Thailand's Cultural & Island Highlights: Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket – 10 Days

10D / 9N	Easy	Private	USD 1,050 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore Thailand over ten days, balancing city exploration in Bangkok, cultural immersion in Chiang Mai, and island relaxation in Phuket. This journey combines historical sites, ethical wildlife encounters, and stunning tropical beaches.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Bangkok → Chiang Mai → Phuket → Ayutthaya

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Thai Journey

This ten-day adventure through Thailand offers a comprehensive look at the country's diverse landscapes and rich heritage. Begin in the vibrant capital, Bangkok, where you'll delve into its culinary scene and ancient traditions. Continue north to Chiang Mai, a hub of northern Thai culture, for unique experiences with elephants and local cuisine. Conclude your trip on the southern island of Phuket, enjoying its pristine beaches and famous island excursions.

Tour Highlights

From the bustling street markets of Bangkok to the serene lagoons of Phi Phi, this tour is crafted to showcase Thailand's most captivating aspects. Engage with local culture, witness breathtaking natural beauty, and create lasting memories.

Route Summary

Your journey commences in Bangkok, where three nights are spent exploring its historical and culinary treasures. A domestic flight then takes you to Chiang Mai for another three nights, focusing on ethical wildlife interactions and culinary arts. The final three nights are enjoyed in Phuket, offering relaxation and island exploration before your departure.

Who This Tour Suits

This itinerary is ideal for active travelers and families seeking a blend of cultural immersion, soft adventure, and beach relaxation. It offers a private touring experience, allowing for personalized exploration of each destination's unique offerings.

Practical Information

The tour includes a mix of private transfers and join-in activities, ensuring both comfort and opportunities to meet fellow travelers. Meals are specified throughout the itinerary, with ample free time for personal discovery. Domestic flights between cities are part of the journey, making travel efficient and comfortable.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Savor authentic Thai street food during an evening cultural walk through Old Bangkok.
* Cycle through Bang Krachao, Bangkok's

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 **Bangkok Arrival & Historic Food Exploration**

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Meals: D | Stay: Eleven Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit | Transport: Airport transfer, walking

Upon your arrival at Bangkok's international airport, a private transfer will greet you and transport you directly to your downtown accommodation. Take some time to settle in and refresh before your evening activity.

As dusk falls, join a knowledgeable local guide for an immersive culinary and cultural walking tour through the city's older quarters. This experience is designed to introduce you to the authentic flavors and hidden gems of Bangkok's street food scene.

Your dinner will be a highlight, featuring traditional dishes prepared by an elderly local woman using time-honored methods. The evening concludes with a delightful coconut ice cream at a 70-year-old establishment, offering a taste of Bangkok's enduring dessert traditions. Throughout the walk, you'll also explore ancient city streets, admiring historic Chinese shrines, century-old Sino-European shophouses, and local artisans meticulously crafting Buddha statues.

Activities:
- Arrival transfer to hotel
- Guided evening food and culture walk
- Enjoy a traditional local dinner
- Explore old city streets and historic sites

Day 2 Green Lung Cycling & Royal Palace Wonders

Meals: B,L | Stay: Eleven Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit | Transport: Cycling, ferry, private AC vehicle

Begin your day with an invigorating cycling tour of Bang Krachao, often referred to as Bangkok's 'green lung.' This verdant oasis offers a refreshing escape from the city's hustle. A short five-minute ferry ride across the Chao Phraya River will take you to this peaceful area, where you can explore the charming Bang Nampueng weekend local market, experiencing local life and perhaps finding unique souvenirs.

Following your morning adventure, a delicious lunch will be served at a local restaurant, providing an opportunity to savor more Thai flavors. In the afternoon, prepare for a visit to two of Bangkok's most significant cultural landmarks, ensuring you dress respectfully for these sacred sites.

Your tour includes the majestic Grand Palace, the paramount royal residence in Thailand, renowned for its intricate architecture and historical importance. Adjacent to the palace, you'll explore Wat Pho, home to the awe-inspiring 45-meter-long reclining Buddha statue, a truly iconic sight.

Activities:
- Cycling tour in Bang Krachao
- Visit Bang Nampueng local market
- Tour the Grand Palace
- Explore Wat Pho and its reclining Buddha

Day 3 Ancient Ayutthaya Temples & River Journey

Meals: B | Stay: Eleven Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit | Transport: Private vehicle, tuk-tuk, local boat

At 8:00 AM, your guide and driver will collect you from your Bangkok hotel, embarking on a 1.5-hour journey to the historic Bang Pa In Summer Palace. This beautiful complex, once a 17th-century royal retreat, is still utilized by the Thai royal family

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today. You'll discover a fascinating blend of Sino, Thai, and European architectural styles set within expansive gardens, ponds, and waterways, primarily dating from the reign of King Rama V.

