



SAILING AND TREKKING ACROSS THAILAND



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SAILING AND TREKKING ACROSS THAILAND - WED MAY 15 - TUE MAY 28

At a Glance

Wed May 15, 2019	Flight to Phuket from SFO
Thu May 16, 2019	Phuket - Arrive Late Morning
Fri May 17, 2019	Patong Beach - Leisure Day
Sat May 18, 2019	Begin G-Adventures Sailing Journey Cruise Stops - Phuket/Phang Nga Bay
Sun May 19, 2019	Cruise Stops - Phang Nga Bay/Railay Beach
Mon May 20, 2019	Cruise Stops - Railay Beach/Koh Haa
Tue May 21, 2019	Cruise Stops - Koh Haa/Koh Phi Phi Flight from Phuket to Bangkok
Wed May 22, 2019	Bangkok - Ayutthaya Tour by Car & Boat
Thu May 23, 2019	Bangkok -Leisure Day
Fri May 24, 2019	Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai
Sat May 25, 2019	Chiang Mai - Countryside and Mae Kampong Village Tour
Sun May 26, 2019	Chiang Mai - Leisure Day
Mon May 27, 2019	Chiang Mai - Leisure Day Surprise Farewell Event
Tue May 28, 2019	Flight From Chiang Mai to San Francisco
Wed May 29, 2019	San Francisco - Return Late Evening

Hotels

Location	Hotel and Room Type
Phuket	Burasari Phuket <i>Elite Collection</i>
Bangkok	Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit <i>Superior</i>
Chiangmai	Tamarind Village <i>Lanna</i>

Fare Structure

Your Inclusive Full Fare	\$3,898
Deposit Upon Trip Registration	\$950
Final Payment Due January 9, 2019	\$2,948

Included With Your Fare

- International round-trip flights.
- Private transfers from airports to hotels.
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels as listed above.
- Chartered sailing catamaran with included activities.
- Sailing boat Captain, G-Adventures "CEO," and Captain's Assistant/Cook
- Welcome cocktail hour.
- 2 full-day tours with English speaking guides.
- Thai massage.
- Meals according to itinerary.
 - 13 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- Domestic flight tickets as mentioned in the itinerary.
 - Flight from Phuket to Bangkok
 - Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai
- International and domestic airport taxes.
- Ferry service from Phi Phi to Phuket.
- Emergency medical up to \$25,000 primary, emergency medical transportation up to \$500,000
- Tips and gratuities.

Terms and Conditions

- Fares are per person based on double occupancy.
- Deposit of \$950.00 is due 7 days from reservation confirmation.
- Final payment due on January 9, 2019

Cancellation Policy:

October 15, 2018	\$950.00 per person
January 16, 2019	50% of full fare
February 15, 2019	100% of full fare

A U.S. passport, valid at least six months beyond your last travel date is required. Non - U.S. citizens may have additional requirements. It is the traveler's responsibility to have the proper travel documentation.

Travel Insurance: Even the most carefully planned trip can be complicated by unforeseen events. Whether it's lost luggage, cancelled flights, or a medical emergency, an unexpected mishap can turn a relaxing vacation into a taxing experience. Travel Insurance is designed to keep your losses to a minimum. Cruises & Beyond's goal is to save you money, safeguard your journey, and make your vacation memorable for all of the right reasons. Thus, we highly recommend the purchase of Travel Insurance. Ask us about which policy best fits your circumstances.

**WED
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FLIGHT TO: HKG Hong Kong International Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT #

**Cathay Pacific
CX851**

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[Baggage Policy](#)

DEPARTURE

1:00 AM

Wed May 15,
2019

SFO: San
Francisco
International Airport

ARRIVAL

6:40 AM

Thu May 16, 2019

HKG: Hong Kong
International Airport

**THU
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16**

FLIGHT TO: HKT Phuket International Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT #

**Dragonair
KA212**

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[Baggage Policy](#)

DEPARTURE

8:40 AM

Thu May 16,
2019

HKG: Hong Kong
International Airport

ARRIVAL

11:10 AM

Thu May 16, 2019

HKT: Phuket
International Airport

TRANSFER

CONTACT

**Transfer to Burasari
Resort Patong**

START

12:30 PM

Thu May 16,
2019

Phuket
International
Airport

FINISH

2:00 PM

Thu May 16,
2019

Burasari Resort
Patong

ACCOMMODATIONS



NAME & ADDRESS

Burasari Resort
Patong
18/110 Ruamjai Road
Kathu, 83150

CHECK-IN

3:00 PM
Thu May 16,
2019

CHECK-OUT

12:00 PM
Sat May 18, 2019

NAME

ROOM TYPE

BEDDING

STATUS

MEMBERSHIP ID

Elite Collection

Confirmed

AMENITIES: Breakfast Included

BOOKING DETAILS

Burasari Phuket is where the good life gets better! Our serene boutique resort is located just 50 metres from Patong Beach, Phuket Island's liveliest oceanside district and one of Thailand's top holiday destinations. Relax in our smart, stylish rooms where luxury and comfort go hand in hand. Play in our gorgeous swimming pools. Lounge with friends in our swim up pool bar. Savor the island's best Thai and local cuisine and drinks. Check in to our award-winning Spa Burasari for rejuvenating treatments. And, enjoy our 'Feel At Home' welcome and warm, attentive service. We look forward to seeing you!



