

The Best of Thailand — A Private 12-Day Tour

12 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Kanchanaburi

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Bangkok - Kanchanaburi - Erawan - day trip - Ayutthaya - Chiang Mai - Doi Inthanon - day trip - Phuket

From USD 2,047 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 Kanchanaburi
- 3 Erawan - day trip
- 4 Ayutthaya
- 5 Chiang Mai
- 6 Doi Inthanon - day trip
- 7 Phuket

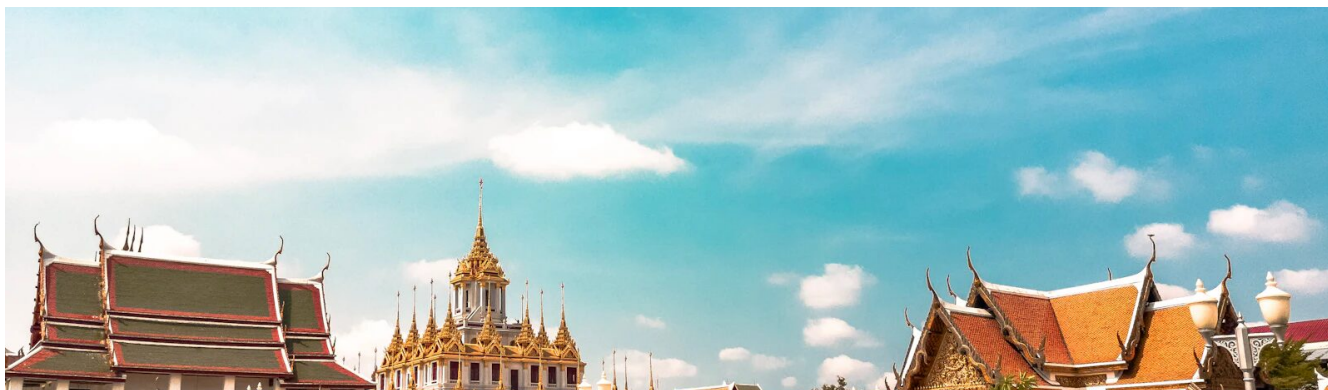
— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

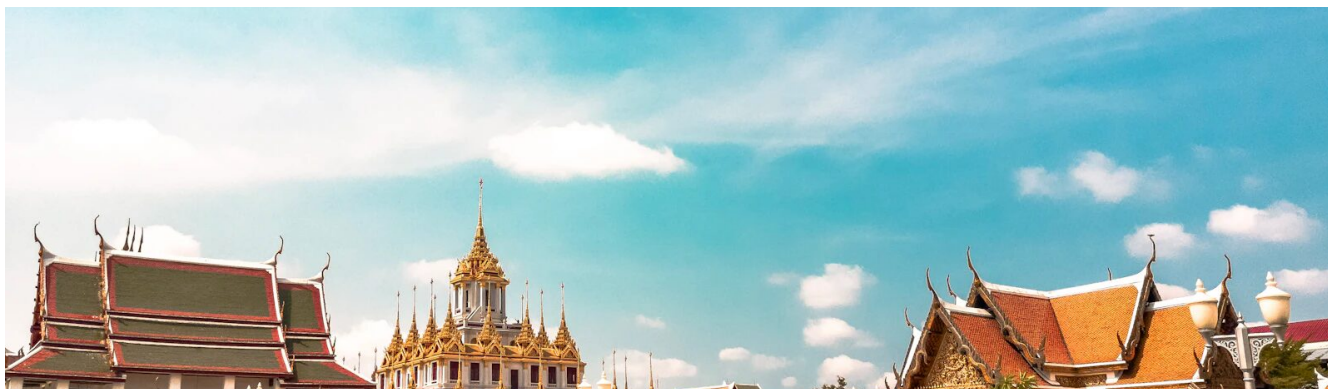
- The Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha
- Kanchanaburi and the historic railway
- Erawan Waterfalls
- Ayutthaya by Kermit tuk-tuk and Bang Pa-In
- Overnight train to Chiang Mai
- Doi Inthanon and the Mae Klang Luang nature trail
- Elephant visit and free days on Phuket

DAY 1**Welcome to Thailand — arrival in Bangkok**

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Your journey begins on arrival in Bangkok. Your private driver will welcome you at the airport and take you to your hotel. After checking in, rest or use your free time to discover the lively city, colourful markets and street food independently.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 2**The Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha (B)**

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After breakfast, meet your guide to explore the Grand Palace, one of Thailand's most significant royal landmarks. See areas used for different royal occasions, including receptions and funerals, and visit the highly revered Emerald Buddha.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 3**Bangkok to Kanchanaburi and the historic railway (B)**

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After breakfast, travel to Kanchanaburi. Visit Second World War memorial sites, including the JEATH War Museum and war cemetery, to learn about this difficult period of history.

