



Thailand and Lantern Festival Small Group Tour Bangkok / Chiang Mai

Itinerary Summary

| Day | Itinerary Summary | Overnight |
|-------|---|------------|
| Day 1 | Arrive in Bangkok | Bangkok |
| Day 2 | Royal Palace and Rice Barge Social | Bangkok |
| Day 3 | Thai Floating Market Fly to Chiang Mai | Chiang Mai |
| Day 4 | Befriending the Gentle Giants of Asia | Chiang Mai |
| Day 5 | Doi Suthep Temple and Hill Tribe Kratong Festival | Chiang Mai |
| Day 6 | Lantern Festival | Chiang Mai |
| Day 7 | Chiang Mai City Temples | Chiang Mai |
| Day 8 | Departure | |

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1.

Arrive in Bangkok

[Overnight in Bangkok]

Nov 19, 2018

Meals:

Welcome to Thailand – the land of smiles! Upon arrival, our guide will greet you at the airport and escort you to the hotel for check in. We will have a short tour briefing in the hotel lobby at 4PM. Then the evening is at your leisure. *Optional: Add a Muay Thai Boxing Show followed by dinner. If interested, please inquire with our Travel Specialist.*

Accommodation in Bangkok



Spread out over 11 acres of verdant gardens and overlooking the river, this classic property is a city resort with every 5-star convenience you could ever desire. Anantara Bangkok Riverside Resort and Spa is a perfect venue - as leisurely or adventurous as you wish it to be. This contemporary hotel is complemented with classical Thai architecture and lush, sweeping gardens. A canal runs through the gardens, creating an idyllic setting for relaxing in the heart of the City of Angels.

Anantara Bangkok Riverside Resort and Spa - Deluxe Room with Breakfast

Day 2.

Royal Palace and Rice Barge Social

[Overnight in Bangkok]

Nov 20, 2018

Meals: B L D

In the morning, take a boat to Wat Arun - **the Temple of the Dawn**.

Continue to one of the must-see sights, the spectacular **Grand Palace**, undoubtedly the city's most famous landmark. Built in 1782- and for 150 years the home of the Thai King, the Royal court and the administrative seat of government - the Grand Palace of Bangkok is a grand old dame indeed, that continues to have visitors in awe with its beautiful architecture and intricate detail, all of which is a proud



The Royal Palace

salute to the creativity and craftsmanship of Thai people.

Within its walls were also the *Thai war ministry*, state departments, and even the mint. Today, the complex remains the spiritual heart of the Thai Kingdom. Within the palace complex are several impressive buildings including *Wat Phra Kaew* (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), which contains the small, very famous and greatly revered *Emerald Buddha* that dates back to the 14th century. The robes on the Buddha are changed with the seasons by HM The King of Thailand, and forms an important ritual in the Buddhist calendar. Thai Kings stopped living in the palace around the turn of the twentieth century, but the palace complex is still used to mark all kinds of other ceremonial and auspicious happenings. Also visit Wat Po, with its large reclining Buddha. Return to the hotel for some leisure time.

Evening enjoy a dinner and cultural show to welcome you to the Kingdom of Smiles.

Day 3. Thai Floating Market | Fly to Chiang Mai [Overnight in Chiang Mai]

Nov 21, 2018

Flights: Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai will be arranged by Luxe Voyage and is included in the price.

Meals: B L

In the morning, we will go to one of the most attractive floating markets of Thailand, *Damnernsaduak Floating Market*. There, you have a chance to take a boat observing the lifestyle of local people along the small canals. You'll also visit a local coconut farm where you can try coconut juice and taste variety of seasonal fruits such as rambuttan, mangoes, papaya and etc. Have a Thai lunch, then return to the hotel for check out.



Damnoensaduak Floating Market

Join an afternoon flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, our guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for check in.

Accommodation in Chiang Mai



Khum Phaya Resort & Spa - Deluxe Room with Breakfast

Day 4. Befriending the Gentle Giants of Asia [Overnight in Chiang Mai]

Nov 22, 2018

Meals: B L

Today we will go to an elephant sanctuary in the jungles near Chiang Mai. First, you'll learn about the project and hear the amazing stories of each rescued and orphaned elephant. Learn how they became a proud herd free from abuse and misuse. Then have an opportunity to feed them in the morning. Enjoy a lunch buffet. Then take a stroll with the herd to the nearby river. Here you will have the opportunity to observe or participate in bathing the elephants with the sanctuary staff.



After you have said your farewells, return back to the hotel for some leisure time.

Day 5. Doi Suthep Temple and Hill Tribe | Kratong Festival [Overnight in Chiang Mai]

Nov 23, 2018

Meals: B L

LUXE VOYAGE ASIA

DISCOVERING ASIA YOUR WAY

We will take a trip today up to *Doi Suthep* mountain, about 15 kilometers from Chiang Mai, with **Wat Prathat Doi Suthep**, a Holy Buddhist Temple. Every Temple with a name starting with Wat Prathat contains Buddha relics and is considered sacred to Buddhists. There are about 300 steps to climb. The reward is more than worth the effort. We will see the beautiful temple and enjoy a panoramic view of Chiang Mai. We will also learn about the many Temple bells(rakhang in Thai). Ring them if you *Hmong Hill Tribe* like.



Wat Prathat Doi Suthep has a set of very impressive murals picturing scenes from the life and teachings of Buddha. Then we will visit a Meo hill tribe village to see local life. Stop for lunch around noon, then return to the hotel for some leisure.

Two festivals begin today -

Loi Krathong: A festival all throughout Thailand where locals make “krathongs” or small boats that they cast off in the evening by saying a prayer.

Yi Peng Festival: A festival in Chiang Mai where locals make lantern candles that float up into the evening sky.



