

# JOURNEYS FROM BANGKOK TO NORTHERN THAILAND

## (9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS)

Welcome to colorful, exotic, and endlessly fascinating Thailand! KTKs offers the chance to explore distinct Thai regions and experience the lifestyle and traditions unique to each. From the cultural delights of Bangkok to remote villagers & the historic sites. And from the natural wonders of Chiang Rai to the charming of Lanna town in Chiang Mai, Thailand promises to engage everyone's imagination.

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BANGKOK TO NORTH

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### TRIP HIGHLIGHT:

- Enjoy Bangkok Canal Tour and to visit Wat Arun & Wat Pho
- Experience to ride on a Tuk-Tuk (a three-wheeled taxi) to Chinatown
- Visit Railways Market & the famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Visit the Bridge Over River Kwai & JEATH War Museum in Kanchanaburi
- Spend an evening time to explore the local market in Kanchanaburi Town
- Visit the Erawan National Park and the stunning waterfall
- Enjoy Thai cuisine on board the teakwood rice barge cruise in Ayutthaya
- Exploring the World Heritage in Ayutthaya & the Ancient Ruins
- Discover Chiang Rai City by night
- Visit the highlight of Chiang Rai Doi Tung Royal Villa & Hilltribe Village
- Visit Golden Triangle & Chiang Saen Old town
- Visit Chiang Rai's most famous temples "The White Temple" and "The Black House Museum"
- Experience the half-day activity of Elephant care at the Elephant Sanctuary
- Visit the top the most sacred temples of Chiang Mai "Doi Suthep Temple" and to discover the mystery of "The Tunnel Temple"
- Explore Chiang Mai city visit the famous Temples of Chiang & local market

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Immerse yourself in History, culture, authenticity, and uniqueness of Land of Smiles**

Trips to Grand Palace, Wat Pho, cruising along Chao Phraya and its Klongs (Canal) to witness the Bangkokians who live in their unique lifestyle, capture the photogenic moment at thrilling but colorful Train market and floating market will introduce to the unique ways of life in Thailand.

### **Discover the archeological sites of Ayutthaya and historic Death Railway.**

Join Travel class of Thailand History visiting Ayutthaya, former Kingdom of Siam, a World Heritage site, birthplace of traditions and culture, and further insightful trips to Death Railway, Kanchanaburi, a peaceful town where painful history of WWII can be witnessed.

### **Railway Explore distinct regions: Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai for their serene landscape and unique creativity.**

Travel up North to Chiang Rai to experience Golden Triangle, meeting point of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar for the remarkable geographical border at Mekong River and observe exceptional architectural creativity of White temple and Black temple. Dive deep into the culture and history of Chiang Mai visiting famous Temples and relax in the hospitality of Northern Thais.



# TRAVEL PROGRAM IN TRIP

## Day 1 Bangkok – Arrival

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Upon your arrival at Bangkok airport Bangkok, deplane and follow signs to Immigration, located one level above baggage claim. Descend elevator to collect baggage. After clearing customs, proceed to the Arrival lobby and look for your name signboard. Our friendly representative will assist your family with luggage and help with your transfer to your comfortable hotel for check-in. Free at leisure.

Accommodation in BANGKOK

Meals No meal Include

## Day 2 Bangkok City Tour

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**Morning** Breakfast at the hotel

Morning departs from your hotel by private car to Bangkok's Old Town or Rattanakosin Island, to travel by motor launch on the picturesque Chao Phraya River and canals, or Klongs, to observe the serene family homes and temples along the waterways. You will pass the famous Royal Barges, excellent samples of Thai craftsmanship and stop at Wat Arun, often called "the Temple of Dawn. An ancient temple dating back to the Ayutthaya period with the imposing Khmer-style prang or tower is 104 meters tall with steep stairs with the amazing views of the Chao Phraya River. Not apparent from a distance are the fabulously ornate floral mosaics made from broken, multihued Chinese porcelain that was used as ballast by boats coming from China. Today the temple is one of Bangkok most iconic structures, with most remarkable visual identities of Bangkok.



