THAILAND - LAND OF SMILES
9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

- (4) Bangkok – (3) Chiang Mai

TOUR FEATURES

• ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION - Air transportation from Los Angeles
• ROUND TRIP THAI AIR TRANSPORTATION - Round trip airfare from Bangkok to Chiang Mai
• DELUXE – 5 STAR ACCOMMODATIONS - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights, 4 nights in Bangkok at the Sofitel Hotel and 3 nights in Chiang Mai at the Le Meridien Hotel (or similar)
• SUPERB CUISINE - 11 included meals consisting of daily breakfast, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
• SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Bangkok and the Grand Palace, a tour to the colorful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and Thai Village cultural show, a city tour of Chiang Mai and the northern hill tribes. Optional tours available
• PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST - Assistance of a professional Tour Host/local guides upon arrival in Bangkok and Chiang Mai
• DELUXE MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
• BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
• LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES - Hotel & City taxes and service charges

OPTIONAL HONG KONG EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

• FOUR STAR ACCOMMODATIONS - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights at the Nikko Hotel
• SUPERB CUISINE - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
• SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: A city tour of Hong Kong viewing the Cross Harbor Tunnel to the colorful Wan Chai District - the famous Suzie Wong area, heading to the top of Victoria
• PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST/GUIDE - Assistance of a professional Tour Host/guide for the entire length of the tour
• DELUXE MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
• BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
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**Day 1 - Depart USA**
Depart the USA for Bangkok, Thailand. Meals and refreshments served in-flight.

**Day 2 - Arrival in Bangkok**
Welcome to the exotic country of Thailand – commonly referred to as the “Land of Smiles.” At Bangkok airport you will be warmly welcomed and escorted to your hotel. The rest of the day will be spent at leisure. Bangkok has a variety of attractions including more than 400 glittering Buddhist temples, magnificent palaces and much more.

**Day 3 - Bangkok**
Today you will take a tour of the great sights of Bangkok. Begin at the Grand Palace complex, which includes the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew) which is unquestionably one of the wonders of the world. Within its enormous grounds is anastic Buddhist temple and at the heart of the temple itself is an ornate Buddha image, carved from one piece of Jade, which is the holiest and most revered of religious objects in Thailand today. Nearby, tour the Grand Palace, once the official home for the Kings of Siam, built in traditional Thai architecture mixed with European designs. You will also see the Royal Funeral Hall and the Royal Coronation Hall. Lunch in a local restaurant and then continue your tour, by speed boat, along the bustling Chao Phraya River, commonly called the “River of Kings.” Observe the authentic lifestyles of Thai people who live along the “klongs,” or canals. You will visit Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn), sitting majestically on the Thonburi side of the Chao Phraya River it is one of the most striking riverside landmarks of Thailand. This evening you will enjoy dinner while being entertained by a mystical and authentic Thai dance where the dancers perform stories from classic Thai literature and folklore. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 - Bangkok**
Depart early this morning for the colorful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market to see traditional Thai lifestyles dating back centuries. Your journey commences with a leisurely ride through salt fields and rice paddies overlooking Nakorn Pathom, the largest pagoda in Thailand, before arriving at the boat jetty. Here we will board long tail speedboats to take you to the market. The market consists of Thai-style canoes filled with colorful & succulent fruits, vegetable & meat products. They gently ply their way through the canal selling as they go. Then it’s off to the Rose Garden where lunch will be served in a restaurant overlooking the river. After lunch, you will be treated to a Thai Village entertainment show which includes cultural activities, a wedding ceremony, Thai dancing, an elephant show and much more. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your leisure in Bangkok. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 – Bangkok - Optional tour to Ayutthaya**
This is your day to explore at leisure or head out on an optional tour to Ayutthaya. The Unesco World Heritage site of Ayutthaya is a short 50 miles north of Bangkok. Ayutthaya was a thriving Siamese kingdom from 1350 until 1767, when it was conquered by the Burmese. Today, Ayutthaya is well known for its spectacular ruins and magnificent temples. Many of its temples are still intact, such as Wat Phra Sanphet, Wat Mongkhon Bophit, Wat Panangcherng and Wat Chai Mongkol, known for its large bronze statue of the Reclining Buddha. While touring, you will also see the summer palace of King Rama IV with its unique mixture of Thai, Chinese, and Gothic architecture. This palace gives you a glimpse into a time when Thailand was known as Siam. (B)

