



# THAILAND

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## TRIP SUMMARY

Base Cost	Total	Monthly
Flight Inclusive Package Leaving from JFK	\$2300.00	\$200 Deposit + 6 Payments of \$350
Land Only (Must Purchase Your Own Flight)	\$1500.00	\$200 Deposit + 6 Payments of \$216.66
<b>Trip Dates</b>		
November 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 11 <sup>th</sup> (9 Days Total)		
<b>Included in Cost</b>		
Airfare via China Southern Airlines	The Highly-Coveted AAT T-Shirt	
9 Day Double Occupancy Hotel Stay	Ongoing Support of the AAT staff	
Private Day Tour of Bangkok	Onsite Photographer + Low-Def Photos	
Breakfast and WiFi		
Add-ons and Upgrades	Total	Monthly
Single Room Upgrade Throughout	\$800.00	\$133.33
One Day in Chiang Mai	\$330.00	\$55.00
5 Days in Phuket	\$475.00	\$79.16
5 Days in Vietnam & Cambodia	\$850.00	\$141.67
5 Day Extension in China Double Occupancy	\$1050.00	\$175.00
5 Day Extension in China Single Occupancy	\$1400	\$233.33
Video Documenting Your Experience + Hi-Def Photos	\$275.00	\$45.83
<b>Payment Arrangements</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your \$200 deposit is due by April 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• You can save \$50 on your deposit if it is made before EOD on April 8<sup>th</sup> by entering the code 'BigBuddha' during checkout.</li> <li>• Your monthly payments will be <b>*automatically*</b> collected on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month from May – October from the card you used to make your deposit. If ever you need to change your card, we can provide you with a link to do so.</li> </ul>		
<b>Refund Policy</b>		
<p>The policy is simple and one I'm sure you will find quite agreeable!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your deposit is fully refundable up until the day before the first monthly payment is due, which would be May 15<sup>th</sup>. 50% of your deposit can applied to a future within a years' time of this trip being cancelled.</li> <li>• 33% of the value of your trip plus your deposit becomes non-refundable on/after June 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• 66% of the value of your trip plus your deposit becomes non-refundable on/after August 15th</li> <li>• The trip becomes 100% non-refundable on/after October 15th</li> <li>• Any traveler that falls more than 2 payments behind will be removed from the trip and funds will be returned per the above refund policy.</li> <li>• Refunds can take up to 30 days from the date requested to process.</li> </ul>		

**How Do These Add-Ons Work?**

Good Question! After 4 years and taking hundreds of travelers across the globe, one thing has become apparent; while we as humans innately enjoy being in large groups, it doesn't mean that all members of the group want to do the same things. For that reason, despite being a group travel company, we design our trips with the individual in mind!

So, if you are someone that is looking to travel in luxury, no worries! Simply check off the business class and/or single room upgrade and you get to be a part of our group while still having your own unique experience. Moreover, if you are an avid traveler that is looking to make new friends but would rather explore on your own, simply select nothing during checkout and you have 9 days to explore Bangkok at your own pace, and I'm sure there will be plenty of others on the trip to accompany you.

The total cost of each add on will be divided amongst your monthly payments and you are free to add or change your add-ons right up until 2 months before departure.

Your Add-ons must be finalized by September 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date no add-on can be added or removed.

**Traveling Alone?**

While the option is there for you to get a single occupancy room if you choose, by no means do you have to select it if traveling alone. We understand that the extra money spent in getting your own room, takes away from the money available to you to splurge on the streets of Bangkok!

For that reason, we extend each traveler the option of having us pair you with a suitable roommate for no additional cost. Roommates are paired based upon the answers to their personality questions on their registration form, as well as their ages and even astrological signs. Several months before departure you will be given the contact information of your roommate, giving each of you the opportunity to get properly acquainted.

**The 'Tell-A-Friend' Discount**

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our trip but isn't a member of AAT? Here is your chance to save a little money while bringing them on a trip of a lifetime!

For every traveler that you refer to our trip, you can subtract \$50 from the cost of your trip. There is no limit to the amount of people you can bring, as long as that person has not already traveled with AAT. Be sure to tell your friend to enter your name in the registration form under "How did you hear about this trip?"

**The Land Packages**

The Land Package option are for those travelers outside of the tristate area that may want to join us. Selecting this option means that you will have to purchase your own flight to meet us in Bangkok, it also means that you won't be able to participate in the 5 day extension in China.

If you select this option, you will have to purchase your flight no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## THE ITINERARY

Wednesday, November 1st			
11:40 AM	Depart from JFK Via <b>China Southern Flight No CZ300</b>		
Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
3:35 PM	Arrive in Guangzhou, China		
7:40 PM	Depart Guangzhou, China		
9:50 PM	Arrive in Bangkok, Thailand		
11:00 PM	Check into <b>Amari Watergate Bangkok</b>		
Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>			All Travelers to Attend
10:00 AM	Host Breakfast		
	Visit the Grand Palace		
	Wat Phra Kaw		
	Wat Pho		
	Wat Saket		
	Visit the National Museum		
	Manohra Dinner Cruise		
Saturday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Option 1: Day in Chang Mai		Free Time in Bangkok	
9:40 AM	Depart Bangkok via <b>Thai Lion Air Flight No SL506</b>		
10: 55 AM	Arrive in Chiang Mai		
	Wat Chedi Luang		
	Wat Chiang Man		
	Wat Phra Singhz(Chat With a Monk)		
	That Doi Suthep		
	Yi Peng Festival		
10:00 PM	Depart Chiang Mai via <b>Thai Lion Flight No SL521</b>		
11:15 PM	Arrive in Thailand		
Sunday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Option 2: 5 Days in Phuket		Option 3: Vietnam & Cambodia	
9:00 AM	Checkout out of hotel	12:00 PM	Check Out Hotel
11:00 AM	Depart for Phuket via <b>Nok Air Flight No DD7512</b>	3:20 PM	Depart for Phnom Penh, Cambodia <b>Air Asia via Flight No AK606</b>
12:20 PM	Arrive in Phuket, Thailand	4:25 PM	Arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2:00 PM	Check into <b>Novotel Phuket Surin Beach Resort</b>	6:00 PM	Check into <b>Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel</b>
Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Option 2: 5 Days in Phuket		Option 3: Vietnam & Cambodia	
	Phan Nga Bay Tour		Ta Phrom Temple at Tonle Bati
			Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda
			Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Option 2: 5 Days in Phuket		Option 3: Vietnam & Cambodia	
Free Time in Phuket		11:00 PM	Checkout of Hotel
		2:15 PM	Depart Cambodia via <b>Vietnam Airlines Flight No VN921</b>
		3:05 PM	Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
		5:00 PM	Check into <b>Hotel Pullman Saigon Centre</b>

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Option 2: 5 Days in Phuket		Option 3: Vietnam & Cambodia	
Free Time in Phuket			War remnants museum
			Cu Chi Tunnels
			Jade Emperor Pagoda
			Cao Dai Temple

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Option 2: 5 Days in Phuket		Option 3: Vietnam & Cambodia	
12:00 PM	Checkout of hotel	7:00 AM	Checkout of hotel
3:25 PM	Depart for Bangkok via <b>Nok Air DD7507</b>	9:45 AM	Depart for Bangkok via Air Asia Flight No AK651
4:45 PM	Arrive in Bangkok	11:20 AM	Arrive in Bangkok
6:00 PM	Check into Hotel	2:00 PM	Check into Hotel

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Free Day in Bangkok

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

11:55 AM	Depart Bangkok via <b>China Southern Flight No CZ358</b>		
3:45 PM	Arrive in Guangzhou, China		
7:35 PM	Depart Guangzhou, China via <b>China Southern Flight No CZ699</b>	Option 4: 4 Days in China	
10:00 PM	Arrive at JFK Airport	11:30 PM	Depart for <b>Doubletree by Hilton Guangzhou</b>

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

	Day Tour of Guangzhou
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**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

	Day Tour of Hong Kong
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**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

	Free Time in Guangzhou(See List of Other Things to Do)
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**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

1:50 AM	Depart Guangzhou, China via <b>China Southern Flight No cz399</b>
4:50 AM	Arrive at JFK Airport



## ***THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO***

### **Thailand**

#### **Entry Requirements**

Your passport must be valid 6 months past the date of entry, with at least 2 blank pages.

No Visas are required

#### **Weather**

The average temperature in November is 82 F with a monthly average rainfall of 2 inches

#### **Money**

The Thai unit of currency is the baht (THB) and is divided into 100 satang. Tiny copper coins represent 25 and 50 satang; silver coins are 1THB, 2THB (rare), and 5THB. The larger 10THB coin is silver with a copper inset. Bank notes come in denominations of 20THB (green), 50THB (blue), 100THB (red), 500THB (purple), and 1,000THB (brown).

