



Best of Thailand: Temples, Markets & Island Sunsets

March 9-22, 2028

Travel with Amanda Schott

Starting at \$6,749.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Discover a rich history, fascinating cultures, religious monuments, and much more on this fantastic tour of Thailand. From Bangkok's buzz to Chaing Mai's tranquility, to the breathtaking scenery of Phuket, uncover the most remarkable places to visit in Thailand. In Bangkok we will visit the Temple of the Golden Buddha and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Experience the Dameon Saduak Floating Market and shop



handcrafted goods. But that's not all...in Chiang Mai explore a night market by tuk-tuk and visit an amazing elephant sanctuary to learn about the conservation efforts of orphaned and rescued elephants. The perfect conclusion to your Thailand experience is the paradise of Phuket. Relax with 4 days of aquamarine water, pristine beaches, and pampering services available if you choose. Your vacation in Thailand is rich in experiences, sights, and welcoming people you'll long remember!

Day 1 ~Overnight flight ~ We depart Chicago and cross the international date line on our way to Bangkok, Thailand.

Day 2~Arrive Bangkok ~ Welcome to Bangkok! After completing arrival formalities and collecting our luggage, we will follow the Exit signs and meet our guide at Gate 6. Our guide will escort us to the vehicle to transfer to our hotel. *Accommodation: Pullman Bangkok Hotel G*

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Day 3~Full Day of Best of Bangkok Temples and Klongs ~ After breakfast we will meet our guide in the lobby. Our journey begins at Wat Traimit, the Temple of the Golden Buddha. This remarkable sanctuary is home to the world-famous Golden Buddha—an awe-inspiring statue believed to date back to the Sukhothai period. Next, we will explore the Grand Palace. Our visit continues at Wat Phra Kaew, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha – Bangkok’s most sacred site. After, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at Savoey. After lunch, we will visit Wat Pho, one of Bangkok’s oldest and most historically significant temples. Our adventure continues with a short walk to the pier where we will board a private long-tail boat and explore the enchanting Thonburi klongs. Along the way, we will enjoy views of iconic riverside landmarks before returning to our hotel for the evening.

*Note: When visiting the Grand Palace, you are required to wear appropriate attire. Shorts, short skirts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted to be worn on the grounds. **B, L***

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Day 4~Damnoen Saduak Floating Market & Maeklong Railway Market ~After breakfast, we will meet our guide in the lobby and take a short drive from the bustling streets of Bangkok. This full-day journey to Samut Songkhram Province, only an hour from the



capitol, offers a captivating glimpse into the traditional charms of the Thai countryside. We begin at a lively railway station where a vibrant country market unfolds directly along the tracks. From here, we’ll continue to the world-famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. The market remains the most authentic window into what floating markets looked like decades ago. Back on land, we’ll have time to wander through the colorful floating marketplace, bustling with boats piled high with tropical fruits, snacks and handcrafted goods. After lunch, we travel by coach to a local

Buddhist temple and the King Rama II Memorial Park. As the day winds down, we return to Bangkok to freshen up before our evening tour. This evening we will meet in the lobby at 5:30 pm. We will hop on Bangkok’s iconic 3-wheel tuk tuk to begin our night adventure and visit the best local eateries in town. Enjoy the ride and make various stops at local places in which the smells will ignite one’s taste buds. The night ends with a final stop at a Riverside restaurant for a delicious Thai dish with a bottle of local beer, glass of wine or soft drink. – **B, L, D**

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Day 5~Bangkok, Thailand ~ Today is yours to explore Bangkok at your own pace. Spend free time to awaken your senses with local cuisine made with fresh Thai herbs, and a sweet to spicy sauces at Bangkok's outdoor food markets and quaint local cafes. – **B**

Day 6~Bangkok to Chiang Mai ~ After breakfast we will transfer to the airport to catch our flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, our guide will escort us to the vehicle for the transfer to our hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, experience a traditional Khantoke Dinner & Show. Enjoy Thai fare served family-style on low tables while you sit cross-legged on floor mats with fellow guests. Watch as locals entertain with songs, dances, and even a thrilling sword dance! After dinner, head to Chiang Mai's Night Bazaar, which is perhaps the city's most popular must-do attraction. The colorful mix of regular shops and stalls creates a unique market buzz. You'll find everything for sale here from ersatz designer brands to embroidered hill tribes' textiles, lacquer ware, silver jewelry, carvings, silks, ceramics and antiques. Truly a shopper's paradise!! – **B, D**