Continue to Wang Pho to board a train. The journey of around 30 minutes follows the river to Ban Kao station. Afterwards, return to town and visit the Bridge over the River Kwai.

Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

DAY 4**Walk to Erawan Waterfalls (B)**

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Bring walking shoes and swimwear for a day in Erawan National Park, which covers around 550 square kilometres of caves, trails and waterfalls.

Visit the celebrated Erawan Waterfalls. Their name refers to the many-headed elephant that carries the god Indra in Hindu mythology.

Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

DAY 5**Kanchanaburi, Ayutthaya and overnight train to Chiang Mai (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ayutthaya

Travel to Ayutthaya in the morning, where temple and palace ruins offer a glimpse of the former capital's splendour.

Explore by Kermit tuk-tuk, a distinctive style found in Ayutthaya and Trang. Visit Wat Yai Chaimongkol and Wat Mahathat, famous for the Buddha head surrounded by tree roots. Walk through a local market on the way to Wat Phra Si Sanphet.

Visit Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, with origins in the Ayutthaya period. The complex combines European, Khmer, Thai and Chinese architectural influences and has served as a royal summer retreat.

Transfer to Bang Pa-In station for the overnight train to Chiang Mai.

Overnight on the train without a guide.

DAY 6

Arrival in Chiang Mai — early check-in and free time (B)



Tour photograph · Chiang Mai

Your driver will meet you at the station and take you to the hotel for early check-in. The rest of the day is free.

For independent exploring, consider the art galleries east of the Ping River, local markets and street food. You could visit the quieter Wat Sri Suphan, the Silver Temple, with its intricate silver decoration. Some temples offer monk-chat sessions, where you can discuss religion or everyday life while helping the monks practise English. Alternatively, relax with a spa visit or Thai massage.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 7**Doi Inthanon National Park (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Doi Inthanon

In the morning, drive through scenic countryside and rice fields to the King and Queen pagodas. The Royal Thai Air Force built them to commemorate the monarchs' 60th birthdays. Enjoy views of the national park's mountains from the surrounding viewpoints.

Visit a Karen village to learn about residents' daily lives. Along the way, stop at a market serving the highland communities and at Wachirathan Waterfall.

In the afternoon, follow the Mae Klang Luang nature trail away from the usual route. Begin downhill through forest, then continue beside the river. There is an opportunity to bathe in the cool water at Pa Dok Siew Waterfall. Reach the farmland around Mae Klang Luang Karen village, with coffee bushes and rice fields. In a local coffee house, watch coffee being roasted and ground by hand, then taste a fresh brew made from beans grown in the surrounding mountains.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 8**Elephant Jungle Sanctuary — group visit (B/L)**

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Meet your driver at around 7 am for the journey of approximately 1.5 hours south of Chiang Mai, through hills, forest and farmland.

At Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, meet the elephants and change into traditional Karen clothing. Feed the animals, spend time observing them in their surroundings, learn about their behaviour and histories, and take photographs.

The programme continues with a mud bath and a walk with the elephants to the river, where bathing together is planned. After a traditional meal, say goodbye and travel around 1.5 hours back to Chiang Mai, with drop-off at your accommodation.

Please bring swimwear if you wish to bathe with the elephants.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 9**Chiang Mai and flight to Phuket (B)**

Tour photograph · Phuket

Enjoy your remaining time in Chiang Mai before your private driver takes you to the airport for the flight to Phuket. Meet your driver on arrival and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free to relax and visit the beach independently.

Overnight on Phuket.