At the time of writing this, the USD to THB exchange rate is 1 USD = 34.57 THB

#### **Tipping**

If no service charge is added to your check in a fine-dining establishment, a 10% to 15% tip is appropriate. In local shops, tipping is not common. Airport or hotel porters expect tips; 50B is acceptable. Feel free to reward good service wherever you find it. Tipping taxi drivers is appreciated. Carry small bills, as many cab drivers either don't have change or won't admit to having any in the hope of getting a tip.

#### **Emergencies**

1699 or 1155 for the Tourist Police

#### **US Embassy Location**

120-122 Wireless Rd Khwaeng Lumpini, Khet Pathum Wan, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10330, Thailand

#### **Restrooms**

The country's better restaurants and hotels will have Western toilets. Shops and budget hotels will have an Asian squat toilet, a ceramic platform mounted over a hole in the ground. Near the toilet is a water bucket or sink with a small ladle. The water is for flushing the toilet. Toilet paper is not provided, but some have tissue dispensers outside the restroom costing 5B. Dispose of it in the wastebasket provided, as it will clog up rudimentary sewage systems.

#### **Water**

Don't drink the tap water here, even in the major hotels. Most hotels provide bottled water; use it for brushing your teeth as well as drinking. Most restaurants serve bottled or boiled water and ice made from boiled water, but always ask to be sure. Purified water may not have the minerals you need to replace those lost in the heat and humidity, so check the label.

### **Cambodia**

#### **Entry Requirements**

In order to enter Cambodia your passport must be valid 6 months past the date entry.

Cambodia also requires a visa be purchased to enter. Visas can be purchased in advanced for \$37 by going [HERE](#). You can also purchase your visa at the port of entry, you must have a recent passport size photo in order to do so.

#### **Police**

In Cambodia, the police are not your friends. They are generally corrupt, so stay out of their way if possible. The ones you are most likely to come in contact with are traffic police. The bribes will start high, but \$5 is the maximum you should pay for an infraction either real or invented. If you have something stolen and need a police report for insurance purposes, you may find that the police will

attempt to extract a "fee" for their services. If you can, bring a Khmer speaker with you to aid negotiation.

#### Tipping

Tipping is not generally a Cambodian custom but is appreciated in some tourist areas. Check that service is not already included. Tipping 10% of the bill is more than acceptable.

### Vietnam

#### Entry Requirements

In order to enter Vietnam, you must have a passport valid 6 months past the date of entry.

You must apply for a visa in advance. The cost is \$80. The process for getting your visa can be found [HERE](#).

#### Emergencies

Nationwide emergency numbers are as follows: For police, dial tel. 113; for fire, dial tel. 114; and for ambulance, dial tel. 115. Operators speak Vietnamese only.

### China

#### Entry Requirements

In order to enter China, you must have a passport valid 6 months past the date of entry.

You will have to purchase a visa prior to travel. The cost of the Visa is \$140.

In order to purchase your visa you must first fill out the application form found [HERE](#) and deliver it in person (Mailing is not an option) to the appropriate embassy found [HERE](#) along with your passport, photo and invitation letter which AAT will provide.

#### Emergencies

Little English is spoken on emergency numbers in China, although your best bet will be tel. 110. Find help nearer at hand. In Hong Kong and Macau dial tel. 999 for police, fire, or ambulance.

#### Tipping

In mainland China, tipping is not necessary or expected and will likely be refused if offered.

#### Water

Tap water in mainland China is not drinkable, and should not even be used for brushing your teeth. Use bottled water, widely available on every street, and provided for free in all the better hotels. Tap water is drinkable in Hong Kong, but bottled water tastes better.



# BANGKOK



## DAY TOUR IN BANGKOK

### Grand Palace

Address: Na Phra Lan Rd, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok, 10200, Thailand

Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (Mon -Sun)



The Grand Palace has an area of 218,400 sq. meters and is surrounded by walls built in 1782. The length of the four walls is 1,900 meters. Within these walls are situated government offices and the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha besides the royal residences.

When Siam restored law and order after the fall of Ayutthaya the monarch lived in Thonburi on the west side of the river. Rama I, on ascending the throne, moved the center of administration to this side of the Chao Phraya; and, after erecting public monuments such as fortifications and monasteries, built a palace to serve not only as his residence but also his offices--the various ministries, only one of which

remains in the palace walls.

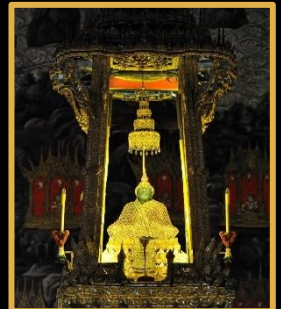
This palace came to be known as the Grand Palace, in which the earliest edifices contemporary with the foundation of Bangkok were the two groups of residences named the Dusit Maha Prasat and the Phra Maha Monthian.

### Wat Phra Kaew

Address: Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (Mon -Sun)

Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram) is regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Located in the historic centre of Bangkok, within the grounds of the Grand Palace, it enshrines Phra Kaew Morakot (the Emerald Buddha), the highly-revered Buddha image meticulously carved from a single block of jade. The Emerald Buddha (Phra Putta Maha Mani Ratana Patimakorn) is a Buddha image in the meditating position in the style of the Lanna school of the north, dating from the 15th century AD.



### Wat Pho

Address: 2 Sanamchai Road, Grand Palace Subdistrict, Pranakorn District, Bangkok 10200, Thailand



Wat Pho (the Temple of the Reclining Buddha), or Wat Phra Chetuphon, is located behind the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and a must-do for any first-time visitor in Bangkok. It's one of the largest temple complexes in the city and famed for its giant reclining Buddha that measures 46 metres long and is covered in gold leaf. It's an easy ten-minute walk between here and the Grand Palace, and we recommend coming to Wat Pho second, because even though the golden Buddha here is just as popular many people don't take the time to wander around the rest of the complex so the experience tends to be far more relaxing. This is also a great place to get a traditional Thai massage. Wat Pho is

often considered the leading school of massage in Thailand, so you really are in good hands here.



**Wat Saket**

Address: 344 ถนน บริพัตร Khwaeng Ban Bat, Khet Pom Prap Sattru Phai, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10100, Thailand

Wat Saket, popularly known as the Golden Mount or 'Phu Khao Thong', is a low hill crowned with a gleaming gold chedi. Within, the 58-metre chedi houses a Buddha relic and welcomes worshippers all year round. The temple also hosts an annual temple fair in November, which lasts a week during Loy Krathong. The temple grounds feature mature trees and typical Buddhist structures such as the main chapel, ordination hall and library. Its origins can be traced back to the Ayutthaya period (1350- 1767 AD) and it underwent major renovations during King Rama I's reign (1782-1809)

**National Museum**

Address: Na Phrathat Road | Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakho, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

**Hours:** Wed - Sun 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

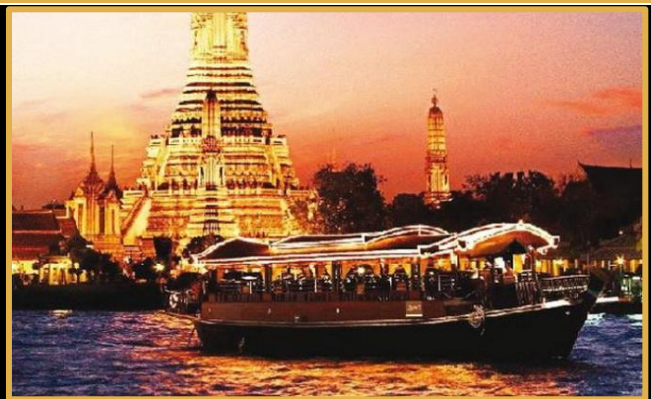


In the former grounds of the 18th Century Wang Na Palace, The Bangkok National Museum houses the largest collection of Thai art and artifacts in the country. It's definitely worth a visit, especially if visiting nearby Wat Phra Kaew or the Grand Palace. Opened by King Rama V to exhibit the antiques and gifts bestowed to him by his father, it once held a reputation for being an ill-organised gathering of dusty relics. That has now changed, with exhibits now arranged into three areas consistent with Thai history, and good English-language descriptions available.

