



Thai Unika — Unique experiences

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Explore culture of Thailand & Cambodia 15 Days

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ITINERARY DETAIL

Day 1 — Day 1: Bangkok Arrival

Warmly welcome you on arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport. We will pick you up with a comfortable vehicle to the center of Bangkok to check-in your hotel, then take your time to have a rest after a long flight.

Day 2 — Day 2: Bangkok Full Day City Tour (B)

Today, we will take the whole day to explore Bangkok - the city of golden temples.

The first destination is the **Grand Palace**. This huge architecture complex is over 2 sq. kilometers, including 3 main sites: Royal Palace, Royal Office and pagodas (Wat) built in 1770s. Nowadays, the Grand Palace is no longer home of Thailand Royal, most of national significant events takes place there.

Wat Phra Kaew is the most out-standing architecture in complex, built in 1785 when King Rama I moved the capital to Bangkok. Wat Pra Kwae is famous not only for its beauty of unique Thailand Buddhism architecture but also for the sacred jade Buddha statue. Thai people believe that the statue will bring back fortune and prosperity for the nation.

Nearby Grand Palace is **Wat Pho** - the oldest and biggest pagoda in Bangkok with more than 1000 Buddha statues and the huge one sit-back Buddha in gold. This pagoda is also famous for being a birthplace of traditional Thai massage, since there is a traditional medicine school established in 1982, educating the arts of Thai massage.

The Wat Pho wall-surrounded complex was divided into 2 by Soi Chetuphon running along East - West. The Northern complex is the one including the in gold Buddha statue and massage school mentioned above. The Southern complex, Tukgawee, is a monastery and a school.

After having lunch by your own account, we visit the last destination of the day: **Wat Traimit**. This pagoda is famous for its unique and historic beauty, and also for the huge golden Buddha statue. Thai people believe that the statue represents for prosperity and purity, as well as strength and power. The Golden Statue was defined to be built in Sukhothai period, the 13-15th century - one of the most famous periods of Thai Buddhism architecture.

We will board on a **boat to pay a visit along the Chao Phraya River**, watching the life of local people close by.

On route, we stop at **Wat Arun**, known as the most beautiful pagoda in Bangkok not only for its location on the Chao Phraya's riverbank but also for the different architecture from other pagodas. "Arun" means sunrise, but it is most beautiful in the sunset. The pagoda was decorated with glass pieces and Chinese ceramic, in a complicated style. You can climb up to the top of Wat Arun to see Chao Phraya, Grand Palace

and Wat Pho at the opposite side.

Return to the hotel and you are free to explore Bangkok by night.

Day 3 — Day 3: Bangkok - Damnoen Saduak Floating Market - Kanchanaburi (B)

Early in the morning, after having breakfast, we pay a visit to **Meaklong Railway Market** – a local market has grown up along the rail tracks. When a train pulls in or out of the station, the sellers quickly clear their stalls, and set them up again when the train has passed.

We continue our way to **Damnoen Saduak Floating market**, which is specialized in trading fruits, vegetables, etc... by small boat. In the old days, floating markets were formed because roads and means of road traffic have not developed.

Due to the demand for buying and selling goods, people gather in the river by means such as boats. Nowadays, despite the fact that the road network has developed everywhere, floating market still exists and develops more and more.

Afterwards we continue the road to the city of Kanchanaburi.

Upon arrival, visit **the World War II memorial including the Jeath War Museum, Cemetery**. We will take 30 minutes train to experience and enjoy the beautiful view from train along the river. This is one of Southeast Asia's historic railways, the remaining part of the "**Death Railway**", departing from the provincial capital to the Railway Station from Tonburi (or Namtok) and transfer then city to visit **Kwai bridge**.

Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

Day 4 — Day 4: Kanchanaburi - Erawan Waterfalls - Ayutthaya (B)

Morning breakfast and depart for **Erawan Waterfall** - a beautiful seven-tiered waterfall. Located in Erawan National Park, walking up to see each of the picturesque falls, it is best to bring good walking shoes. Also, guests should remember to bring their swimming suit if they wish to swim in the fall's natural pools.

In the afternoon, we continue the road to **Ayutthaya**. The ancient city of Ayutthaya is known as the 'Venice of the East' because it is found along the Chao Phraya, the tributaries that surround the province of Ayutthaya River. Many monuments and remains of the period can be visited in this city founded in 1350 by King Uthong when the Thai had to migrate to the South under pressure from their neighbors to the North.

Overnight in Ayutthaya.

Day 5 — Day 5: Ayutthaya Historical Park - Night train to Chiang Mai (B) no guide on train

Having a breakfast and today we will pay a visit to some sites of **Ayutthaya Historical Park**, situated in the old city of Ayutthaya. The city was constructed by Ramathibodi I in 1350 and was the capital of Thailand until it was destroyed by Burmese - Myanmar army in 1767.