Continuing to Ayutthaya city, you'll visit the ancient Wat Phra Si Sanphet palace and temple grounds, a significant site from Thailand's former capital. Experience a unique ride in one of the world's oldest tuk-tuks, navigating through the impressive ruins. This tour will take you to two of Ayutthaya's most beautiful temples, Wat Chai Wattanaram and Wat Phra Si Sanphet, allowing you to absorb the grandeur of the ancient city.

For lunch, you'll have the option to try the famous Ayutthaya 'boat noodle soup' or fresh river prawns, with payment made directly at the restaurant. After your meal, enjoy a serene local boat ride, offering a different perspective of the city from its waterways. Conclude your Ayutthaya exploration with a visit to Wat Chai Wattanaram, built in 1630 by King Prasat Thong in homage to his mother and designed as a replica of the Angkor temple. Afterward, you will return to your hotel in Bangkok, with the remainder of the day free for personal leisure.

Activities: Visit Bang Pa In Summer Palace
Explore Wat Phra Si Sanphet ancient palace
Take a tuk-tuk tour of Ayutthaya ruins
Visit Wat Chai Wattanaram temple
Enjoy a local boat ride on the river

Day 4 Journey North to Chiang Mai

Meals: B | Stay: Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel | Transport: Private vehicle, domestic flight

After breakfast at your Bangkok hotel, you will be transferred to the airport to board a domestic flight connecting you to Chiang Mai, the cultural capital of Northern Thailand. This efficient air travel ensures a smooth transition between the bustling metropolis and the more serene northern region.

Upon arrival at Chiang Mai Airport, a private vehicle will be waiting to provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel. Take this opportunity to relax and settle into your new surroundings.

The rest of your day in Chiang Mai is designated as free time. You might choose to explore the immediate vicinity of your hotel, unwind by the pool, or simply enjoy the tranquility of this charming city at your own pace. Dinner and evening activities are at your leisure, allowing for personal discovery of Chiang Mai's local offerings.

Activities: Transfer to Bangkok Airport
Domestic flight to Chiang Mai
Arrival transfer to Chiang Mai hotel
Free time for leisure

Day 5 Ethical Elephant Encounter in Chiang Mai

Meals: B,L | Stay: Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel | Transport: Private vehicle (join-in)

Today promises a heartwarming half-day experience at the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, a responsible tourism initiative. Following your morning pickup from your hotel, you'll embark on an approximately 1.5-hour drive south of Chiang Mai, traversing picturesque rolling hills, lush forests, and local farming communities. This scenic journey provides a glimpse into the

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rural landscapes of northern Thailand.

Upon reaching the sanctuary, you'll meet your guide and enjoy a short 10-15 minute walk through the jungle to the main sanctuary area. Here, you'll change into traditional Karen clothing, preparing for an authentic experience. An introductory lesson will provide valuable insights into elephant anatomy, their history, and natural behaviors, fostering a deeper understanding of these magnificent creatures.

The highlight of the day involves interacting with the elephants in their natural habitat. You'll have the chance to feed, play, and take photos with them, learning about their individual personalities. A delicious lunch of traditional Thai food and fresh fruit will be served, offering a taste of local cuisine. Later, you'll learn to make herbal medicine balls for the elephants, then accompany them to the river for a therapeutic mud spa and a refreshing bath. This allows for close, respectful interaction. After changing back into your clothes and bidding farewell to the elephants, you'll be driven back to Chiang Mai, arriving at your hotel in the late afternoon.

Activities: Visit Elephant Jungle Sanctuary
Learn about elephant anatomy and behavior
Feed and interact with elephants
Enjoy a traditional Thai lunch
Make herbal medicine balls for elephants
Bathe and mud spa with elephants

Day 6 Mastering Thai Cuisine in Chiang Mai

Meals: B,L | Stay: Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel | Transport: School team pickup (join-in)

Today, immerse yourself in the flavors of Thailand with a half-day Thai cooking class. At approximately 8:30 AM, a team from the Thai Farm Cooking school will pick you up from your hotel. This English-language class offers an excellent opportunity to learn the secrets and techniques behind Thailand's renowned cuisine.

The experience begins with a visit to a local market, where you'll gain an understanding of the fresh produce, herbs, and spices essential to Thai cooking. Following the market visit, you'll explore the school's organic farm, learning about the cultivation and properties of various ingredients directly from the source.