Next visit at Wat Pho, The Temple of Reclining Buddha. One of the oldest and largest temples in Bangkok. Inside the main ordination hall is the sacred Reclining Buddha whose feet are beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearl, carved with holy signs. Wat Pho is, among Thais, also known as the nation, the first public university, Wat Pho was listed as UNESCO Memory of the World (MOW) as a documentary heritage for Asia and Pacific Region.



Next to ride on a Tuk-Tuk, a three-wheeled taxi to Chinatown Bangkok or Yaowarat Road is a must-visit spot in Thailand and offers an experience unlike any other. Take a short walk along the road to explore largest gold trading market in Thailand and it is also a popular destination for people who love food. In daytime the road is a slew of gold shops, Chinese herb shop, fruit stalls, and Chinese restaurants, but by the evening both sides of the street are lined with incredible food stalls full of mouthwatering Chinese food and seafood. That is what Thailand Chinatown Night Market is famous for.

**Accommodation** in BANGKOK

**Meals** Breakfast & Lunch Included

### Day 3 Bangkok – Railway Market – Floating Market – River Kwai Bridge Kanchanaburi

#### Morning

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Early morning departure by road from Bangkok to the garden province of Samut Songkhram in the Mae Klong River delta area. Experience the thrill of Maeklong Train Market folding up and the stalls being packed away in front of your eyes. Explore the market like a local and see the stalls stacked with fruits, vegetables, and seafood. Then proceed to take a unique country market along the railway tracks where a variety of goods are sold and the train travels through bringing people to the market. Next proceed to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, the most colourful floating market in the Kingdom. Enjoy the beautiful sights along the way and witness the day-to-day activities of the Thai people who live on the canals selling their fresh fruits and vegetables from the surrounding villagers' farms. Take a short paddle boat ride through the canals to get the closure feeling of the local people.



Maeklong Train Market



Damnoen Saduak

Free at leisure and enjoy of photo shooting.

#### Afternoon

Local Lunch will be served at the restaurant (food only).

Afterward drive to Kanchanaburi, you will visit the well-kept War Cemetery of Allied Prisoners, which contains the graves of an estimated 9,000 Allied soldiers. These soldiers died while building the bridge and the notorious "Death Railway" which the Japanese had hoped to stretch all the way to the Burmese border. Next stop at the internationally famous Bridge Over the River Kwai, the black iron bridge from Java by the Japanese Army and reassembled under Japanese supervision by the allied prisoners of war labor as part of the railway linking Thailand to Myanmar.

This tour will bring you also closer to the past, with the visit to the JEATH Museum (the name "JEATH" is derived from Japan, England, America/Australia, Thailand, and Holland), where the past has been created and relived with pictures and artefacts out of this time. At the end of the day, transfer to the hotel.

#### Evening

visit traditional evening market to explore the way of life. Enjoy local Thai food on your own.

#### Overnight

in KANCHANABURI

#### Meals

Breakfast & Lunch Included

## Day 4

## Erawan Waterfall – Death Railway Train Ride – Ayutthaya Dinner Cruise

### Morning

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Morning drive to the significant Erawan National Park. The major attraction of the park is the stunning Erawan Falls, a waterfall named after the Erawan, the three-headed white elephant of Hindu mythology. The seven-tiered falls are said to resemble Erawan. It has received many awards. Here lies the biggest and most beautiful waterfall of Kanchanaburi Erawan Waterfall, which runs from the Huai Mong Lai River down a 2100 meters tall mountain. The waterfall is 1500 meters long which cascades down 7 tiers, each of which is a great and safe swimming area. The park's many caves include Phartat Cave, which has stalactites and stalagmites, and Ta Duang Cave, featuring rock paintings. Limestone Wang Bah Dan Cave has 2 levels, with a stream in its lower chamber. The park is crossed by trails, and home to elephants and deer. Moreover, you can take a 30-minute walk around Erawan nature trail to savor the beauty of hill evergreen forest and deciduous forest.



