

# **EXPERIENCE THAILAND'S CULTURE, CULINARY AND CRAFTS**

Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai – Nan – Phrae – Sukhothai – Bangkok | 14 Days - 13 Nights \$4218 pp

#### **Included features**

- Roundtrip airport transfer
- Private transportation
- English-speaking guide
- 13 days private escorted tour included admission and boat fees
- 13 nights of deluxe accommodations
- Meals 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 11 dinners

# Day 1 Arrive in Chiang Mai (B,L,D)

- Arrive in Chiang Mai. Airport greeting and transfer to the hotel.
- · Check-in hotel. Enjoy Thai massage

# Day 2 Chiang Mai (B,L,D)

- Visit Kat Luang known as Waroros market, a 100-years-old local market
- Visit Temples in the old city, Chiang Mai
- Experience Monk Chat and learn Thai Buddhism.
- Visit long neck hill tribes (Padaung tribe)
- Evening, scroll down to the weekend night market.

# Day 3 Chiang Mai (B,L)

- · Participate in a memorable spiritual experience by offering food to the monks
- Join a Thai cooking class. Visit an organic farm and prepare and cook a Thai meal while enjoying the relaxing countryside.

# Day 4 Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai (B,L,D)

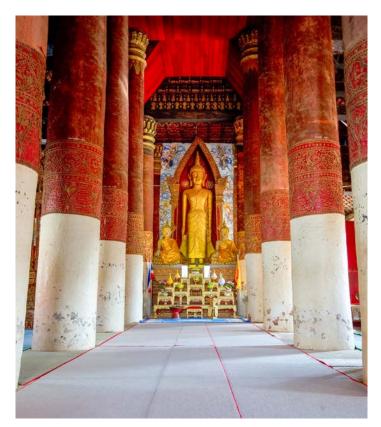
- Leave Chiang Mai and drive to Chiang Rai.
- Visit Wat Rong Khun known as The White Temple
- Visit the Baam Dam also known as the Black House Museum, a private art
- museum comprising traditional Northern Thai and contemporary architecture. • Visit Wat Rong Suen known as the Blue Temple

# Day 5 Chiang Rai (B,L,D)

- Travel to Mae Sai, take a rickshaw around the bustling town of Thakilek
- Visit Doi Tung, a site of significant importance to Thai people.
- Visit The Mae Fah Luang Garden and The Royal Villa
- Visit the Doi Din Daeng Pottery, this workshop has several buildings that feel Japanese in form yet very much a part of the local landscape.

# Day 6 Chiang Rai - Nan (B,L,D)

- Leave Chiang Rai and drive to Nan.
- Visit Nan Rim Art Gallery is a place for contemporary art dissemination and one of Thailand's important art learning centers









#### Day 7 Nan (B,L,D)

- Visit Wat Phumin, famous for its murals "The Whisperer" a painting depicting a husband whispering presumably sweet nothings into his wife's ear become the symbol of Nan.
- Visit Baan Nawarat and experience saunas with the local herbal steam in a chicken coop.
- · Enjoy a Thai massage
- · Watch the sunset at Wat Khao Noi
- Explore the night market

#### Day 8 Nan - Phrae (B,L,D)

- Visit Hong Chao Fong Kham. The house of Chao Fong Kham was constructed of teakwood in 1866
- Leave Nan for Phrae. Check in the hotel.
- Visit Khum Chao Luang Museum (Prince's residence)
- Walking, biking, or taking a rickshaw tour of the old town
- Visit a wooden house and explore Phrae town.

### Day 9 Phrae - Sukhothai (B,L,D)

- Join the workshop on indigo-dyed at Baan Mat Jai. Discover the famous traditional Mo Hom indigo dye. DIY - Making your very own tie-dyed indigo souvenir.
- Leave Phrae for Sukhothai.
- Visit the temple in Sungmen district to learn why the ancient palm leaves manuscripts are essential to Thai history and culture.
- DIY Writing your own palm leaves manuscript for souvenirs.

#### Day 10 Sukhothai (B,L,D)

- Explore Thailand's first capital, Sukhothai The Ramkhamhaeng National Museum - Excavations in Sukhothai Historical Park (Bicycles can be provided) to discover the ruins of Royal Palaces, Buddhist temples, and the highlights are Sukhothai-style Buddha Images.
- Visit Baan Phra Pin. Learn how to create your own Buddhist amulets (Phra Pin) at Khun Kob house, the local artisan who has been engaged in this career since he was 11 years old.

# Day 11 Sukhothai - Bangkok (B,D)

- Explore The Historical Park of Sri Satchanalai. The twin city of Sukhothai was considered the second most important town and a great rival of the Sukhothai Kingdom.
- Explore an archeological site showing the excavation of over 1,000 pottery kilns.
- Transfer to Sukhothai Airport for a flight to Bangkok.
- · Arrive in Bangkok. Airport greeting and transfer to the hotel

# Day 12 Bangkok (B,L,D)

- Visit Wat Traimit, with its Golden Buddha Image. Wat Po, the enormous Reclining Buddha.
- Take a long-tail boat to enjoy life scenes on the water and stop at the "Temple of Dawn," officially named Wat Arun.
- Visit the iconic Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple
- Take tuk-tuk and enjoy fun street food. Dinner is served at a Michelin guide restaurant. End the day at the hidden bar in Chinatown

# Day 13 Excursion Koh Kred - Thai Culture at Baan Dvara Prateep

#### (B,L)

- Take a boat and cruise up the Chao Phaya River to Koh Kred, a small island located just north of Bangkok. Explore the local market (bicycles can be provided).
- Transfer to Baan Dvara Prateep and join the host family in preparing a traditional Thai lunch. Enjoy afternoon tea and the taste of Thai sweets.
- Learn and make your own Loy Krathong. Float the krathongs on the river to pay gratitude to the living river. Say goodbye to our host family.

# Day 14 Bangkok - Departure (B)

- Transfer to the airport for flight departure to the next destination.
- B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner







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