



# LIGHTS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THAILAND

## ESCORTED TOUR

14-25 NOVEMBER 2018

Create some very special memories on this fabulous 12 day tour of Thailand. One of the highlights will be taking part in the annual Lantern Festival in Chiang Mai, locally known as Loy Krathong, which has the most spectacular lantern display celebrations in Thailand. Tradition states that when you release your lantern or Krathong into the river or into the sky, you will wish all your problems and bad luck away, as it is a symbol of new beginnings. Enjoy Bangkok by night, visit the infamous Hell Fire Pass; spend time exploring the ruins and temples in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Ayutthaya and have some up close and personal time with elephants at the Thai Elephant Home. And did we mention the shopping in Thailand is excellent? This tour has it all, so don't delay as spaces are limited.



**\$4,495**

\* per person Twin Share  
ex BNE, SYD & MEL

**\$800**

\* Single Supplement  
ex BNE, SYD  
& MEL



### INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Fares ex BNE, SYD or MEL
- 3 Nights Bangkok
- 2 Nights River Kwai
- 2 Nights Ayutthaya
- 4 Nights Chiang Mai
- Cooked Breakfast Daily
- 5 x Lunches, 9 x Dinners
- All Touring and Admission
- Gratuities

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Bangkok City Tour
- Bangkok Dinner Cruise
- Hellfire Pass
- Bridge on the River Kwai
- Temples of Ayutthaya
- Elephant Sanctuary
- Floating Lantern Festival



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TERMS & CONDITIONS : \*Price is per person Twin Share. Single Supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. Deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure tour. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Full Payment will be required by 7 September 2018. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fee, taxes or currency change. Go See Touring Pty Ltd T/A Go See Touring Member of Helloworld QLD Lic No: 3198772 ABN: 72 122 522 276 ATAS Accreditation A11320

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**Day 1 - Wednesday 14 November 2018 Depart Brisbane 2:00PM - Arrive Bangkok 8:10PM**

This tour will be escorted ex Brisbane by a Go See Touring staff member. Those departing from other cities will be met at Bangkok Airport by our local operator and transferred to the hotel where you will meet up with the rest of the group. Siam@Siam is an outstanding, stylishly-designed Hotel & Spa ideally situated opposite the National Stadium in the vicinity of the Central Business District and major shopping centres: Siam Square, Siam Centre, Siam Discovery, and the MBK Shopping Complex. Accommodation: Siam@Siam or similar 3 Nights

**Day 2 - Thursday 15 November 2018 (B, L, D) Bangkok City Tour**

This morning set off on a half day Bangkok City Tour. Sightseeing includes visits to three of the city's most important temples: Wat Traimit (with its huge solid gold Buddha statue), Wat Po (containing a 46 m. long reclining Buddha image), Wat Phra Kaew (for the revered Emerald Buddha) and also the ornate Grand Palace, a blend of Thai and European architecture. Lunch is at a riverside restaurant and then you'll be returned to the hotel and the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Welcome dinner tonight is at your hotel.

**Day 3 Friday 16 November 2018 (B, D) Bangkok at Leisure**

Today is at leisure to enjoy Bangkok. You might like to book an optional day tour to explore this fascinating city or explore on your own by taxi or tuk-tuk or the Skytrain that stops close by the hotel. If you like to explore the shops large fascinating shopping centres are within walking distance of the hotel. Or simply kick back and relax with a cocktail near the amazing swimming pool on the 25th floor of the hotel. This evening experience the Chao Phraya River by candlelight when you join the Grand Pearl for a dinner cruise. After being welcomed on board with warm smiles and cocktails, you'll begin a journey up the river, starting at the river city pier, then passing such iconic sites as Wat Arun, the grand palace and Wat Phra Kaew. After enjoying a lavish Thai and international buffet dinner.

**Day 4 - Saturday 17 November 2018 (B, L, D) Bangkok - Kanchanaburi**

Early this morning the coach will depart for Kanchanaburi, a town to the west of Bangkok. This morning you'll visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre - an interactive museum which is an information and research facility dedicated to presenting the history of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Afterwards, visit the Allied War Cemetery, the resting place for more than 6000 Allied Prisoners of War. Early afternoon the coach will take you to your hotel for check in. You will transfer you to the Resotel pier where you will complete the journey to the River Kwai Resotel by long tailed boat. The River Kwai Resotel is nestled on the banks of this historic river - surrounded by rich tropical nature along with lofty mountains and stunning cliffs. Dinner will be served at the hotel, followed by a 45-minute presentation of Mon Dance. Accommodation: River Kwai Resotel or similar (2 Nights)

**Day 5 - Sunday 18 November 2018 (B, L, D) Hellfire Pass/River Kwai**

This morning transfer by coach from the hotel to Hell Fire Pass Memorial. This Australian built complex consists of a memorial site located within Konyu Cutting (Hellfire Pass), a Memorial Walking Trail and a modern Museum exhibiting artefacts and the true story about the Thai-Burma Railway. You'll then visit the world-famous Bridge over the River Kwai, a part of the Death Railway constructed by Allied POWs before taking a trip by train on the historic Death Railway. Passing beautiful scenery, you eventually travel over the original wooden viaduct which was constructed by Allied POWs. After disembarking the train lunch today will be at a local restaurant. Dinner tonight is at your hotel.