**Manohra Dinner Cruise**

Address: Bangkok Marriott Resort&Spa, 257 Charoennakorn Road, Samrae Thonburi, Khwaeng Samre, Khet Thon Buri, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10600, Thailand

A moonlight dinner cruise down the mighty Chao Phraya River is the most leisurely and romantic way to view the sights of old-time Bangkok that line the banks on either side. The Grand Palace, Wat Arun (Temple of the Dawn) and many other Chinese inspired temples are brightly lit and make an amazing backdrop. Anantara's Manohra Cruise adds a touch of luxury to the proceedings with a sit-down banquet and traditional, warm Thai service on board one of three restored antique rice barges.



## OTHER THINGS TO DO

### **Siam Park City**

Address: 203 Suan Sayam Rd, Khwaeng Khan Na Yao, Khet Khan Na Yao, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10230, Thailand

Hours: 10 AM – 6 PM (Mon-Sun)

Cost: \$32



This is Bangkok's best and most over-the-top amusement center and all-in-one theme park. What better way to cool down on a sweltering day than to get out of Bangkok and kick back at a water park? And when the kids finally get tired of sliding down the flumes, there's an amusement park, a botanical garden, an aviary, a zoo, a safari park, and a Jurassic Park theme park to choose from. For me, though, it's the water park that is the highlight, despite the screaming and shouting of a thousand kids. Check the web-site first for the best deals.

### **Vimanmek Royal Mansion**

Address: 16 Rajvithi Rd, Khwaeng Dusit, Khet Dusit, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10300, Thailand

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (Mon-Sun)

Cost: \$3

Located on Ratchawithi Road behind the National Assembly, Vimanmek Royal Mansion is the world's largest building made entirely of golden teak. Removed from Ko Sichang in Chonburi province, it was rebuilt in the Dusit Palace in 1900 by the command of King Rama V. It was recently renovated by HM Queen Sirikit, and made into a museum paying homage to the late King. As well as antique furniture, there's glassware, porcelain, old photographs and memorabilia from the late King's reign (1868 - 1910). Many rooms currently maintain the atmosphere of the past.



### **Floating Markets**

Step outside the city confines and you'll encounter a whole new shopping experience on a visit to one of many floating markets in Bangkok. Traditionally these markets thrived with local custom when Thailand really was the Venice of Asia. Today many of the waterways have been filled in and the markets are often tourist focused, but even so, a visit is still a great way of purchasing fresh food in a slightly quirky environment. Whether you choose to visit one of the floating markets that are closer to the city, or venture further afield, you can be eating traditional food that's been prepared on a boat in no time.

### **Taling Chan Floating Market**

Address: 324 Chakphra Rd, Bangkok, Thailand

This one of the closest floating markets to Bangkok city itself, although it's still a few kilometers away. Taling Chan is small and still fairly traditional. It isn't a sprawling network of canals with boats moored along them. The boats at this floating market in Bangkok are positioned along the edge of the pier and it is perhaps more like a riverside market. That being said you do have the opportunity to take a short boat trip while you are there, after which you can sit and relax with one of the sea food snacks that the market is famous for. After your food, you can take to the shade of the trees and enjoy a foot massage. One thing to be aware of at Taling Chan is that there may be mosquitos about, so dress appropriately and be prepared.



**Wat Sai Floating Market**

Address: Bangkok, จังหวัด กรุงเทพมหานคร 10150, Thailand



If you're looking for floating markets in Bangkok then Wat Sai is only about a half hour drive from the city center. The old floating market here was a thriving center for locals to gather at, and a popular tourist sight, until the construction of new roads led to the site being abandoned. Wat Sai wasn't that easy to shut down though and its recent resurgence has brought life back to the area.

You can take a trip along a canal to enter the market and the trip itself is eye opening. You get to see Thai life close up as it unfolds before your eyes. Once you reach the market itself the food is the stand out experience with plenty of fresh local produce for sale.

**Damnoen Saduak Floating Market**

Address: Damnoen Saduak, Damnoen Saduak District, Ratchaburi 70130, Thailand

If you want to visit a traditional floating market in Bangkok, then Damnoen Saduak may not be your thing; it's a tourist haven and is home to throngs of foreigners at weekends. To get to the market from Bangkok you need to board a bus at the Southern Bus Terminal; the journey takes approximately two hours. Of course, you can also barter with a local taxi driver to establish a reasonable fare for the round trip. You need to be aware that when you get to the Damnoen Saduak area you will be approached to join several boats trips to the market. It's far cheaper and quicker to catch a bus or take a taxi and then hire a boat to take a short trip later if it's something you really want to do. Once you get to the market it's a fun experience and very tourist savvy. You'll be able to take photographs of the endless array of boats and the local ladies with their wooden sticks that they use to take the money from you and pass you your purchase. Damnoen Saduak is the tourist spot of floating markets; it's not the most traditional, but you will have some great photos of your trip.

**The Oriental Cooking School**

Address: 48 Oriental Ave, Bang Rak, Bangkok 10500, Thailand

**Hours:** Wed - Mon 9:00 am - 7:00 pm**Cost:** \$108 - \$120

The Thai Cookery School has taught thousands of people from all over the world the art of preparing fine Thai cuisine. All participants will learn how to create stunning Thai meals whilst gaining insights into the fascinating culture and traditions of Thailand. During your class, your instructor will skillfully demonstrate the methods and steps of Thai cookery from ingredient preparation to cooking. Class participants will be encouraged to try grounding pastes, chopping up meat and vegetables, stir-frying, deep-frying and stewing food to create dishes of the highest quality and flavor.

**Thai Massage @ Heartland**

Address: 120 North Sathorn Rd. Silom, Bangrak Bangkok 10500

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Mon-Sun)

Cost: \$75 - \$300



A traditional Thai massage involves manipulating your limbs to stretch each muscle and then applying acupressure techniques to loosen up tense muscles and start energy flowing. Your body will be twisted, pulled, and sometimes pounded in the process.

**Muay Thai Fighting @ Rajadamnern Stadium**

Address: 1, Ratchadamnoen Nok Rd., Pom Prap Sattru Phai, Bangkok, 10200, Thailand

Hours: 6:00 PM – 10:00 pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sun

Cost: \$30 - \$60

If you're looking for Thai boxing, Bangkok is the perfect place to watch and participate in this sport. Thai boxing is the general western term for this Thai contact sport which is known as 'the art of eight limbs'. The sport gets this name because participants use their shins, elbows, knees and fists during each Muay Thai match. Originating as part of the training regime of the Thai military; Muay Thai is today an extremely popular sport throughout Thailand. Every town and city has its own stadium for the sport.





## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Amari Watergate Bangkok

Address: 847 Petchburi Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400



Feel the excitement of Bangkok at your very doorstep. Amari Watergate Bangkok puts you in the heart of the vibrant Pratunam neighborhood in downtown Petchburi, known for its bustling landscape of shopping bazaars and lifestyle malls. We place you just steps away from all it has to offer.

Start your morning with fresh dishes at Amaya Food Gallery, our signature dining that features live cooking stations. Revitalize and awaken the senses amongst the lively energy

of the Thai capital at Breeze Spa or take pictures of the sun sinking beneath the skyscrapers at the outdoor garden terrace. Sit back and relax after a long day sipping beverages and pastries at the Lobby Lounge.

#### Amenities

- Free WiFi
- 3 restaurants
- Full-service spa
- Business center
- Limo/town car service
- Outdoor pool
- Free Breakfast
- Fitness center
- 24-hour front desk
- Coffee/tea in a common area
- Air conditioning



#### Restaurants

##### Amaya Food Galleries

This restaurant specializes in local and international cuisine and serves breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner. Guests can enjoy drinks at the bar. Open daily.

##### Cascade

This coffee shop specializes in local and international cuisine and serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and light fare. Open daily.

##### Pool Bar

**This bar is located by the pool. Happy hour is offered. Open daily.**

##### Breeze Spa

Put the bounce in your step at Breeze Spa – the urban paradise in the heart of downtown Bangkok. Cast the worries of the world aside and indulge in tension releasing massages and other pampering treatments in a beautiful and peaceful environment.

Located on the 8th floor at the Amari Watergate Bangkok, Breeze Spa provides six elegant and tranquil treatment rooms where you can totally relax and regain your energy.

Whether seeking to overcome jetlag or to end your busy day with a perfect treatment, our team of skillful therapists can assist you with a variety of rejuvenating and refreshing packages designed to suit everyone's needs.

