



THAILAND AND VIETNAM



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City Blurb

This City of Angels is a thriving commercial center set in the heart of Southeast Asia. Famous for its Buddhist temples, delicious Thai cuisine and wonderful service, it is easy to understand why so many visitors keep coming back to the Land of Smiles.

District Guide

To put it simply, Bangkok can seem like a labyrinth to new arrivals in the city. The sprawling expressways and overpasses, huge Skytrain and crowded streets full of vendors give the place a distinct Blade Runner-esque feel. Causing even further confusion is the lack of a true "center" to the city, with various districts scattered throughout town. On the positive side, the Skytrain has made it much easier to get around, and taxis, tuk-tuks, buses and motorcycle taxis are plentiful. Get your bearings by reading the following guide and it will not take long for you to be seduced by the glorious chaos and charm of the "City of Angels."

Phra Nakorn

The most heavily visited area, at least during the day, is Ko Rattanakosin (Rattanakosin Island), Bangkok's old city on the eastern bank of the Chao Phraya River. Here you will find fantastic examples of historical architecture such as the glittering Grand Palace, Wat Phra Keo, Wat Pho, Wat Mahathat, the Golden Mount and Wat Suthat. The city's founding pillar, Lak Mueang, is also located in this district, as are the National Museum, National Theater and National Gallery. If you are keen on seeing something completely out of the ordinary, pop across the river to the Siriraj Medical Museum. Sanam Luang is about the only green spot on the "island," which is not really an island but would have seemed like one in the old days before the many canals linking the area to the river had not yet been filled in.

Thonburi

Bangkok was once referred to as "The Venice of the East," but today the klongs, or canals, are concentrated in Thonburi, an area lying to the west of the Chao Phraya River. You can take a klong tour, typical stops include Wat Arun and the museum of the Royal Barges. Buses heading south from Bangkok leave from Sai Tai bus terminal, located here.

Banglampoo & Thewet

Backpackers head for the Banglampoo and Thewet districts. Near the Democracy Monument on Khao San Road you can find some good souvenir shopping. This strip is lined with guest houses and cheap restaurants, none of which stand out for their ambiance or cuisine. A mere stone's throw away along Phra Arthit Road, some great restaurants and bars come to life at night. Following the eastern bank of the Chao Phraya, you will come to an area with a laid-back, cosmopolitan feel that is frequented by students from the nearby universities of Thammasat and Silpakorn.

Dusit

The Dusit district offers plenty of tourist attractions. Vimanmek Palace, Wat Benchamabophit, Suan Pakkard Palace and Dusit Zoo are all found here. There is not much in the way of hotels or

restaurants, but a small artsy area popular with local students has sprung up on Rachawithee Soi 34.

Phayathai/Chatuchak

Northern Bangkok's touristic highlight is Chatuchak Weekend Market, best reached by catching the Skytrain. Mor Chit bus terminal is located near the same stop, which is handy to know if you want to catch an inter-provincial bus heading north or northeast. This is also a major transport hub, with the Skytrain and plenty of buses passing through. Mah Boon Krong is the largest shopping center in the district, and serves as a local transit hub and good orientation point.

Pathumwan

Young Thais and keen shoppers typically head for the area around Siam Square, a shopping paradise. The huge array of dining options along this stretch include the Ban Khun Mae Restaurant and the Erawan Tea Room.

There is plenty of selection in malls such as Siam Center and Siam Discovery Center, and the CentralWorld shopping complex. A walk away from the latter stands Pantip Plaza, also known as heaven for computer geeks, and possibly the best place to get deals on computers in Southeast Asia. The non-shopper can retreat to the sanctuary of Jim Thompson's House and Museum. There is a cluster of hotels in this area, and popular restaurants such as the Hard Rock Café are also found here. Heading east along Ploenchit Road and Sukhumvit Road, you can orchestrate a shopping extravaganza at either the street stalls that spring up at the beginning of Sukhumvit and stretch to Soi Asoke, or at department stores such as Central Chidlom.

