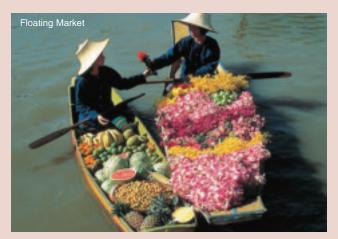
Thailand

Thailand The land of smiles



From the frantic busy streets of Bangkok to the pretty resorts of Phuket, from lively Pattaya to the fresh mountain air of Chiang Mai or the island tranquillity of Koh Samui, Thailand's astounding variety has something to offer everybody shopping, relaxation, adventure, sport, history and romance. Soaring temples dot the landscape, magnificent beaches

stretch for miles, dense jungle covers the northern hills, paddy fields shine in the sun and uninhabited islands invite exploration. Yet, despite this diversity, throughout the country visitors will find a common trait – the courtesy and friendliness of the Thai people. Thai's enjoy life and no single word in any other language quite equates with the Thai 'sanuk', combining the concepts of pleasure, fun and joie de vivre which permeates every aspect of life in Thailand. Bangkok is known to Thais as 'Krung Threp' – the city of angels. It lies on a bend in the Chao Phraya River and possesses an amazing combination of historic sights and up-to-the-minute entertainment from the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, a collection of buildings that unite traditional Thai architecture with the style of the Italian Renaissance, to the nightlife of Patpong; from Wat Po, the Monastery of the Reclining Buddha, containing an enormous statue of the Buddha, to the bustle of the Weekend Market.



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Away from the capital, the rest of the country invites exploration. You can travel north into the mountains to Chiang Mai, the modern city sprawling around the walled and moated town that was once the centre of an old Thai kingdom long before Bangkok was founded. Treks run from here through the lands of colourful hill tribes and can include elephant-riding and bamboo rafting. Or head south to Pattaya, once a fishing village bordering sandy beaches and an emerald sea but now one of Asia's liveliest beach resorts; to Phuket, where the warm, clear waters of the Andaman Sea lap stretches of fine, white sand – yet just inland the forest-clad hills, coconut groves and rubber plantations are centuries away from the entertainment, water sports and modern facilities of the coast; or to Koh Samui, an island off the east coast, with what are probably the best beaches in the country.

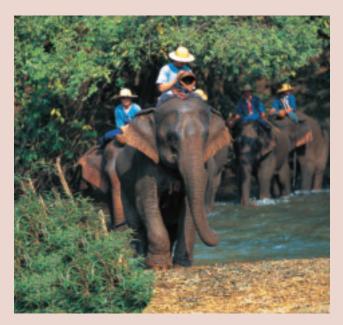
Whatever your preference, be it exploring jungle trails, marvelling at treasures of the past, experimenting with the sometimes fiery Thai food, enjoying soft adventure tours, or simply lazing in the sun soaking up an enviable tan, Thailand offers an enormous range of choices for your perfect vacation.

Sightseeing

Palaces, temples, exotic islands, tropical jungles, mountains, tribal villages and floating markets.

Accommodation

Luxury beach resorts, city centre hotels, romantic hideaways, mountain retreats, golf resorts and island getaways.



Family activities

Theme and amusement parks, zoos and cultural venues.

Shopping

What you can buy – There is an enormous range of beautifully handcrafted items reflecting traditional artisan skills dating back hundreds of years usually at extraordinarily competitive prices, clothes, textiles, silk, cotton and leather products.

Where you can buy – Modern department stores, shopping malls, boutiques, night and street markets.

Entertainment

Thailand's nightlife is legendary – classical Thai dancing and drama, often modelled on epic tales from Hindu mythology, discothèques, restaurants, nightclubs and bars.

Sports and leisure

Water sports – Parasailing, diving, snorkelling, windsurfing and deep sea fishing, Thai Kick-boxing, golf, hiking, wellness centres and spas.

Events

Songkran Festival, Thai New Year (April); Thailand Grand Sale (June – July); Loi Krathong – Festival of Lights (November).

Honeymoon

Dream honeymoons can be enjoyed almost anywhere in Thailand, with Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga Bay, Koh Samui and Koh Chang being particularly recommended.



Thailand

Classical Thailand 8 days/7 nights • Coach tour

Bangkok • Phitsanuloke • Chiang Rai • Chiang Mai • Bangkok • Historic city of Srisatchanalai

- The Golden Triangle borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos
- Akha and Yao hill-tribe villages

This tour takes you through the heart of Thailand on a journey that reveals the rich diversity and long history of the country. It also gives you an intriguing insight into the rural way of life in the mountains of the north.