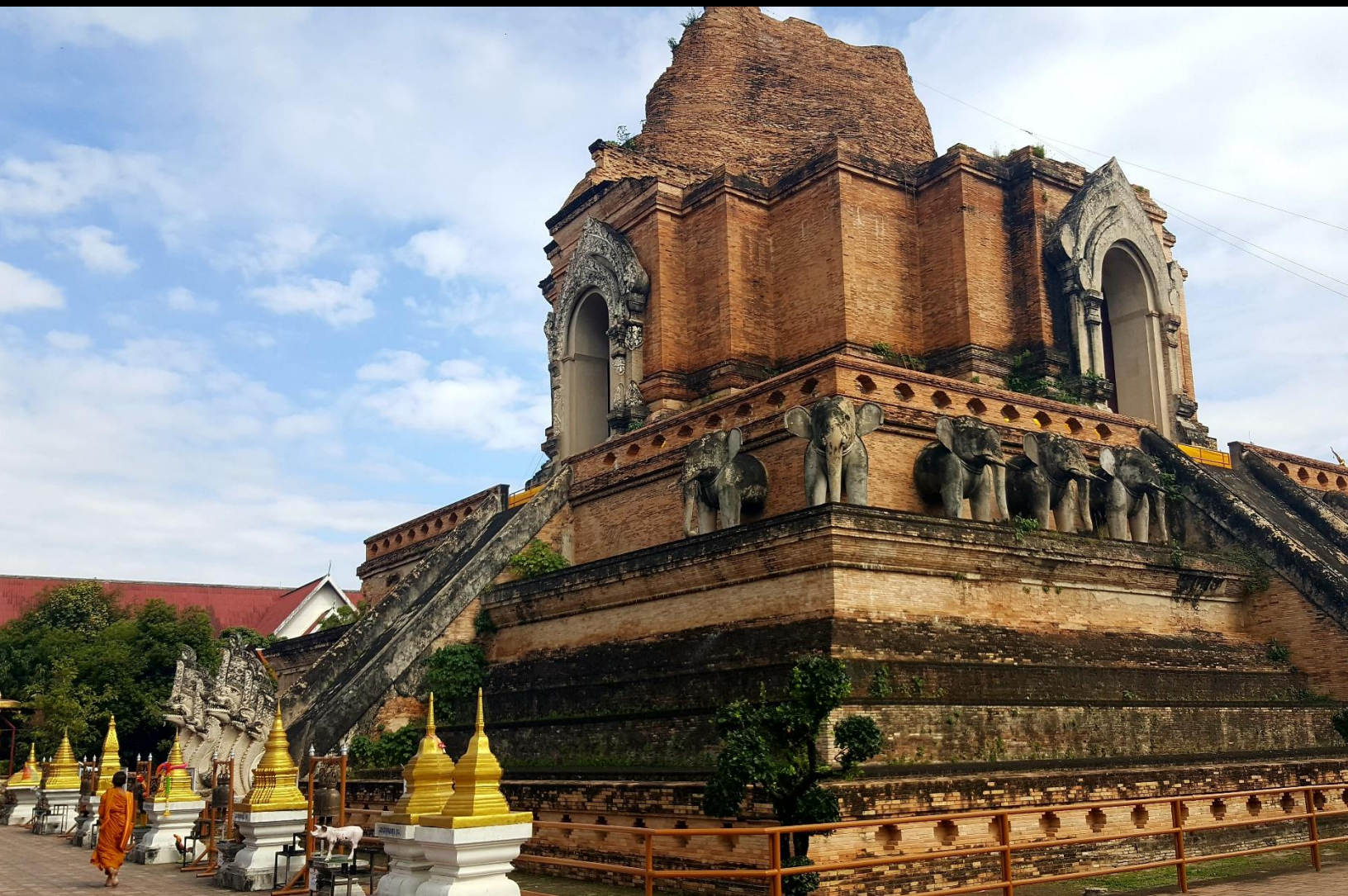
**FLIGHT INFO**

<b>New York Departure</b>	
<b>Departure</b>	
<b>JFK ➡ CAN</b> Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017  <b>China Southern Flight No CZ300</b> <b>Departing:</b> New York, NY (JFK) <b>Departing Flight Time:</b> 11:40 AM (EST) <b>Flight Duration:</b> 15 Hours 55 Min  <b>Layover:</b> Guangzhou, China(CAN) <b>Arrival Time:</b> 3:35 PM(CST) <b>Layover Duration:</b> 4 hours 5 min <b>Time Zone Adjustment:</b> Add 12 Hours to EST	<b>CAN ➡ BKK</b> Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2017  <b>China Southern Flight No CZ361</b> <b>Departing:</b> Guangzhou, China (CAN) <b>Departing Flight Time:</b> 7:40 PM (CST) <b>Flight Duration:</b> 3 Hours 10 Min  <b>Arrival:</b> Bangkok, Thailand(BKK) <b>Arrival Time:</b> 9:50 PM(ICT) <b>Time Zone Adjustment:</b> Add 11 Hours to EST
<b>Return</b>	
<b>BKK ➡ CAN</b> Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> 2017  <b>China Southern Flight No CZ358</b> <b>Departing:</b> Bangkok, Thailand(BKK) <b>Departing Flight Time:</b> 11:55 AM (ICT) <b>Flight Duration:</b> 2 Hours 50 Min  <b>Layover:</b> Guangzhou, China(CAN) <b>Arrival Time:</b> 3:45 PM(CST) <b>Layover Duration:</b> 4 hours 50 min	<b>CAN ➡ JFK</b> Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> 2017  <b>China Southern Flight No CZ699</b> <b>Departing:</b> Guangzhou, China (CAN) <b>Departing Flight Time:</b> 7:35 PM (CST) <b>Flight Duration:</b> 15 Hours 25 Min  <b>Arrival:</b> New York, NY (JFK) <b>Arrival Time:</b> 10:00 PM(EST)

<b>Baggage Allowance</b>			
	<b>Max Allowance</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>
Carry On	1	5kg	115 CM
Check In	2	23kg	158 CM



## CHIANG MAI





## A DAY IN CHIANG MAI

### **Wat Chedi Luang**

**Address:** 103 Road King Prajadhipok Phra Singh, Muang District, Chiang Mai, 50200, Thailand

**Hours:** 8 AM – 5 PM (Mon – Fri)

Wat Chedi Luang (a.k.a. Jedi Luang) was built in 1391 during the reign of King Saen Muang Ma, 8th ruler of the Mengrai dynasty. He intended the structure to house the ashes of his father, Ku Na. Appropriately, the site was designated as a 'ku luang' instead of a chedi since it was not intended to house relics of the Buddha.

The massive reliquary was expanded over the centuries, until it reached its final form in 1475, when King Tilokaraj made it the home of the Emerald Buddha, the most important cultural treasure in Thailand. At one point the reliquary—which had come to be known as a chedi—was 144 feet wide and 282 feet tall. Unfortunately, the pagoda was heavily damaged in the 1545 earthquake during the reign of Queen Mahadevi. The Emerald Buddha remained here for about six years after the earthquake, whereupon it was brought to Luang Prabang (in today's Laos) by King Setthathirat, who ruled Chiang Mai for a short period in the years following the earthquake. The viharn, or assembly hall, is a much newer structure decorated with naga (water snake) and peacock motifs.



According to Roy Hudson, visitors entering this temple should take note of the massive tree to the left of the entrance. Legend says that if this tree should ever fall, a great catastrophe will occur. A small building near the tree enshrines the "Spirit of the City" (Sao Intakin) that was moved from its original site in 1775.

### **Wat Chiang Man**

**Address:** Si Phum, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand



The oldest temple in Chiang Mai town, Wat Chiang Man was built in 1296 by King Mengrai of Lanna kingdom. The temple is famous for its Lanna-style chedi supported by rows of elephant-shaped buttresses. The beautiful Lanna-style ordination hall enshrines an ancient Buddha image named Phra Kaew Khao, revered by Chiang Mai locals. Wat Chiang Man is situated off of Ratchapakhinai Road in the northeast corner of the old city.

### **Wat Phra Singh**

**Address:** Si Phum, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand

**Hours:** 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Mon – Fri)

Wat Phra Singh is perhaps the second most venerated temple in Chiang Mai after Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. It houses three main structures, the main attraction being the elegantly decorated Lai Kam assembly hall and its restored murals depicting the lives of locals hundreds of years ago. Located inside the old city wall, at the western end of Ratchadamnoen Road, the temple's signature Lanna-style roofs and glittering viharn (assembly hall) invite visitors. The walled-in temple compound is busy with visitors and worshippers all year round and is usually packed during the Thai New Year festival (Songkran) in mid-April.



**That Doi Suthep**

Address: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Road Srivijaya Suthep Mueang Chiang Mai District Chiang Mai, Thailand

A must see, on any visit to Chiang Mai, is the wondrous and holy temple of Wat Phra That which is located near the top of Doi Suthep (Mount Suthep). The temple is simply referred to as Doi Suthep by most people. Every tuk-tuk and songthaew driver in Chiang Mai will offer to take you on the 15 klm trip up the winding mountain road to Doi Suthep.

