









#### **THAILAND**

# BANGKOK AND GOLDEN TRIANGLE (TOUR CODE: 13783)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Bangkok	01 Jan 24 - 31 Oct 24	Cultural City Stays	Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on a Thai odyssey, from Bangkok's temples to Ayutthaya's history, Chiang Rai's iconic temples, Chiang Mai's cultural immersion, and more.

#### Highlights

- Experience the vibrant energy of Damnoen Saduak floating market, where local life unfolds on the water. Explore the colorful
  market, offering a taste of Thai culture and tradition.
- Engage with gentle giants at the **Kanta Elephant Sanctuary**, fostering a deep connection with these magnificent creatures.

  Participate in their care, play, and witness a river bath experience.
- Marvel at the modern beauty of the Blue Temple (Wat Rong Seur Ten) and the unconventional White Temple (Wat Rong Khun).
   These artistic wonders showcase contemporary Thai artistry and cultural expression.
- Immerse yourself in the rich history of Bangkok with visits to iconic temples like Wat Traimit and the Grand Palace, showcasing
  intricate architecture and cultural significance.

Discover Thailand's cultural tapestry in this itinerary. Begin in Bangkok with temple visits and the vibrant Damnoen Saduak floating market. Explore Ayutthaya's historical gems before flying to Chiang Rai for the Blue and White Temples. In Chiang Mai, engage with elephants at Kanta Sanctuary and explore cultural crafts. The journey concludes with a flight from Chiang Mai. An immersive blend of history, natural beauty, and cultural encounters awaits on this Thai adventure.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

# **INCLUSIONS**

- · 3 nights in Bangkok at Holiday Inn Silom 4\*
- 1 night in Chiang Rai at The Legend Chiang Rai 4\*
- 1 night in Chiang Mai at Movenpick Suriwong Chiang Mai 4\*
- Return Private Transfer from Bangkok Airport to Hotel
- Daily breakfast
- · Meals: 5 lunches and 1 dinner as per ltinerary
- · Private tour as mention with English Speaking Guide
- · Admission fee of places as mentioned in the program

#### **ITINERARY**

# Arrive in Bangkok

Arrive at Bangkok Airport, where you will be welcomed by a local English-speaking guide. You will then be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Afterward, the rest of the day is free for leisure.

Overnight stay in Holiday Inn Silom in a Deluxe Room.

#### Half Day Bangkok City Tour

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before meeting with the guide for a transfer to the city center. Our first stop is **Wat Traimit**, a temple known for its golden exterior that houses the world's largest solid gold Buddha statue. This seated sculpture, standing at 10 feet (3 m) tall and weighing 5.5 tons, is believed to date back to the 13th or 14th century. Next, we'll visit the Temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Po), a charming temple located south of the Grand Palace, featuring a huge reclining Buddha image.

Continuing our exploration, we'll proceed to the **Grand Palace** and **the Emerald Buddha**. The **Royal Grand Palace**, an expansive 25-hectare compound in Bangkok, showcases stunning Thai architecture. Tour the temples and pagodas within the complex, including the magnificent **Wat Phra Kaew**, housing the revered Emerald Buddha, believed to have been carved in the 15th century. Explore the area, including the 9 towers and the Pantheon of the kings. The tour concludes with a return to the hotel, and the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Overnight stay in Holiday Inn Silom in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch

**Damnoen Saduak floating market**, located in the province of Ratchaburi and considered the most significant in the country. Upon reaching the market vicinity, embark on a motorboat ride along the canal, arriving at the bustling market to explore its diverse products and soak in the lively atmosphere. After the market visit, return to Bangkok and continue to the town of Nakhon Pathom to visit the **Phra Pathom Chedia pagoda**, situated on the banks of the Tah Chene River. This pagoda holds great importance as the tallest pagoda in the world, standing at 127 meters. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel, where the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure.

Overnight stay in Holiday Inn Silom in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch

#### Bangkok Chiang Rai & Mae Fah Luang Botanical Golden Triangle

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. At the scheduled time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Chiang Rai. Upon your arrival at Chiang Rai Airport (ideally before 09:00-09:30 am), a local representative will warmly welcome you. The day's adventure kicks off with a visit to the Mae Fah Luang Botanical Garden, situated at 1,512 meters above sea level. Explore the Royal Chalet and the museum dedicated to the princess's mother. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading to the picturesque Chui Fong tea plantation. Experience tea cultivation and savor a refreshing iced tea and tea cake (at your own expense). The journey continues to the Golden Triangle, a renowned area at the confluence of the Mekong River, offering stunning views of Thailand, Laos, and Burma. Take a 30-minute boat ride along the Khong River before transferring to your hotel in CEI Town.

