

Bangkok

Thailand Extension



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Thailand's Vibrant Capital

Bangkok is the essential and exciting introduction to Thailand. As the country's capital since 1782, it contains a treasury of temples and historic buildings. But for all of its gold-leaf monumentality, it's the human tempo of the city that you'll remember best. You'll jostle with merchants and locals in a provincial floating market. And you'll also get a true taste of local culture in a fascinating cooking instruction with a native chef. As a prelude to the more rural immersion in Thai life, this carefully crafted visit will expand your understanding of Thailand in wonderful ways.

DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK

• Visit the Grand Palace on a private guided tour

The Grand Palace was the official residence of the country's kings until the mid-20th century, and it retains its regal magnificence as you'll see on our guided tour of the site today. The palace is a true architectural wonder with golden stupas and shining mosaics that encrust the walls. In fact, it's really a collection of palaces, each created for different occasions and the grounds also contain Wat Phra Kaew, Thailand's most sacred Buddhist temple. We'll also visit Wat Pho, the temple complex that contains the city's largest reclining Buddha. Afterward, we'll check into our nearby hotel. The balance of the afternoon is yours to relax or explore on your own. Tonight, try one of the neighborhood's excellent restaurants.

Overnight: Bangkok

DAY 2

BANGKOK

• Tour a Floating Market by boat • Participate in a Thai cooking instruction

Floating markets are common in Thailand, but the most famous is Damnoen Saduak in the Ratchaburi province. On a boat of our own, we float back in time as we negotiate through bustling klongs (canals) crowded with canoes full of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other foods. We'll also visit the famous railway market at Mae Klong Station. Merchants crowd the edge of the tracks and as the trains approach they part to make way in a frantic but well-practiced move out of harm's way. Nakhon Pathom is one of Thailand's oldest cities, and its claim to fame is Phra Pathom chedi. Almost 400 feet high, the orange-domed stupa is the largest in the world – a landmark that is visible for miles. Back in Bangkok, you'll enjoy an evening of food and culture with a cooking instruction. The sights, sounds, smells and tastes that you encountered in the markets during the day are emblematic of Thai life – and they all come together this evening. You'll learn traditional food preparation techniques such as how to make homemade curry past, coconut milk and sticky rice. The results are transformed into a marvelous dinner of local specialties.

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: B, D

DAY 3

DEPARTURE

• Transfer seamlessly to Phuket

After breakfast, you'll have a leisurely morning before you transfer to Phuket where your Thailand adventure begins.

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Anantara Riverside Resort Bangkok

Set on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, this resort is situated on 11 acres of verdant gardens and blends urban living with tropical luxury. Deluxe rooms embody the simple yet elegant Asian style found throughout the resort.

OVERNIGHT: Bangkok | **NIGHTS:** 2

Tour Dates & Prices

To see the full list of dates and prices for this tour, go to our website by clicking [here](#).

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH 3 Days, 2 Nights

START Lobby of Anantara Riverside, Bangkok, Thailand

END Bangkok Airport, Bangkok, Thailand

TERRAIN Easy to moderate on good trails with some hills and steps, and city sidewalks.

What's Included

- All breakfasts and 1 cooking instruction dinner
- Full-time experienced guide
- Admissions to historic sites and scheduled events as detailed in the daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- Privileged Access Events

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President & Founder



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Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



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