WELCOME COCKTAILS

ABOUT

Misty Bar

START

5:00 PM

Thu May 16,
2019

Misty Bar, Burasari
Resort Patong

FINISH

6:00 PM

Thu May 16,
2019

BOOKING DETAILS

A gathering place that is at once intimate and social, the Misty Bar is all about classic cocktails, good music and lively conversation. Soak in Misty's Bar's cerulean blue walls and hang out at the handsome, well-provisioned bar with craft beers on tap and a stellar wine list will keep your thirst quenched and your spirits soaring. Nosh on a delightful tapas and bistro menu, hang out in a cozy nook and spend cocktail hour among friends.

Dining and Drinking

Apart from being one of the world's leading rice growers, Thailand is blessed with an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables; rarely does one see either canned or frozen ingredients being used in Thai cuisine. Phuket is famous for the crabs, oysters, prawns, lobster, squid and variety of fish that are caught daily from the surrounding waters of the Andaman Sea.

Part of the fun of traveling is to experience the local delicacies and methods of preparation. In Phuket, a typical breakfast dish is Khanom Chin —Thai rice noodles with a curry soup made from minced fish or shrimp. Fried noodles such as Mi Hokkien with fresh shrimp, pork, shellfish and green cabbage are very traditional, as are Mi Sapam with seafood and gravy or and Kaeng Luang —sour curry with fish.

Some of the best dining locations to be found on the island are in Phuket Town, Chalong Bay and

Patong Beach.

Phuket Town

Fortuna Pavilion, at the Metropole Hotel, offers a delicious dim sum selection for lunch and one of the best Chinese a la carte selections. Their Metropole Cafe also provides a hugely popular lunch buffet comprising a vast array of Thai dishes prepared in the manner of the many regions of Thailand. In the evening, you will not be disappointed with the delicious offerings at the atmospheric and popular Ka Jok See. Or, try Shintaro, which is, in all probability, the area's least expensive Japanese restaurant and offers alfresco dining. If you are after something more European, La Gaetana offers tasty Italian fare.

Chalong Bay, Rawai Beach & Nai Harn

Some of the island's best seafood is to be found in this area and many people head for Kan Eang's, which is known for outstanding fish dishes. Klaus and Mouse has a large following of German patrons and the Regatta Restaurant at The Royal Meridien Yacht Club on Nai Harn Beach is a must for celebrations and special occasions. The informal Don's Café at Rawai Beach is said to serve the island's best spareribs, their unique flavor coming from the mesquite wood burnt amongst the charcoals on the barbecue. Also at Rawai Beach, a number of eateries offer seating on mats at the water's edge and serve such simple dishes as grilled chicken or the catch of the day.

Kata

Kata offers a number of eating opportunities, including the upmarket Mom Tri's Boathouse Wine and Grill and the less formal Gung Cafe.

Karon Beach

Along the beach strip from Kata, there are some excellent restaurants and lively open-air bars, including Sala Tha and On the Rock where you can sit and enjoy a stunning sunset over the water.

Patong Beach

Where you choose to dine here is really a question of what type of cuisine or ambience you prefer on any particular night. Among the mass of restaurants are Sam's, said by many to be the island's best steak house, Otowa and Rengaya, two excellent Japanese outlets, and Da Maurizio, a great Italian restaurant. A new kid on the block is It's Alive! with an innovative seafood menu. For a fusion of East meets West, there is Sala Bua, which also boasts a romantic ocean-side setting. Baan Rim Pa offers traditional Thai cuisine while the Royal Kitchen serves Cantonese food. The Viking Grill Garden offers a Scandinavian family buffet and Le Galion is a creperie with an interior that many say is the most interesting on the island.

Interesting pubs in the area include the Safari Club & Disco and Molly Malone's Irish Pub.

Kamala & Surin Beaches

For a memorable dining experience, a visit to FantaSea, the ultimate cultural theme park, includes the hugely popular Golden Kinnaree buffet that seats up to 4000 people. Other popular establishments include the Toto Restaurant and Old Siam Nakalay, which serves traditional Thai cuisine in an authentic, tropical garden setting.

Whichever restaurant you choose to eat in or watering hole to drink in, mealtime in Phuket is an unforgettable experience. Balmy sea breezes are conducive to outdoor dining, and there is nothing more pleasant than savoring a delicious meal, complemented by a good wine, augmented by pacific sea views or lush tropical gardens.

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ACTIVITY

ABOUT

Leisure Day in Patong

START

Fri May 17, 2019

FINISH

BOOKING DETAILS

Explore the town of Patong at your own pace.

SAT
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TRANSFER

CONTACT

Transfer from
Burasari Resort
Patong to Pier

START

2:00 PM
Sat May 18, 2019
Burasari Resort
Patong

FINISH

3:00 PM
Sat May 18, 2019
The Yacht Haven
Marina

BOOKING DETAILS

Special note: Meet at "The Living Room" restaurant at The Yacht Haven Marina at 3pm



CRUISE

CRUISE NAME	SAIL	DISEMBARK
Sailing Thailand - Phuket to Koh Phi Phi G Adventures	3:00 PM Sat May 18, 2019 Phuket	12:00 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Koh Phi Phi

DURATION	CATEGORY	CABIN
3 Days		

CRUISE STOP	ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE
Phang Nga Bay/Railay Beach	Sun May 19, 2019	
Railay Beach/Koh Haa	Mon May 20, 2019	
Koh Haa/Koh Phi Phi	Tue May 21, 2019	

BOOKING DETAILS

Thailand is a pretty popular place, which is a polite way of saying it can get a little crowded. Our catamaran sailing program is the best of its kind in Thailand, and offers a great way to intimately explore secluded bays and out-of-the-way islands far away from the madding crowds.

