



## Hidden Treasure of Thailand - r9d

Trip summary	9 days / 8 night Bangkok, Khaosok Surat Thani and Chiang mai
Getting there	Tour starts Bangkok and end at Chiang Mai
In-country support	International support staff, local guide, bilingual Thai/English translator, visitor's handbook
What's included	Transfers during the tour, accommodation, activities and meals as stated in the program
Availability	All year round

*Explore the hidden of Thailand Bangkok, Surat Thani and Chiang Mai, experience the traditional way of life by participating in the local Thai in different regions, joy and learn the different cultures with your local communities.*

### Day 1 Bangkok Arrival (D)

Arrive to Suvarnabhumi/Don Muang Airport (arrival time # TBA).

Your local guide will ready to meet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel by private air-conditioned vehicle.

Balance of the day at leisure until 6 pm, you will experience local public transportation to YAO WA RAT street where is the heaven of street food for Bangkokians in China Town Bangkok area. We will walk to main attractions in China Town. Then you to have Thai-Chinese style foods as Bangkokian picked tasty dishes including dessert.

Afterwards, we will take TUK-TUK to hidden place in the China Town area that you can get stunning Riverview of Bangkok. Here you can enjoy a drink before return to hotel.

*Overnight at Prime Hotel Bangkok*

### Day 2 Bangkok Hidden Tour (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, you will be pick up at your hotel and walk to railway station. You will discover the classic way of life on the local train (hard seated) and facing to the scenic view along the way. AT Mahasawat canal's pier, The canal tour is now begins. You will be taken on a local boat along the canal to the attractions that start from **Lotus Farm** or Water Lilly Farm, you can pick lotus flower by yourself and then local guide will teach you how to fold lotus flowers. Continue ride to learn how to cook **Rice Crackers** and try the best local snack here and have lunch at Local Restaurant.

After lunch we continue our journey taking a local boat to visit an **Organic Fruit Farm**. Taking a Local Tractor we will ride into the fruit orchards where fruit is organically grown and free from pesticides and other chemicals and enjoy a tasting fruit is in season. Then return to your hotel by private vehicle.

### Day 3 Night Train to Surat Thani (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, check out from and deposit the luggage at the hotel.

Your guide will pick up and lead by public transport to **Grand Palace** where situated of **the Emerald Buddha temple**. The place where Thai people can meet the King and Royal family in many royal ceremonies and the greatest Thai Fine Art gallery including architecture, sculpture, mural painting, other decorations that continued maintenance along more than 200 years. Then **visit to Wat Pho**, the first university of Thai wisdom. Besides the

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most well-known **Reclining Buddha**, Wat Pho also the place of showing Thai wisdom collection such as Thai Massage and Thai medicine.

Lunch will be served at local restaurant.

After lunch you will be led by public transportation to **Wat Saket**, popularly known as the **Golden Mount** is a low hill crowned with a gleaming gold chedi. Within, the 58-metre chedi houses a Buddha relic and welcomes worshippers all year round to see the birds-eye view of Bangkok. Continue to walk to **Baan Bat or Monk's Bowl Village**, the small village with an age-old crafting the bowls from raw steel using only their hands and a hammer. There is a valuable offbeat path discovery of Bangkok. Then we will walk to the **Buddha Street**, in the center of old town.

Return to hotel in late afternoon by public transportation, get luggage and refreshing. Then your local guide will lead to Hua Lamphong railway station for the overnight train to Surat Thani.

(Express Train scheduled: Hua Lamphong 19.30 pm. – Surat Thani 07.06 am.)

#### Day 4 Nature Homestay Surat Thani (L,D)

Pick up at Surat Thani Train station transfer to Khaosok Lake village Meet your guide at the local village visit the house of Lung Samran, one of the village elders who makes handcrafts toys.

Depart by 3-wheel motorcycle a tour of Khao Pang Temple and Hanging Bridge, which was built for transporting the special Klong Saeng, Durian from the farms across the river.

Check in to your host family's house, leave your bags behind and go around their farm, picking different fruits and vegetables.

In the evening take a swim in the river to cool off, before returning to make a home-cooked meal with your host family

Dinner and overnight at homestay, simple and comfortable

#### Day 5 Khaosok Lake Bungalow (B,L,D)

Get up in the morning to have some breakfast

Plant a tree in your host family's garden to leave a reminder of your visit, Continue your adventure with a private tour on the lake.

Check in to the park and board a long tail boat with your guide, visit Gui Lin Scenic area for pictures and a swim Arrive at raft house for lunch

Go on a jungle hike where your guide will help you to spot khao Sok wildlife and plant species. This shorter trip will sometimes visit Bang Hoi waterfall, Diamond cave or one of the nature trails on the lake

Board your long tail boat and depart for an evening safari while the animals are finishing their daily routine.

*Dinner and overnight at raft house*

#### Day 6 Khaosok Lake Bungalow (B,L,D)

Breakfast at Raft house

Free time for swimming, kayaking, reading, etc.

Lunch at raft house

Today's hike will be the more difficult of the two, usually lasting 3-4 hours. Your guide will use this opportunity to show you what it's like in the world's oldest forest.

*Dinner and overnight at raft house*

#### Day 7 Lake departure to Chiang Mai (B,D)



Morning Mist Boat Safari: Catch the mist drifting along the water and jungle as you search for wildlife, breakfast at raft house, Free time for swimming or kayaking check out at 10.00am  
Transfer to Surat Thani airport for Chiang Mai flight 13.30 pm  
Arrival Chiang Mai transfer to your hotel, relax and evening walk around the town. In the evening transfer for dinner in with traditional Khan Tok Lanna, enjoy the classical Northern Thai dance.  
Overnight at hotel in Chiang Mai town

## Day 8 Chiang Mai Hike and Tree house (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel and then drive around 1 hour and stop at the local market for stock up your food and drink for the trek and then continue to our Chiang Dao drop off point. Here we will start the mornings relatively short trek to a waterfall where you can take a relax in the cool waters. The days trekking will continue with rest stops and we will have lunch at our final destination as Mae Mae Shan Village. You can spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying the views and chilling on the lofty veranda and enjoy the views of the thickly forested valley below.

Dinner will be prepared by the local villages, overnight at Tree House village

## Day 9 Departure (B,L)

Breakfast at homestay, after breakfast we will visit Mae Mae Village School. This small busy school teaches kiddies to a number of ethnic groups and villages in the area. Most children have to board at the school as their villages are simply too far away to make the daily commuted.

After the school visiting, we will commence 2 hours mornings trek, the trekking will continue downwards from the village following a small stream that flows down from the mountains to our pick up point where we will transfer to our lunch stop

After lunch, you will start biking follow a relatively flat route near the Ping River. The countryside here is made up mostly of farm communities and small villages and is the perfect site to experience how beautiful of Northern Thailand. Along the way, we will stop to visit Banden Temple.

End of the tour by transfer back to Chiang Mai.

Note: School visit available only the semester Mon-Fri.

### Inclusions:

- Private and public transportation as mentioned.
- Train ticket from Bangkok to Surat Thani.
- Accommodation as mentioned in the program.
- Private local English speaking guide.
- Meal plan as mentioned (B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner).
- Entrance fee and activities as mentioned.
- Mountain Bike and Helmet
- All taxes and service charge.
- Travel Insurance.

### Exclusions:

- Domestic and international flight.
- Any meals, transfers or tours that are not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Flight to Chiang Mai

### Please note...

- All accommodation is subject to availability upon the time of reservation making.

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