Overnight stay in The Legend Chiang Rai in a Superior Studio.

Breakfast, Lunch

# 5 Chiang Rai Chiang Mai

Indulge in breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an early morning drive to explore the enchanting **Blue Temple**, also known as **Wat Rong Seur Ten**. This modern Buddhist temple stands out with its vibrant blue artistry, intricate hand carvings, and captivating coloration. Continue your journey to the renowned **Wat Rong Khun Temple**, famously known as the White Temple, an extraordinary contemporary art exhibit crafted by Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat. Following lunch at a local restaurant, reach Chiang Mai and visit the revered **Doi Suthep Temple**, a significant spiritual site offering panoramic views of the city. Opt to climb the long stairs or take a cable car to the top for a memorable experience. Check in at the hotel upon arrival. In the evening, savor a delightful Khantoke dinner accompanied by traditional Thai dances, concluding your day in Chiang Mai.

Overnight stay in Movenpick Suriwong Chiang Mai in a Classic Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 6 Chiang Mai

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. Following breakfast, embark on a scenic 50-minute drive north of Chiang Mai, passing through lush forests and local farming areas until you reach the **Kanta Elephant Sanctuary**. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the world of elephants, where you'll change into traditional clothing and prepare fruits for these magnificent creatures. Interact, feed, and play with the elephants in their natural environment, learning about their behavior and history. Enjoy the unique opportunity to get muddy and take memorable photos with the elephants. Witness their bath time in the river and even join them if you wish. Conclude your time at the sanctuary with tea, coffee, and seasonal fruit before bidding farewell to the elephants.

Continue your journey to an **orchid plantation**, where a buffet lunch is served, allowing you to appreciate the unique beauty of this floral species. Afterward, visit the renowned street of artisans, a hub for traditional decorative objects. Here, witness the craftsmanship of artisans creating hand-painted items, jewelry, gemstones, parasols, woodcarvings, silks, and

cotton products, showcasing the rich artistic heritage of the region.

Overnight stay in Movenpick Suriwong Chiang Mai in a Classic Room.

Breakfast, Lunch

### 7 Depart Chiang Mai

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. At the scheduled time, transfer to Chiang Mai airport to board your flight back to your next destination.

Breakfast

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

# One Way Flight From Chiang Mai to Bangkok

Price based on Bangkok Airways

Please be advised that all airfares, taxes, service fees and other applicable charges are subject to change without prior notice and are not guaranteed until ticket(s) is/are issued.

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

# Holiday Inn Silom

Discover unparalleled comfort and convenience at Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom, nestled in the dynamic Jewelry District. Boasting 684 well-appointed rooms, it stands as the largest hotel in the area, offering exceptional service amidst the vibrant surroundings of shopping, entertainment, and trendy restaurants. With easy access to Sathorn, the hotel is a mere 45 minutes from the airport and in close proximity to leading hospitals such as BNH and Saint Louis. Explore iconic attractions like Asiatique The Riverfront, ICONSIAM, and Siam Paragon, or take a leisurely stroll along the Chao Phraya River to discover the cultural treasures of the Temple of Dawn and Grand Palace. Stay active with our health club, featuring an outdoor pool, tennis court, and fitness center.



#### The Legend Chiang Rai

Immerse yourself in the ever-changing riverside panorama at The Legend Chiang Rai, a tranquil retreat just a short drive from the city center. Indulge in our restaurants, pool, herbal spa, and fitness center, or wander through tree-shaded pathways, lotus ponds, and flower-filled gardens. Your satisfaction is our priority, and in this enchanting corner of the world, near the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar, known as the "Golden Triangle," there's much to explore and experience.



#### Movenpick Suriwongse Hotel

Mövenpick Suriwong Chiang Mai offers a stylish and comfortable stay in the heart of Chiang Mai. Located just steps from the famous Night Bazaar and a short stroll to the river, the hotel provides a convenient base for exploring the city's vibrant attractions. With modern amenities, elegant accommodations, and a focus on hospitality, Mövenpick Suriwong Chiang Mai caters to both business and leisure travelers seeking a central and enjoyable experience in this cultural hub.



# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
LOCAL CURRENCY
Thai
Thai Bhatt

#### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package i.e. mandatory festive dinners
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package