

Peoria Charter Travel presents...

Essence of Thailand

with Optional 4-Night Singapore Pre Tour Extension

October 26 – November 10, 2023

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16 Days • 24 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Bangkok, Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, Choices on Tour, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted Meal, Phuket, Tuk Tuk Rides

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Amari Watergate Bangkok, Bangkok
Days 5, 6	Sukhothai Treasure Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
Days 7, 8	The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
Days 9 – 11	Kantary Hills Chiangmai, Chiang Mai
Days 12 – 14	Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket, Phuket
Day 15	Kantary House, Bangkok, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, October 26, 2023 Overnight Flight Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey featuring lavish temples, cultural discoveries, and its stunning natural beauty. From tropical vistas to gilded palaces and ancient ruins, Thailand offers up a piece of its soul to travelers – and your story starts here.

Day 2: Friday, October 27, 2023 Bangkok, Thailand - Tour Begins Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

Day 3: Saturday, October 28, 2023 Bangkok Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's old town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-

renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Sunday, October 29, 2023 Bangkok Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace – the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson house and museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorized rickshaw – for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavor. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

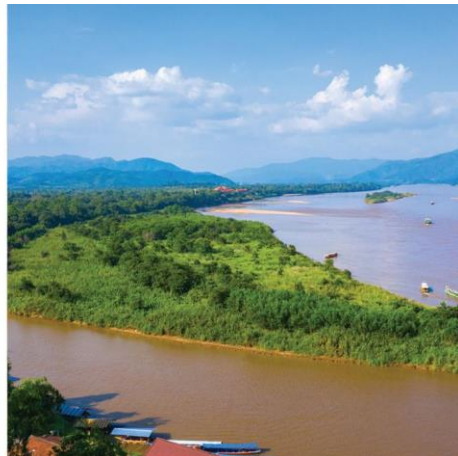
Day 5: Monday, October 30, 2023 Bangkok - Sukhothai Today, it's your choice! Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques -OR- take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 Sukhothai Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai – which means “dawn of happiness” – as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 7: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Sukhothai - Chiang Rai Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, November 2, 2023 Chiang Rai Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's *all aboard* for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

Day 9: Friday, November 3, 2023 Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai Today, it's off to Chiang Mai – once a religious center, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand.



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Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* – lavish serpents – these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 10: Saturday, November 4, 2023 Chiang Mai See elephants in their natural setting today during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means “relaxed elephants.” This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants.* From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the mahout community. Travelers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavor during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 11: Sunday, November 5, 2023 Chiang Mai Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labor with a simple lunch. (B, L)

Day 12: Monday, November 6, 2023 Chiang Mai - Phuket Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves, or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

Day 13: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Phuket Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes and ice cream shops. Explore this charming old town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those salt water vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

Day 14: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Phuket It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the old town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 15: Thursday, November 9, 2023 Phuket - Bangkok Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories – the best kind of souvenir. (B)

Day 16: Friday, November 10, 2023 Bangkok - Tour Ends Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1092446>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Apr 27, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Not all vendors accept credit cards or travelers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

*For your comfort, we recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes during your visit to Changchill.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link

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Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.



Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 20, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 27, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until April 27, 2023.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1092446

TOUR: Essence of Thailand *Discovering ancient wonders and natural beauty from Bangkok to Phuket*

DEPARTURE DATE: October 26, 2023

GROUP NAME: Peoria Charter Travel

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Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Bangkok

Jim Thompson House & Museum with Lunch

\$90 USD

During an afternoon in Bangkok, set off for the Jim Thompson House & Museum where you can check out the Asian art collection of the James H.W. Thompson – “Thai Silk King” who went missing mysteriously in 1967, leaving behind an incredible museum spotlighting his own stunning collection of art. Thompson was an American architect who built this museum in 1959 to house his most secular collection of historical Buddhist statues and traditional Thai paintings made from cloth, wood and paper that illustrate the life of Buddha. He also collected white and blue porcelain from China and other intricate artwork from Burma, Laos and Cambodia. The founder of the Thai Silk Company was believed to truly revitalize the silk industry in Southeast Asia. Experience the tapestry of displays as you explore this creative space before sitting down for lunch at the museum restaurant. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Jim Thompson House & Museum with Lunch	90.00

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

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City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "4-Night Singapore" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

() Suan Pakkad Palace Museum

() Marble temple

Please Choose One:

() One hour massage -

() Dinner at Whole Earth restaurant or The River Market

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Peoria Charter Travel () Check () Credit Card

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 6 Days 4-Night Singapore Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$2,549.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a journey that introduces you to a mix of cultures in this impressive, vibrant city-state by the sea.

Day 2: Singapore - Pre-Tour Extension Begins

In Singapore, traditional beliefs and novel experiences come together in an extraordinary blend. Self-described as the city that never sleeps, Singapore combines old and new seamlessly, with impressive sights regardless of where you look - from atop skyscrapers that soar above colonial buildings to age-old places of worship.

Day 3: Singapore

Begin with a visit to the city's Chinatown Heritage Centre, offering insight to the large Chinese population that helped develop this metropolis into what it is today, and the struggles they faced along the way. Visit Chinatown's wet market and see the fresh Chinese herbs and produce, tropical fruits, live shellfish, and exotic meats. Visit the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple* a majestic place of reverence. Stop at a hawker center, or an open-air food complex. Hawker centers are iconic in Singapore, combining the culturally rich street food offerings once offered by unregulated vendors with the government oversight and regulation that have made Singapore the global city it is today. The hawker culture in Singapore is recognized by UNESCO on their Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon on your way. Perhaps you will want to visit the colonial-era Raffles Hotel and visit the bar where the famous Singapore Sling cocktail was invented in the early 20th century. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Singapore

Today, discover more of the unique cultures that have come together to create the melting pot that is modern-day Singapore. Visit the Malay Heritage Centre and see artifacts and the culture of the indigenous people of Singapore. Then, take time to see Arab Street and see how immigration has shaped the city-state. With your local expert guide, you may take some time to eat some traditional foods or visit a specialty shop where you can customize your own perfect fragrance. Continue the day with a visit to Bugis Village, an open-air street market with hundreds of shops and Singapore's largest flea market. Return to your hotel like a local using the subway. Later today, catch the must-see Gardens by the Bay – a nature park playing home to over 1 million plants. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Singapore

On your final full day in Singapore, explore the city in your own way. Perhaps you will rent a bike and pedal your way around the city on a foodie tour of your own, a visit to the impressive Little India with its elaborate Hindu temples or a visit to any of the several world-class museums the city has to offer – the day is yours to enjoy! Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight with your fellow travelers for dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Singapore - Bangkok, Thailand

Bid farewell to Singapore as you head to Bangkok. Your journey is just beginning.

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

*Due to religious holidays or festivities, the visit to the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple may not be available during your departure.

Please note that departures that fall during Chinese New Year in January of 2024 will require changes to included features based on closures during this important annual festival.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

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