Under expert guidance, you'll participate in hands-on cooking sessions. This includes preparing jasmine and sticky rice, and a truly authentic experience of pounding and making curry paste from scratch. You'll then have the chance to choose and prepare one type of curry, one soup, one noodle dish, and a sweet dessert, tailoring your culinary creations to your preferences. The afternoon is left free for you to enjoy at your leisure, perhaps reflecting on your newfound cooking skills or exploring more of Chiang Mai.

Activities: Participate in a Thai cooking class
Visit a local market to source ingredients
Learn about herbs and ingredients at an organic farm
Cook traditional Thai dishes from scratch

Day 7 Coastal Transfer to Phuket Island

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Meals: B | Stay: Ratri Old Town Phuket | Transport: Private vehicle, domestic flight

Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel in Chiang Mai, savoring the peaceful northern atmosphere. Following your meal, a private transfer will take you to Chiang Mai Airport, where you will check in for your domestic flight to Phuket, Thailand's largest island. This flight provides a comfortable and efficient way to travel from the mountainous north to the stunning southern coast. As you fly, you'll witness the changing landscapes of Thailand, from lush inland terrain to the sparkling Andaman Sea.
Upon your arrival at Phuket International Airport, another private vehicle will be waiting to transfer you directly to your hotel. After checking in and settling into your new accommodation, the remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure. You might choose to relax by the hotel pool, take a stroll along a nearby beach, or simply unwind after your travel day, anticipating the island adventures ahead.

Activities:
Transfer to Chiang Mai Airport
Domestic flight to Phuket
Arrival transfer to Phuket hotel
Free time for leisure

Day 8 Phi Phi Islands Marine Adventure

Meals: B,L | Stay: Ratri Old Town Phuket | Transport: Private vehicle, speedboat

Your full-day Phi Phi Islands excursion begins with a morning pickup from your hotel around 8:00 AM, followed by a transfer to Phuket Marine. Upon arrival at 9:20 AM, you'll receive a warm welcome, complimentary light breakfast, and a variety of drinks at the lounge. Licensed tour guides will then provide an introduction to the day's program and essential safety instructions, ensuring a secure and enjoyable trip.
At 10:30 AM, depart for Bamboo Island, where you can enjoy swimming, snorkeling among vibrant corals and colorful fish, or simply relax on the pristine white sandy beach. Lunch will be a delicious affair at a beachfront restaurant on Phi Phi Don Island, followed by time to relax on the beach or explore the island's surroundings.
Next, head to Monkey Beach for a unique wildlife viewing opportunity. Your journey continues to Phi Phi Leh Islands, where you can swim and snorkel in crystal-clear waters teeming with tropical fish. Visit the breathtaking Pileh Lagoon, a natural swimming pool encircled by towering limestone cliffs and caves, offering a perfect spot for swimming and jumping into the turquoise waters. You'll also pass by Viking Cave, observing its historical ancient cave paintings from the boat. The day culminates with a visit to Maya Bay, globally recognized as the filming location for

Activities:
Transfer to Phuket Marine
Boat trip to Phi Phi Islands
Swim and snorkel at Bamboo Island
Enjoy lunch on Phi Phi Don Island
Visit Monkey Beach
Explore Pileh Lagoon and Viking Cave
See Maya Bay

Day 9 Relaxation & Independent Exploration in Phuket

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Meals: B | Stay: Ratri Old Town Phuket

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, the entire day is yours to spend at leisure. This offers a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy Phuket at your own pace, without any scheduled activities.

You might choose to head out for some independent exploration, discovering local markets, charming cafes, or historical sites in Phuket Town. Alternatively, you could visit some of the island's many idyllic beaches, such as Patong, Karon, or Kata, to soak up the sun and enjoy the Andaman Sea.

For those seeking ultimate relaxation, simply spend the day unwinding at your hotel, perhaps by the pool, indulging in spa treatments, or enjoying the amenities. This free day allows for complete flexibility to tailor your experience to your preferences.

Activities: Free day for leisure
Independent exploration of Phuket
Relax at the hotel or visit local beaches

Day 10 Phuket Departure

Meals: B | Transport: Private vehicle

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel in Phuket. The morning is free for you to relax, pack, or do some last-minute souvenir shopping, depending on your flight schedule.

At the appropriate time, a private vehicle will pick you up from your hotel. You will be transferred directly to Phuket International Airport for your onward flight, marking the conclusion of your memorable Thailand journey.

This transfer ensures a smooth and comfortable departure, reflecting on the diverse experiences from Bangkok's city life to Chiang Mai's cultural heart and Phuket's beautiful islands.

Activities: Free time until departure
Transfer to Phuket Airport

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

CANCELLATION POLICY

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