- Next program to take a short train ride from Tham Krasae Bridge Railway Station along the Siam-Burma historic railway built by the Japanese army during the WW2 occupation of Indochina. Owing to the 100,000's of forced labourers who died during its construction, the line is commonly known as the Death Railway.
- Afternoon Local Lunch will be served near the bridge (food only).  
After lunch drive to Ayutthaya (approximately of 3 hours) Evening arrival and check-in at the hotel, free at leisure.
- 07:30 p.m. Ayutthaya Highlights on a romantic cruise with fine traditional Thai cuisine on board  
Board our converted traditional teak rice barge and drift slowly along the majestic Chao Phraya River, the 'River of Kings', and her tributaries, and while the sights of the Island City of Ayutthaya pass you by enjoy a fine selection of traditional Thai cuisine, prepared especially for you in our own kitchens. Take a cruise around Ayutthaya Island and take in the romantic atmosphere of the old capital. Within its ancient monuments, the artistic and cultural heritage of the nation is preserved for later generations to admire. You will have ample opportunity to see some of these magnificent sites along the river, as well as observing the timeless day-to-day activities of the people living along the riverbanks. During your cruise a carefully selected set menu of delicious traditional Thai dishes will be served (food only). The art of Thai cuisine is balancing the delicate flavors that make up our four different taste sensations: sour, salty, sweet and, of course, spicy hot. Thai food is very versatile and can be adapted to suit almost any palate.

Return to the hotel for overnight.

Overnight in AYUTTHAYA

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

## Day 5

## Ayutthaya World Heritage – Bangkok airport for flight to Chiang Rai

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### Morning

Breakfast at the hotel, free at leisure and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Drive to explore Ayutthaya city & its ruin. To truly appreciate the history in Thailand, no holiday would be complete without a visit to Ayutthaya. This historic city was the second capital of the Kingdom of Siam, there are 34 kings to govern the territory until the end of it by an invasion of the nearby territory in 2310 B.E. It results in Ayutthaya Empire has stayed long about 417 years and a prosperous international trading port, from 1350 until razed by the Burmese in 1767. The ruins of the old city now form the Ayutthaya Historical Park, an archaeological site that contains palaces, Buddhist temples, monasteries, and statues.

Visit Ayutthaya Historical Park declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. The first stop at Wat Phra Sri Sanphet, is not just an important historical site, but it was also considered as the spiritual center for Thais. It is strategically located within the grounds of the Royal Palace.



Next to visit at Wat Mahathat an unseen tourist attraction where you could see buddha head enshrine in the three. These temples also enshrine buddha lyric from the past 600 years. Afterward to short visit at an old ruin temple Wat Kudi Dao is a restored ruin of a temple situated off the city island in the eastern area of Ayutthaya where we can share with your storytelling from local people and other stories about Ayutthaya that you could not find on google or any travel book. We would like to take you to some hidden place that is non-touristic.

### Last stop

for an experience of how the local people making famous product Candy cotton this is in Thai we called ROTI. We will let you learn how they make it and will also let you taste it.

### Note

Kindly be aware that proper attire is required to enter the Ayutthaya Historical Temples; KTKs staff will be pleased to advise you accordingly.

Transfer to Bangkok Airport for your afternoon for flight to Chiang Rai (flight TBA / not included).

### Arrive

in Chiang Rai, meet tour guide and transfer to check-in at the hotel, Evening free at leisure.

### Overnight

in Chiang Rai.

### Meals

Breakfast Included

## Day 6

## Chiang Rai – Doi Mae Salong - Mae Sai border - Golden Triangle – Chiang Saen

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### Morning

Breakfast at the hotel

Your trip departs in the morning to Doi Mae Salong, the ethnic Chinese KMT village, then visit, and a Chinese tea plantation. Next continue your trip to Mae Sai border, where you can view the border bridge between Thailand and Myanmar. Visit the local market where you will have chance to bargain and shop the local handicrafts, gems and jade items-mostly made in Myanmar.



Continue your trip to the northern most point of Thailand. Golden Triangle where the Ruak River and the Mekong River meet forming the borders of three countries - Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos - and visit the House of Opium Museum. Continue to the ancient city of Chiang Saen at Wat Chedi Luang. Visit the ancient city at Wat Chedi Luang, built by the 3rd ruler of the Lanna Kingdom in the early 13th Century. This temple was constructed during the classical era of Chiang Saen. Return to your hotel.

