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7 -15 Day Thailand Intrigue Immersion Into Thailand



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-15 Day ITINERARY



7-15 Day Itinerary: Bangkok, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Puhket

Arrival Day 1 BANGKOK: Arrival and Bangkok

Upon arrival at the airport and after clearing the immigrations and customs, embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to your hotel for check in.

Lunch & Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

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Day 1 BANGKOK: Bangkok – Royal Tour

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & professional local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Bangkok Tour.

After breakfast, drive to Wat Po in time to experience the monks' morning chanting ritual. One of the oldest temples in Bangkok, Wat Po is home to the famous 45m reclining Buddha; it is also the original school of traditional Thai massage.

From here, take a tuk-tuk ride via Pak Klong Talad Flower Market towards The Grand Palace, the most important and spectacular royal palace in Thailand. The mysterious Emerald Buddha, the most revered Buddha image in Thailand, now is housed here.

Lunch at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Continue with a walk to the pier for a long-tailed boat ride along the "klongs" (canals) of Thonburi to get a flavour of local life.

Stop at Wat Arun, once the grand royal temple to King Rama II. Cross the river again and drive to Chinatown and get a first-hand look at old Bangkok.

Walk along Yaworat Road where there are many interesting shops selling everything imaginable. Enjoy a cup of Chinese tea with the locals at a very old teashop before exploring the bustling Talad Kao market, where a variety of food, fresh and dry fruits, and Chinese herbs are on offer.

Return to the hotel afterwards. *(Ladies should wear short-sleeved top with full-length trousers or knee-length skirts. Gentlemen should wear trousers and short-sleeved shirts for religious reasons. No sandals or flip-flop allowed.)*

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 2 BANGKOK: Bangkok Cycling Tour

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

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After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & professional local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Cycling Tour.

Avoid the main streets of Bangkok and use the maze of narrow alleys, small pathways and elevated concrete cycle lanes that make Bangkok so different from other Asian capitals.

Start with a visit to a local wet market and see the huge range of fresh produce on offer. A little further on your way you stop at the remains of fortifications built during the Colonial era that stopped Western countries from occupying Thailand.

Continue cycling and make a short stop at a small factory where they produce the meatballs you see floating in many Thai soups. After 20 more minutes of pedaling, arrive at the “Golden Temple”.

The journey continues over concrete pathways, through a scenic park and passing orchid farms.

Lunch at leisure in one of Bangkok’s restaurants – see Celebration Escapes’ recommended restaurant collection.

After lunch at own arrangement, you reach the pier where a long tail boat awaits to take you on a spectacular canal trip to the southernmost district of Bangkok.

Visit a small factory which produces incense sticks and stop at a typical Thai/Chinese flower farm.

Head back to your hotel after the tour. *Total cycling distance is approx 15km*

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok’s restaurants – see Celebration Escapes’ recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 3 BANGKOK: Bangkok – Siem Reap – Angkor Wat

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Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, Check out of your hotel.

Meet your English-sp[ea]king driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival at the airport and after clearing the immigrations and customs, meet your English-speaking driver and embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to downtown for a half day tour to famous Angkor Wat.

Lunch at leisure in one of Angkor Wat's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Angkor Wat is one of the modern wonders of the world. Be amazed by the sheer size of the temple and learn how the Khmer Empire prospered between the 9th and 13th centuries, around the time when Angkor Wat was built. Stroll through the intricately carved hallways that show hundreds of fine carvings and discover small shrines still in use today by the local people.

You will proceed to your hotel after the tour for check-in.

Dinner at leisure in one of Angkor Wat's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 4 Angkor Wat: Siem Reap – Angkor Wat – Angkor Thom

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Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of the areas.

Start your tour by exploring the stunning temples today by tuk-tuk.

Visit the Royal city and former capital of the Khmer Empire; Angkor Thom which consists of several temples. Enter the city through the impressive South Gate and drive towards the Bayon temple. At first glance the temple may seem like a shapeless mass of stone, but further scrutiny reveals enigmatic faces looking into every direction.