Day 1: Bangkok

Arrive at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok - Phitsanuloke (430 kilometres)

Drive to Ayutthaya and on to Lopburi, where you see magnificent stone carvings. Proceed to Phitsanuloke and visit the revered Buddha statue. Overnight in Phitsanuloke.

Day 3: Phitsanuloke - Chiang Rai (460 kilometres)

Explore the ruins of the temples and monasteries in the historic city of Srisatchanalai. Drive through jungle-clad hills to Chiang Rai. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 4: Chiang Rai

Depart for Doi Mae Salong, a Chinese settlement founded by Kuomintang soldiers. Visit the Akha and Yao hill-tribe villages before driving on to



Mae Sai. Then drive to the renowned Golden Triangle where the Ruak and Mekong Rivers meet. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 5: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai (190 kilometres)

A scenic drive takes you to Chiang Mai, where you visit the famous temple of Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep. Enjoy a ceremonial northern Thai Kantoke dinner. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 6: Chiang Mai

Visit an elephant camp followed by a visit to Sankampaeng, home to Chiang Mai's famous cottage industries. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 7: Chiang Mai – Bangkok

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 8: Bangkok

You could opt to catch up on some last-minute shopping before you transfer to Suvarnabhumi International Airport for your return flight.

Total distance: 1,080 kilometres.



Tour available as:

 Coach tour – Including luxury coach, English-speaking tour guide, flights and pre-booked accommodation.



Whilst a visitor's first impression may be that Bangkok is merely another lively modern city, closer inspection reveals a magical Oriental metropolis, containing a splendid heritage of culture, art and architecture that still thrives amongst the high-rises and new shopping centres. The Thai's light-hearted attitude and determination to enjoy life to the full is evident in Bangkok's abundant entertainment, ranging from classical dance and Thai boxing to the pulsating nightlife of Patpong and the night markets in Pratunam. For sightseers, the best way to explore Bangkok is to cruise along the rivers and 'klongs' (canals), revealing not only magnificent palaces and temples but also colourful markets and the everyday life of waterside dwellers.

Diners can run the gamut of the city's cuisine – from a simple bowl of lemon grass shrimp soup at a floating market, to a multi-course meal at one of the many exclusive restaurants.

Bangkok is a great place for shopping, offering an enormous choice of locally-made and designer goods at very reasonable prices – whether purchased in one of the modern, air-conditioned malls or the exhilarating atmosphere of traditional markets.

Places of interest: Cruise the klongs; the magnificent Grand Palace complex; Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn); Wat Pho (Temple of Reclining Buddha); Wat Saket (Golden Mount); Emerald Buddha Temple; Jim Thompson's House Museum; street markets.

For the family: Dreamworld Theme Park; Siam Water Park; Siam Niramit Show; Dusit Zoo; Safari World and Rose Garden.

Best buys: Silk, jewellery, gems, antiques, silver, lacquerware, rattan furniture, leather goods and Asian artefacts. Good shopping places are the **Central World** (old World Trade Centre) shopping complex, Patpong night market, **Silom Road, Siam Square** and **Pratunam Market**.

Out and about: Everything from classical dance to lively nightclubs.

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Landmarks



Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and Rose Garden

Full-day seat-in-coach and boat excursion with lunch

Enjoy your drive through attractive countryside to **Damnoen Saduak** about 100 kilometres west of Bangkok. Here, board a long-tail boat and navigate the '**Klongs' (canals)** built around 1866. The klongs facilitate easy transfer of fruits, flowers and vegetables.

Damnoen Saduak is one of the largest and most colourful floating markets in the country. During the boat ride you will pass orchards, traditional teak houses and see the klong-dwellers going about their daily lives.



From Damnoen Saduak we drive to the **Rose Garden**, a beautifully landscaped 70-acre botanical park by the **Ta Chine River**, where the **Cultural Centre** recreates a typical Thai village. Here, you will see the interesting and informative **Thai Village Show**, enabling visitors to experience first-hand rural Thai lifestyle. In addition to the show, there are demonstrations of **Thai boxing**, **cock fighting** and **fencing**, as well as an ordination **ceremony into monkhood**. Around the Rose Garden are villagers working at traditional crafts – silk weaving, pottery making, umbrella painting, Khon mask carving, mat weaving, doll making, fruit carving, garland making and the intricate working of silver and lacquerware.

JW Marriott Bangkok

Location: Sukhumvit Road.

