.

A walk of around two hours follows a narrow mountain trail through the forest to a secluded waterfall. Before reaching the Pagagayaw Karen village, pass coffee plantations, flower fields and rice terraces. Rice fields are particularly visible from around July to mid-November.

Try freshly ground local coffee in the Karen village, then visit Wachirathan Waterfall, which drops around 70 metres. Return to Chiang Mai, arriving at your accommodation at approximately 6:30 pm.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 6**Chiang Mai and flight to Phuket (B)**

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In the morning, you may choose an optional half-day group visit to Elephant Jungle Sanctuary with lunch, listed at USD 85 per person.

Optional programme: after collection from your accommodation, travel around 1.5 hours south of Chiang Mai through hills, forest and farmland. At the sanctuary, meet the elephants and change into traditional Karen clothing. Feed the animals, observe their behaviour, hear their stories and take photographs. The programme then includes a mud bath with the elephants, a walk to the river and bathing with them. After a traditional meal, say goodbye and travel around 1.5 hours back to Chiang Mai, where you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

Please note: if you join the optional excursion, a late-evening flight is planned.

Afterwards, your driver will take you to Chiang Mai Airport for the flight to Phuket.

Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 7**Phuket at leisure (B)**

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Phuket, on the Andaman coast, offers beaches, nightlife and resorts alongside rainforest and limestone scenery. Spend today exploring the island your way or simply relaxing.

For independent exploring, you might choose a day of sunbathing, swimming or snorkelling, or a cool drink by the beach. Visit the aquarium at Cape Panwa to learn about marine life, or try jungle ziplining at Hanuman World. In the evening, enjoy seafood, browse a night market or have a drink on lively Bangla Road.

Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 8**Phuket at leisure, with an optional Phi Phi speedboat tour (B)**

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Enjoy a free day, or book the optional shared speedboat excursion to Phi Phi, Maya Bay, Pileh Cove and Bamboo Island, listed at USD 75 per person.

Optional schedule: collection from your hotel lobby at 7:30 am. At 8:30 am, arrive at the marina for snacks, drinks and check-in, and collect your snorkelling equipment and life jacket.

Depart by speedboat at 9 am for Bamboo Island, arriving around 10 am. Enjoy its white sand and turquoise water, with time to swim, snorkel, sunbathe or walk along the shore.

At 12:30 pm, have lunch in a beachfront restaurant on Phi Phi Don, followed by free time on the beach. At around 2 pm, relax and swim in the emerald waters of Pileh Lagoon, then visit Maya Bay, with its fine sand, limestone cliffs and trees.

At 3:30 pm, continue to Monkey Beach and view Viking Cave from outside. Begin the return to Phuket at around 4:15 pm, arriving at the pier at approximately 5:15 pm for your hotel transfer.

Please note: the optional programme may change according to weather and tides.

Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 9**Departure from Phuket (B)**

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Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your trip. After check-out, you may have time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your transfer to the airport and flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Domestic flight from Chiang Mai to Phuket with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Child airfares follow the airline's conditions at booking. Please contact us for a quote if travelling with more than one child.
- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.
- Meals as listed in the daily itinerary. B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Private airport collection and drop-off, and private transfers during the trip as described. Excursions marked as group activities are shared.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights, and departure taxes.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Travel insurance.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- Airport visa-on-arrival fees.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Other services not expressly included.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December.
- Any applicable holiday surcharges.
- Excursions expressly marked as optional in the daily itinerary.

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Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Bangkok

3 stars**True Siam Rangnam or similar****4 stars****Silom Serene, a Boutique Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Sukosol Bangkok or similar**

Chiang Mai

3 stars**De Charme Chiang Mai or similar****4 stars****Empress Chiang Mai Hotel or similar****5 stars****NA NIRAND Romantic Boutique Resort or similar**

Phuket

3 stars**Kata Sea Breeze Resort or similar****4 stars****Karon Sea Sands Resort or similar****5 stars****Avista Hideaway Phuket Patong - MGallery or similar**

Final hotels are confirmed when you book; comparable alternatives may be used.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered.

Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

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