**Day 6 - Monday 19 November 2018 (B, D) Kanchanaburi - Ayutthaya**

After checking out of the hotel this morning this coach will travel to Ayutthaya. The coach will stop enroute where the group can buy some lunch (own arrangements). The ancient city of Ayutthaya was founded in 1350 and was capital of the Kingdom of Siam, and a prosperous international trading port, from that time until it was razed by the Burmese in 1767. The ruins of the old city now form the Ayutthaya

Historical Park, and archaeological site that contains palaces, Buddhist temples, monasteries and statues. The Krungsri River Hotel is located in the heart of Ayutthaya right off the Naraesuan Bridge and overlooking the river. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure and dinner tonight is at our hotel. Accommodation: Krungsri River Hotel or similar (2 Nights)

**Day 7 - Tuesday 20 November 2018 (B, L, D) Ayutthaya**

After breakfast this morning we'll tour Ayutthaya. This once glorious capital city is now a UNESCO world heritage site. A large number of palaces, temples and chedis are still standing and the principal sights include the gigantic bronze statues of Wat Mongkol Borphit, Wat Phra Srisanpetch and Wat Yai Chai Mongkol. We will visit the ancient palace and Vihan Mongkol Bopit one of the largest bronze buddhas in Thailand. This afternoon explore further at your leisure or enjoy some time by the hotel pool. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

**Day 8 - Wednesday 21 November 2018 (B, D) Ayutthaya - Chiang Mai**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and depart for Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport and a short flight to Chiang Mai. Once in Chiang Mai you'll check into your hotel. The Khum Phaya Resort and Spa is surrounded by tropical greenery and features charming Thai-style rooms bordering a large lagoon pool. Steps from shops and restaurants, the hotel also offers complimentary shuttles to the Night Bazaar and Central Festival Chiang Mai Shopping Centre. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel. Accommodation: Khum Phaya Resort & Spa or similar (4 Nights)

**Day 9 - Thursday 22 November 2018 (B, L) Thai Elephant Home**

Today we'll spend some time at the Thai Elephant Home which is devoted to the conservation and preservation of the endangered majestic Asian elephant. Rescued elephants are provided a safe, caring and ethical environment, while the nursery seeks to preserve Thailand's baby elephants for future generations. A picnic lunch will be provided today. Returning to the hotel this afternoon some time at leisure and dinner tonight is own arrangements.

**Day 10 - Friday 23 November 2018 (B, D) Chiang Mai Cultural Tour/Loy Krathong & Yi Peng**

This morning we invite those interested for an early departure for a cultural tour of Chiang Mai. Stop at Kad Ton Payom Market, then on to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, located near the summit of its namesake mountain. On a clear day, enjoy commanding views over Chiang Mai. Returning to the hotel around lunchtime the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant before taking in the sights of the festival. Loy Krathong is a colorful festival held every year on the full moon. This Thai Festival is held all over the country, but there are particularly beautiful celebrations held in Chiang Mai where the celebrations take place over several days. The festival features beautifully illuminated lanterns, which are either carried, displayed in houses and temples, and even launched into the night sky. Krathong which are an offering - traditionally made out of a banana stalk and adorned with candles, incense and some money - are floated down the rivers.

**Day 11 - Saturday 24 November 2018 (B, D) Chiang Mai Shopping Tour/Loy Krathong & Yi Peng**

This morning you may like to join the coach this morning for a tour to Sankampaeng Road on the north side of Chiang Mai city. You can purchase many products at the factories including lacquer ware, silverware, silk, umbrellas, furniture, jewellery plus local arts & crafts. If a modern shopping centre is more appealing then hop on a transfer bus to take in Chiang Mai Central Airport Plaza - the go to place for international brands. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant before taking again taking in the sights of the festival as we spend our last evening in Chiang Mai.

**Day 12 - Sunday 25 Nov 2018 (B) Depart Chiang Mai 8:50PM**

**Day 13 - Monday 26 Nov 2018 Arrive Brisbane 12:05PM**

Today is at leisure. Late checkout has been confirmed at your hotel today so no need to rush.