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Day 7~Wat Doi Suthep & White Hmong Hilltribe ~ After breakfast we venture away from the city to the center of Chiang Mai for an insightful look at Thailand's rich culture. Start with a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Afterwards, continue higher into the hills, traveling by songtaew, a local truck. Drive along dirt roads to the Chaing Khien Coffee Research Project. Enjoy a fresh cup of locally grown Arabica coffee and hear about the North's flourishing coffee industry. After the visit, it's a short drive to a village inhabited by the White Hmong hilltribe. Spend time exploring the village, meeting the inhabitants and learning about the traditions and customs of this unique ethnic group. Following the visit, we will be transferred back to our hotel. – **B**



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Day 8~Elephant Sanctuary-Meet the Gentle Giants After breakfast, we head to the Elephant Sanctuary, a 1-hour ride to the countryside of Mae Tang district where we get to meet and feed these gentle giants. Watch these majestic creatures up close. We get changed into local clothes and get ready for the fun activities! We then prepare food and healthy treats for the elephants and feed them. After that, we and the elephants will walk to play in the mud and sand spa. During this time, we have the chance to observe their behavior in beautiful natural surroundings. After our time with the elephants, we will shower, change our clothes and then enjoy a delicious Thai buffet lunch. After lunch we return to the hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure. **B, L**

What to bring today: Hat, bathing suit, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel, walking shoes, change of clothes

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Day 9~Chiang Mai to Phuket~ After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Phuket. Upon arrival our guide will escort us to the vehicle to transfer to our hotel. Following check-in, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. **B**

Accommodation: Pullman Phuket Panwa Beach Resort – Deluxe Room w/Garden View

Day 10~Phi Phi Islands ~ After breakfast, meet our guide in the lobby at 8:30 am for our transfer to the pier. Marvel at the jungle-shrouded rock formations and turquoise waters of the Phi Phi archipelago during an unforgettable experience by speedboat. Spend the day sunning, swimming, and snorkeling around some of Thailand's most postcard-worthy destinations, including the beautiful coral reefs, the unique Pileh Lagoon, the powdery white beaches of Bamboo Island and the emerald waters of Maya Beach, immortalized by the movie, "The Beach" starring Leonardo DiCaprio. We will enjoy lunch at a beachside restaurant. After exploring this aquatic paradise, you'll leave in awe at the sights etched in your memory. **B, L**

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Day 11~Exploration of Phang Nga Bay ~ After breakfast we board a private long-tail boat for a day of breathtaking exploration across the emerald waters of Phang Nga Bay. Marvel at towering limestone karsts rising dramatically from the sea discover hidden lagoons and quiet beaches perfect for swimming and sunbathing. Visti the legendary James Bond Island and cruise through peaceful mangrove forests alive with wildlife. A gourmet lunch surrounded by stunning island scenery completes this idyllic day tailormade for our group's exclusive discovery. **B, L**

What to bring: Pocket money, swimwear, shorts, light t-shirt, beach towel, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, camera, beach shoes.

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Day 12~Phuket ~Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today is a free day to enjoy the resort or explore as you wish. **B**

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Day 13~Depart Phuket for home ~ After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and transfer to the airport to begin our journey home filled with wonderful memories of enchanting and beautiful Thailand **B**

Included in your 13-day Thai Journey:

**Round-trip transportation from Central IL to Chicago*



**Round-trip flights from Chicago to Thailand*

**Intra tour airfare*

**Transfers in Thailand*

**Hotel Accommodations*

**18 meals: 11 breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 2 Dinners*

** Tours as mentioned on the itinerary*

NOTE: Digital Arrival Card

All travelers must complete a digital arrival card online before they arrive in Thailand. This applies to all points of entry—air, land, or sea. Foreigner visitors are required to submit their arrival card information 3 days in advance of their arrival date in Thailand.

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of making your reservation. Final payment is due on or before **Friday, December 3, 2027**.

Once paid, all monies are non-refundable unless the package can be resold at full price. In such a case, a full refund, minus \$100.00 per person administration fee will be given. No exceptions. Travel insurance is **highly** recommended.

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