Built as a Buddhist monastery in 1383 it is still a working monastery today. Funds raised by donations and the lift fee go to support the monks living there and for maintenance of the various temple buildings. The architecture, statues, murals and shrines seen here are nothing short of breathtaking.

**Yi Peng Festival\***

Yi Peng (also written as Yee Peng) is a festival unique to northern Thailand and closely linked with the ancient Lanna kingdom. Adapted from Brahmin origins, Yi Peng was originally celebrated as an individual event in its own right marking the end of the rainy season and the start of winter (cool season), Yi Peng now takes place at the same time as Loy Krathong. Yi Peng events take place at various locations in northern Thailand, but it is Chiang Mai which has become synonymous with Yi Peng.

## FLIGHT INFO

Departure			Return		
DMK ➡ CNX Saturday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017			CNX ➡ DMK Saturday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017		
Thai Lion Air Flight No SL506 Departing: Bangkok, Thailand(DMK) Departing Flight Time: 9:40 AM (ICT) Flight Duration: 1 Hour 15 Min			Thai Lion Air Flight No SL521 Departing: Chiang Mai, Departing Flight Time: 10:00 PM(ICT) Flight Duration: 1 Hour 15 Min		
Arrival: Chiang Mai, Thailand(CNX) Arrival Time: 10:55 AM(ICT)			Arrival: Bangkok, Thailand(BKK) Arrival Time: 11:15 PM(ICT)		
Baggage					
Weight	5 kg	10 kg	15 kg	20 kg	25 kg
Cost	250 THB/ \$7.23	350 THB/\$10.12	520 THB/\$15.03	690 THB/\$19.95	870 THB/ \$25.15

## PHUKET





## PHANG NGA BAY TOUR



Instantly distinguished by its limestone karsts jutting out of the emerald-green Andaman Sea, Phang Nga Bay is a must-see part of any trip to Phuket or Krabi. Beach and nature fanatics will be in their element, with caves, lagoons and secluded beaches all part of the stunning landscape.

James Bond Island (named for its role in the filming of the movie *The Man with the Golden Gun*) and Koh Panyee are the most famous spots, with boats cruising through

the dramatic scenery to reach them. The former features its signature rock pinnacle, while nearby Koh Panyee is home to a small Muslim fishing village. Most of the island consists of giant, almost-vertical limestone cliffs, while the huts, restaurants and homes of the fishing community jut out over the water on stilts.

There are a range of ways to explore and experience Phang Nga Bay from Phuket or Krabi; arrive by speedboat or Chinese junk boat, take an idyllic canoe trip through the waters or join a sea cave tour and kayak to less-visited parts of the bay to secret lagoons and stunning caves.

## OTHER THINGS TO DO

### **Phuket Fantasea**

Address: 99 Moo 3 Kamala Kathu Chang Wat Phuket 83150, Thailand

Hours: 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM (Mon Fri)

Cost: \$55

Phuket Fantasea Show is inspired by Thailand's rich and exotic heritage, and not only showcases the charm and beauty of Thailand, but also enriches ancient Thai traditions with the wonder of cutting-edge technology and special effects. This includes acrobatics, illusions, pyrotechnics, stunts, aerial performances and more. It involves a cast and crew of over 400 people, 44 elephants, three tigers, 40 goats, 40 chickens and 400 pigeons. The result is a stunning 140-acre theme complex, packed with a multitude of activities and entertainment: a Carnival village with games, handicrafts and shopping; a 4,000-seat theme restaurant offering a grand buffet of Thai and international cuisines; and a breathtaking Las Vegas-style theatrical show, where state-of-the-art technology and special effects enhance the grace and beauty of Thailand's myths, mysteries and magic in a wondrous extravaganza certain to delight the whole family.



**Coral Island Day Trip****Cost: \$28+**

Coral Island (Koh Hae) is situated 10 km south of Phuket. The island is surrounded by multicolored coral reefs, hence the name Coral Island. The island has two long stretches of white, sandy beach with crystal clear water with plentiful of tropical fishes waiting to be fed, and a few quiet bays on the other side. A short trek over the small hill and rocks leads to a small quiet cove with a beautiful beach, an excellent hideaway during the day. Sea activities as scuba diving, banana boat rides, parasailing and sea-walking are available on the island.

**Phi Phi Island Tour****Cost: \$30 +**

A Phi Phi Island tour is the most popular activity in the region. Phi Phi Islands are situated 40 km south-east of Phuket and consist of six islands. The major ones being Phi Phi Don, which hosts the bohemian town of Phi Phi Islands, and Phi Phi Leh with Maya Bay which featured in the movie "The Beach". Phi Phi Islands are famous for its limestone cliffs rising sheer out of the emerald green waters, white powdery beaches and its many coral reefs offering great diving and snorkeling. All Phi Phi Island tours will take you for great sightseeing, swimming and snorkeling at Maya Bay, Loh Samah Bay, Pileh Cove, Viking Cave and Monkey Beach.

**Ziplining****Cost: \$50 +**

Phuket, one the must go to places in Thailand. The island is small, but provides various landscapes and terrain. From beautiful beaches to the mountainous rainforests, not only the nice places to swim and great accommodation, but also some excitement and challenges waiting for you to discover.

These zip line and canopy tours are an experience never to be missed. You could say it's being as close as you can get to flying across the top of the jungle where the birds and monkeys hang. These tours let you soar from tree to tree in the last remaining rain forests in Phuket, giving you a bird's-eye view of the world surrounding you, besides the beautiful beaches of Phuket. Conquering your fears and challenging yourself!!



## ACCOMODATIONS

### Novotel Phuket Surin Beach Resort

Address: 106/27 Moo 3, Cherngtalay, Talang, Surin Beach, 83110 Phuket, Thailand

Discover an oasis of tranquility at Novotel Phuket Surin Beach Resort, just steps from the pristine white sands and turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea. Ideally located 25 minutes away from Patong, Surin Beach is prized by locals and visitors alike: lively but not noisy and naturally beautiful with spectacular sunsets. Only a 25-minute ride from the airport, this Surin Beach Resort comprises 254 rooms, ranging from standard rooms to two-bedroom suites. Each room and suite is designed for comfort, relaxation and easy living.

Enjoy an urban resort lifestyle and retreat to serenity at Novotel Phuket Surin Beach Resort. Admire the garden from your private balcony, or walk from your terrace to the pool. With a kids' club, pool with waterslides and organised events, the Novotel Phuket has activities for all ages. Whether you are here for work, to explore the island or for a beach holiday, you will appreciate the Thai hospitality and modern comforts of this resort-style hotel in Phuket.



### Amenities



- 24-hour fitness center
- Beach umbrellas
- Free WiFi and free parking
- 254 smoke-free guestrooms
- Near the beach
- 3 restaurants
- Outdoor pool
- Free Breakfast
- Free area shuttle
- Spa services

## FLIGHT INFO

### Departure

DMK ➡ HKT  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Nok Air** Flight No DD7512

**Departing:** Bangkok, Thailand(DMK)  
**Departing Flight Time:** 11:00 AM (ICT)  
**Flight Duration:** 1 Hour 20 Min

**Arrival:** Phuket, Thailand(HKT)  
**Arrival Time:** 12:20 PM(ICT)

### Return

HKT ➡ DMK  
Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Nok Air** Flight No DD7507

**Departing:** Phuket, Thailand(HKT)  
**Departing Flight Time:** 3:35 PM(ICT)  
**Flight Duration:** 1 Hour 20 Min

**Arrival:** Bangkok, Thailand(BKK)  
**Arrival Time:** 4:55 PM(ICT)

### Baggage

Weight	5 kg	10 kg	15 kg	20 kg	25 kg
Cost	250 THB/ \$7.23	350 THB/\$10.12	520 THB/\$15.03	690 THB/\$19.95	870 THB/ \$25.15



# CAMBODIA



## A DAY IN CAMBODIA

### **Ta Promh Temple at Tonle Bati**

Address: Krong Siem Reap, Cambodia

Ta Promh temple comes as a complete surprise because it's pretty much the only building in Angkor that has not been reclaimed from the jungle. As a result, it's like stepping back in time to when the first Western explorers 'discovered' Angkor. Huge silk cotton trees and strangler figs grow over and through the buildings, their roots like solidified lava and the effect is almost scary when we consider the power of Nature. You can see just why this temple is one of the most popular of Angkor's many fabulous sights as it is eminently photogenic. Indeed, this was the only temple in 'Tomb Raider' that was faithfully replicated. I guess this means that you can't improve on this place for atmosphere.



