

THAILAND ESCORTED TOUR



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Central Thailand Tour with River Kwai & Pattaya

Duration: 9 days

Stay: 8 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: TLCTG9M

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9 Days Central Thailand & River Kwai Escorted Tour

About the holiday

Thailand is a firm favourite with travellers, thanks to its stunning natural beauty, historic sites, rich culture and welcoming people!

This escorted coach tour starts in Bangkok and travels southwest to Kanchanaburi and the renowned River Kwai, which featured in the book and film, 'Bridge on the River Kwai'. Walk the bridge and visit the historic War Museum, before travelling to Ayutthaya. Once the second Siamese capital after Sukhotai, today Ayutthaya is a World Heritage-listed site that gives you a memorable impression of the grandeur and splendour of the former kingdom.

After the thrill of exploring central Thailand, continue to Pattaya. The seaside resort on the East Coast of the Gulf of Thailand is a beautiful place to relax for two nights and enjoy the beaches and sparkling azure waters.

Why you'll love this trip...

It's top notch for inclusions, quality hotels & the service of experienced tour guides
In Bangkok, visit serene Wat Po & vividly colourful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
Walk the Bridge over the River Kwai & explore the War Museum
Visit Bang Pa-In Royal Palace, used as a summer palace by the Siamese royalty
Marvel at Chai Wattanaram Temple, one of Ayutthaya's impressive monuments
Enjoy time to chill out in the seaside resort town of Pattaya

Travel dates

Regular departures on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays*

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for to check available departures.*

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Escorted tour includes:

Accommodation - 8 nights hotel accommodation, twin rooms with private facilities

3 nights Bangkok

2 nights Kanchanaburi

1 night Ayutthaya

2 nights Pattaya

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

Hotel portorage

Meals - 12 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

Tour - Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Entrance fees per itinerary

Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes for the latest flight specials

Airport transfers - ask us for prices if you wish to pre-book

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour managers & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

For more information

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Itinerary:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Arrive in Bangkok

Welcome to Thailand! Arrive in exotic Bangkok and make your way to the hotel; remainder of the day is at leisure. Time to rest, relax and acclimate to your new time zone.

Overnight: Bangkok

DAY 2, Wednesday - Bangkok City Tour

This morning, take a tour that introduces you to Bangkok, the "City of Angels". Drive through Indian Market with hundreds of market stalls, street-side restaurants, and gold shops. On to colourful "Little India" with its bright hanging walls of glistening fabrics and the fragrant wholesale Flower Market. Visit serene Wat Po, (Temple of the Reclining Buddha) the oldest and largest temple in the city, with its astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long and almost 40 feet high. Drive via Royal Avenue where most of the Government offices are located and the King's Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure before tonight's orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Full Day in Bangkok

Today is yours to explore Bangkok independently. Or, take the *optional* tour to the elaborate 18th century Grand Palace, symbol and ceremonial heart of the kingdom, and to Wat Phra Kaew, (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), with its brightly coloured buildings, golden spires and gorgeous mosaics. You'll see the distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European design of the Grand Palace. In the afternoon, embark on the *optional* canal tour along the Chao Phraya River passing by Wat Arun and other iconic landmarks as well as a scenic view of local life along the river. Then travel on a tuk-tuk to dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel

Optional: Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (AM)

Optional: Bangkok Canal Tour with Dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Friday - Travel to Kanchanaburi, Visit Bridge over River Kwai & War Museum

Travel southwest this morning to the vibrant Damnoen Saduak Floating Market; observe how the ancient trading of wares is conducted between hundreds of local farmers and villagers aboard small sampan boats. The boats are fully loaded with all kinds of products including fruits, vegetables, dry goods, and freshly cooked food.

From the Floating market, continue to the quiet provincial capital of Kanchanaburi, with its stunning natural beauty and beautiful rivers. Walk over the steel bridge at the River Kwai, one of the most famous rivers in the world, which gained international fame in the book and film, "Bridge on the River Kwai". The bridge, several museums, and cemeteries have respectfully preserved the history and memorialized the dead. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a hotel restaurant

Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Full Day in Kanchanaburi

Today is at leisure to explore Kanchanaburi independently. Or, take the *optional* full day Hellfire Pass and Death Railway tour. Hellfire Pass derives its name from Allied POWs forced to work day and night in the jungle to complete the bridge and rail line using only simple tools; more than 12,000 soldiers and 80,000 Asian laborers perished during the construction. Lunch en route before returning to the hotel

Optional: Full Day Hellfire Pass & Death Railway with lunch

Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Sunday - Travel to Ayutthaya, Ayutthaya City Tour

Depart Kanchanaburi and travel to Ayutthaya, the second Siamese capital after Sukhothai for over 400 years, once glorified as the largest city in Southeast Asia. In the centre of the city lies Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can see the ruins of the former capital and its remaining palaces, monasteries, and towers - one can envision the grandeur and splendour that was once the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. After lunch, continue to the Chai Wattanaram Temple, built by King Prasat Thong, a commoner who overthrew the previous king and took his throne. Here, you can enjoy the peaceful and tranquil surroundings of Siam before dinner

Overnight: Ayutthaya

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Travel to Pattaya

This morning, time permitting, meet children at a local school* then visit Bang Pa-In Palace, a collection of beautiful buildings in various architectural styles, surrounded by a lake. Originally built by King Prasat Thong in 1632, this served as the Royal Summer Palace for the Thai Kings. Continue to Pattaya, a seaside resort on the East Coast of the Gulf of Thailand, with its beautiful beaches and sparkling azure waters. En route stop at a gem gallery to watch jewellery being made and learn more about the gems used. Arrive at the hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure

**School visit is subject to changes due to school scheduling*

Overnight: Pattaya

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Tuesday - Full Day in Pattaya

Today is at leisure to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Perhaps, escape by speedboat to the stunning Coral Island, Koh Larn, brimming with an abundance of coral formations and underwater life. Unwind at the beach or, try out some water sports, including water skiing, parasailing, and windsurfing. Choose to visit the Pattaya Floating market, one of the biggest in the world. Separated into four sections, with each offering and representing items from the four major regions of Thailand. Here, you will find food and fruit stalls as well as souvenir shops. Tonight, time on your own to savour a delicious dinner at a seaside restaurant or enjoy the vibrant nightlife for which the town is known.

Overnight: Pattaya

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Wednesday - Depart Thailand

Check out of the hotel in time to make your way to the airport in Bangkok for your departure flight. The ride from your hotel to the airport normally will take about 2 hours.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Hotels:

Please note that the hotels are a guide and may be substituted for similar properties at the discretion of the tour operator. Hotels can vary depending on departure dates.

Century Park Hotel, Bangkok - 4 star

This first class hotel is located in Pratunam, a bustling shopping and commercial area that minutes from the Victory Monument.

Mida Resort Kanchanaburi, Kanchanaburi - 3 star

This superior tourist class resort overlooked the Khwae Yai River.

Classic Kameo Ayutthaya, Ayutthaya 4.5 star

This superior first class hotel is located within comfortable proximity to Ayutthaya's industrial estates and tourist attractions.

Dusit Thani Pattaya, Pattaya - 4 star

This superior first class hotel is set on a serene beach on northern Pattaya Bay off the Gulf of Thailand.

Is this tour right for you?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on some touring days. The pace is fast, where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. There are a few long tail boat rides included in this tour, which require agility to embark and disembark. This is a Classic program.

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