Capacity:
16 passengers.

Cabins:
2 deluxe cabins with panoramic view, 6 double/twin cabins, all with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning. All cabins have their own portholes.

Boat layout:
Our 82 foot sailing catamaran is equipped with two deluxe cabins on the main deck, offering panoramic views, and six standard double/twin cabins below deck. There is an on-board kitchenette, interior and exterior common areas for dining and relaxing, and plenty of outside deck space, including mats which can be used for sleeping under the stars.

Crew:

This sailing adventure is staffed by a qualified skipper, a local cook/first mate and a G Adventures CEO. Your on-board team knows the Thai Islands extremely well and are passionate about sharing their hidden secrets with their "crew". Our Cook is also very welcoming and more than happy to give informal Thai cooking classes while your delicious meals are being prepared in the ship's galley.



G-ADVENTURES

PORT

Phuket/Phang Nga Bay

ARRIVE

Sat May 18, 2019
Phuket

DEPART

Phang Nga Bay

BOOKING DETAILS

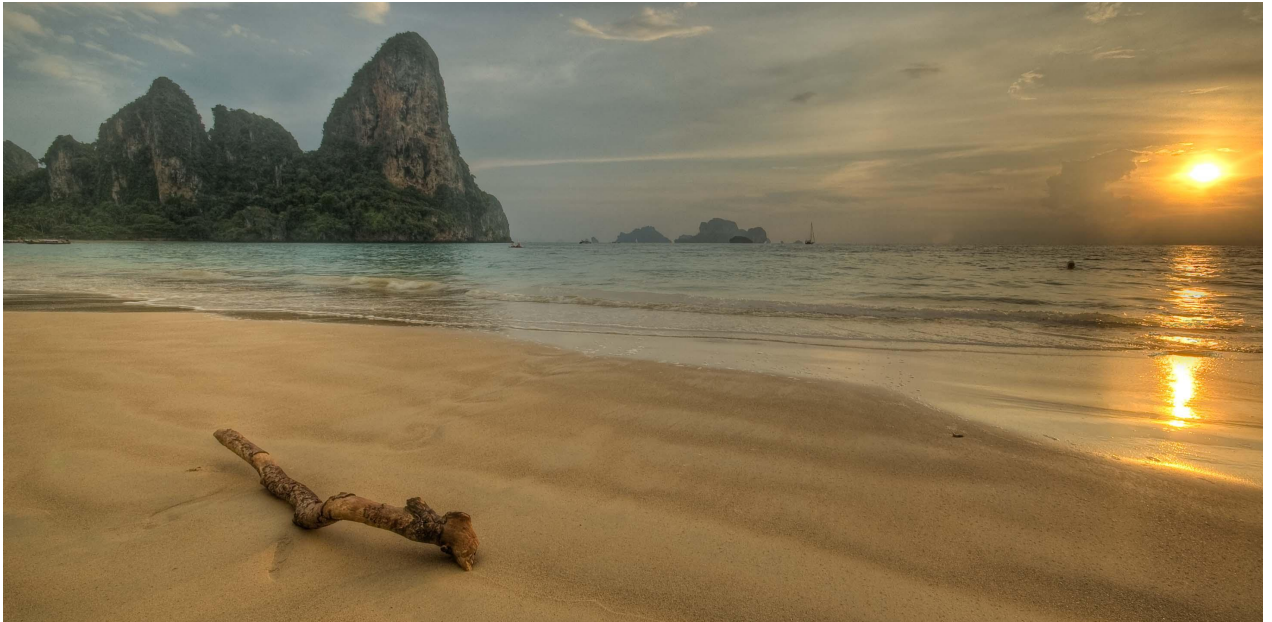
Meet in Phuket in the early afternoon. Enjoy sailing and stopping for a swim before an overnight stay in a remote location.

In the afternoon, sail towards the Northern Phuket Islands. Choose to go on a dinghy exploration, relax on the deck, or enjoy an evening swim under the stars.

Dinner included.



SUN
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G-ADVENTURES

PORT

Phang Nga Bay/Railay Beach

ARRIVE

Sun May 19, 2019

DEPART

BOOKING DETAILS

Visit Khao Phing Kan – popularly known as "James Bond Island." Afterwards, set sail for idyllic Railay Beach. Enjoy free time and opt for dinner in Railay.

Set sail through the emerald waters to James Bond Island, made famous as the setting for "The Man with the Golden Gun". Afterwards, travel to Railay beach and opt to climb to the stunning local view point, kick back and enjoy a massage, visit the Shrine of the Sea Princess, or explore the town.

In the evening, anchor amongst the limestone island scenery, enjoy an optional local dinner, and get a taste of Railay's nightlife.

Breakfast and Lunch included.

MON
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G-ADVENTURES

PORT

Railay Beach/Koh Haa

ARRIVE

Mon May 20, 2019
Koh Haa

DEPART

BOOKING DETAILS

Anchor up early in the morning and sail towards Koh Haa.

Depart for Koh Haa, part of a national park, early in the morning and enjoy time in this pristine location.

If time allows, stop at Koh Maa en route for some snorkelling. Enjoy an included overnight at Koh Haa.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

TUE
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G-ADVENTURES

PORT

Koh Haa/Koh Phi Phi

ARRIVE

Tue May 21, 2019

DEPART

BOOKING DETAILS

Set sail, go snorkelling at Monkey Bay, and check out its world-famous cliffs. The tour ends on arrival at Ton Sai Bay on Kho Phi Phi.

Start early towards Koh Phi Phi, one of the most beautiful island groups in Thailand.