Being a ruin with many temples which characterize this type of architecture built with red bricks, the park was recognized as World's Heritage Site by UNESCO.

- **Wat Phu Khao Thong** is a massive pagoda towering in the middle of paddy fields and can be seen from afar. Built by King Ramesuan in 1395, the pagoda is unique with the combination of 2 architectural styles: Thai - style and Mon - style. There is a high golden plated chedi on the top, which makes the pagoda outstanding.

- **Wat Phra Sri Sanphet** was the most important temple of Ayutthaya and situated within the Ayutthaya Grand Palace grounds. It served as a model for the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok. The highlight of Wat Phra Sri Sanphet is 3 towers standing high together in Ceylonese style, has the same architecture with Wat Phra Kaew in Bangkok.

- **Vihara Phra Mongkhon Bophit** is the pagoda in which the bronze Buddha statue in the attitude of subduing Mara is situated. This is one of the biggest Buddha statue in Thailand. It was considered to be built during the Ayuttaya period of King Srongta, who transferred the location from the east side to the west and has been the location since then. After that he ordered to build a dome on top.

- **Wat Lokaya Sutha** is considered as the sacred place for pilgrims since it's famous for the reclining Buddha statue, which is the statue of the Blessed Buddha intact compared to other monuments in the entire Ayutthaya ruins. It is also the most important relics in most of those in Wat Lokaya Sutha. Thai people believe that if they paste the golden leaf onto Buddha statues, they will be protected by Buddha.

And after that we visit will be the **Bang Pa-In Summer Palace**, built during the Ayutthaya era. The palace showcases an eclectic collection of buildings that blend European, Khmer, Thai and Chinese architectural styles. It's the favorite summer palace of the King.

And transfer to the station to embark on the **night train to Chiang Mai (2nd class, sharing cabin)**. Overnight onboard.

Day 6 — Day 6: Chiang Mai Full Day City Tour (B)

Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, meet your guide and then transfer to the hotel or a local restaurant for breakfast.

Today morning, we have a walking tour to the old town with a stop at the old wall, the moat and a door of the old town. You will see the most beautiful temples of Chiang Mai: **Wat Phra Singh temple**.

The temple, which is also known as “The Monastery of the Lion Buddha” or “The temple of the Lion Buddha” is an active temple, with hundreds of monks and novices living there. The **Wat Phra Singh** houses a number of highly revered and very old Buddha images. Moreover, it is one of the finest examples of classic Lanna style temple architecture in Northern Thailand.

The next is **Wat Phan Tao**, an ancient temple sitting right next to the sacred Wat Chedi Luang in Chiang Mai town. It is known for its exquisite Lanna-style ordination hall (Wihan) entirely made of teakwood, which served as a throne hall during the reign of King Mahotara Prateth.

Next to Wat Phan Tao is **Wat Chedi Luang**. This is a Buddhist temple in the historic centre of Chiang Mai, Thailand. The current temple grounds were originally made up of three temples — Wat Chedi Luang, Wat Ho Tham and Wat Sukmin.

Wat Chedi Luang's massive chedi (pagoda) was built sometime between 1385 and 1402, during the reign of King Saen Muang Ma, 7th ruler of the Mengrai dynasty and is a distinctive feature of the Chiang Mai skyline.

Then you will stroll along small streets lined with traditional houses, where you will **take a rickshaw tour**. After that, you will take a walking through **the central market of Warorot**.

Among the numerous markets in Chiang Mai, this is one of the most well-known, located right in the center of town. Warorot Market is a great spot for travelers wanting to experience the true Thai culture and daily life. You can buy almost anything at Warorot Market, a real mixed bag of everything.

In the afternoon we visit the **Doi Suthep hill**.

The mountain's temple is one of the most historically and spiritually significant places in Thailand and, as such, large numbers of Thais and foreigners alike come to experience the special magic of this holy place. Wat Phra That Doi Suthep is an impressive embodiment of the Lanna (northern Thai) culture and is a symbol deeply cherished by the people of Chiang Mai.

Return to the hotel and you can relax or enjoy going to the night market.

Day 7 — Day 7: Chiang Mai - Elephant Jungle Sanctuary (B, L) join in with shared transfer

- 08:00 –
- 08:30 : Pick up from your hotel or accommodation
- 08:30 : Drive approximately 1.5 hours South of Chiang Mai through rolling hills, forest, and local farming areas.
- 10:30 : Arrive at the Sanctuary. Meet your guide and walk for 10-15 minutes through the Jungle to the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary. Change into traditional Karen clothing. Enjoy an introductory lesson about elephant anatomy, history, and behavior.