This hotel is located in the central business, entertainment and shopping district with easy access to Central World, Siam Paragon and MBK shopping malls, the sky train as well as to Bumrungrad International Hospital, making it a preferred hotel for leisure travellers. Embedded in the cultural traditions of Thai hospitality, the JW Marriott Bangkok embraces a new attitude to travelling with the touches and comforts of home while providing a genuine personalised environment with ample choices of innovative dining for a memorable experience. The hotel offers pleasant respite from the urban bustle of Sukhumvit Road. Its luxurious interiors, friendly ambience and attention to detail combine to provide a fine standard in comfort and service. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 33 kilometres away.

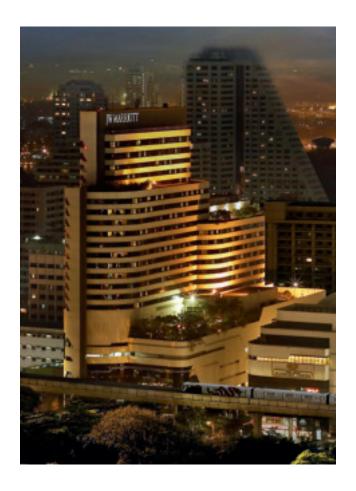
The luxurious health spa offers the perfect getaway to help soothe away the stress of modern life with rejuvenating packages specially created by highly skilled, trained therapists. A complete culinary experience under one roof, the hotel offers an exciting choice of stylish dining venues.

Facilities: 441 rooms and suites. Seven restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, LCD TV with iPod connection, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe



Executive Rooms: Additionally these rooms have access to the Executive Lounge and are located on the higher floors.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, aerobics room, spa, sauna, steam bath and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Mandarin Oriental Bangkok

Location: Chao Phraya riverside.

A truly legendary hotel located along the fabled Chao Phraya River or River of Kings. This hotel is close to the Silom shopping and business district and is a paragon of contemporary luxury and rich history. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 36 kilometres away. **Facilities:** 393 rooms and suites. Eight restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, valet service, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.



Superior River Wing Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, fax machine, data ports, minibar, refrigerator and safe.

Sports and leisure: Two outdoor pools, health centre, aerobic classes, spa, sauna, massage, golf driving net, tennis courts, squash courts and jogging track. Check-in: 1300 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok

Location: City centre.

Located in the business, commercial and diplomatic district of Bangkok, the hotel is conveniently linked to the sky train station and is surrounded by prime shopping centres. The hotel is also close to one of Bangkok's most important landmarks, The Erawan Shrine. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 35 kilometres away.



Facilities: 380 rooms, suites and spa cottages. Six restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, nightclub, shopping arcade, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Grand Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage, tennis court and squash court. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.

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Siam Kempinski Hotel



Location: City centre.

Ideally located just a few steps from Siam Paragon shopping mall and offering the finest new rooms and suites, the hotel is a luxurious oasis in the heart of Bangkok. Each room features a spacious balcony and complimentary internet access. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 35 kilometres away.

Facilities: 303 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Deluxe Rooms:** These rooms offer garden views and have a separate



seating area. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, LCD TV, iPod docking station, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, aerobics room, spa, sauna, steam bath and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Millennium Hilton Bangkok



Location: On the Chao Phraya riverside – Downtown. Towering majestically above Chao Phraya River, the hotel boasts sweeping city and river views. With its unique offerings of Zeta Bar and Three Sixty Lounge on the 32nd floor offering 360 degree panoramic views across the river and beyond, it certainly makes Millennium Hilton Bangkok one of the city's landmark entertainment and dining hot-spots. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 45 kilometres awav.

Facilities: 543 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre,



babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, high speed internet, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna and jacuzzi. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers



Location: On the Chao Phraya riverside – Downtown. Overlooking the Chao Phraya River, this is one of the very few hotels on the riverside with all rooms offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the river. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 40 kilometres away. Facilities: 734 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service (provides a variety of Middle Eastern cuisine), shopping

arcade, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, interconnecting and



Deluxe River View Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe,

TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

non-smoking rooms.

Sports and leisure: Two outdoor pools and children's pool, 24-hour fitness centre, aerobics, spa, sauna, massage, mini golf, tennis court and table tennis. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Amari Watergate Hotel & Spa

Location: City centre.

This hotel is located in the shopping and business district of Pratunam and within walking distance to Central World and the famous Erawan Shrine. It combines the luxury of spacious rooms, fine restaurants and extensive recreational facilities. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 38 kilometres away.