Disembark the catamaran in Koh Phi Phi in the late morning.

Breakfast included.



FERRY

COMPANY	START	FINISH
Phi Phi to Phuket Ferry	2:30 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Phi Phi Tonsai Pier	4:30 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Phuket Rassada Pier

TRANSFER

CONTACT	START	FINISH
Transfer to Phuket International Airport	4:45 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Phuket Rassada Pier	5:30 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Phuket International Airport

FLIGHT TO: BKK Suvarnabhumi Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Thai Airways International TG222 Web Check-In Baggage Policy	8:35 PM Tue May 21, 2019 HKT: Phuket International Airport	10:00 PM Tue May 21, 2019 BKK: Suvarnabhumi Airport

TRANSFER

CONTACT	START	FINISH
Transfer from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit	10:20 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Suvarnabhumi Airport	10:45 PM Tue May 21, 2019 Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit

ACCOMMODATIONS



NAME & ADDRESS	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit 566 Ploenchit Road Bangkok, 10330	3:00 PM Tue May 21, 2019	11:00 AM Fri May 24, 2019

NAME	ROOM TYPE	BEDDING	STATUS	MEMBERSHIP ID
	Superior Room		Confirmed	

AMENITIES: Breakfast Included

BOOKING DETAILS

Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit, a conveniently located Bangkok City Hotel, near BTS SkyTrain – Ploenchit Station offering easy access to Bangkok's attractions and shopping malls including Siam, Silom and Sukhumvit.

Find your dream hotel in Bangkok at Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit, the best 4-star hotel in Bangkok. Enjoy comfortable accommodation, with modern facilities at truly great value rates making your next vacation in Bangkok an even more enjoyable trip. Book direct with our hotel and take advantage of our Bangkok hotel deals available all year round.

Dining and Drinking

Thai cuisine has spread across the globe in the past three decades at an unprecedented speed. The reason is not hard to fathom -- the food is absolutely delicious. There are two types of Thai cooking: royal Thai cuisine and "common" fare. The former is traditionally served to royalty, and usually garnished with exquisitely carved fruits and vegetables. "Common" Thai food is what

Thais eat every day. Each of the four regions in Thailand has a distinct cuisine, but unless you are dining in a restaurant specializing in regional cooking, you are likely to find a blend of cuisines on most menus.

In the central region, the food is known for being hot, salty, sweet and sour. Dishes such as nam phrik (dips) and soups served with boiled rice are standard fare. In the northeastern region, sticky rice is the staple accompaniment to such popular dishes as som tam (green papaya salad), gai yang (barbecued chicken) and laap (salads of meat and fresh herbs). Much of the street food in Bangkok is from the northeast, due to the large number of vendors coming from the region. Food from the north tends to be mild, salty and sour, but not sweet. Fermented sour pork sausages (you can see them being barbecued on the street) are a favorite. In the south, fish and sour curries (without coconut milk) are the normal diet.

Phra Nakorn

There are plenty of restaurants in this district where you will find the best in Thai cuisine. Phranakorn Bar & Gallery has a popular rooftop bar where the drinks are reasonably-priced. Be sure to try an authentic Thai whiskey and enjoy the local, contemporary music playing in the background. The restaurant Thiptara built on the Chao Praya River has been made to resemble a traditional Thai compound. Rim Nam Terrace can be found within the Royal River Hotel, and serves local Thai cuisine in a modern dining room. The tiny and ancient Chote Chitr has been turning out court style food for over 90 years while the Brick Bar serves up beer and satisfying Thai snacks.

Thonburi

On the other hand, if it is international cuisine you are hungry for, Bangkok will satisfy you all the same. From Indian to Greek, Middle Eastern and Latin — name your cuisine and somewhere there will be a waiter ready with an appropriate menu. Sample Pacific Rim offerings at Jesters or riverfront Supatra House. Enjoy Cantonese favorites at Mei Jiang. Trader Vics Polynesian bar in Bangkok is always ready to welcome the wayfaring traveler.

Sathorn/Silom/Bangrak

If you're in the mood for fresh seafood, try Harmonique, where the menu is Thai and the main ingredient is fish. Good places to start your Thai culinary adventure include Baan Khanitha, where the food is a favorite of locals and visitors alike. Large hotels usually have excellent Thai restaurants, among them the Celadon. While European restaurants are relatively new on the scene, there has been a recent boom in Italian cuisine, with oldies such as Angelini's attracting huge crowds. Several French restaurants have also opened to rave reviews, one of the best is Le Café Siam. Coffee is enjoying a boom in Bangkok, and although Starbucks may now be everywhere, other chains like Au Bon Pain are springing up with great success.

Then there are the "international" restaurants serving Asian and Italian-inspired dishes, but which refuse to be easily pigeonholed: Eat Me and Indigo are just two that defy labels. Bangkok's pubs and bars are up there with the best, although it is worth noting that steep taxes on wine push even basic table vino into the expensive bracket. At its very core, Bangkok is a beer-and-whiskey town. In many establishments you can order a bottle of whiskey which will be kept for your next visit. There are a number of micro-breweries to keep ale lovers happy and plenty of bars for spirit sippers, such as the more upmarket Barbican.

Pathumwan

Then there are the pubs where live bands play popular Thai songs and, at some stage in the evening, the ubiquitous Hotel California. Henry J Bean's is just such a pub. Note that pubs and bars in Bangkok serve delectable food, making an evening of bar-hopping a fine way to pass the time. Try the area around Phra Arthit Road or Narathiwat Soi 15.