- 11:00 : Meet the elephants. Feed, interact, and play with the elephants in a natural environment as you learn about their behavior and history. Take photos with the elephants.
- 12:00 : Enjoy a lunch of traditional Thai food and fresh fruit.
- 13:00 : Learn how to make herbal medicine balls, feed the Elephants and then walk with the elephants to the river. Bathe and brush the elephants.
- 14:00 : Join the elephants for a therapeutic mud spa. Swim in the river and take photos with the elephants.
- 15:00 : Change clothes and say good bye to the elephants
- 15:30 : Leave the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary and drive approximately 1.5 hours to Chiang Mai.
- 17:00-
17:30 : Drop off at your hotel or accommodation.

Day 8 — Day 8: Chiang Mai - Doi Mae Salong - Chiang Rai (B)

After a leisurely breakfast, we head to **Chiang Rai city**.

Upon arrival, we visit the famous **Wat Rong Khun**. Only a transparent white color from the towers to the Buddha statues, Wat Rong Khun is equally noteworthy as the gold-plated temples typical of Thailand's smiley country. This is a combination of unique Thai architecture and realistic depiction style Completed in the late 20th century, the temple is one of the attractive destinations to both a large number of Thai and foreign tourists.

Lunch on your own at local restaurant.

After lunch, we visit the world famous **Wat Phra Kaew**, one of the oldest and most revered temple in Chiang Rai city. The Wat Phra Kaew is an important temple in Thai history, as it was here where the Emerald Buddha was discovered in the year 1434 after lightning struck the chedi where it was kept. The Emerald Buddha or Phra Kaew Morakot is the most highly.

We can't miss **Wat Rong Seur Ten**. It stands out among other magnificent temples in Thailand thanks to the enchanting green. This unique green building is one of the pride of Chiang Rai city. Not only by the rare and magical blue, the temple is covered by meticulous, sophisticated and gilded decorative details.

Then short drive from Chiang Rai City to Black House. **Baan Dam (Black House)** is the unique creation of national artist, Thawan Duchanee. Part art studio, part museum, part home, Baan Dam is an eclectic mix of traditional northern Thai buildings interspersed with some outlandish modern designs.

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 9 — Day 9: Chiang Rai - Doi Mae Salong - Chiang Saen - Chiang Rai (B)

After breakfast we continue the trip by heading to the northern Thailand - a wooded, mountainous and beautiful area.

This morning, you will explore the surroundings and the first road you will take is the one that leads to **Mae Salong**. Climb up and down the green hills, covered with tea plantations.

Here, you can enjoy a cup of tea in a traditional Chinese tea house overlooking the mountains and tea fields before continuing your way towards the Golden Triangle. From Doi Mae Salong, we will visit the villages of ethnic minorities.

Drive to visit **Chiang Saen the ancient city**.

Lunch on your own.

After that, visit to **Opium museum** where show about the opium's history in the past in Thailand. Have lunch on your own at the local restaurant at the **Golden triangle**. Taking **a boat trip along Mekong Kong River** to see Thailand, Burma & Laos meet at the Golden Triangle. The Golden Triangle is known for its beautiful scenery. Some of the sights in the area include a large golden Buddha image seated in a boat, an ancient temple on a hill.

Transfer back to Chiang Rai for overnight.

Day 10 — Day 10: Chiang Rai - Flight to Bangkok - Flight to Siem Reap (B)

Today morning, transfer to Chiang Rai Airport for a flight to Bangkok connecting with a flight to Siem Reap. Arrival in Siem Reap, go to check-in hotel for overnight.

Day 11 — Day 11: Siem Reap - Angkor Highlighted Temples (B)

Beat the crowd early morning by **7 am**; visit the picturesque **Ta Prohm** that had nearly disappeared into the jungle and remains overgrown, an oddly haunting and exotic scene. The magnificent roots of a tree, pushing between the huge stone blocks of the temple in a sort of embrace, evoke feelings that you may remember forever.

And continue to visit the intricately carved Khmer ruins at **Angkor Wat** - one of the world's most impressive ruins. The temple still owns fine Apsara carvings in Angkorian era art.

Afternoon, explore the mysterious Royal city **Angkor Thom & Bayon**. Its 54-tower temple is an awesome sight. At first glance it seems a shapeless mass of stone, but further scrutiny reveals a face, and then another and another one, until suddenly you are engulfed by the silent, heavy, enigmatic and silent gaze through half-closed eyes, staring out from a primitive and remote time.

Further, visit the surroundings of the complex including the **Baphuon, Elephant Terrace, Lepper King Terrace and Royal Place** area.

Day 12 — Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Outlying Temples (B)

7am, drive to the rural outskirts 35km from Angkor area to visit the smallest, but magnificent, **Banteay Srei** built in the 10th Century and dedicated to Shiva.

The temple was the birthplace of Khmer classical style architecture and the bas-relief work is the best example of Khmer classical art remaining. The pink sandstone structure bears a series of striking and beautiful sculptures, lintels, pediments and friezes. Khmers say the temple must have been carved by women for the details are too fine for the hands of a man.