Sathorn/Silom/Bangrak

The Sathorn/Silom area forms the core of Bangkok's Central Business District, although the Stock Exchange of Thailand is located some distance away on Ratchadaphisek Road. The area encompasses a number of embassies and hotels, such as the Sukhothai and Dusit Thani. Silom Road offers more shopping opportunities, including the Patpong Night Market. Sri Maha Uma Devi Temple is also located in this district. Restaurants abound, particularly around Convent Road. Head for nearby Lumpini Park for a break in a rare patch of green.

If you head west along Sathorn or Silom Road, you will come to Charoen Krung ("New") Road and back to the Chao Phraya River. A tram used to run along this road, but these days hardly anything does - the traffic is too thick. This is another popular hotel area, with such luxurious hotels as The Oriental, The Peninsula, the Shangri-La, the Royal Orchid Sheraton and the Marriott Spa Resort all overlooking the river. Take a sunset cruise or dine in one of the many restaurants along the majestic river, such as Yok Yor Marina and Restaurant. The River City Shopping Complex sells a huge array of antiques and is worth a browse.

Chinatown & Pahurat

North along the river lies hectic Chinatown and Pahurat, an Indian district. Here you will find Wat Traimit, but the area is best known for its shopping. Yaowarat Road has loads of gold shops, while Sampeng Lane has everything from hair accessories to shoes, all at bargain prices. Farther north you will come to Pak Klong Talat with its colorful fresh flowers.

Outside the City

There are also a number of attractions to be found in the outlying areas of Bangkok and adjacent provinces, including King Rama IX Royal Park, Nonthaburi, the Ancient City, Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and Ayutthaya, a trip to which usually incorporates a visit to Bang Pa-In Summer Palace.

ACCOMMODATIONS



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Well Hotel Bangkok
Sukhumvit 20

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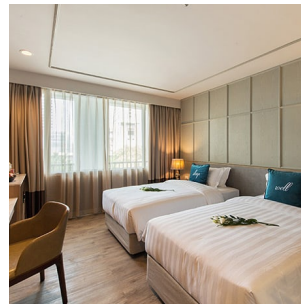
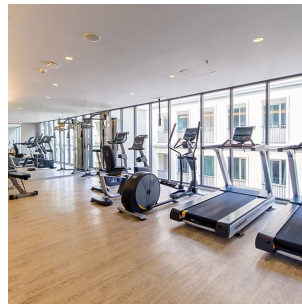
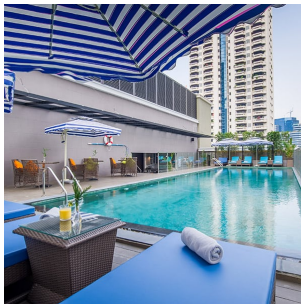
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Sat Apr 11, 2020

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Wed Apr 15, 2020



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TOUR

ABOUT

Bangkok Highlights

START

8:30 AM

Sun Apr 12, 2020

Grand Palace

FINISH

5:00 PM

Sun Apr 12, 2020

Wat Arun

BOOKING DETAILS

Visit two of the most important sights of Bangkok: the Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho is a giant lying Buddha, covered in gold leaf. The Grand Palace is a 'must see' for every visitor. Located close to the banks of the Chao

Phraya River the Grand Palace is the perfect example of an ancient Siamese court. Within the compound is the

Temple of Emerald Buddha (Wat Pra Kaew), Lunch will be served in a Thai restaurant. Travel on the Chao Phraya River (The River of Kings) and on through the Klongs (canals) of Thonburi. You will have the chance to

observe and photograph the serene family homes and temples along the waterways, which gave the city the name 'Venice of the East'. You will also pay a visit to one of the most photographed sights in Bangkok, the Wat

Arun. The majestic shrine has a pagoda of 76 m high. It is decorated with glazed ceramic pieces, that reflect the

rising sun and gave the temple its name.

Duration: 5.5 - 7 hrs dep. on the hotel location and traffic situation.

Pick up time from the hotel: 08:30 (if no other time announced by the guide)

Important: Please note that you are required to wear proper attire (no bare shoulder, bare knees or strapless-heel shoes). Shoes must be removed before entering all temple buildings.

