



Eastern and Oriental Express

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7 Days
Inclusive from the UK

Indulge in this Thai twin city experience, travelling in pure luxury on your Eastern and Oriental Express train.

Inclusive price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with Guides and entrance fees

Your Tour Dossier

This document is designed to be read in conjunction with the other pre-departure information provided by Wendy Wu Tours including the tour itinerary as described in our brochure and/or website. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour.

If there are any particular challenges, from the length of time spent on your feet, the length of drives and flights, to the standard of remote accommodation; they will be explained here.



Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours

Southeast Asia continues to amaze, fascinate and thrill our passengers, many of whom have travelled to one country in Asia with us, then another, year after year. We urge you to keep in mind all the rewards, as well as challenges of travelling in a country with a history, culture and attitude so unlike your own.

A typical day's sightseeing may include the bustle and noise of a city street, sights and smells of a local market and interacting with the locals. Travelling in Southeast Asia requires patience and potential delays are to be expected due to standards of service. There is a low level of English spoken throughout Thailand, so your local guides or National Escort will be indispensable during your trip.

Almost everything will be different to what you may be used to. We have found that our passengers who embark with a sense of humour and adventure, who accept that things do not always go to plan, are those who find their experience most rewarding. It is essential that all passengers recognize the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they may encounter in some areas.

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Ancient Kingdom of Lanna – Comfortable Paced Tour

Our private tours are accessible to everyone. This tour will involve some light sightseeing in Bangkok and Lampang and getting on and off your Eastern and Oriental Express train.

This tour is not strenuous, and can be taken at the pace, and according to the abilities of passengers travelling in your party. If any member of your party has mobility difficulties, please advise Wendy Wu Tours, so that our operators can be made aware, and may rearrange the itinerary to suit your needs. If at any point during the tour you feel you are being rushed, or not moving fast enough, please let your Local Guide know, so that they may adjust the touring accordingly and provide you with the best experience possible. Similarly, as you are travelling on a private basis, if you would like to change the touring, dates, timings, please speak to your reservations consultant, prior to travelling, or speak to your Local Guide whilst on tour.

NB: Please note that times and distances listed in the tour dossier are approximate.

Days 1-2: UK/Bangkok

Fly overnight from the UK. On day 2, you will be met at Bangkok Airport in the arrivals hall by your Local Guide from Wendy Wu Tours. Transfer to your hotel and check-in.

Days 3: Board the train

Enjoy your morning at leisure. This afternoon transfer to the train station to board your 15:00 departure Eastern and Oriental Express train. Enjoy the rest of your time at leisure on board; check out the bar car and enjoy the spectacular views of the Thai countryside. (B,D)

Day 4: Lampang

Arrive into Lampang early this morning. Enjoy a morning of leisurely sightseeing. You will take a horse and carriage ride which will require getting on and off the carriage. Continue on to Chiang Mai, arriving in the early afternoon. There are a choice of excursions available in Chiang Mai, details being provided on board your train. Return to the train this early evening for an indulgent dinner and an evening at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Return to Bangkok

Spend the morning at leisure and enjoy a delicious breakfast whilst you slowly return into Bangkok. On arrival, you will

depart your Eastern and Oriental Express train and be transferred to your hotel for a 2 night stay. (B)

Day 6: Explore Bangkok

Make an early start today for a full morning of sightseeing. Sights seen today include a visit to the Thonburi canal district, the Royal Barges, the Grand Palace and the Wat Phra Kaeo Buddhist temple. Please be careful of your valuables during your touring as these areas can get busy. (B)

Day 7: Depart Bangkok

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Anytime before your flight will be at your own leisure. (B)

Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, then you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Bangkok on Day 2. On Day 7, you will checkout from your Singapore hotel, and continue as per your own arrangements.

Please refer to the Wendy Wu Tours brochure and/or website for details on departure dates, prices, itineraries, inclusions and tour extensions available as well as full booking conditions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before You Leave

Itinerary Changes - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your Local Guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions:

Vaccinations and Your Health - We recommend that you contact either your local GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

Climate - Please refer to our website or brochure for detailed temperature charts.

Insurance - It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Suggested Packing List - A complete list will be provided with deposit documentation.

Luggage - All clients are limited to two items of luggage each; a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

What to Expect on Tour

Development - Although Southeast Asia is developing quickly, it still lacks international standards of civil infrastructure and therefore tourist facilities. For example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade; concepts of personal responsibility are different to those in the UK. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the UK. However, all of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense as well as refer to notices and follow advice from your Local Guides.

Traffic in Thailand - Roads in Southeast Asia have a reputation for being very congested. For this reason, it may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before going to the restaurant for dinner. Roads in Southeast Asia have generally been improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road – not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the sections above are approximations only.

Seatbelts - Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in Southeast Asia and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason some vehicles may not be fitted with seatbelts or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times when the vehicle is moving. If you have any concerns, please notify your National Escort or Local Guide.

Exchanging Cash - British Pounds can be easily exchanged in Southeast Asia, provided notes are new and undamaged. We suggest exchanging your money before travelling to remote areas and smaller towns, as exchange facilities can be limited. Your National Escort will remind you to do this before departure.

After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form, help sheet, and an Indochina travel guide. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, suggested packing list and a phrase book, along with your final itinerary and international etickets.

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