**Day 6 – Bangkok/Chiang Mai**
After breakfast, you transfer to the airport for a flight to the largest city in the north of Thailand, Chiang Mai. Nicknamed “The Rose of The North,” Chiang Mai is more than 700 years old. After check-in at our hotel, visit the Doi Suthep and Hmong Hill tribe villages, and then gaze upon Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Built in A.D. 1384, the Wat is 3,500 feet above sea level and is the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand. It contains a holy relic of Lord Buddha, who is flanked by the enormous mythological Nagas. A panoramic view of the city can be seen from here – a great photo opportunity! Later in the day, visit the Hmong Hill tribe village in Doi Pui. You will experience their lifestyles and see the Hmong tribesmen dressed in their colorful and traditional costumes. This evening is at leisure or you can follow our guide to walk around the famous night market. (B)

**Day 7 - Chiang Mai - Optional tour to Mae Ping Elephant Camp**
Day at leisure or take an optional tour to Mae Ping Elephant Camp. The tour begins with a visit to a beautiful orchid nursery and butterfly farm in the Mae Sa district. Afterwards, travel through a hilly, wooded area to see “Elephants at Work” at the Mae Taman camp. Experience an elephant trek across the river and through the jungle! You will then board an Ox-cart for an authentic tour of the surrounding village and local lifestyle, lunch will be included. Your next adventure is bamboo rafting down a 5 km stretch of the Mae Taeng River, sure to be a memorable experience! Tonight, enjoy an optional tour experiencing a superb show of the Fon Lep (Fingers dance), Sword dance, and the Fon Thien (Candle dance). A special hill tribe show is performed by the Akha, Yao, Lahu, Meo, Lisaw and Karen Tribes. (B)

**Day 8 - Chiang Mai**
Today you have the chance to experience Chiang Mai at leisure. Stroll the local markets in search of silk treasures, local spices and the famed Thai tea, or take a Thai cooking class at one of the local cooking schools. Optional tours to nearby regions are also available; speak with us when booking to learn more! Tonight you will enjoy a farewell dinner, saying Goodbye to Thailand and your fellow travelers. You have the option to enjoy one final adventure to the famous night market of Chiang Mai – where a myriad of stalls and vendors sell local and authentic crafts. It’s a great last-minute gift shopping offer! (B,D)

**Day 9 - Chiang Mai to USA**
After breakfast you bid farewell to Thailand and depart for Chiang Mai Airport for your flight home. (B)

**OPTIONAL HONG KONG EXTENSION**

**Day 9 - Hong Kong**
Upon arrival we will have a city tour of Hong Kong viewing the Cross Harbor Tunnel to the colorful Wan Chai District - the famous Suzie Wong area, heading to the top of Victoria Peak for a spectacular view of the city and its harbor, and then stopping at Stanley Market for some exotic shopping. After checking into the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to experience this vibrant city. (B)

**Day 10 - Hong Kong**
Today enjoy a full day at leisure to shop or explore Hong Kong independently or head out on a full-day optional tour to Macau, known as the Las Vegas of the East. We drive from the hotel to the Macau Pier to board our boat bound for Macau, just 40 miles away and situated on the mainland of China. Upon arrival we will visit the 600 year-old Goddess of Mercy Temple, the historical Barrier Gate between Macau and China, the Ruins of Sao Paulo, San Ma Lo and more. Meals and drinks will be served onboard the flight. (B)

**Day 11 - Hong Kong to USA**
After breakfast we transfer to the airport for your flight home with memories of the east. Meals and drinks will be served onboard the flight. (B)