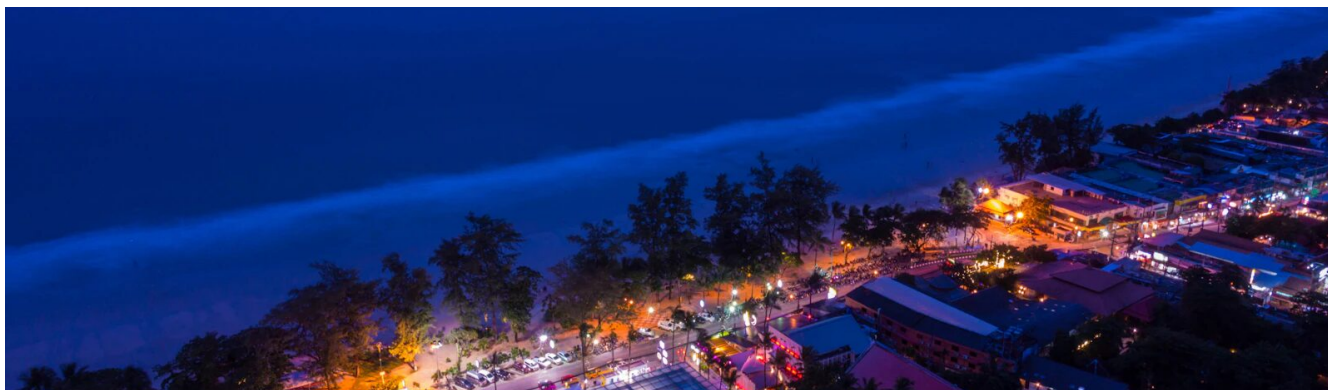
DAY 10**Phuket at leisure (B)**

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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.

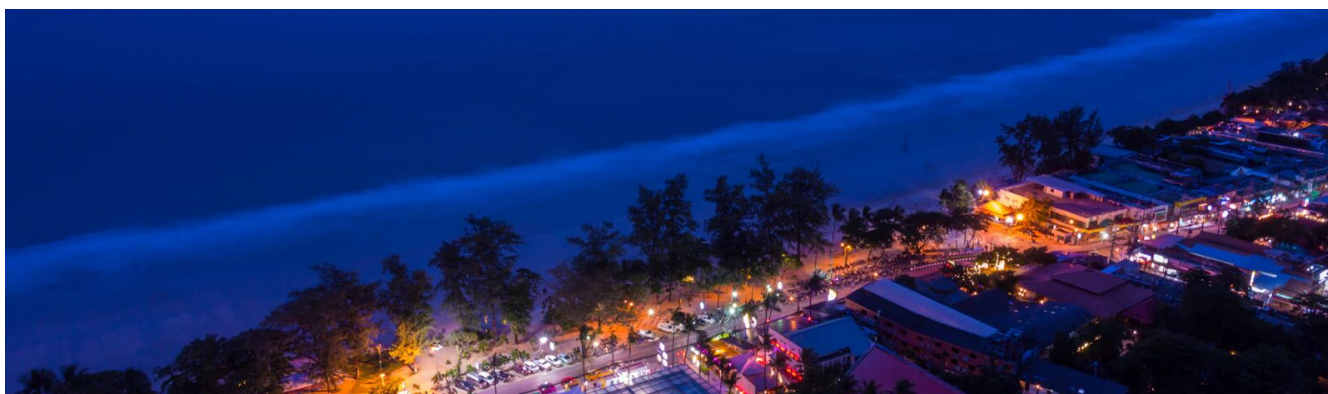
Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 11**Another free day on Phuket (B)**

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Enjoy another day of swimming and relaxation on Phuket.

Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 12**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

- Economy-class 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 itinerary: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Overnight train from Ayutthaya to Chiang Mai in a four-berth sleeper compartment.
- Private vehicles for excursions. The elephant-camp visit is shared with a group, as stated.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- 24/7 assistance through our hotline.

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.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included. The early check-in specified in Chiang Mai remains part of the programme.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Songkran, the Thai New Year, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Thailand visa.
- Services not expressly listed.

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

Kanchanaburi

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Mida Resort Kanchanaburi or similar	Felix River Kwai Resort or similar	U Inchantree Kanchanaburi or similar

Chiang Mai

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

Phuket

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

Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise. Early check-in is planned on arrival in Chiang Mai. The itinerary also includes a night in a four-berth sleeper compartment on the train from Ayutthaya to Chiang Mai. Final accommodation is confirmed when you book.

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.

Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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