The evening festivities will include a gala dinner near the Iron Bridge, one of the best spots in town to observe the Yi Peng Lantern *Lantern release* Festival. Enjoy a buffet while watching thousands upon thousands of lanterns pepper the sky overhead. We'll set off our lanterns into the sky along with many other Thais. The lanterns are believed to impart good luck to the one who sets it a sail. Then take part watching the local festivities. Return to the hotel when you like.

Day 6.

Lantern Festival

[Overnight in Chiang Mai]

Nov 24, 2018

Meals: B

Morning is at your leisure. *Optional: Join a Thai cooking class this morning with a visit to a Thai local market. If you are interested in adding this, please inquire with our Travel Specialist.*



Krathong release

Then in the evening, you'll participate alongside other locals releasing your Krathong on the water. We will enjoy some appetizers while decorating our own boats with flowers and incense. Each Thai imparts a different meaning or prayer depending on whether they are Buddhist or Hindu. Regardless of religion, it is believed to be casting away the negative elements of oneself. Because of this, Thais will often clip a small section of hair or nail to place on their boat. Once you've cast your boat adrift, you can either continue to observe the festivities or solemnly return to the hotel nearby for rest.

Day 7.

Chiang Mai City Temples

[Overnight in Chiang Mai]

Nov 25, 2018

Meals: B D

In the morning, we will visit the most prominent temples in Chiang Mai. Start with Wat Phra Singh which houses the famous Phra Singh Buddha image. It features Lanna art throughout and illustrates many famous Buddhist stories. Continue on to Wat Chedi Luang, which once contained the Emerald Buddha. The temple is partially in ruins due to an earthquake in the 1500s. Then stop at Wat Chiang Man which is the oldest temple in Chiang Mai and also houses one of Thailand's greatest treasures: the Crystal Buddha.



Wat Chedi Luang Chiang Mai

Then continue to Wat Suan Dok, which houses many of the remains of generations of the old Chiang Mai Royal Family. Finally, visit Wat Jet Yot – this peaceful temple is surrounded by green and was built in the Mahabodhi style from India to house the Eighth World Buddhist Council in 1453. We will return to the hotel around noon for leisure time in the afternoon.

LUXE VOYAGE ASIA

DISCOVERING ASIA YOUR WAY

Around 7PM, we will transfer to an outdoor courtyard theatre. Take a place in traditional Thai seating as Thai dishes are brought to you. Enjoy colorful performances in traditional Lanna Thai apparel with live music. Then return to the hotel after the show.



Day 8. Departure

Nov 26, 2018

Meals: B

Today our guide will transfer you to the airport before your homeward flight and will bid you a fond farewell. Thank you for traveling with us!

Flight Summary

| Destination | Date | Flight No | Schedule | Class | Booking |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|
| Bangkok/Chiang Mai | 11/21/18 | TBA | TBA | TBA | Luxe Voyage |

Reservation Details

All inclusive Price: \$1,849.00 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$698.00 per person

(All inclusive rate is based on two travelers sharing a room with separate beds. Single Room Supplement is the additional amount that would be applied for one traveler to have their own room.)

For Booking

Step 1: Deposit 50% to reserve your spot on the tour.

Step 2: Fill out information forms, send your international flight itinerary, and send travel copy of travel document.

Step 3: Pay the remainder prior to 60 days before you arrive.

Credit card processing fees are included in the price and we accept the credit cards below. If a single payment amount exceeds \$3,000.00 we will waive 3% for payment by bank transfer. Please ask for more details.



Conditions

Luggage: Tour is quoted based on each person carrying a maximum of 20kg(44 lbs)/1pc checked in luggage and 5kg(11lbs) carry on.

Group Size: 6 – 16 people

Minimum 90-Day Guaranteed Departure Confirmation: Departures are confirmed when six(6) or more travelers are reserved for a departure date. Luxe Voyage Asia reserves the right to cancel a tour due to low occupancy. In the event of a canceled departure due to not meeting this threshold, we will inform you at least ninety(90) days prior to the tour start date. You will then be given the option to apply the deposit toward another departure, toward a private tour or receive full refund of the deposited amount.

Cut-off Date: We reserve the right to no longer accept reservations when the capacity of the tour is met or after **August 31, 2018**.

Accommodations: Accommodations as listed will be reserved. In most cases, we will not need to

LUXE VOYAGE ASIA

DISCOVERING ASIA YOUR WAY

change the accommodation. However, on some occasions we may need to change some of the hotels listed. Some of the reasons why this may happen are as follows: the hotel ownership or management changed and we have reason to believe the hotels service will not be to our expectations; due to the hotel or company reservations resulting in not enough rooms being available; due to the hotel committing to a larger group event(i.e. Wedding or government event) and canceling our reservation; due a hotel property being damaged in a fire or earthquake, etc.

We reserve the right to change the accommodation to another hotel within the same hotel category as the original accommodation(i.e. 3-Star, 4-Star, or 5-Star).

Other Terms and Conditions: Note that For other Terms and Conditions, please refer to <https://luxevoyageasia.com/terms-conditions/>. By sending deposit, you agree to our Terms and Conditions.

Rate: Rates are quoted in USD.

| Inclusions: | Exclusions: |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flights listed in Itinerary.2. Hotel accommodations listed in Itinerary or similar.3. English speaking guide.4. Transportation throughout tour.5. Entrance fees for itinerary.6. Meals as listed in the itinerary.7. Service charge & Government Tax.8. Bottled water and cold hand towels. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flights not listed in Inclusions2. Visa Fee & Related travel documents.3. Programs and meals not listed in the Itinerary.4. Personal expenses.5. Tips to the tour guide, driver and hotel bell boy, etc.6. Travel insurance. |