Bangkok is dotted with literally hundreds of eateries and nightspots. Do not be afraid to be

adventurous because it is difficult to find a bad meal in the "City of Angels." In fact, dining and drinking will most likely become one of the highlights of your trip here.

**WED
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22**



TOUR

ABOUT

**Ayutthaya Tour by Car
& Boat**

START

7:30 AM

Wed May 22,
2019

FINISH

5:30 PM

Wed May 22,
2019

BOOKING DETAILS

In the morning, leave Bangkok for Ayutthaya, the ancient Siamese capital. Today, Ayutthaya hosts some of Thailand's most important historical landmarks and is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. The magnitude and number of the ancient temple ruins speaks of the former greatness of the city. You will visit some of the most interesting temples and nearby Bang-Pa-In. The Bang-Pa-In Summer Palace of King Rama V consists of buildings in Gothic, Renaissance, Chinese and Thai architecture. Cruise back to Bangkok along the Chao Phraya River aboard a river cruiser. En route you can observe the scenic river life as you enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

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ACTIVITY

ABOUT

Leisure Day in
Bangkok

START

Thu May 23,
2019

FINISH

BOOKING DETAILS

Explore the city of Bangkok at your own pace.

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TRANSFER

CONTACT

Transfer from
Novotel Bangkok
Ploenchit Sukhumvit
to Suvarnabhumi
Airport

PICK-UP

11:00 AM
Fri May 24, 2019
Novotel Bangkok
Ploenchit
Sukhumvit

DROP-OFF

11:30 AM
Fri May 24, 2019
Suvarnabhumi
Airport

FLIGHT TO: CNX Chiang Mai International Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Thai Airways International TG110 Web Check-In Baggage Policy	1:10 PM Fri May 24, 2019 BKK: Suvarnabhumi Airport	2:20 PM Fri May 24, 2019 CNX: Chiang Mai International Airport

TRANSFER

CONTACT	START	FINISH
Transfer from Chiang Mai International Airport to Yaang Come Village	2:45 PM Fri May 24, 2019 Chiang Mai International Airport	3:00 PM Fri May 24, 2019 Yaang Come Village

ACCOMMODATIONS



NAME & ADDRESS	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
Tamarind Village 50/1 Rajdamnoen Rd., Sri Phom, Muang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai 50200 Phone: 66-53-418896 Website	3:00 PM Fri May 24, 2019	12:00 PM Tue May 28, 2019

NAME	ROOM TYPE	BEDDING	STATUS	MEMBERSHIP ID
	Lanna Room		Confirmed	
AMENITIES: Breakfast Included				

BOOKING DETAILS

Tamarind Village is a unique and charming boutique property that nestles in the heart of historic Chiang Mai. Surrounded by ancient temples and quaint shopping streets, it takes its name from the magnificent 200 year old tamarind tree that shelters the hotel in a shady embrace. Set around a series of garden courtyards, the 41 guest rooms and 5 suites reflect the rich ethnic diversity of northern Thailand by using fabrics and patterns drawn from various tribes of the region. Intimate, serene and relaxing, Tamarind Village is an oasis of calm and tranquility, the perfect base for exploring Chiang Mai and beyond.

**SAT
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Dining and Drinking

Northern Thailand is the home to one of the world's finest cuisines, as can be seen by the number of Thai restaurants that have sprung up around the world in the last few years. One of the best ways to experience Chiang Mai's culinary delights is to sample some of the many different dishes

that can be found in this 'Rose of the North'. Even the most fastidious of gastronomes will find satisfaction here!

The Thai people's imagination shines through in their preparation and presentation of food, and tourists soon discover that dining in Chiang Mai is a special delight. As is often the case in Thailand, some of the tastiest meals prove to be some of the most affordable and these can be found in the city's many food stalls. However, for service, decor and topnotch cuisine, Chiang Mai also offers a variety to choose from.

Old City

One of the best ways to experience the region's culture and cuisine is to attend a khantoke dinner, a traditional northern Thai way of extending hospitality. The name originates from the small round table made of lacquered wood or bamboo that is used on these occasions. Guests are garlanded with flowers called phuang mali and are entertained with dance performances during the meal. Traditional dishes normally served at these events include kaeng haeng le, a delicious curried pork, Burmese style; nam phrik ong, a spicy dip of ground pork and tomatoes; kaeng khae kai, a chicken and vegetable curry; and khao niao, glutinous rice, the staple cereal of Chiang Mai. You can experience a khantoke dinner at the following places—Nakorn Lanna 1296, The Old Chiang Mai Cultural Center and Kantoke Palace.

Chiang Mai abounds in vegetarian food. If you are in the old city, try AUM Vegetarian Restaurant, where the specialty is khao soy, a coconut curry with crisp noodles and a north Thailand favorite. Equally recommended is the very inexpensive Chiang Mai Vegetarian Society, which is open for breakfast and lunch and serves some tasty cuisine, buffet style. Quite near to the Night Bazaar, and a bit more upscale, is the Whole Earth Restaurant which provides a relaxed ambience in a beautiful garden setting.

Mae Ping River

For some wonderful traditional Thai food, try Kanjana, The Wok, Huen Phen, Ratana's Kitchen or Antique House. For the more adventurous gourmet, Aroon Rai stocks three kinds of fried insect dishes, all northern delicacies: Rot duan, a kind of caterpillar; meng muan, a woodborer; and ging gong, a type of cricket. For something unusual, experience dining amidst the rice paddies at The Rain Forest, about 10 kilometers south of the city. However, If you find yourself near the Night Bazaar, check out White Lotus or the Kalare Food and Shopping Center, which also provides live entertainment.

