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12 Days

Inclusive from the UK

Combine the energy of Bangkok and the enigmatic history of Ayutthaya with the profound culture and sprawling jungle of the Golden Triangle.

Inclusive price includes:

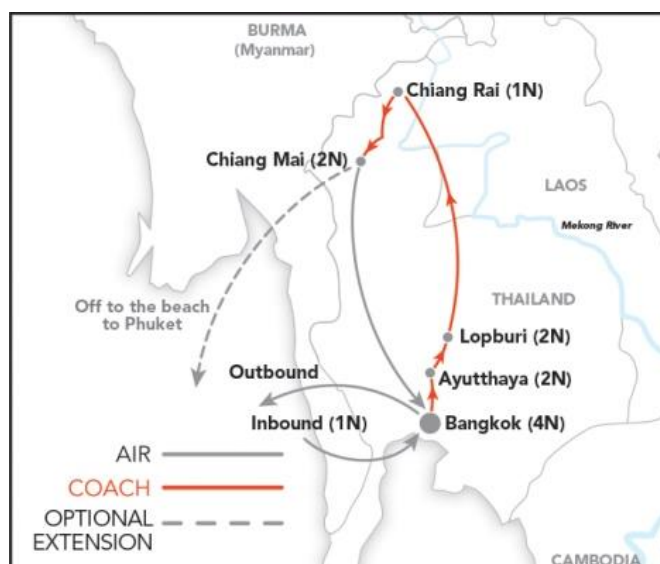
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Touring with Guides and entrance fees

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

Thailand 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 Thailand 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.

Thailand Land of Smiles Private Tour – Comfortable Paced Tour

Our private tours are accessible to everyone. This tour will involve sightseeing on foot, and some climbing of stairs 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 in Thailand.

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

Days 1-2: UK/Bangkok

On Day 2, you will be met in the arrival hall at Bangkok's International airport by your Local Guide and/or National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. You will then transfer 45 minutes to 1 hour depending on traffic conditions (35km) to your hotel.

Day 3: Bangkok

Sightseeing in downtown Bangkok involves approx. 3 hours on foot. Watch your valuables in and around the market area.

Breakfast

Day 4: Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Drive 3 hours to Kanchanaburi. At Kanchanaburi there is easy sightseeing at the Allies Cemetery and the War Museum; there are some graphic images here that some people may find upsetting. You will also visit the world famous Bridge over the River Kwai itself. Afterwards drive 1 hour (60km) to your hotel and check-in.

Breakfast

Day 5: Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya

Enjoy a ride on the historic Death Railway train, passing over the original wooden viaduct constructed by the Allied POWs. Drive to Ayutthaya (approx. 3 hours). Rest of day at leisure.

Breakfast

Day 6: Discover Ayutthaya

Today's sightseeing includes a comfortable paced tour around Ayutthaya's main sights (approx. 5 hours).

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 7: Lopburi

Transfer to Lopburi (1.5 hours). Afterwards, transfer to Pitsanulok (2 hours). Take plenty of water today.

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 8: Temples of northern Thailand

Sightseeing today involves walking around Pitsanulok, Sukhothai and Lampang. Time between Pitsanulok and Sukhothai is approx. 1 hour. Journey time from Sukhothai to Lampang is 2 hours approx.

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 9: Journey to Chiang Rai

Travel to Wat Pra That Lampang Luang Temple in Lampang. Drive approx. 3.5 hours from Lampang to Chiang Rai via Phaoya.

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 10: Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai

Drive approx. 3 hours to Chiang Mai via the hill tribe community centre of Ban Lorch. On arrival the rest of the day is free.

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 11: Discover Chiang Mai

Sightseeing this morning at Wat Doi Suthep. The temple is tucked away in the mountains and reached by 306 steps (there is also a tram). Next visit the elephant camp for approximately 3 hours. Then take 3 hours to visit the famous Thai wood carving factory with possibility of buying Burmese antiques.

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 12: Fly to UK

After breakfast, transfer to Chiang Mai airport for your departure.

Breakfast

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 12, you will checkout from your Chiang Mai 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. The schedules of the domestic airlines in Thailand are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your Local Guide or National Escort will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Roads in Thailand 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:

Visas - No visa is required for Thailand for any stay up to 30 days.

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 Thailand 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 National Escort/Local Guides.

Traffic in Thailand - Roads in Thailand 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 Thailand 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.

Royal Grand Palace

Dress code: Visitors are required to dress appropriately. These following clothes are strictly not allowed as outer garments for both ladies and gentlemen:

Shorts, mini-skirts, short skirts, tight fitting trousers, and tights. See-through shirts and blouses, as well as culottes or quarter length trousers, sleeveless shirts or vests, sandals (without ankle or heel straps), rolled-up-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants, wind-cheaters, pyjamas and fisherman trousers.

Seatbelts- Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in Thailand 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 Thailand, 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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