Facilities: 569 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, beauty salon, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable



for the physically challenged. **Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, data port, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage, table tennis and squash court. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



The Landmark Bangkok

Location: Sukhumvit Road.

Set on fashionable Sukhumvit Road, The Landmark Bangkok is an established hotel offering five-star facilities and services for both the leisure and business traveller. With the sky train station located next to the hotel, it is conveniently linked to the city's main commercial district and many of its leading tourist attractions. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 28 kilometres away.

Facilities: 414 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, three bars and an English pub, 24-hour room service (includes an Arabian menu), beauty salon, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-



smoking rooms.
Superior Rooms: Air-conditioning, bathrobe, TV (includes Arabic channel), data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.
Deluxe Rooms: Additionally these rooms are larger and are better-appointed.
Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, Fitness First Health Club, sauna, jacuzzi and squash court.
Check-in: 1200 hours
Check-out: 1200 hours.





Majestic Grande

Location: Off Sukhumvit Road.

This stylish boutique hotel enjoys a convenient central location close to the business, shopping and entertainment districts. It is within walking distance to the sky train station. The Majestic Grande combines contemporary décor and state-of-the-art technology with a warmth of hospitality which is uniquely Thai. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 50 kilometres away.

Facilities: 251 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, 24-hour room service and business centre.

Grande Superior Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, refrigerator, tea and coffee

and safe. Grande Deluxe Rooms: Additionally these rooms offer generous lounge and working areas and larger closets. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, sauna, jacuzzi, steam room and massage rooms. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Holiday Inn Silom Bangkok

Location: Silom Road.

This hotel is located on Silom Road, in the heart of Bangkok's commercial, shopping, jewellery and entertainment heaven. It is just a five-minute walk to the sky train station. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 40 kilometres away.

Facilities: 700 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Superior Rooms: These rooms are located in the Plaza Tower. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data port, minibar and tea and coffee.



Premier Rooms: Additionally these rooms are located in the Crown Tower. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data port, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage and tennis court. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Grand Sukhumvit Hotel Bangkok - Managed by Accor



Location: City centre.

The hotel is ideally located in the heart of Bangkok's Sukhumvit Road, the bustling commercial, shopping and entertainment district and close to the sky train station. The architecture is contemporary and stylish and the hotel features luxurious rooms and suites and offers guests a wide selection of room sizes and views. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 28 kilometres away.

Facilities: 386 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, business centre, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.



Silver Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. Apartments: Additionally these have well-equipped pantries. Sports and leisure: Swimming pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





Amari Boulevard Hotel

Location: Off Sukhumvit Road, Soi 5.

The hotel is located in a quiet residential street within walking distance of Sukhumvit Road – the heart of Bangkok's business, embassy, shopping and entertainment areas. In the immediate area is "Little Middles East" street and sky train. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 30 kilometres away.



Facilities: 309 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, souvenir shop, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Superior Rooms: These rooms are located in the Siam Wing.

Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Deluxe Rooms:** Additionally these rooms are larger and have a bathtub and a shower cubicle. They are located in the Krungthep Wing. **Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness centre and traditional massage. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Rembrandt Hotel Bangkok

Location: Off Sukhumvit Road.

This hotel is located close to the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre and is within walking distance of the shopping, entertainment, business and nightlife areas. The hotel combines efficient service with charming Thai hospitality, ensuring visitors a memorable stay. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 32 kilometres away. **Facilities:** 407 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, business centre, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.



Superior Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar, laundry, tea and coffee and safe. Deluxe Rooms: Additionally these rooms are on higher floors with additional amenities. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness room and spa. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Phuket Thailand's popular playground



Located approximately 860 kilometres south of Bangkok on Thailand's west coast is Phuket, the country's largest island. Connected to the mainland by a bridge, Phuket has retained a distinctive culture, where the fusion of Chinese and Portuguese influences have combined with the traditions of the Chao Naam, the indigenous sea-faring people. The main resort offers white powdery beaches, tranquil bays, abundant water sports, plenty of yet the sparsely populated interior

entertainment and a host of activities – yet the sparsely populated interior has changed little in centuries.

The most popular resort areas are Patong, Karon and Kata, although there are idyllic beaches scattered all around the island. Phuket Town is an ideal base from which to explore the island's rainforest, paddy fields and plantations of rubber, cashew nut, cacao, pineapple and coconut.

Diving is a major attraction, with the coral reefs fringing the area containing an immense variety of marine life. The waters are home to over 850 species of pelagic fish and 100 species of coral reef fish, as well as more than 200 varieties of hard corals.



Places of interest: Chalong temple; old Phuket Town; Phi Phi and Phang Nga islands.

