



Education
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Break

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14 DAYS

Thailand

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare plus internal flight
- Hotels
- Travel between cities
- Welcome drink
- 3 meals daily days 3-10
- Breakfast days 11-14
- Farewell dinner
- Full-time tour guide
- Walking tours
- Sightseeing tours
- Entrances to select attractions

Itinerary subject to change



DAY 1 FLIGHT

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO THAILAND

DAY 2 BANGKOK

ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK • Welcome to Bangkok! After clearing customs, you'll meet your full-time tour guide and the rest of your group. Did you know the Thai name for Bangkok is Krung thep?

DAY 3 BANGKOK

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BANGKOK (LOCAL GUIDE) • See Thailand's capital with a local guide. Begin with a boat ride along the Chao Phraya River and through the city's many canals. Stop at the Temple of Dawn, one of Bangkok's most iconic landmarks. Visit the Grand Palace, an enormous compound whose high walls once separated the kings from the

commoners. Also go inside the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and see Thailand's most sacred Buddha image.

THAI DINNER AND TRADITIONAL DANCES • Savor the authentic Thai cuisine and watch mystical dancers as they perform stories from classical Thai literature and folktales.

DAY 4 AYUTTHAYA

EXCURSION TO AYUTTHAYA • Head to Ayutthaya, one-time capital of Thailand. You'll visit the amazing Summer Palace, a magnificent mixture of Thai, Chinese and Gothic architecture, before returning to Bangkok by riverboat along the Chao Phraya River.

FREE TIME BANGKOK (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

1. **Cheap Charlie's** • Have a beer and chat with the locals and tourists who flock to this wooden shack.
2. **Joe Louis Puppet Theatre** • Witness the ancient art of Thai puppetry (*lakhon lek*) at this renowned theater.
3. **Bamboo Bar** • See internationally recognized jazz bands perform live at this bar located in a historic hotel.
4. **Q Bar** • This is Bangkok's most renowned dance club, with an industrial feel, techno music, and an extensive bar.
5. **Thai kickboxing** • Go to a thrilling match of this traditional sport.

(For more ideas and details, see our Bangkok city guide at efcollegebreak.com.)

DAY 5 BANGKOK • KANCHANBURI

DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET • Ride in a speedboat through marshes and past traditional stilt houses



until you reach Thailand's famed floating market. Browse the traditional crafts and wares among the barges and waterways that make up this colorful market. Purchase that perfect souvenir or just soak in the atmosphere of rural Thai life.

KANCHANBURI • Continue to Thailand's fourth-largest province. At the JEATH War Museum, see the exhibits dedicated to victims of the Death Railway Bridge, including photographs, memorabilia, paintings and more. Also visit the famous bridge over the River Kwai. This reconstruction of the original bridge was built by WWII POWs to connect the segments of the Japanese Empire.

DAY 6 KANCHANBURI

SAIYOKE YAI WATERFALL AND NATIONAL PARK • See the thunderous falls, one of Thailand's most beautiful natural wonders. Explore the dense deciduous forest around the waterfall, where you may run into a blue-winged pitta, a limestone wren babbler or a tiny Kitti hog-nosed bat. Also stop at the Hellfire Pass, where POWs once dug a tunnel through the rocks and mountains using only hand tools. This afternoon, take a ride on the "Death Railway".

DAY 7 PHITSANULOK

TRANSFER VIA WAT PA LE LAI MONASTERY • Inside this ancient Buddhist monastery on the banks of the Suphan River sits the Luang Pho To, a highly revered depiction of the Buddha. Twice a year, pilgrims gather here to pay their respects.

ARRIVAL IN PHITSANULOK • Continue to Phitsanulok. Did you know that Phitsanulok is the birthplace of King Naresuan the Great?

DAY 8 SUKHOTHAI • CHIANG MAI

SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK • Enjoy this UNESCO World Heritage Site, which houses the remains of the royal palace and many Buddhist temples.

TRANSFER TO CHIANG MAI • Move on to Thailand's second-largest city. Did you know there are more than 300 Buddhist temples in Chiang Mai?

SANKAMPHAENG AND BO SANG • Tour the Sankamphaeng District, known for its silk and cotton cultivation. You might even see a traditional weaving demonstration. After, continue to the fascinating village of Bo Sang, where delicate paper umbrellas are hand-painted by local artists.

DAY 9 HILL TRIBE VILLAGES

EXCURSION TO THE THAI HILLS • Head out for the day and meet members of regional tribes that have lived here for centuries. You'll ride an elephant and cruise down the Ping River on a bamboo raft made by the villagers. Do some jungle trekking and meet villagers in the Akha, Lisu, Palong and Lahu hill tribes.

WAT PHRA THAT DOI SUTHEP • This impressive temple, dating from 1383, rises 5,248 feet above Chiang Mai on a forested mountain peak. Go to the top by stairway or funicular railcar and take in the spectacular views of the surrounding area.

DAY 10 BANGKOK

FLIGHT TO BANGKOK

FREE TIME BANGKOK (day) • Top 5 suggestions:

1. Ancient City • This 200-acre model city south of Bangkok has all kinds of monument replicas and is also a great place for a bike ride or a picnic.

2. Lumpini Park • Enjoy this green space named after Buddha's birthplace; the park is filled with tai chi students, joggers, kite flyers, and vendors selling snake blood.

3. Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute • This snake farm features snake milking and feeding, and has some of Thailand's most venomous snakes, including the king cobra.

4. National Museum • Visit this largest museum in Southeast Asia, and learn all about Thai art.

5. Amulet Market • Shop for traditional Thai amulets for protection against evil spirits and bad fortune.

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DAY 11 CHA-AM

TRANSFER TO CHA-AM • Make your way to the turquoise seas and palm-lined beaches of Cha-Am. Did you know Cha-Am has the only American University in Thailand?

FREE TIME CHA-AM (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

1. Hua Hin • Head to this nearby resort town for a wide array of bars and restaurants.

2. Cha Am View Point • Come to this romantic scenic spot to watch the sun set over the sea.

3. Night market • Shop after dark at this popular spot for picking up traditional Thai wares.

4. Karaoke bar • Check your ego at the door and belt out your favorite tunes.

5. Sanuk Pub • Hear live music every night, play some pool and have a few drinks.

DAY 12 CHA-AM

FREE DAY IN CHA-AM • Top 5 suggestions:

1. Beach • Relax on the sand, swim in the sea, or hop on a jet ski.

2. Khao Luang Cave • Do a little spelunking, and see an impressive Buddha image inside.

3. Bike ride • Rent a cycle and explore Cha-Am and the surrounding areas on two wheels.

4. The Palace Of Love And Hope • Visit this elegant palace complex with gardens and a long corridor leading to the sea.

5. Kang Krajaren National Park • Discover the evergreen forest, wildlife, and waterfalls of this beautiful national park.

DAY 13 CHA-AM • BANGKOK

FREE MORNING IN CHA-AM • Soak in your last rays of Thai sun this morning.

RETURN TO BANGKOK • Head back to the capital for your last night in Thailand.

DAY 14 BANGKOK

FLIGHT HOME