Many restaurants serve a mixture of Western food and traditional Thai fare, and some along the river also offer live music. Popular venues are The Riverside Bar and Restaurant, The Good View and La Brasserie. For a quiet, more romantic meal on the river, check out Tha Nam, or dine on the river by taking the Mae Ping River Cruise.

Nimmanhaeminda Road

For topnotch European cuisine, Chiang Mai is a great place. Classic Italian fare is served at da Stefano, Art Café, Pum Pui and Piccola Roma Palace. French favorites can be found at Chez John Restaurant and Chez Daniel. For a highly stimulating grande buffe, try Le Coq d'Or, which has been serving haute cuisine for more than 30 years. For German fare, make your way to Le Garage or German Hofbrauhaus. Sitting Bull offers a good steak in an American Old West setting. If you crave a pizza, head to La Villa, which boasts Chiang Mai's only authentic wood-fired oven for baking delicious pizzas and homemade focaccio. If it is a pint of beer you are after, you could do no better than go to the Red Lion English Pub and Restaurant or The Irish Pub, crowded on Thursday nights for the local pub quiz. Some of the best coffee can be found at JJ's Restaurant and Bakery, Fish 'n' Chip Shop, Cafe Chic and Libernard Café.

To experience many different foods all in one sitting, try some of the good-quality buffet-style luncheons, including Nang Nual Seafood, famous for fresh seafood, and two others located in hotels—Suriwongse Zenith and the Amari Rincome Hotel. For sushi, there is Irasshai Japanese

Restaurant or Yamato.

Another way to experience Thai cuisine is to cook it yourself! Traditional cooking courses are popular. They include an introduction to Thai ingredients, paste making and a tour of a local market. Most courses are offered for one to three days and include an easy-to-follow recipe book. You can learn to enjoy Thai cuisine through cooking with the Chiang Mai Thai Cookery School, Thai Kitchen Cookery School or Sompert Travel & Thai Cooking School. Whether you cook it yourself, dine by the river or have a drink in a pub, something enjoyable awaits you when you go dining and drinking in the 'Rose of the North'. Chok-dee, kab!



TOUR

ABOUT

**Countryside of Chiang
Mai and Mae
Kampong Village**

START

8:00 AM
Sat May 25, 2019

FINISH

5:00 PM
Sat May 25, 2019

BOOKING DETAILS

Depart for Mae Kampong village and drive through the picturesque countryside of Chiang Mai. En route a short stop is made at a local market to select some extra ingredients for your lunch. Continue to Mae Kampong village where you are met by villagers who will accompany you and your guide on a stroll through the community forest, passing tea and coffee fields. Return to the village and enjoy a simple lunch prepared by your local host. After lunch, relax with traditional Thai massage and take a walk around the village to see the processing of fermented tea leaves (depending on the season) and some locally hand-made products. Return to Chiang Mai in the late afternoon.

SUN
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ACTIVITY

ABOUT	START	FINISH
Leisure Day in Chiang Mai	Sun May 26, 2019	

BOOKING DETAILS

Explore the city of Chiang Mai at your own pace.

MON
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ACTIVITY

ABOUT

Leisure Day in Chiang
Mai

START

Mon May 27,
2019

FINISH

BOOKING DETAILS

Explore the city of Chiang Mai at your own pace.

ACTIVITY

ABOUT

Surprise Farewell
Event

START

6:30 PM
Mon May 27,
2019

FINISH

BOOKING DETAILS

Enjoy a special farewell event courtesy of Cruises & Beyond.

TUE
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TRANSFER

CONTACT

Transfer to Chiang
Mai International
Airport

START

12:00 PM

Tue May 28,
2019

Tamarind Village

FINISH

12:15 PM

Tue May 28,
2019

Chiang Mai
International
Airport

FLIGHT TO: HKG Hong Kong International Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT #

Dragonair
KA233

[Web Check-In](#)

[Baggage Policy](#)

DEPARTURE

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Tue May 28,
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AFAR City Guide - Bangkok, Thailand

OVERVIEW OF BANGKOK

Bangkok is the heart of Thailand, an intoxicating city where modern mega-malls filled with fashion-fixated locals exist mere minutes from tranquil, gold-spired temples and chaotic wet markets. Food—whether it's noodles from the famous street-food stalls or haute cuisine at a luxury restaurant—is a highlight for many visitors, fueling them for shopping sprees or forays into the pulsing nightlife. It may be hot, polluted, and sometimes frustrating, but the Thai capital is never boring.

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BANGKOK'S BUDDHIST HERITAGE



TEMPLE OF DAWN

Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn) is a Buddhist temple in Bangkok's Yai district. It is situated on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River. The temple is one of the best known Thai landmarks. The mosaics which cover the temple create a pearly sheen during sunrise and sunset. Ferries can be caught at the Tha Tien Pier across the river from Wat Arun every couple of minutes. Tha Tien Pier is located near the Grand Palace and Wat Po.



WAT BENCHAMABOPHIT, BANGKOK

I come often to this wat, also known as the Marble Temple. It was built by King Rama V in 1899. It's one of the loveliest in the city, but it's less crowded with tourists than wats farther south in Bangkok. —Tanongsak “Dtong” Yordwai Near corner of Thanon Sri Ayutthaya and Thanon Rama V. This appeared in the May /June 2010 issue. See all of Tanongsak “Dtong” Yordwai's favorite places in Dusit, Bangkok.



