



Akha woman



Planting rice



Both internal flights are included.

HILL TRIBES OF THAILAND

12 DAYS + FROM \$4,299 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests or Travel Privately

Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + Visit the unusual Railway Track Market, where vendors and shoppers alike have to scramble fast to avoid passing trains – up to 8 times per day!
- + Join Chiang Mai residents for a moving daily ritual – providing food to monks walking silently through the street.
- + Spend time with rice farmers and tea plantation workers to experience Thailand's enduring agricultural traditions.
- + Join our chef in Bangkok to shop for and prepare a complete Thai luncheon.
- + Spend two nights in a fantastic floating villa on the River Kwai.

Established health protocols are observed at all times

OUR JOURNEY

See 2 UNESCO World Heritage sites

DAY 1 | *VIP Fast Track Arrival in Bangkok*

Our unique expedited service through immigration and customs will speed your transfer to the *Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn*.

DAY 2 | *Tour the Grand Palace*

Today's tour includes Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House and the famed Emerald Buddha. Continue to Wat Pho, a spectacular complex that's home to an enormous gilded reclining Buddha and finish at the Temple of Dawn. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 3 | *The art of Thai cuisine*

A private class at the famed Blue Elephant Cooking School includes a chef guided visit to the teeming Bang Rak Morning Market, tutoring on Thai cooking techniques and a hands-on class to prepare lunch. The afternoon is free. MEALS B+L

DAY 4 | *Depart Bangkok + remarkable markets + on to the River Kwai*

Leaving Bangkok, we'll stop at the Railway Track Market where vendors and shoppers scramble to avoid the passing trains! It's quite wild. We'll also visit the famous floating market at Damnoen Saduak. We'll ride the storied Death Railway through spectacular rocky gorges dug at the

cost of many POW lives in World War II before alighting at the Bridge over the River Kwai to take you to the nearby *Float House* for your own floating villa with a private river terrace. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 5 | *Tailor your stay + visit a Mon tribal village*

With our compliments, join one of the activities offered at the resort. **MEALS B+D**

DAY 6 | *Ayutthaya + fly to Chiang Rai*

After breakfast, you'll embark on a scenic drive to Ayutthaya 🏰, Siam's capital until 1767. Vast ruins suggest the splendor of this ancient kingdom. We'll fly from Bangkok to Chiang Rai and check-in to the *Legend Chiang Rai Resort*. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 7 | *Plantations + Villages + Temples*

With views of Thailand's northern mountains, visit an Oolong tea plantation and two hill tribes, the Akha and Yao. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 8 | *Hill tribes of the Golden Triangle*

You'll visit Lanjia, a community-based lodge on a mountain ridge outside Chiang Rai to learn about the Golden Triangle and its diverse tribes, even meeting a shaman. We'll visit the Mae Sai Border Market before returning to Chiang Rai. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 9 | *Onward to Chiang Mai*

Drive through mountain villages to the Chiang Dao National Park where a ranger will guide us through its famous caverns before meeting members of the Palong tribe. You'll continue on for your stay at the *U Chiang Mai Hotel*. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 10 | *In and around Chiang Mai*

Join locals to make food offerings to young saffron-robed monks before spending time with rice farmers and an al fresco lunch. We'll visit a White Hmong village to see how opium cultivation has been replaced. Sunset is at the Doi Suthep Temple atop a 3,500 foot hill offering views of all the surrounding valleys, accompanied by the chanting of the resident monks. It's magical. **MEALS B+L**


DAY 11 | *Elephant Nature Park*

A morning visit to this elephant sanctuary highly respected for its care of these orphaned animals. The afternoon is free before our farewell dinner. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 12 | *Fly to Bangkok*

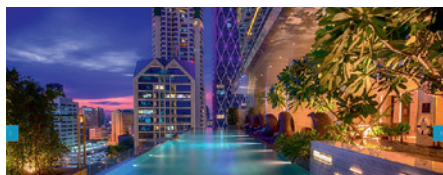
Fly to Bangkok and connect to your onward flight home. **MEALS B**

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ANGKOR WAT



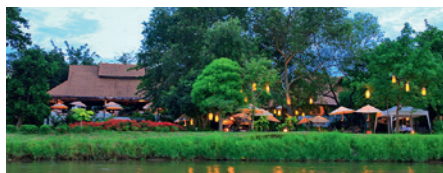
With all on-tour flights and transportation, deluxe hotel accommodations, extensive guided touring of the temples of Angkor, and an excursion on Tonle Sap Lake. 4 days.

Our Outstanding Hotels + Resorts



BANGKOK - EASTIN GRAND HOTEL SATHORN

In a lively city district near the Chao Phraya River, our deluxe hotel is the perfect base for exploring the capital.



CHIANG RAI - LEGEND CHIANG RAI

Overlooking the Mae Kok River not far from the heart of the city, our fashionable resort offers views of the countryside and nearby mountains.



KANCHANABURI - FLOAT HOUSE RIVER KWAI

Your unique floating villa is set on the River Kwai, crafted of teak and bamboo and decorated in Thai fashion.



CHIANG MAI - U CHIANG MAI HOTEL

Our boutique style hotel has 41 chic rooms, each with a private terrace and daybed... The perfect place to relax after your sightseeing.

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OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY **Value**

- + Extensive sightseeing with never more than 16 guests including all entry fees
- + 25 meals: 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 6 dinners with local beer at lunch and dinner
- + 11 nights in our first class and deluxe hotels and resorts
- + All on-tour transportation and transfers including two internal flights
- + All luggage handling, hotel taxes and fees
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Trip Leader
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

2022 Rates LAND ONLY PER PERSON

Never More than 16 Guests

Guaranteed Departures

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan 17, Feb 7, 21, Mar 14		
Oct 31 - Lantern Festival		
Nov 16, Dec 5	\$4,799	\$1,000

Travel Privately Any Day

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan - Apr	\$5,899	\$1,000

Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking

Go on a Custom Journey

From mountain to city and sea, we can tailor a journey anywhere across Thailand.

Loy Krathong Lantern Festival Oct 31, 2022



Join Chiang Mai residents and release your own candle-lit lantern into the autumn sky.