

## The Best of Thailand in Luxury *Sample Itinerary*\*

This incredible journey has it all – bustling Bangkok, the enchanting north, and breathtaking beaches in the south. You'll experience authentic Thailand in luxury with expert local guides - learn about the fascinating historical and cultural legacy, experience gentle elephants up close, savor mouth-watering cuisine, experience luxurious spa treatments, take in the breathtaking landscapes of the Golden Triangle, and regenerate on your private beach. This journey offers behind-the-scenes access to the very best of the past and present of this incredible region of the world.

- ✓ **Tour Duration**  
10 days
- ✓ **Tour Focus**  
Culture, Cuisine & Beaches
- ✓ **Destinations**  
Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai & Koh Samui

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# The Best of Thailand in Luxury Itinerary at a Glance\*



- DAY 1** ● **ARRIVE IN THAILAND**  
Arrive at Bangkok Airport. You'll be met by your representative and transfer to the hotel.
- DAY 2** ● **BANGKOK: CITY TOUR**  
Half-day city tour of the most important sights including the Royal Grand Palace and exquisite sacred temples.
- DAY 3** ● **BANGKOK: EXPLORE THE CANALS**  
Guided tour of the traditional canals of Bangkok.
- DAY 4** ● **CHIANG RAI: WHITE TEMPLE & COOKING LESSON**  
Fly to Chiang Rai. Settle in hotel and visit the White Temple followed by a Northern Thai cooking lesson.
- DAY 5** ● **CHIANG RAI: ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE**  
Spend your day interacting with majestic Asian elephants.
- DAY 6** ● **CHIANG MAI: BLUE & WHITE TEMPLES**  
Morning transfer to Chiang Mai and visit the Blue & White Temples enroute. Settle in at your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon.
- DAY 7** ● **CHIANG MAI: WAT UMONG & DOI SUTHEM EVENING TOUR**  
Enjoy the morning exploring Chiang Mai. This evening, you'll visit temples at sunset, view a traditional ceremony performed by monks.
- DAY 8** ● **KOH SAMUI: SETTLE IN & EXPLORE**  
Fly south to Koh Samui. Relax on the spectacular private beach, explore the resort and island.
- DAY 9** ● **KOH SAMUI: SAILING EXCURSION**  
Enjoy this breathtaking coast by sea on a private sailing excursion with visits to secluded beaches with a fresh lunch.
- DAY 10** ● **KOH SAMUI: SPA & RELAX**  
Enjoy the spa followed by time at the beach or pool.
- DAY 11** ● **DEPART FOR U.S.**  
After breakfast, private transfer to airport for flight to Bangkok and departure flight for the U.S.

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## Sample Detailed Itinerary\*



DAY 1

### ARRIVE IN THAILAND

Arrive at Bangkok Airport. You'll be met by your representative and transfer to our hotel. You'll settle in, begin exploring, and have dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 2

### BANGKOK: CITY TOUR

This morning you'll embark on a private guided tour of the city. You'll discover the city's most important sights, including the Royal Grand Palace, Wat Pho and Wat Traimit while learning about the royal heritage of this land. You'll see the sacred Buddha that is carved from solid jade. Your expert guide will bring history to life on this intriguing tour. You'll enjoy a traditional lunch before returning to your hotel for a free afternoon.



DAY 3

### BANGKOK: EXPLORE THE CANALS

This morning you'll depart on a fascinating tour of Bangkok's canals, or *Khlongs*, often referred to as the "Venice of the East". This scenic tour offers an opportunity to experience the peaceful atmosphere and to see a more traditional way of Thai life up close. The canals were used by locals for transportation, communication, and trade. You will drift past enchanting wooden homes on stilts, floating kitchens, Buddhist temples, and small family businesses.

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DAY 4

### CHIANG RAI: THE WHITE TEMPLE & TRADITIONAL THAI COOKING LESSON

This morning you'll fly to beautiful Chiang Rai, known for its verdant mountain landscapes of the Golden Triangle, on the border with Laos and Myanmar. You'll visit Wat Rong Khun, unique in Thailand this beautiful temple is completely white. This afternoon, you'll explore a local market, and enjoy a lesson in traditional Northern Thai cooking, followed by dinner.



DAY 5

### CHIANG RAI: ELEPHANT ENCOUNTER

Today you'll have an unforgettable experience with the gentle giants this region has become famous for. Asian elephants are truly breathtaking creatures - you can choose to walk with them through the forest, help out at bath time, or enjoying a picnic with these very special animals. The visit also includes a lesson on elephant biology, behavior and conservation efforts from those that live and work alongside these majestic creatures every day.



DAY 6

### CHIANG MAI: RELAX & EXPLORE

This morning we'll transfer to Chiang Mai. You'll settle in your hotel overlooking the green countryside and relax. Today will be free for you to explore Chiang Mai independently at your leisure or enjoy a massage or a spa treatment at your hotel.

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### CHIANG MAI: TOUR TEMPLES AT SUNSET

The morning is free to explore at your leisure. In the afternoon, you'll drive to Wat Umong temple in the late afternoon. Upon arrival, explore the underground tunnels and bask in the beauty of the temple. The next stop is Doi Suthep temple. At this ornate structure, reached by a 306-step staircase, enjoy a beautiful sunset that lights up the golden temple followed by spectacular views of Chiang Mai at night from the mountain. Join a traditional ceremony at the Golden Pagoda performed by the temple's monks.



