



# Bangkok to Singapore by Rail

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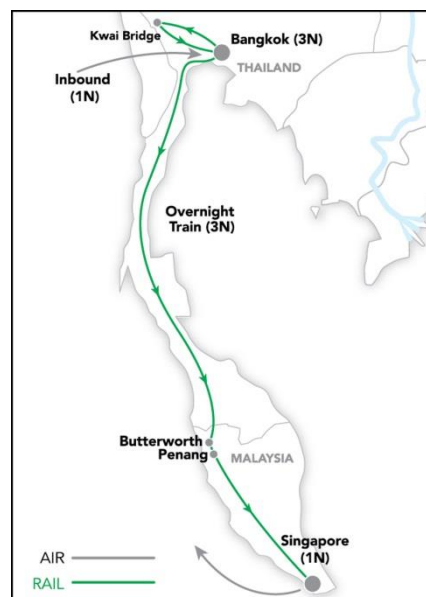
### Bangkok to Singapore by Rail 9 Days

#### Inclusive from the UK

Uncover a thrilling mix of ancient and modern in Bangkok and Singapore, travelling on board this sumptuous 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.

All passengers must read this document to ensure the itinerary is suitable for their interests and physical capabilities. This is not your final itinerary and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.

## 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 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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### Bangkok to Singapore by Rail Private Tour – Comfortable Paced Tour

Our private tours are accessible to everyone. This tour will involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats throughout the tour.

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 3-4: Bangkok

On day 3, take a 5hr tour of the Thonburi Klongs, including the Royal Barges and the Temples of Dawn. Also, visit the Grand Palace. On day 4, enjoy a day at leisure to explore Bangkok further.

*Breakfast included on day 3 and day 4 only*

#### Day 5: Luxury Train to River Kwai

**Please note, timings below are for guidance only. Confirmed timings will be supplied with final travel documents**

Depart from Bangkok (1750) and settle into your private cabin as the train rolls through the countryside. Dinner is served in one of the luxurious dining cars. Afterwards, head to the Bar Car to relax with fellow travelers or retire to your cosy converted cabin.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

#### Day 6: Bridge over the River Kwai

After breakfast, disembark at the River Kwai Bridge station (0900) for a leisurely cruise along the river guided by a local historian. Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre and take some time to explore the Don Rak War Cemetery. Return to the train and reflect on your day over dinner.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

#### Day 7: Penang Island

Spend the morning watching the changing scenery as the train travels through Malaysia. After brunch, disembark at the Butterworth station (1420) and cross to Georgetown, exploring its pre-World War II mosques, temples, churches, bazaars and shophouses. Rejoin the train (1700) for a refreshing cocktail accompanied by live piano music before a glamorous final dinner on board.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

#### Day 8: Singapore

Arrive in Singapore (1145). The time is yours to explore this sleek, dynamic city.

*Breakfast*

#### Day 9: Singapore/UK

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Transfer to Singapore airport for your flight to the UK. Depending on your chosen airline, some flights will arrive the same day, whereas others will arrive the following day.

*Breakfast*

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 9, 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.

**Land Only**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Before You Leave**

**Itinerary Changes** - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. Your Local Guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Roads in Southeast Asia have generally been improved over recent years, but some road construction and/or weather conditions may still lengthen the driving times. 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](http://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 Local Guide.

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**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.

#### **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 tickets.