

TREASURES OF SINGAPORE & THAILAND



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A Guided Travel Experience featuring Singapore, Bangkok, Kanchanaburi, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai & Chiang Mai

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DAY 1/2: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight to Singapore

DAY 3: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Welcome to Singapore! Meet your MGT Tour Manager and begin your journey. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.
Overnight: Singapore (D)

DAY 4: SINGAPORE

Soak up Singapore's diversity as we explore its range of cultures, dive into its history and admire the blend of old and new. Pass by the colonial district to enjoy views of the Padang, Esplanade and Merlion, a mythical beast that is half-lion and half-fish and serves as Singapore's famous tourism symbol. We then head to Thian Hock Keng temple, one of Singapore's oldest Hokkien temples. Continue to Singapore Botanic Gardens, an incredible 161-year-old tropical gardens that includes the National Orchid Garden. The hilly 30,000 sq-mile site is home to a colorful collection of over 1,000 species and 2,000 hybrids of orchids. See colorful Chinatown and Little India, formerly Chulia Kampong area, which was originally a division of colonial Singapore where Tamil immigrants lived under the British policy of ethnic segregation.
Overnight: Singapore (B)

DAY 5: SINGAPORE

Today, visit The Intan, also known as The Peranakan House, a remarkable private residence showcasing an extensive collection of Peranakan artifacts. The Peranakans are descendants of Chinese immigrants, and over the past three decades, the owner has meticulously gathered artifacts reflecting their culture. This experience offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the vibrant Peranakan heritage. Following our exploration, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at The Peranakan House. Later visit Gardens by the Bay. The incredible attraction is home to more than 500,000 plants from over 2,200 species. We can discover plants from across the globe strolling around the Flower Dome. Replicating the cool and dry Mediterranean climate, the dome features nine gardens from six continents. This evening, enjoy dinner accompanied by a captivating cultural performance.
Overnight: Singapore (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BANGKOK, THAILAND

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Arrive Bangkok and enjoy an orientation tour. The vibrant capital city of Thailand is a mesmerizing blend of ancient tradition and modern sites. See Pakklong Talaad, Bangkok's biggest wholesale flower market that is an important trading hub and is open 24-hours a day. Next board a traditional boat to the former Bangkok capital of Thonburi which is situated just across the Chao Phraya River. This neighborhood features many klongs (canals), giving Bangkok the title 'Venice of the East'. Glide through ancient canals in wooden boats to soak up scenic life along the waterways. Visit the magnificent Wat Arun, also known as the Temple of Dawn, which is adorned with mosaics. Later travel to your hotel for a 3-night stay. Enjoy dinner tonight as you settle in to this world class city.
Overnight: Bangkok (B,D)



DAY 7: BANGKOK

Bangkok's Buddhist temples are world famous and today visit some of the most iconic that this city has to offer. Visit the ornate Wat Trimitr which is situated at the end of buzzing Chinatown's Yaowarat Road, and home to a Golden Buddha that weighs approximately 12,000lbs. Visit the largest temple complex in Bangkok, Wat Po, which has an impressive reclining Buddha that is about 150 feet in length. Later experience the gleaming Grand Palace which is one of the most beautiful examples of a traditional Siamese Court. Previously the residence of royalty, see the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House and the famed Emerald Buddha Temple. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River.
Overnight: Bangkok (B,D)

DAY 8 AYUTTHAYA

Among the 'must see' attractions in Thailand is the former capital of Ayutthaya, which is situated about 50 miles north of Bangkok. Sitting on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, see the ruins of temples, palaces and shrines that make up the World Heritage listed Ayutthaya Historical Park. Visit the principal sights which include the gigantic bronze statues. Later sample Ayutthaya's famed specialty dessert roti sai mai (cotton candy wrapped in thin crepes) and try your hand at making this local delicacy. Visit Wat Maha Dhat, the famed Buddha head engulfed by the roots of an overgrown banyan tree. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Bangkok for the remainder of the day at leisure.
Overnight: Bangkok (B,L)