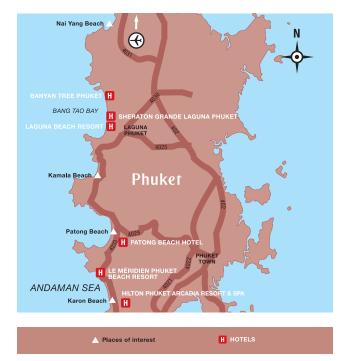
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For the family: Phuket Aquarium; Dino Park and Phuket Fantasea; Phuket Water Ski Cableways; Phuket Joyland.

Best buys: Large department stores are located in **Phuket Town**; **Thalang** and **Patong**; the two giant supercentres – **Tesco Lotus** and **Big C** are located north of Phuket Town.

Out and about: Patong houses the island's entertainment scene, boasting a wealth of bars, clubs and live music. Kata, Karon and Phuket Town also offer a diverse range of clubs and nightspots. Phuket Fantasea, evening cultural entertainment show.

Sporting attractions: Golf and water sports, including diving, fishing, sailing and snorkelling.





Koh Phi Phi and Koh Kai Island tour

Full-day speedboat excursion with lunch

This exciting excursion takes you to some of the loveliest islands in South-East Asia. Transfer from your hotel to the pier for an exhilarating speedboat trip to **Koh Kai**, meaning **Chicken Island** – so called because of a bizarre rock formation that resembles the head of a chicken. One end of the island consists of steep cliffs, while the other end has outstanding beaches from which you can swim, snorkel and even feed bananas to the fish.



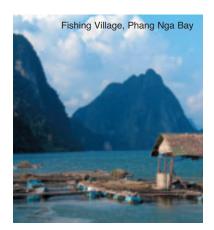
The voyage continues to **Koh Phi Phi Don,** a picture-postcard tropic island with fine sandy beaches, spectacular

scenery of soaring limestone cliffs, a refreshing lack of roads, a laid-back lifestyle and turquoise waters teeming with colourful marine life. Just a short boat ride from Koh Phi Phi Don is uninhabited **Koh Phi Phi Leh** and exquisite **Maya Bay** which was the backdrop for the cult movie 'The Beach'. Phi Phi Leh also houses the Viking Cave, once a haunt of pirates who sheltered here to escape the monsoon winds, transfer cargo or make repairs. Return to your hotel in the evening.

We recommend that you take swimsuits, sandals or slippers and sun lotion.

Phang Nga Eco-tour – The Ideal Cruise

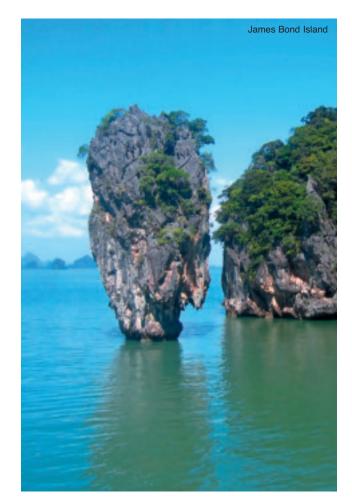
Full-day boat excursion with lunch



Islands with sheer limestone cliffs streaked with hues of black, tan, ivory, grey and red, covered in lush tropical vegetation rising vertically out of Phang Nga Bay's emerald-green water are amongst the most spectacular sights in Thailand. Protected from both the north-east and south-west monsoons, the water is calm vear-round, making our leisurely day trip cruising amongst the islands, occasionally stopping to enjoy quiet beaches, the perfect way to discover their amazing beautv.

You will see 200-metre high **Koh Tapu** (now known as **James Bond Island** after its starring role in the movie The Man with the Golden Gun); explore Talu Cave and its surrounding mangrove forest; have lunch at the fishing village at **Koh Panyi**, **Sea Gypsy Island**, built on stilts over the water against the backdrop of towering cliffs; see the vast cave (Hong in Thai) at **Koh Hong**, one of the most popular of these islands, where the collapsed cave system, open to the sky and surrounded by towering limestone walls, is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna; call at **Koh Panak**; and relax on the white sandy beach of **Lawa Island**.

We recommend that you take swimsuits, sandals or slippers and sun lotion.



Banyan Tree Phuket



Location: Laguna area.

Bordered by the Andaman Sea, Banyan Tree Phuket is an oasis of peace and tranquillity. Exuding seclusion, luxury and romance, this exotic hideaway boasts only the finest facilities and ambience. Phuket International Airport is 22 kilometres away.