MONK'S BOWLS IN BANGKOK

In an obscure corner of Bangkok, alms bowls are still made by hand for Buddhist monks. Ban Bat, or Monk's Bowl Village, is believed to be the last community in Thailand where craftsmen still make alms bowls by hand. Travelers can visit the village, tucked away on Soi Baan Bat alley near Wat Saket. Each bowl is assembled from eight strips of metal that represent Buddha's Eightfold Path. Strips are fired for six hours, hammered into a curve, overlaid like spokes, and soldered together. The surface then gets polished and lacquered to a deep sheen. The Ban Bat village produces around 50 bowls a month. They range from three-inch souvenir sizes sold for about \$15 to nine-inch stainless steel bowls that cost more than \$65. Three common

shapes are jaan (a Thai fruit), manao (lime), and hua sara (tiger's head). —Jeff Hull This appeared in the May/June 2012 issue.

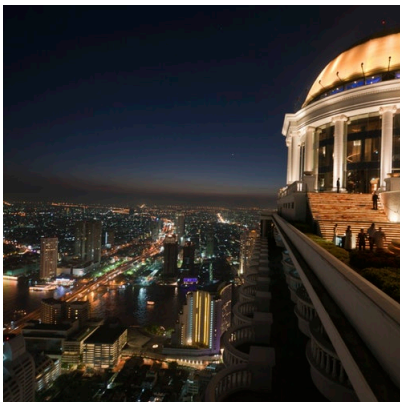
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BANGKOK'S BEST OUTDOOR SPOTS FOR A DRINK



BANGKOK FROM ON HIGH

The Banyan Hotel has several amazing places to catch a glimpse of the breadth of Bangkok. AFARer John Galante recommended the Moon Bar at the very top of the 61-story building. Unfortunately when I arrived there was a private event being held. The hotel recommended I enjoy the Latitude Lounge which didn't disappoint. The Thai whiskey and spicy edamame snacks I enjoyed were made unforgettable by near 360-degree views of the city. I came just before dusk, right in time to see the amazing transformation the city undergoes as the sun sets and the lights go on.



ROOFTOP BAR WORTH HITTING IN BANGKOK

Of course, it's silly to say that Sirocco only became popular because of the Hangover 2 movie, but the extra publicity helped. It has always been a stand-out destination for lavish drinks with a great view and is ideal for budding photographers to grab some great snaps of the city. Perched atop the Lebua hotel, Sirocco has a graceful winding staircase descending down from The Dome to a platform which provides a spectacular view of the Chao Phraya River and Bangkok skyline. My tip is to make sure you dress appropriately. The bar has a strict dress code which many travelers often overlook. As with many of the city's luxurious bars, dress codes require closed shoes (no flip-flops or sandals) and no shorts. Also, next

door to Sirocco is a slightly quieter bar called Distil which offers a very similar view but less crowds.



DRINKS ALONG THE WATER

For a refreshing beverage and view of Bangkok go to Viva & Aviv The River. This casual waterfront cafe serves organic Thai coffee, blends smoothies from fresh produce, and specializes in rum cocktails. With a diverse menu, anyone can enjoy a drink alongside the Chao Phraya river here.

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LEARNING TO COOK LIKE A LOCAL

After eating amazing dish after amazing dish, I knew I wanted to leave Thailand knowing how to bring some of the flavors I'd experienced into my own kitchen. Silom Thai Cooking School was the perfect place to do that. Gung, our teacher, was wonderfully charming, infectiousy funny, and exceptionally knowledgeable. We started our class in a market, learning about different Thai ingredients. My knowledge about garlic alone quadrupled! We then returned to the cozy cooking school where we cooked tom yum soup, pad thai, green curry, laab gai and rubies in coconut milk. Vegetarian options were available. I think if everything was portioned out for me and I never had to do any dishes, I'd always be an amazing cook. Still, everything

we created was delicious and the recipe book we were given included additional dishes and ingredient explanations. For an incredibly reasonable cost (\$30, and they'll refund you for your transportation to the school), I had a really wonderful afternoon with some amazing people. It was so fun, a few of us solo travelers decided to continue exploring together and ended up at a Thai boxing match, but that's another story....



TUK TUKS

Tuk Tuks are open-air, colorful, motorized rickshaws that weave in and out of the streets of Bangkok and other Thai cities. They are usually similar in cost to a regular taxi but you should always bargain for the price before you get in to avoid the surprise of a large fare. More of a novelty for tourists than something locals are apt to ride in (though this Thai family appeared to be transporting empty water delivery bottles in theirs), it's still something you have to experience while in Thailand!

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AFAR City Guide - Chiang Mai, Thailand

OVERVIEW OF CHIANG MAI

The former capital of the ancient Lanna kingdom, Chiang Mai has kept its traditional roots. From its temples to its cuisine, you can still experience the old ways of the northern kingdom. For the more adventurous traveler, Chiang Mai presents a variety of activities, from training as a mahout (elephant keeper) to swinging through the trees. After wearing yourself out by exploring the region's many curiosities, you can reward yourself with wonderful Thai food and relaxing massages.

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CHIANG MAI



DELICIOUS: A SURPRISING PALATE PLEASER!