DAY 9: KANCHANABURI

The Bridge over the River Kwai is world famous and has been the focal point of many films and books. We visit the famed bridge in Kanchanaburi and two well maintained cemeteries nearby that contain the graves of fallen Allied soldiers who died constructing the 'Death Railway.' Kanchanaburi town, about 80 miles west of Bangkok, is surrounded by an exceptionally beautiful countryside of deep jungles and meandering rivers, all framed by rugged mountains. Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Center, an interactive museum dedicated to the history of the Thailand-Burma Railway, with personal accounts of the conditions endured by the imprisoned laborers. A train ride on the original railway and a boat trip down the River Kwai will give you a different perspective of the idyllic landscape. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to your hotel. Take a journey on the River Kwai to visit an ethnic Mon Tribal Village and Temple where we will view the simple lifestyle of this indigenous group who are the earliest people to reside in Southeast Asia, bringing their civilization to the region over 1,200 years ago. Return to your hotel for dinner and local entertainment.
Overnight: Kanchanaburi (B,L,D)





DAY 10: TRAVEL TO SUKHOThai

After breakfast, travel to Bangkok for your afternoon flight to Sukhothai. A UNESCO World Heritage site in Thailand, and renowned for its ancient ruins and rich historical significance. As the capital of the Sukhothai Kingdom in the 13th and 14th centuries, it played a pivotal role in shaping Thai culture and identity. The city's well-preserved temples, Buddha statues, and royal palaces offer a glimpse into its glorious past, showcasing exquisite craftsmanship and architectural marvels. Check in to your hotel for a 2-night stay and enjoy dinner.
Overnight: Sukhothai (B,D)

DAY 11: SUKHOThai

Visit Sukhothai Historical Park, the once great capital of the first truly independent Kingdom of Thailand. The Park is declared as a World Heritage Site and covers the impressive ancient ruins of the old city Sukhothai. The Sukhothai Historical Park is approximately 25 square miles. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Amulet Learning Center. Learn about Buddhist Votive Tablets, and enjoy a lesson on how they are created. After the workshop, the local artist will show his private museum to learn more about the local culture. Return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.
Overnight: Sukhothai (B,L)

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO CHIANG RAI

Today travel to Sisatchanalai Historical Park, containing the ruins of the ancient town of Si Satchanalai, an important town in the Sukhothai Kingdom in the 13th and 14th century. Many sites near the old city walls have been excavated. A number of temples have been restored to their original glory. Later, continue to Phayao, and see Kwan Phayao, a large freshwater lake. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Chiang Rai, and visit Wat Rong Suea Ten (Blue temple). The interior is stunning and the entrance is guarded by two spectacular dragon statues. Later check in to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.
Overnight: Chiang Rai (B,L,D)

DAY 13: CHIANG RAI

Travel to Chiang Saen, a charming town on the Mekong River. The Chiang Saen ancient city consists of temple ruins, old city walls and a moat. Continue to the 'Golden Triangle' area on the bank of the Mekong River where the Myanmar, Laos and Thailand borders meet. Visit the House of Opium Museum, telling stories of the opium trade in the Golden Triangle. See antiques such as opium harvesting knives, scales, weights, pipes, mats and pillows, and learn about the beliefs and traditions as well as the history of the region where these three countries meet. Later, enjoy a boat ride along Mekhong River to enjoy the river bank scenery. After lunch visit Ban Pa Aor, the community of hilltribe people. Learn about the traditions that they still practice today. Later return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.
Overnight: Chiang Rai (B,L)

DAY 14: TRAVEL TO CHIANG MAI

After breakfast, visit Wat Rong Khun, a unique temple that stands out through the white color and the use of pieces of glass in the plaster, sparkling in the sun. The white color signifies the purity of the Buddha, while the glass symbolizes the Buddha's wisdom. Wat Rong Khun was designed by Chalermchai Kositpipat, a famous Thai visual artist. Eventually there will be nine buildings including an ubosot, a hall to enshrine Buddhist relics, a meditation hall, the monks living quarters and an art gallery. After lunch, visit the umbrella making center in Sankamphaeng and learn about the production of these crafts. Check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.
Overnight: Chiang Mai (B,L,D)