Drive on to **Chau Srei Vibol** which is a small charming temple on top of a hill which hardly sees any visitors - very few non-locals have heard of it, and it is set just far enough away from the main tourist routes.

Continue to the ancient Khmer civilization site of **Hariharalaya** which flourished in the late 9th and earlier 10th centuries. These are the earliest temples in the Angkor area and are referred to the **Rolous group** we visit the main one called **Bakhong temple**.

Day 13 — Day 13: Siem Reap - Village Walking & Floating Community - Flight to Phnom Penh (B)

Morning transfer out of the Siem Reap town to a beautiful village in the countryside, you will start to walk through the village houses, witnessing very nice and different activities from the locals for their daily life. Just as some examples: how the locals wash vehicles, selling gasoline in whiskey bottles or the small shops where the locals sell food on the side of small streets.

Enjoy a view of this wonderful area and interact with very kindly people in the village. Leisurely walk through the rice paddies and see how this family doing daily work such as making rice wine, handicraft works meanwhile a member of the family will offer you a fresh **coconut and some homemade rice wine to taste**.

Hop in your van for driving onward to the next destination, a **floating community**, arrive at the quay for embarking on a motorized boat to visit floating houses village offering an incredible natural phenomenon of making their lives from the lake in a respectful and meaningful way. This is a great chance to witness one of Cambodia and the world's most amazing natural wonders.

Drive back to Siem Reap. (Note***floating community is recommended from September to February).

Day 14 — Day 14: Phnom Penh Full Day City Tour (B)

Set out on a city tour to visit the **Royal Place** built in 1866 by King Norodom; **Silver Pagoda** is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5,000 silver tiles and located within the Royal Palace compound, and visit **Tuol Sleng Museum**, a reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime.

The peaceful stretch of green fields of **Cheung Ek** *may not indicate what kinds of horrors have taken place there. Situated 17km from Phnom Penh town, Cheung Ek was made famous by the movie "The Killing Fields"*.

Nowadays, a large memorial has been built to commemorate the 17,000 victims who died here under the reign of Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot. The remnants inside the memorial and the mass graves that dot the area remind you of the suffering of the victims.

This journey into Cambodia's past will provide you with a background on the cruelty of the Khmer Rouge regime. It will also give you an appreciation of the struggle that Cambodian people have faced and their tremendous courage to move on and rebuild their nation.

Continue to visit the **Russian market** and end the trip with a visit of the **Wat Phnom Temple**, Phnom Penh's namesake, from where you can enjoy views over the tree-lined avenues of Phnom Penh during sunset.

In the later afternoon we enjoy the boat cruise 1 hour along the Mekong River to view the sunset.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 15 — Day 15: Phnom Penh - Departure (B) No guide

After breakfast, you have free time for your own activities.

Then, transfer to Phnom Penh airport for you're an international flight back to your hometown.

ACCOMMODATION

DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM
Bangkok	W22 BY BURASARI 3*	Superior
Kanchanaburi	Royal River Kwai Resort	Deluxe
Ayutthaya	Classic Kameo Hotel	Deluxe
Chiang Mai	M Hotel Chiang Mai	Superior
Chiang Rai	Laluna Hotel & Resort	Garden Bungalow
Siem Reap	Amber Angkor Hotel	Deluxe
Phnom Penh	KING GRAND BOUTIQUE HOTEL	Deluxe
Bangkok	ARTE HOTEL	Deluxe
Kanchanaburi	U Inchantree Kanchanaburi	Superior Garden View
Ayutthaya	Kantary Hotel Ayutthaya 4*	Studio suite
Chiang Mai	Bodhi Serene	Deluxe
Chiang Rai	Le Patta Chiang Rai Resort & Hotel	Superior
Siem Reap	Somadevi Angkor Hotel	Superior
Phnom Penh	Anik Palace Hotel	Deluxe Urban room
Bangkok	Eastin Grand Sathorn Bangkok	Superior
Kanchanaburi	U Inchantree Kanchanaburi	Deluxe Garden
Ayutthaya	Kantary Hotel Ayutthaya 4*	One Bedroom suite
Chiang Rai	The Riverie Chiang Rai	Deluxe Garden
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Siem Reap	Borei Angkor Hotel	Deluxe
Phnom Penh	Palace gate Hotel and Resident	Deluxe

Trip notes

INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check-in and check-out around noontime)• Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers• Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers• Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary• Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program• 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus - on days of transfer and sightseeing only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early check-in or late check-out• International & Domestic flight tickets• Meals (other than mentioned in the program)• Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation• Visa - as per country requirements• Tips• All entrance fees - as per program• Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)• Airport transfer surcharge for guide between 10:00 pm to 6:30 am is 15 USD/way.