Continue your exploration with a visit to the Terrace of the Elephants, which served as a platform from where the King viewed the victorious return of his army.

Lunch at leisure in one of the local area restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

After lunch, visit the Terrace of the Leper King with detailed carvings winding along a narrow passage way that leads to the Baphuon.

In the afternoon, visit to the picturesque Ta Prohm. This beautiful temple is overgrown with fig trees, giving a haunting yet exotic atmosphere. The magnificent roots of the trees have merged over the centuries with the temple's huge stone blocks, emphasizing a 'forgotten city' feeling.

If time permits, continue your visit to more of the Angkor ruins, possibly including Preah Khan, Neak Pean, East Mebon, located on an islet in the center of the Eastern Baray, and Ta Son, a Buddhist temple built in the late 12th century and in a ruined state.

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The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

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Day 5 Angkor Wat: Siem Reap – Beng Melea – Kampong Khleang

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of Beng Melea and Kampong Khleang.

Located 65km from Siem Reap, it is a pleasant 1.5 hour drive through the Cambodian countryside to reach the sprawling jungle temple of Beng Melea. Constructed in a distinctly Angkor Wat style by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Beng Melea preceded and may have served as a prototype for Angkor Wat.

Today the temple is largely overrun by vegetation and the stone walls are crumbling which adds to its charm in a unique way. Accessibility has improved as elevated walkways have been set up throughout most of the temple, although to see all corners does require a sense of adventure as you will need to climb over stone blocks or walk through narrow passageways.

Continue with a one hour drive to the floating village of Kampong Khleang, one of the largest settlements on the Tonle Sap Lake. Living on water is an art the Khmer people have mastered over the course of time.

Board a local boat and visit a floating house where a catered lunch is set up for you. Observe the local customs and talk with your hosts about the differences they face living on the water.

Lunch at leisure in one of the local area restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Continue after lunch exploring the small island, which is home to a bustling market, a pagoda, a school and a health centre before returning to Siem Reap. (It is advisable to wear sturdy, walking shoes with a decent grip)

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 6 BANGKOK: Bangkok – Chiang Rai

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, Check out of your hotel.

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Meet your English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight back to Bangkok, followed by a connecting flight to Chiang Rai.



Upon arrival at Chiang Rai Airport, embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to your downtown city hotel for check in

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 7 Chiang Rai: Chiang Rai – Chiang Kong – Chiang Saen

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of Chiang Kong & Chiang Saen.

Depart Chiang Rai and visit the Golden Triangle where the Ruak River comes out into the Mekong River. The borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos converge here, hence the nickname "Golden Triangle", once the notorious centre of the opium trade.

An exciting long-tail boat ride along the Mekong provides spectacular views of the Laotian countryside.

Disembark in Chiang Saen and explore the ruins of this ancient city.

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Continue to Chiang Khong, famous for being one of the few places where the giant Mekong catfish is still caught. Chiang Khong is an important market town for local hill tribes and for trade - legal and illegal, with Northern Laos.

Pay a visit to a Meo hill tribe and observe the traditional way of life of the villagers. Try to strike up a conversation - your guide will help you with translations - and learn more about hill tribe life.

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection

After lunch, return to Chiang Rai late afternoon.

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Day 8 BANGKOK: Chiang Rai – Long Neck Hill Tribes - Chiang Mai



Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of the hill tribes, a boat tour & ending in Chiang Mai.

This morning you will visit the Karen hill tribes in northern Thailand. The Long-neck women are infamous as they wear heavy brass necklaces around their neck starting at very young age throughout their lives. The more brass necklaces around the neck, the more beautiful the woman is considered, with the average woman wearing around 20 necklaces.

Believed to have migrated from north Burma, or even possibly Tibet, their weaving skills are renowned and they produce beautiful colorful garments.

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Stop at the Lisu hill tribe village, the most elaborate dressers of all hill tribes in the region. During festival occasions the women wear massive amounts of jewelry.

A lunch stop is scheduled at Tha Ton, a strategic landing point between Burma and Thailand.