### **Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda**

Address: Riverside, Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh



The Khmer-style Throne Hall was built in 1866, to serve as the residence of the King of Cambodia, his family and foreign dignitaries, as a venue for the performance of court ceremonies and rituals and as a symbol of the Kingdom. South of the Throne Hall are the Royal Treasury and the Villa of Napoleon III, built in Egypt in 1866, for the opening of the Suez Canal, and was later presented to the Cambodian king as a gift. The famous Silver Pagoda, originally constructed of wood in 1866, was expanded in 1962 by King Sihanouk who had the floor inlaid with 5,329 solid silver tiles, hence its name. Inside the Palace grounds, traffic noise is

thankfully blocked off by the high walls and the various Royal buildings sit in tranquility amidst the manicured tropical gardens.

### **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**

Address: Street 113, Tuol Sleng, Phnom Penh

In 1975, Tuol Svay Prey High School was taken over by Pol Pot's security force and turned into a prison known as Security Prison 21 (S-21). It soon became the largest such center of detention and torture in the country. Over 17,000 people held at S-21 were taken to the extermination camp at Choeung Ek to be executed; detainees who died during torture were buried in mass graves in the prison grounds. S-21 has been turned into the Tuol Sleng Museum, which serves as a testament to the crimes of the Khmer Rouge.



**National Museum**

Address: Preah Ang Eng Street (13), Phnom Penh

Address: Street 282 (Samdach Louis Em), Phnom Penh

The National Museum of Cambodia is the country's largest archaeological and cultural history museum. It enables you to have a glimpse into the cultural side of Cambodian history dating back to the 4th century. Housed within an impressive red sandstone structure and inaugurated in 1920 as the Musée Albert Sarraut during the French colonial period, the museum stands out as a fine illustration of the traditional Khmer architecture. There are over 14,000 interesting exhibits that are arranged according prehistoric, pre-Angkor, Angkor, and post-Angkor eras, each of which comprises bronze and wooden sculptures, ceramic items, ethnographic items and stone articles. One of its most spectacular exhibits is an eight-armed statue of Lord Vishnu that dates back to the 6th century.



## ***OTHER THINGS TO DO***

**Central Market (Phsar Thme)**

Address: Street 130, Phnom Penh

Hours: 7:00AM – 8:00PM(Mon-Sun)

Central Market (Phsar Thmey) caters to just about any traveler, whether you're a shopping enthusiast who wants to gauge your haggling skills, a tourist interested to be a part of bustling crowd, or simply keen to explore (and photograph) Phnom Penh's unique architectural designs. Designed by French architects Jean Desbois and Wladimir Kandaouroff, this indoor market was the largest of its kind in Asia when it was constructed in 1937. Travelers can find a wide assortment of goods in Central Market (Phsar Thmey), from men and women's clothing, jewelry, flowers and shoes to gemstones, local handicrafts and fresh produce.

**The Cambodian Living Arts**

Address: National Museum, corner of Street 178 and Street 13

Hours: Mon, Weds, Fri &amp; Sat(7:00 PM+)

Cost \$15+



Visit our music, dance and theater classes in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap: Unique, culturally sensitive glimpses of Cambodia through hands-on experiences with our treasured artistic heritage. Our tours will take you for a visit of a traditional performing arts class: see how eager students are taught by aging Cambodian masters of the arts, try your hand at an instrument, or watch how it is made. These classes not only cater the passion of the students, but also help preserve endangered traditional culture, and create jobs for the teachers and guides.



**Wat Ounalom**

Address: Street 172 (Samdech Sothearos Boulevard) Phnom Penh

Hours: 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Mon- Sun)

Wat Ounalom offers visitors an in-depth look into the spiritual teachings, philosophies and history of Buddhism in Cambodia. The most prominent and oldest of five pagodas in the country, Wat Ounalom is the center of Cambodian Buddhism and serves as the abode of the Patriarch of the Mahanikai School of Buddhism. Built in 1443 to enshrine an eyebrow hair (ounalom) of Lord Buddha, the shrine housed over 500 monks and the Buddhist Institute's library that held in its collection over 30,000 titles before they were wiped out by the Khmer Rouge regime. The displayed Buddha's eyebrow miraculously survived, making it the main draw amongst travelers from all over the world. A 10-minute walk from The Royal Palace, entrance to Wat Ounalom is free of charge.

**The Killing Fields**

Address: Sangkat Cheung Aek, Phnom Penh

Hours: Mon – Sun(7:00 AM – 5:30 PM)

Cost: \$6



The Killing Fields or Choeung Ek Memorial is a bone-chilling reminder of Cambodia's tragic history. Located 17km south of Phnom Penh City, it is one of the many killing fields or execution and burial grounds used by the Khmer Rouge regime during its rule of the country from 1975 to 1976. Mass graves were discovered after the Khmer Rouge fled the city, leading to the construction of a Buddhist memorial for over 15,000 victims in The Killing Fields. Half-day tours to this memorial and S-21 Prison feature informative audio guides in many languages as well as testimony from survivors and guards of the regime.

**Eclipse Sky Bar**

Address: Phnom Penh Tower, Street 232, Phnom Penh

Hours: Mon – Sun(5:00 PM – 2:00 AM)

Eclipse Sky Bar Phnom Penh's Tallest Rooftop Bar At Phnom Penh Tower ADD TO TRIP! Eclipse Sky Bar, located on the 23rd floor of Phnom Penh Tower, reigns as the tallest rooftop bar in Cambodia. Surrounded by glass panels, this award-winning nightlife venue features an al fresco setting with ample lounge seats and tables, an elevated VIP booth, and a futuristic-looking bar as its centerpiece. A prominent hangout spot amongst affluent locals and expats living in Monivong Boulevard, live band performances are held on most nights from 21:00 onwards though you can catch international DJ sets on special occasions such as Christmas and New Year's Eve.



## ACCOMODATIONS

### Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel

Address: Street Keo Chenda, Phume 1 Sangkat Chroy Changvar Phnom Penh

Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and guests can enjoy meals at any of the 8 in-house dining options or have a drink at the bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the property.

It is 4.2 miles to Chaktomuk Conference Hall 2, while Aeon Mall is 6.2 miles away. Phnom Penh International Airport is 8.5 miles away. The property offers airport transfers at additional charges while shuttle services to the city center are complimentary. Each air-conditioned room and suite is soundproof. The seating area is equipped with an electric kettle, minibar, flat-screen cable TV and safe. Private bathrooms include a bathtub, hairdryer, slippers and free toiletries. Ironing facilities are also available. Guests can approach the 24-hour front desk for currency exchange, tour arrangements, ticketing and concierge services. The business center has an in-house cafe where meeting facilities and banquet services can be arranged.



### Amenities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free WiFi</li> <li>• 549 guestrooms</li> <li>• 5 restaurants</li> <li>• 3 bars/lounges</li> <li>• Full-service spa</li> <li>• 3 tennis courts</li> <li>• 24-hour business center</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor pool</li> <li>• Nightclub</li> <li>• Rooftop terrace</li> <li>• Free Breakfast</li> <li>• Free children's club</li> <li>• Free area shuttle</li> <li>• Airport shuttle</li> </ul> |
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## FLIGHT INFO

### Departure

DMK ➡ HKT  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Nok Air** Flight No DD7512

**Departing:** Bangkok, Thailand(DMK)  
**Departing Flight Time:** 11:00 AM (ICT)  
**Flight Duration:** 1 Hour 20 Min

**Arrival:** Phuket, Thailand(HKT)  
**Arrival Time:** 12:20 PM(ICT)

### Return

HKT ➡ DMK  
Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Nok Air** Flight No DD7507

**Departing:** Phuket, Thailand(HKT)  
**Departing Flight Time:** 3:35 PM(ICT)  
**Flight Duration:** 1 Hour 20 Min

**Arrival:** Bangkok, Thailand(BKK)  
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### Baggage

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# VIETNAM



## A DAY IN VIETNAM

### War Remnants Museum

Address: 28 Võ Văn Tần, 6, Quận 3, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Hours: Mon – Fri(7:30 AM – 12PM, 1:30 PM – 5 PM)

The War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City, once known as the 'Museum of American War Crimes', first opened to the public in 1975. It offers a shocking reminder of the long and brutal Vietnam War, with many graphic photographs and American military equipment on display, including a helicopter with rocket launchers, a tank, a fighter plane, a single-seater attack aircraft and a 6,800kg conventional bomb. All of these weapons were used by American troops against the Vietnamese at some point during the infamous war that lasted from 1945 until 1975.