### Overnight

in CHIANG RAI

### Meals

Breakfast, Lunch Included

## Day 7

## Chiang Rai – Doi Tung – White Temple – Black Temple – Chiang Mai

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### Morning

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Your trip departs in the morning to visit the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Mae Fah Luang Park, the beautiful botanical gardens which feature year-round flowers and enjoy the cool climate and surrounding areas.



Continue to Wat Rong Khun or “The white temple” is a privately owned art exhibit in the style of a Buddhist Temple. It is owned by Chiang Rai-born painter and artist Mr. Chalermchai Kositpipat who designed, constructed, and opened it to visitors in 1997. Nowadays it has become the most famous and popular tourist attraction in Chiang Rai. It is not an active Buddhist temple because it has no monks residing.



Next to visit Ban Dam or “Black House Museum”, is one of the strangest and most interesting landmarks in Northern Thailand. It is a mixture of traditional northern. Mr. Thawan Duchanee was a Thai artist who was born in Chiang Rai and studied art in Bangkok and then abroad in Amsterdam. His work remains controversial in Thailand, with many locals referring to the famous White Temple as ‘heaven’ whilst the Black Temple is referred to as ‘Hell’. The artist spent over 50 years building this museum of art. The museum covers an area of about 160,000 square meters, consisting of over 40 houses and different structures scattered around the site. Each building has its own unique name. They are made of wood, glass, concrete, bricks, and terracotta with various unique styles incorporated in their design.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon  
of 3.5 hrs.)

After lunch continued to travel from Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai via Wiang Pa Pao. (Approximate duration

Evening

arrives at Chiang Mai. Free at leisure.

Overnight

in CHIANG MAI

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch Included

## Day 8 Chiang Mai City and Temples tour

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel and free at Leisure in the morning.

Afternoon

PM. CHIANG MAI CITY & TEMPLES TOUR Timing: 02:00 - 05:00 p.m. \*\*PRIVATE SERVICE

Be ready at your hotel and meet our guide and depart for Chiang Mai City Tour. Chiang Mai has had a long and independent history, which has a large extent preserved of Thai culture. In addition, this ancient city can be admired through fantastic scenery along the city’s canals surrounded by historical and cultural heritage.



Visit the old temple around Chiang Mai city start from Phra Singh Temple (the most beautiful architecture in northern style reflected from the chapel), Chedi Luang Temple (temple with the biggest stupa) and Chiang Man Temple (the oldest temple built in the same age of Chiang Mai City).

Next to visit Chiang Mai's hidden unique temple Wat Umong or "Tunnel Temple" a 700-year-old Buddhist temple known for its ancient chedis and tunnels with original paintings from the Lanna Dynasty. The temple is also well known as Meditation Centre, located in the foothills of Doi Suthep where all meditators are invited to retreat and practice among peacefully natural surroundings. At the end of each tunnel is a statue of the Buddha with flowers and various other symbolic ornaments where visitors can kneel to pay their respect. You can chat with the monk and learn about the introduction of meditation.



Continue to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is one of northern Thailand's most sacred temples in Chiang Mai. The temple is a beautiful example of northern Thai architecture, reached via a 306-step staircase flanked by Naga (mythical sea serpents). A highly revered temple, containing a holy relic of the Lord Buddha. Spectacularly situated on a mountain top, at an altitude of 3,520 feet, with a magnificent view of the city in the evening & nighttime. Evening, drop off all of you at Chiang Mai night Bazaar to experience of Chiang Mai city by night and various other symbolic ornaments where visitors can kneel to pay their respect. You can chat with the monk and learn about the introduction of meditation.

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Overnight in CHIANG MAI

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Included.

## Day 9 Chiang Mai – Departure

**Morning** Breakfast at the hotel, free at leisure and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Check-out and meet your KTKs guide and take a private transfer to Chiang Mai Airport for your departure flight (flight TBA / Not Included).

**Breakfast at the hotel and free at Leisure in the morning**