In the unrelenting heat of Thailand, a local ice cold beer is always a welcome retreat. In fact, it's hard to imagine that other than bottled water, I would crave anything else during this journey. However, after a few weeks traversing the country, I began to crave something that's hard to find outside of outrageously expensive hotels and restaurants - a nice glass of red wine. Being the Oenophiles that we are, my husband and I rarely go more than a few days without a glass of wine with our meal. But where could I find such a treat? I read about a cafe within the central walled area named "Writer's Club & Wine Bar," which sounded like a good place to start. We went expecting to find a cheap French bottle, or perhaps something

Australian; and while we did find those listed on the menu, much to our surprise there was also a bottle of Shiraz made right here - in Thailand! Could this be true? Thailand is certainly not a known wine region, but we had to try it! Much to our surprise and happy pleasure, it was a delicious bottle of wine. Not overly fruity, with a gentle finish that even in the heat, was thoroughly enjoyable. Our red wine craving was more than satisfied and we now had the satisfaction of sharing a wine tasting experience that few people, even wine experts have been privy to. If you find yourself craving a glass in Chiang Mai, be sure to stop in at 141/3 Th Ratchadamnoen. The bottle we had was the PB Khao Yai Reserve Shiraz 2006. Enjoy!



NIGHT BAZAAR

We had great fun at the night bazaar in Chiang Mai! There were so many things for sale, one of which was handmade soap like the ones here.



BUDDHAS IN MONOCHROME

A row of Buddhas at Wat Phra That Doi Suthep in Chiang Mai. Doi Suthep temple is located at the top of the mountain that looms over the city of Chiang Mai and is one of the most famous and sacred temples in Thailand.

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24 HOURS OF EATING IN CHIANG MAI



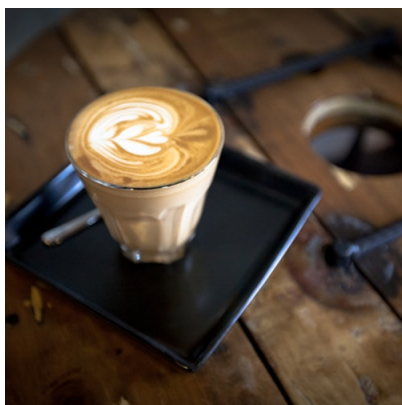
CHIANG MAI'S BEST BOAT NOODLES

Kuaytiaw Tii Noi on Suthep Road has the best kuaytiaw reua, boat noodles. This restaurant is famous for having tiny bowls of either beef or pork boat noodles and I would advise getting one of each, or just order phiseht (special), which will score you a larger bowl. —Andy Ricker This appeared in the May 2013 issue



AN ISSAN-STYLE FEAST

I always go to SP Chicken for Issan-style food, which is the food of northeast Thailand. Go with a group of friends so you can order more and try everything. The chef here makes exemplary kai yang, roasted chicken. You'll see it cooking slowly over the flames on a vertical spit beside a wall of charcoal. The chicken is stuffed with seasoning like garlic and lemongrass. It definitely takes center stage on the menu. — Andy Ricker 31/1 Sri Phum Road, no phone. This appeared in the May 2013 issue



THAI CAFFEINE FIX

Thailand isn't necessarily known for its coffee, but Akha Ama is the exception. This is a very small coffee shop in Santhitham. It exclusively distributes coffee produced by the Akha people who live in the village of Mae Jan Tai in northern Thailand. They do all of the fancy café drinks like shakeratos, lattes, and mochas. They also make baked goods, such as muffins, in-house every day. —Andy Ricker 9/1 Mata Apartment Hassadhisawee Rd., Soi 3, 66(0)86-915-8600. This appeared in the May 2013 issue

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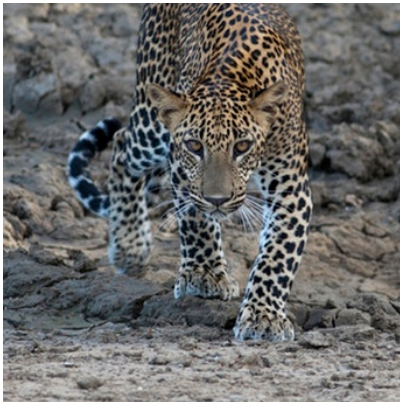
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WAKE UP WITH INDIA'S MOST POPULOUS CITY

Very early in the morning, set out on a Mumbai-by-Dawn tour for a sneak peek into how this city comes to life. The tour starts with the newspaper distribution network, where you'll see hundreds of vendors sorting papers based on seven different local languages. After that, head to a market to witness men and women bargain as they pick up fresh fruit and vegetables. Walk to the Sassoon docks, Mumbai's first and oldest wet dock, to learn how the city receives its daily 10-20 tons of fish. To wrap up, make your way to the flower market where wholesale traders are ready to prepare for a busy day ahead. With over two tons of marigolds, jasmine, daisies, lotuses, spider orchids, and more, this market is a melee of vibrant colors and unending

flurry.



SEE WILD LEOPARDS IN SRI LANKA

Receiving only a fraction of the tourists that the popular Yala National Park sees, Wilpattu National Park is heaven for wildlife lovers who truly want to get away from it all. On a private jeep tour led by an expert naturalist, you'll learn how to track leopards and, if you're lucky, glimpse one of these gorgeous, shy creatures in their natural habitat. You'll stay in an intimate tented safari camp that makes an inviting home base for evenings spent recounting your adventures around the campfire.



DISCOVER THE REMOTE WONDERS OF BALI

Spend a day hiking through Bali's remote Munti Gunung district. You'll pass through small villages and homesteads that grow cashews, mangos, and coconuts, witnessing the day-to-day life of people far removed from Bali's tourist trade. Then, in the evening, dine in the luxurious villa of Balinese princess Malaika, who also runs an award-winning local restaurant. You'll witness the same local crops you learned about this morning transformed into both traditional Balinese treats and contemporary fusion dishes as Malaika regales you with stories of her family history.

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