



Hidden Treasure of Thailand - r10c

Trip summary	10 days /9 night Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Khao Sok Surat Thani
Getting there	Tour starts Bangkok and end at Khao Sok Lake
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 in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Khao Sok and Lake, 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, your local guide will lead 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, experience **TUK-TUK riding** around to explore the colourful Bangkok by night. It including visit lively **Flower market, Wat Pho** (Reclining Buddha temple) at night with the beautiful lighting to chedi with stories of the King and rooftop bar where 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 collected by your guide and take the private minivan to the western side of Bangkok for an hour. Then we will reach Nakhon Pathom where is the garden of Bangkok. There are a lot of ingredients have produced or farmed from this area, especially the rice, fruits, and flowers.

At **Khlong Yong community**, they are the group of farmers who would like to be a change maker about organic rice farm. They have started to farm without chemical and also preserve the local folk rice as well. Here in the community, you will be visited at the rice paddies together with farmer guide by the local tractor. They will show you how the passionate of green hearth farmer growing the farm and how the process of rice which is the main dish of Thai people in every single meal. Then you will have a chance to visit the farmer house to see life and the wisdom tools of the farmer as well.

Then we will back to the community center to have lunch. You will try the specialty kind of organic rice from the farmer with delicious menus. Then you can join them to make the traditional Thai dessert which is the main ingredient from the rice.

After the full day journey in the village, we will be back to Bangkok by private vehicle.

Overnight at Prime Hotel Bangkok.

Day 3 Bangkok Classic (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

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maintenance along more than 200 years. Then visit to **Wat Pho**, the first university of Thai wisdom. Besides the 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 Chiang Mai**.

Overnight on train.

Day 4 Chiang Mai Arrival (B,-,D)

Pick up at Chiang Mai Train Station, then the guide will lead you to have the local breakfast before we drop you at hotel for early checking in. Refresh yourself till the afternoon.

In the afternoon, we will take you to do the heritage walks in the **old town of Chiang Mai** and including **Wat Phrathat Doi Sutep**, Overlooking Chiang Mai from its lofty perch, some 3,500 feet (1,053 meters) above sea level, the temple is best visited on days free of cloud or heat haze; the view of the city, and the Ping valley beyond, is breathtaking. From the car park across the road from the temple there are two ways of approaching this holy shrine: on foot, if you are fit enough to climb the 306 steps up an almost vertical Naga (serpent) staircase, or by the small cable car. Return to hotel in the evening.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight at Atpingnakorn Nimmanhaemin.

Day 5 Chiang Mai Bike and Hike Chiang Dao (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 6 Chiang Mai (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.

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

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.

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Overnight at Atpingnakorn Nimmanhaemin.

Day 7 Chiang Mai – Khaosok (B,-,D)

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Chiang Mai Airport.

(Recommend direct flight # AirAsia FD5420 - CNX 11:10 am → URT 13:00 pm)

Pick up at Surat Thani Airport transfer to **Khaosok National park** area and bask in the fairy-tale scenery of the vividly colored limestone mountains that rise sharply above the untouched forests. The jungle here is over 20 million years old, and is home to a vast variety of flora and fauna species, and a perfect place for an eco adventure and relaxation in beautiful nature and checking at **Khaosok Jungle Resort**.

In the afternoon, join a local community group for a canoe trip down a gentle river while floating by **towering limestone cliffs to take in the scenery**. Stop and enjoy a hot drink from a handmade bamboo cup with your local guides. Learn how your trip and these guides help to conserve this local environment.

Return to the jungle resort for the evening and enjoy dinner at the restaurant.

Overnight at jungle resort in Khao Sok; meals & Canoe included.

Day 8 Khaosok Lake Bungalow (B,L,D)

Enjoy a full breakfast and go on an overnight trip to **Cheow Lan 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 9 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 10 Departure (B)

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, end of service.

Optional : Transfer to Surat Thani airport, ferry pier to Koh Samui/ Krabi or Phuket.

Inclusions:

- Private and public transportation as mentioned.
- Train ticket from Bangkok to Chiang Mai.
- 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.

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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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