Facilities: 149 villas, 10 restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, library, Banyan Tree Gallery, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes and babysitting.

Deluxe Villas: Each villa is located within a secluded garden.

Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Pool Villas:** Additionally these villas have their own pool.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, jacuzzi, steam



rooms, massage, aromatherapy, 18-hole golf course, three tennis courts, beach volleyball, biking and water sports. Check-in: 1500 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket

Location: Laguna area.

Overlooking a stretch of pristine white beach on Bang Tao Bay, this resort provides an experience of rare enchantment. Phuket International Airport is 21 kilometres away.

Facilities: 422 rooms and villas. Nine restaurants and bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, business centre, wireless connectivity, children's activities, babysitting and non-smoking rooms. Garden Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, slippers, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Villas: Additionally these villas are larger and offer great views of either the lagoon, pool or ocean. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, massage, access to an 18-hole golf course nearby, tennis courts, jogging track, table tennis, volleyball and water sports. Check-in: 1500 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Le Méridien Phuket Beach Resort 🗹 🗹 🗹

Location: Relax Bay.

Set in 40 acres of tropical paradise with lush foliage and sprawling golden sands, the hotel is located on its own secluded beach of the Andaman Sea and cove. Phuket International Airport is 45 kilometres away.

Facilities: 470 rooms and suites. Seven restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, nightclub, shopping arcade, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, children's club, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.
Garden View Rooms: Private balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, internet, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Two outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna,



jacuzzi, massage, mini golf, four tennis courts, two squash courts, volleyball, beach soccer, basketball court, games room, archery, rock climbing wall and water sports.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Laguna Beach Resort



Location: Laguna area.

This resort is located on Bang Tao beach nestled between a sparkling lagoon and the Andaman Sea. The resort features a water park, making it very popular with families. Phuket International Airport is 23 kilometres away.

Facilities: 252 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, business centre, children's activities and babysitting. Superior Lagoon View Rooms: Air-conditioning, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.



Sports and leisure: Three outdoor pools, fitness centre, jacuzzi, massage, access to a nearby 18-hole golf course, four tennis courts, archery, billiards room, pool room, table tennis, badminton, games room and water sports.

Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa

Location: Karon Beach.

This village style resort, situated on Karon Beach, stretches over 75 acres of beautifully landscaped tropical gardens. Unwind with a traditional Thai massage, cool off in one of the three pools at the resort or take a free scuba diving lesson. Phuket International Airport is 48 kilometres away.



Facilities: 606 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Guest Rooms: These rooms offer sea views, balcony and have a

separate seating area. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, LCD TV, iPod docking station, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Three outdoor pools, fitness centre, aerobics room, spa, sauna, steam bath, massage three tennis and two squash courts. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Patong Beach Hotel



Location: Patong area.

The hotel is located in the heart of Patong beach and a short stroll away from the entertainment and nightlife area. The hotel offers sweeping views of the Andaman Sea, lush gardens or the swimming pool. Phuket International Airport is 45 kilometres away. **Facilities:** 245 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, bars, 24-hour room service, library, shopping arcade, discothéque, safety deposit boxes and babysitting.

Superior Rooms: Private balcony, air-conditioning, bathrobe, TV,



minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Deluxe Rooms: Additionally these rooms offer a sea view. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, jacuzzi, steam rooms, massage, aromatherapy and thai massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Chiang Mai



Chiang Mai

Named 'rose of the north' for the abundance of flowers that thrive in the cool mountain climate, Chiang Mai is set in a lush valley surrounded by magnificent jungle-covered mountains, home to tribal people who still preserve their traditional lifestyle.



The renowned celadon pottery, hand-painted

parasols, handicrafts of silk, silver and wood are all locally produced by deft craftsmen who have inherited their skills from their ancestors.

The isolation of the north has led to a distinctively different culture from the rest of Thailand. The more adventurous can explore this fascinating region by trekking, riding on elephant-back, river rafting or four-wheel drive safaris discovering unspoiled landscapes dotted with the traditional villages of colourful hill-tribe people.

Places of interest: Wat Doi Suthep and Wat Chiang Mai Temple and the tribal museum on the northern outskirts of the city.

Best buys: An interesting aspect of shopping in Chiang Mai is its **night market's**, a shoppers paradise. Here shops and street vendors offer a huge variety of goods at bargain prices.

Sporting attractions: Enjoy white water rafting at Doi Intanon National Park; golf at some of the country's most scenic courses.