DAY 15: CHIANG MAI

Today, enjoy a unique Thai elephant experience. Learn about elephants in their natural habitat. Feed the elephants bananas, sugar cane, and herb 'n' fruit nutritional balls—the elephants love them! Watch elephants as they play under the waterfalls. After the elephant care program, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch visit Wat Doi Suthep. Perched on a forested mountain, it offers a beautiful view of the surrounding landscape. Named after the mountain that it sits on, this magnificent temple sits about 3,200 feet above sea level. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.
Overnight: Chiang Mai (B,L)

DAY 16: CHIANG MAI

Today, drive to the south of the city to visit Wat Ton Kwen, one of the finest examples of classic Lanna architecture in Northern Thailand. Proceed to hang Dong for an incredible gastronomic experience with the local Ruankaew-Yanon family. You will be welcomed into their home to experience a typical day in the life of a Thai person, in a real Thai neighborhood. You will learn to cook traditional recipes with authentic Northern Thai flavors. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal which you helped create. Later return to your hotel for the remainder of the day at leisure. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.
Overnight: Chiang Mai (B,L,D)

DAY 17: RETURN HOME

Today transfer to the airport to begin your journey home full of memories of your amazing journey to Singapore & Thailand (B)



ACCOMMODATIONS

3 Nights/Singapore - Paradox Singapore Merchant Court or similar

3 Nights/Bangkok - Avani+ Riverside Bangkok or similar

1 Night/Kanchanaburi - River Kwai Resotel Kanchanaburi or similar

2 Nights/Sukhothai - Le Charme Sukhothai Historical Park or similar

2 Nights/Chiang Rai - The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa or similar

3 Nights/Chiang Mai - Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa Chiang Mai or similar

TRIP PRICING

\$9,399

PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Deposit due (\$500) with reservation to secure space.
- Final payment is due 120 days before departure
- **Single Supplement: +\$2,000**

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- The included airfare is group airfare. **Upgrades and seat selection are limited within the group flight schedule.** If you prefer to arrange your own long-haul flights, please advise MGT prior to final payment.
 - Airline checked luggage fees are not included and will apply at time of check-in
- Please Note: When traveling outside the United States, a passport is required for U.S. citizens & some countries require a visa. A valid passport & travel visa (when necessary) is the responsibility of each passenger.
- Tour manager, itinerary and hotels are subject to change. Trip subject to cancellation or postponement if required passenger levels are not met.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Nights Singapore
- Singapore Touring
- The Peranakan House
- Gardens by the Bay
- 3 Nights Bangkok
- Bangkok Touring
- Pakklong Talaad
- Bangkok Temples (Wat Trimitr & Wat Po)
- Grand Palace
- Bangkok Rivercruise Dinner
- Ayutthaya
- Kanchanaburi (River Kwai)
- 2 Nights Sukhothai
- Sukhothai Historical Park
- 2 Nights Chiang Rai
- Golden Triangle Tour
- 3 Nights Chiang Mai
- Thailand Elephant Experience
- Chiang Mai Local Culinary Experience

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip Air*(PDX)
- Round-trip Transfers (PDX)
- 14 Nights Accommodations
- 32 Meals (14 B/9 L/9 D)
- Inter Tour Flights (2)
- Local Guide & Driver Gratuities
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Baggage Handling (where available)
- Deluxe Touring Vehicles

**Alternate air gateways are available. Please contact us for pricing from your home gateway.*

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Protection - **Highly Recommended**
- MGT Tour Manager Gratuities

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We recommend all travelers protect their travel investments and themselves while they are away with a Travel Protection Plan.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 150 days before departure. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel. If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

- Up to 150 days/Full Refund
- 149-120 days/Deposit Amount is retained
- 119-90 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
- 89-45 days/30% of total trip price is refunded
- Less than 45 days/No Refund

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