Continue to Phatai with a visit to the Lahu hill tribe village where you will embark for a boat ride on the Kok River. The river is dotted with rocks and small rapids, contributing to beautiful scenery and an exhilarating trip.

The boat cruise ends at Pong Nam Lon Hot spring, where a car will transfer to Chiang Mai.

Check into your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Bangkok's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 9 Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of the city life style in Chiang Mai.

Start with a visit to a local Northern food and flower market where local Thai do their shopping.

Visit Wat Suan Dok where ashes of former Kings of Chiang Mai and the Royal Family are kept.

Continue with a visit to Wat Phrathat on Doi Suthep Mountain, which was founded in 1383 A.D. In 1935 a road was built to the top, but nowadays people climb the 309 steps from the car park to the top or take a tram for a small surcharge. The climb up is rewarded with a superb panoramic view over the city. Return to the car park for the transfer back to Chiang Mai where you will finish the morning with a 20 minute rickshaw ride through the quiet streets of the old town.

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection

After lunch, you are at leisure until your late afternoon/evening Culinary experience.

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In the late afternoon, enjoy a family atmosphere and share cooking secrets with a well known local chef. From his experience as a trekking guide, he learned how travelers were interested in preparing food with him, and his passion for cooking and continuous feedback on his cooking skills from travelers made him set up an organic farmhouse where he now takes care of a spacious garden full of Thai herbs and tropical fruits.

From your hotel, first visit the local Ruamchook market with the chef. At the chef's farm home, visit his organic garden, pick some fresh herbs and continue with a hands-on cooking experience where you will experience how to pound curry paste and how to make authentic Thai curry.

Create a dessert with the sweet fruits you picked right from the trees.

Approx. Duration: 6 hours

Suggested time: From 16:30pm – 20:00pm (including dinner)

After dinner you will be returned to your hotel.

Day 10 Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai – Elephant Safari – River Raft Experience

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your elephant safari and river raft experience.



Enjoy a day with elephants, Thailand's most loved animal.

After breakfast travel one hour north of Chiang Mai to the Chiang Dao Elephant Training Camp, passing through spectacular scenery while driving through the mountainous areas that surround Chiang Mai.

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Arrive at the camp and watch a herd of elephants taking their morning bath in a mountain stream. A demonstration starts at 10.30 am and shows how elephants work in the jungle nearby and what kind of tasks they undertake.

After the demonstration, enjoy a one and a half hour elephant ride through the jungle that surrounds the camp, followed by lunch.

After lunch enjoy a one-hour bamboo raft trip downstream. Float down the river and take in the tranquility and beauty of the area.

Set foot again on the mainland and transfer back to Chiang Mai.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Chiang Mai's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 11 Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai – Phuket

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel.

Meet your English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Phuket.

Upon arrival at Phuket Airport, meet your English-speaking driver and embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to your hotel for check in

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Phuket's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 12 Phuket: Phuket



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Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

Today is Free and Easy, on your own to enjoy the beach, explore on your own or just relax in the spa and enjoy your resort.

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Phuket's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 13 Phuket: [Phuket](#)



Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

Today is Free and Easy, on your own to enjoy the beach, explore on your own or just relax in the spa and enjoy your resort.

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Phuket's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 14 Phuket: [Phuket](#)

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Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

Today is Free and Easy, on your own to enjoy the beach, explore on your own or just relax in the spa and enjoy your resort.

Lunch is at leisure in one of the areas restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

Dinner at leisure in one of Phuket's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 15 Phuket: Phuket – Bangkok – US & Home

Breakfast in the hotel at leisure.

After breakfast, at the appropriate time, Check out of your hotel.
Meet your English-speaking driver in the lobby of your resort for your transfer to the airport for your flight back to Bangkok.

At the airport in Bangkok, you will transfer to your plane for your flight home.

End of services.

**** It is recommended that you consider adding additional days to your custom itinerary, in order to have a more comprehensive visit in each of the destinations contained within the itinerary. This short 7- 15 day trip is a highlights trip and will only give you a brief overview of each destination.**

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