### Cu Chi Tunnels

Address: Ấp Phú Hiệp, Phú Hiệp, Phú Mỹ Hưng, Củ Chi, Hồ Chí Minh 733800, Vietnam



Chu Chi Tunnels are part of a massive war museum that offers a sneak-peek at the underground life of Vietnamese soldiers back in 1948. Located 70km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, the historical site comprises more than 120km of underground tunnels with several trapdoors, living areas, kitchens, storage facilities, armory, hospitals, and command centers. After the end of the war against French invaders, Chu Chi Tunnels were also utilized and expanded during the American War by incorporating effective air filtration systems, which helped Vietnamese soldiers survive the Chu Chi carpet-bombing by the Americans. As they were built so deep underground, military tanks could pass overhead without causing any damage to the tunnels.

### Emperor Jade Pagoda

Address: 73 Mai Thi Luu St., Dakao Ward, District 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Emperor Jade Pagoda, also known as Tortoise Pagoda, is one of the five most important shrines in Ho Chi Minh City. Built at the turn of the 20th Century by a community of Cantonese who migrated from Guangzhou province in Southwest China, this pagoda is a fine representation of Mahayanist branch of Buddhism that is practiced widely in Vietnam.



**Cao Dai Temple**

Address: Long Thanh Bac Commune | Hoa Thanh District, Tay Ninh 730000, Vietnam



Like the Cao Dai religion itself, the building's architecture marries eastern and western influences. The temple is part-cathedral, part-pagoda, part-mosque, and part-fairytale. Unusual pastel colors are embellished with gold and polished glass, and outside the building is guarded by ornate brightly-colored dragons that are as much fantasy as fearsome.

The interior is equally if not more striking than outside. Swirling Rococo design is complemented by various statues of gods - Jesus Christ, Brahman, Buddha -

standing side by side; a vision of peaceful harmony in a once war-torn area.

## OTHER THINGS TO DO

**Bitexco Tower and Sky Deck**

Address: 36 Ho Tung Mau Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening Hours: Mon - Fri (9:30 AM - 10:30 PM)

Bitexco Tower is an ultra-modern office tower in Ho Chi Minh, with a characteristic oval extension which acts as a helicopter landing pad. Standing at 262 meters tall, this 68 story building is the highest in all of Vietnam with a sky deck offering 360 degree views of the city and surrounding area as well as a fantastic sky bar called Alto where you can see all of Ho Chi Minh while enjoying a cocktail and some tapas style international dishes. Head up here for sunset and don't forget your camera!

**Mariamman Hindu Temple**

Address: 45 Truong Dinh, Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Hours: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (Mon – Fri)



Mariamman Hindu Temple is a beautiful example of the bright and vibrant architecture of Hindu places of worship. As the only active Hindu temple in Ho Chi Minh, it acts as a community base for the small community of Hindus living in the city. Open every day from 07:00 to 19:00, non Hindus are also welcome to visit, just remember to dress conservatively and take off your shoes before entering the inner temple.



**Binh Tay Market**

Address: 57A Thap Moui, District 6, Ho Chi Minh City

Binh Tay Market, constructed by the French in the 1880s, is in the center of Vietnam's largest Chinatown district. Unlike Ben Thanh Market in District 1, this market mainly serves the local population with its extensive range of fresh fruits, vegetables, poultry, meat and seafood from regions across Vietnam.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

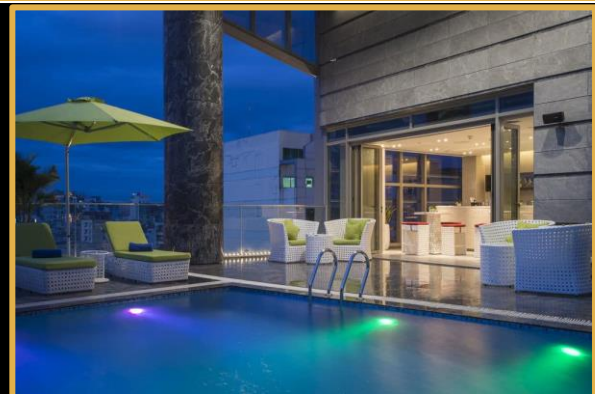
**Hotel Pullman Saigon Centre**

Address: 148 Tran Hung Dao Boulevard, District 1, Hồ Chí Minh, 070000, Vietnam

Pullman Saigon Centre Hotel is perfectly located for both business and leisure guests in Ho Chi Minh City. Featuring a complete list of amenities, guests will find their stay at the property a comfortable one. 24-hour room service, free Wi-Fi in all rooms, 24-hour security, daily housekeeping, fax machine is on the list of things guests can enjoy. Guestrooms are designed to provide an optimal level of comfort with welcoming decor and some offering convenient amenities like complimentary tea, towels, slippers, complimentary instant coffee, separate living room. To enhance guests' stay, the hotel offers recreational facilities such as hot tub, fitness center, sauna, outdoor pool, spa. Friendly staff, great facilities and close proximity to all that Ho Chi Minh City has to offer are three great reasons you should stay at Pullman Saigon Centre Hotel.

**Amenities**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free WiFi</li> <li>• 306 guestrooms</li> <li>• 5 restaurants</li> <li>• 2 bars/lounges</li> <li>• Outdoor pool</li> <li>• Nightclub</li> <li>• Rooftop terrace</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Breakfast</li> <li>• 24-hour fitness center</li> <li>• Spa services</li> <li>• 24-hour business center</li> <li>• 24-hour front desk</li> <li>• Air conditioning</li> </ul> |
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# CHINA



## GUANGZHOU CITY TOUR

### Chen Clan Academy



This Chen Clan Academy was organized by two Chinese-Americans who wanted Chen clan students to have an academy in Guangzhou. It was built just before the end of the Qing era between 1890 and 1894. It became a museum in 1957, and the remaining artwork and traditional architecture and decorations were deemed to be so valuable that in 1988 it was named a National Key Cultural Heritage Protection Unit by the State Council of China. It now is a Chinese folk art museum. It is one of Guangzhou's best tourist highlights.

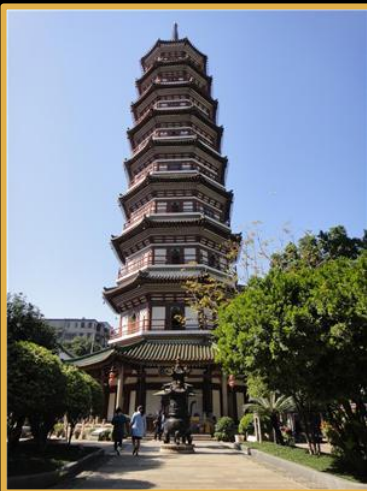
### Mausoleum of the Nanyue King

Located on Jiefang Bei Road, Guangzhou, the Museum of the Western Han Dynasty Mausoleum of the Nanyue King is the oldest and largest Han tomb with the most funerary objects in Lingnan (South of the Nanling Mountain) Area. As one of the 80 famous museums in the world, it covers 14,000 square meters (150, 699.6 square feet) with 10 exhibition halls.

The owner of the tomb is the second king, Zhao Mei of Nanyue State of the Western Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-24 A.D.). Hidden 20 meters (65.6 feet) underground, the tomb is made up of 750 huge stones with colorful murals. The over 1,000 pieces of cultural relics, bronze ware and terra cotta ware in particular, feature the Yue Culture of south China(Nanyue Culture). Represented also are traces of central Chinese culture, the Chu culture of south China, the Bashu culture of southwest China, the Hun culture from the northern grassland, and even foreign cultures.



### Temple of the Six Banyan



The Temple of the Six Banyan Trees (Liu Rong Si, 六榕寺) is an ancient temple that was originally built about the year 537 during the Liang Dynasty era. The Temple of the Six Banyan Trees was originally called the Baozhuangyan Temple, but historically famous literati called Su Shi from the Song dynasty called it Liu Rong (Six Banyan Trees) because of six banyan trees that he saw there. Since then, it has been called the Temple of the Six Banyan Trees. A pagoda was built in 1097. It was rebuilt in 1373 after a fire. By the late middle 1800s, the pagoda that stood there was damaged and looked different from the one that is there now. It was rebuilt in 1900.

Now it is an active Buddhist temple where people burn incense at the dates of the Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival. People stand in line to be the first to burn incense because they think this will bring them good luck. There are foreign consulates in the area, and foreign people who come to adopt infants sometimes stop in to get a blessing in front of the Kuan Yin.