Golden Triangle tour

Overnight chauffeur-driven private car excursion with meals



This excursion takes you through quiet villages, ancient temples and beautiful scenery, where the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos meet.

Depart from your hotel in Chiang Mai to visit the orchid farms before continuing to Mae Saa Elephant Camp and also take an elephant trek through the forest. After lunch, your journey takes you to Wiang Pa Pao, located in a picturesque green valley, Mae Ka Chan hot spring and Rong Khun, to see its unusual temple. Pause at Chiang Saen, the 850-year old city, before arriving at Chiang Rai, once notorious as the centre of the opium trade. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

After breakfast, take a long-tailed speedboat trip on the **Mekong River** before visiting the **Opium**

Museum. Later visit the Akha and Yao hill tribes and on to the Doi Tung Development Project, witness how the perseverance of the people has revived their once deteriorated forests. We also stop at the Cottage Industry Centre. After lunch we return to Chiang Mai.

Note: The price does not include Elephant riding at Mae Saa Elephant Camp.



Chiang Mai

Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai



Location: Close to the city centre.

A truly inspirational resort, the Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai envelopes guests in the serenity of traditional Thai culture. Chiang Mai International Airport is 10 kilometres away.

Facilities: 123 villas and suites. Four restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, world-class library, Thai cooking school, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre and non-smoking rooms.

Colonial Suites: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, slippers, TV, data ports, minibar, jacuzzi, private balcony and tea and coffee. **Deluxe Villas:** Additionally these are more spacious.



Sports and leisure: Two outdoor pools, children's activities, amphitheatre for cultural events, fitness centre, spa, sauna, steam bath, wellness programmes, shopping village, tennis courts and golf courses nearby. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.





dusitD2 Chiang Mai

Location: Close to the city centre.

dusitD2 Chiang Mai is a modern, stylish and urban lifestyle hotel in the heart of downtown Chiang Mai; balancing traditional and trendy with a Thai twist. Perfectly located just off the famous night bazaar, restaurants and entertainment, dusitD2 Chiang Mai offer's the urban traveller a serene oasis in the midst of downtown Chiang Mai, with its warm chic interior and contemporary Thai design. Chiang Mai International Airport is seven kilometres away.

Facilities: 131 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre and non-smoking rooms.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, full cable access, DVD player, high-speed internet access and tea and coffee.

Sports and leisure: Swimming pool, fitness centre and spa. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



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Royal Princess-Chiang Mai

Location: Close to the city centre.

The hotel enjoys a central location, close to the city centre, in the heart of the famous night market. It is ideally situated for exploring the city's many attractions and provides a gateway to the region's stunning scenery. Chiang Mai International Airport is seven kilometres away. Facilities: 198 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes and babysitting.



Superior Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. Deluxe Rooms: Additionally these

rooms are located on the higher floors and have a Lanna-style décor.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool and fitness room. Check-in: 1200 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Pattaya/Koh Samui

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Thailand resorts

Ang Thong Marine National Park

Pattaya Thailand's premier resort

Pattaya, which means 'south-west monsoon wind' in Thai, is approximately 150 kilometres from Bangkok. It's literally where east meets west, both in colour and character and is probably the most cosmopolitan place in Thailand after Bangkok.

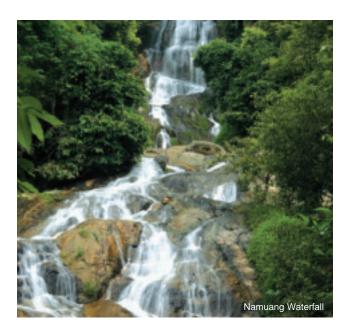
Pattaya will appeal to water sports enthusiasts who enjoy swimming, snorkelling, scuba diving, paragliding, windsurfing and sea-kayaking.

Other noteworthy Pattaya attractions include botanical gardens, orchid farms, sapphire mines, elephant training farms and temples. 14 kilometres north of Pattaya City is Mini Siam, which offers a comprehensive tour of Thailand's highlights on a miniature scale.

Koh Samui The island of tranguillity

Just an hour's flight from the teeming streets of Bangkok lies the peaceful island of Koh Samui, the third largest of a group of nearly 100 beautiful tropical islands in the Gulf of Thailand. With its green mountainous interior, sandy palm-fringed beaches, colourful coral reefs, warm sheltered seas and easy-going people with a ready smile, it is one of Thailand's most delightful resorts.





Even today no building is taller than a palm tree and the beaches are long, clean and pristine. Koh Samui maintains the feel of a tropical beach island, dotted with quaint local villages, coconut plantations and an incredible variety of tranquil beaches.