DAY 8

### KOH SAMUI: ARRIVE, SETTLE IN & EXPLORE

Today you'll transfer to the airport and fly to Koh Samui. You'll be met by your local representative and transferred to your resort property, located on a private beach. You'll have the afternoon to explore this idyllic island with its white-powder sand beaches, rocky bays swaying palm trees and beautiful clear waters with coral reefs. You'll have a traditional dinner in Lamai Beach taking in the vibes of this cosmopolitan island.



DAY 9

### KOH SAMUI: SAILING EXCURSION

Today you'll embark on a sailing excursion to view this spectacular archipelago of more than 50 islands from the sea. Enjoy time on secluded beaches, have a delicious lunch overlooking the crystalline waters, and swim and snorkel in the pristine waters of these spectacular islands.

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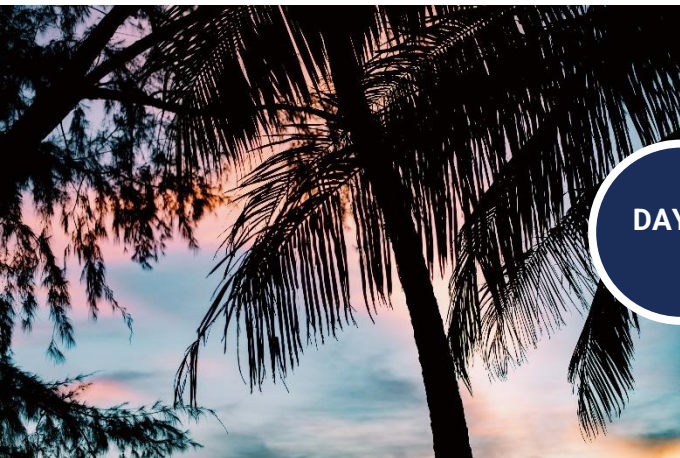
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DAY 10

### KOH SAMUI: RELAX & SPA DAY

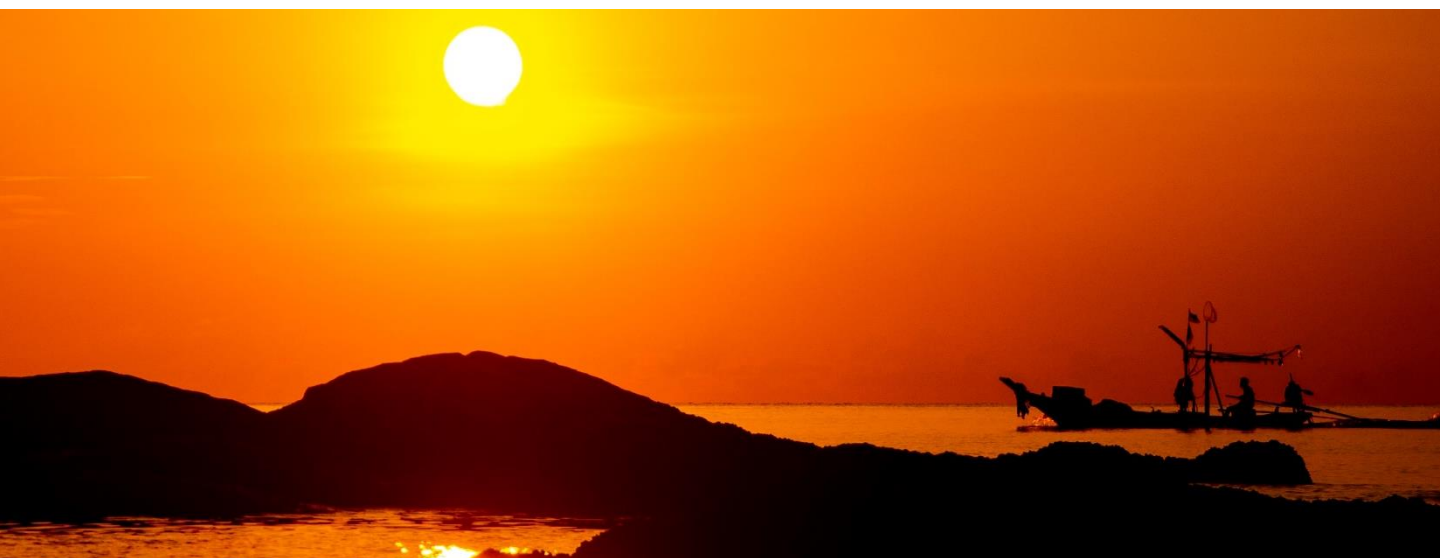
Today you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the resort amenities. You can relax at the pool or on the private beach, have a massage or treatment at the resort spa, and explore the multiple restaurants on property. You may also choose to enjoy the timeless feel of Bophut's Fisherman's Village or simply relax and enjoy some of the islands delectable fresh cuisine.



DAY 11

### DEPART FOR U.S.

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your return journey to Bangkok and then on to your flight back to the U.S.



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