**Pearl River Cruise**

The evening cruise on the Pearl River is one of the tourist highlights in Guangzhou. The beauty of the Pearl River at night can be compared with that of Hong Kong's Victoria Park. The cruise section from the White Goose Pool to Guangzhou Bridge is the highlight of the Pearl River cruise. Scenery along this part is so fascinating, with jade-colored water and colored lights on shore.

During your cruise you can enjoy beautiful scenery with such romantic names as "Night Moon over the Goose Pool", "Misty Rain over the Twin Bridge", "Red Heart of the Pearl River", "Autumn Moon over the Pearl River", "Clear Waves on the Pearl River" and many more. To help you understand what you are seeing there is a detailed introduction to the 30-odd historical and cultural sites given on board by speakers, thus enabling you to sample a brief taste of the colorful local culture.



## ***HONG KONG DAY TOUR***

**Victoria Peak**

If a single image could encapsulate Hong Kong, it would be the panorama from Victoria Peak. Looking down at the city from this famous vantage point, you'll see one of the finest harbors on Earth and a skyline so improbable, audacious and lofty that Manhattan's looks provincial by comparison. Beyond the mountains to the north of the city, the rest of China simmers and strains. Everything you've heard about Hong Kong's restlessness and energy is dramatically reaffirmed by the view from the Peak. Even the most cynical locals never tire of visiting.

**Aberdeen Fishing Village**

The quaint and charming Aberdeen Fishing Village is not far from the hustle and bustle of the heart of Hong Kong, but seems like light-years away from it all, at first look. Here you see rows upon rows of the old-fashioned junks and sampans, some house boats where the fishermen and their families still live, (at least for some 9 months of the year) all going on their daily routines, which now include mobile phones and satellite dishes. It is a very picturesque scene, with the unexpected touch of modernity right and left. The high-rises framing the harbor and the ultra-modern yachts moored not far away complete this picture of contrasts.



**Stanley Market**

Stanley Market is one of the must-go places for tourists when they visit Hong Kong. You will find an interesting array of little shops selling silk garments, sportswear, art, Chinese costume jewelry and souvenirs. While a bit "touristy" if you are a tourist it will certainly help you to cross off all the items on your souvenirs-to-buy-Aunt-Jane shopping list. A hard morning of shopping is also nicely finished off by a good lunch at one of the many restaurants, which are the reason that Hong Kong.

**Lunch at Jumbo Kingdom**

The Jumbo Kingdom is an important member of Melco's Leisure & Entertainment unit. Centered on the Jumbo and Tai Pak Floating Restaurants in Aberdeen Harbor, it is an internationally renowned tourist attraction. As a Hong Kong icon and a premier tourism and fine-dining establishment, Jumbo has regularly been upgraded over the past 30 years. Jumbo recently had a multimillion dollar refurbishment which not only gave the Jumbo a new look, but also transformed it into a theme park on the sea. Jumbo Kingdom is now a modern complex of dining, sightseeing and cultural attractions - a required stop in any tour of Hong Kong.

## *OTHER THINGS TO DO*

**Chimelong Safari Park/Zoo/Circus/Amusement Park/Water Park/Golf Center/Resort**

China, Guangdong Sheng, Guangzhou Shi, Panyu Qu, 105国道大石段593号 邮政编码: 511495

Hours: Mon – Sun (9:30AM – 6 PM)

Cost: \$37+

It is quite unusual to have some of the world's leading entertainment and amusements ranging from a big safari park to a world-class circus all in one big place. For its quality and diversity, this resort and amusement park and zoo might be unique in Asia. Most tourists consider the safari park and zoo the best in Asia, and they rank the circus entertainment as among the best in the world and the best in Asia.



- The Safari park/zoo features cart rides and walks past animals that are let to roam around. It covers about 320 acres, and is the biggest animal safari theme park in China. Some of the animals can be touched. There are more pandas than anywhere outside of Chengdu.
- Circus/animal circus: Guangzhou's #3 attraction is this hour and half long comedic, musical, acrobatic, and performing animal show. The acrobatics are about the best in China, but the unusual performing animals puts the show in a class by itself.
- Chimelong Paradise is an amusement park with some world-class rides. It covers 60 hectares, and is #4 on TripAdvisor in 2016.

- Chimelong Waterpark is the largest in Asia according to White Water company. It has some world-class rides and has received awards. It's daily attendance is about the highest in Asia.
- Crocodile Park is the biggest crocodile farms in the world with 100,000 of them.

### Shamain Island

Address: 3 Shamian S St, Liwan Qu, Guangzhou Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 510130

Hours: Mon – Fri(6AM – 9PM)

Shamian Island has great historic significance. From the Song and the Qing Dynasty, it served as an important port for Guangzhou's foreign trade. The it became a strategic point for city defense during the second Opium Wars (1856-1860). In 1859, the territory was divided into two concessions, given to France and United Kingdom (of which 4/5 went to the British and 1/5 to the French). It was then embanked and provided with streets, drainage, and imposing buildings and became home to a prosperous foreign enclave. From the late 1800s to the early 1900s, most of the public facilities were finished, including political buildings like consulates, cultural buildings like churches and schools, as well as commercial buildings like banks and firms. After 1949, the mansions there became government offices or apartment houses and the churches were turned into factories. But later they were restored, in many cases to their former splendor. Each building has a label telling its former purpose. One may start to imagine what stories these building held while viewing the plaque writing about its previous function. One example is "No.7 North Shamian Avenue" which was built during the Republican period and was formerly the Administration Bureau of Broadcasting of the Nationalist Government. The mansions there form the best preserved Western Europe style building complex in China. Forty-two out of 150 buildings are counted as the most exotic ones, Gothic, Baroque, and Neoclassical, in Guangzhou.



### New South China Mall

China, Guangdong Sheng, Dongguan Shi, 万江区 WanJiang ShangQuan, 万江路南10号 邮政编码: 523000

Hours: Mon – Fri(9:30 AM – 9 PM)

New South China Mall in Dongguan, China is the largest shopping mall in the world when measured in terms of gross leasable area, and second in terms of total area to The Dubai Mall (which has extensive non-shopping space including a zoo, a hotel complex and a theme park). South China Mall opened in 2005 and for more than 10 years it was mostly vacant as few merchants ever signed up, leading it to be dubbed a dead mall. In 2015 a CNN story reported that the mall had begun to attract tenants after extensive renovations and remodeling, though large portions remained vacant.



## ACCOMODATIONS

### Doubletree by Hilton Guangzhou

Address: 391 Dongfeng Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Featuring outdoor pool and a spa center, DoubleTree by Hilton Guangzhou is in the central business district, Guangzhou. Free Wi-Fi access is available in public areas. DoubleTree by Hilton Guangzhou is 3.5 miles from Yuexiu Park and 4 miles from Guangzhou Museum. It takes about 30 minutes by car from the hotel to Pazhou Complex Centre. It's a 8-minute drive from Guangzhou Train Station and a 45-minute drive from Baiyun International Airport. Rooms here include a flat-screen TV with satellite channels and air conditioning. There's also an electric kettle. Featuring a shower, private bathrooms also come with a hairdryer and a bathrobe. Extras include a desk, a safe and ironing facilities. At DoubleTree by Hilton Guangzhou there's a 24-hour fitness center. Guests can have a relaxing time at the terrace, or enjoy playing cards at the game room. Other facilities include meeting facilities, ticket service and luggage storage. Yue Xiu is a great choice for travelers interested in clothes shopping, shopping and markets.



### Amenities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free WiFi</li> <li>• 301 guestrooms</li> <li>• 3 restaurants</li> <li>• Outdoor pool</li> <li>• Free Breakfast</li> <li>• Health club</li> <li>• Spa services</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference center</li> <li>• Airport shuttle</li> <li>• Childcare</li> <li>• Air conditioning</li> <li>• Daily housekeeping</li> <li>• Arcade/game room</li> </ul> |
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## FLIGHT INFO

BKK ➡ CAN

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

**China Southern** Flight No CZ358

**Departing:** Bangkok, Thailand(BKK)

**Departing Flight Time:** 11:55 AM (ICT)

**Flight Duration:** 2 Hours 50 Min

**Layover:** Guangzhou, China(CAN)

**Arrival Time:** 3:45 PM(CST)

**Layover Duration:** 4 hours 50 min

CAN ➡ JFK

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

**China Southern** Flight No CZ399

**Departing:** Guangzhou, China (CAN)

**Departing Flight Time:** 1:50 AM (CST)

**Flight Duration:** 15 Hours 25 Min

**Arrival:** New York, NY (JFK)

**Arrival Time:** 4:40 AM(EST)

### Baggage Allowance

	Max Allowance	Weight	Dimensions
Carry On	1	5kg	115 CM
Check In	2	23kg	158 CM