Like Phuket, it combines natural beauty with an exceptionally high standard of hotels, spas and other facilities that provide the luxury, dining and entertainment to satisfy the most demanding holidaymaker.

Places of interest: Pattaya – Mini Siam and Mini Europe, featuring miniature reproductions of Thailand's major cultural and archaeological sites and Europe too.

Koh Samui – Big Buddha Statue – this is a monumental landmark on the north coast of Samui.

For the family: Pattaya – Pattaya Amusement Park; Underwater World; Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum; Nong Nooch, Wat Yansangwararam and the Pattaya Elephant Village.

Koh Samui – Samui Waterfalls, The Monkey Theatre (the monkey show is followed by a coconut picking performance and an elephant show); Samui Butterfly Garden, Snake Farm; Ang Thong National Marine Park.

Pattaya

Hilton Pattaya

Location: City centre.

Set in the heart of the city, overlooking Pattaya beach and the bay, the hotel is situated atop the new Central Festival Pattaya Beach Complex. All rooms offer balconies and sea views. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 122 kilometres away.

Facilities: 302 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Guest Rooms:}}$ These rooms offer sea views, balcony and have



a separate seating area. Airconditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, LCD TV, iPod docking station, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe. **Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness centre, sauna, steam bath and massage. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.





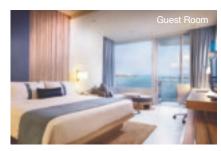
Holiday Inn Pattaya

Location: City centre.

Holiday Inn Pattaya is a relaxing haven in an idyllic setting. All rooms have floor to ceiling windows and balconies, with enchanting sea views. Relax and enjoy a swim in one of the three pools at the hotel or a massage in the luxurious Tea Tree spa. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 122 kilometres away.

Facilities: 367 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, limited hours of room service, shopping arcade, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Guest Rooms: These rooms offer sea views and have a balcony. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, LCD TV, wireless connectivity, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe. Sports and leisure: Three outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna, steam bath and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Pattaya Marriott Resort & Spa

Location: South Pattaya.

Located close to all the main shopping and entertainment centres in Pattaya, the resort overlooks the beach and the Gulf of Siam. Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport is 125 kilometres away. Facilities: 296 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, children's activities, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.



Deluxe Rooms: Private balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. Deluxe Premier Rooms: Additionally these rooms offer a sea view. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, children's pool, fitness centre, spa, jacuzzi, massage and tennis courts. Go-karting, jet-skiing, water-skiing, windsurfing and parasailing nearby. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.



Koh Samui

Six Senses Hideaway Samui



Location: Koh Samui.

Six Senses Hideaway Samui is located on the northern tip of the headland on the island of Samui. Set amongst 20 acres of indigenous vegetation, the hotel ensures maximum privacy and uninterrupted views across the Gulf of Siam and outlying islands. Koh Samui Airport is six kilometres away.

Facilities: 66 villas, two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, gift boutique, library, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.



Hideaway Villas: These villas are split-level with a private sun deck and offers an ocean view. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, data port, minibar, tea and coffee and safe. **Pool Villas:** Additionally these villas have their own private pool. **Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, massage and water sports. **Check-in:** 1400 hours **Check-out:** 1200 hours.





Renaissance Koh Samui Resort & Spa 🗹 🗹 🗹

Location: Lamai Bay.

Set in fragrant, tropical gardens with stunning views across the mesmerising blue sea of Lamai Bay, the hotel is set on a hill that gently slopes down to an exclusive quiet beach. It's the perfect intimacy of a secluded island village. Stylish, elegant surroundings with Asian décor make for an inspiring experience. The resort is only minutes from the shopping and nightlife of Chaweng. Koh Samui Airport is 25 kilometres away.



Facilities: 78 rooms and villas. Two restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, shopping gallery, safety deposit boxes, business centre, interconnecting and non-smoking

rooms. Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe. Sports and leisure: Outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi and massage. Check-in: 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui 🗹 🗹 🗹

Location: Chaweng Beach.

This colonial-style hotel stretches along six acres of Samui's finest beach and is only a five-minute walk from Chaweng centre. It offers special Thai hospitality which combines the spirit and culture of the island. Koh Samui Airport is 11 kilometres away.

Facilities: 203 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, library, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, business centre, children's activities, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. **Deluxe Sea View Rooms:** Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.



Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool and children's pool, fitness centre, aerobics, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, massage, two tennis courts, games room, water-skiing and sailing. Check-in: 1400 hours Check-out: 1200 hours.