Meals included in itinerary: Lunch



MON
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TOUR

ABOUT

**Floating Market and
Songkran Festival**

START

7:00 AM
Mon Apr 13, 2020
Damnoen Saduak
Floating Market

FINISH

6:00 PM
Mon Apr 13, 2020
Bangkok

BOOKING DETAILS

To discover the way Bangkok used to be, travel approximately 100 km outside of Bangkok to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market with its many colors, flavors and exotic fragrances. Start with a scenic ride on a narrow longtail - speedboat, passing riverside villages and fruit plantations, before entering the vibrant market. There will be many photo-opportunities along the way and on the colorful market on the water.
Duration: 5 - 6 hrs. depending on the hotel location and traffic situation.

Lunch at local restaurant

Attend Songkran Festival

Songkran Festival is one of the biggest festivals in Thailand and the world's friendliest water fight. This traditional

Thai New Year festival is held annually from April 13-15(three-days national holiday). Most Thai residents travel back to hometowns for family reunions, however, it is a good time for tourists who fly into Bangkok to enjoy one of the most colorful and festive times of the year.

Meals included in itinerary: Lunch



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TOUR

ABOUT

**Ayutthaya Tour by Car
& Boat**

START

7:30 AM

Tue Apr 14, 2020

FINISH

5:00 PM

Tue Apr 14, 2020

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.

Duration: 8-9 hrs depending on the hotel location and traffic situation.

Pick up time from the hotel: 07:30 (if no other time announced by the guide)

Meal included in itinerary: Lunch

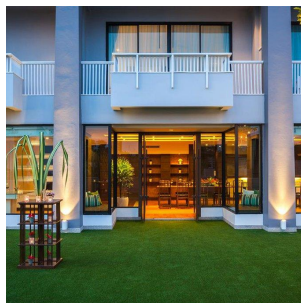
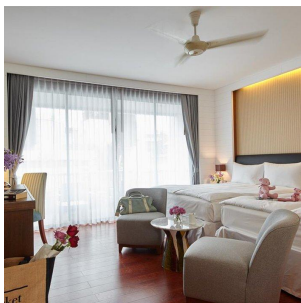
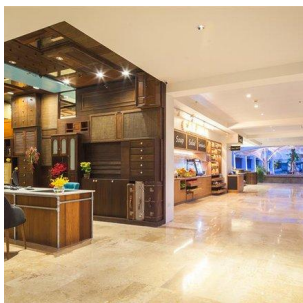


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Loligo Resort 83/181 Soi Huathanon23 ,Hua Hin ,Pr Hua Hin, Hua Hin 77110 Phone: 66-32-536777 Website	Booked	3:00 PM Wed Apr 15, 2020	12:00 PM Fri Apr 17, 2020



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City Blurb

New foreign motorcycles fly past "tai chi" practitioners going through their slow, deliberate movements. Ho Chi Minh lies motionless as beautiful, historic Hanoi, with its tree-lined boulevards and lakeside pagodas, moves tentatively into the future.

FLIGHT TO: HAN Noi Bai International Airport

AIRLINE CODE & FLIGHT

Vietnam Airlines
VN 614

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[Baggage Policy](#)

DEPARTURE

3:55 PM

Fri Apr 17, 2020

BKK:

Suvarnabhumi
Airport

ARRIVAL

5:50 PM

Fri Apr 17, 2020

HAN: Noi Bai

International Airport

ACCOMMODATIONS



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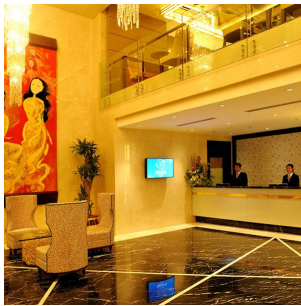
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Fri Apr 17, 2020

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Sun Apr 19, 2020



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TOUR

ABOUT

Sightseeing in Hanoi

START

8:00 AM

Sat Apr 18, 2020

FINISH

5:00 PM

Sat Apr 18, 2020

BOOKING DETAILS

Although it is the modern-day capital of Vietnam, Hanoi still retains the mystery and charm of past centuries, with its narrow lanes and traditional shop houses. Begin with an exploration of the Museum of Ethnology (closed on Mondays - alternative to visit Vietnamese Women's Museum). This museum showcases art, traditional clothing and reconstructions of traditional longhouses from 54 different ethnic groups. Afterwards head to the Temple of Literature with its walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also the site of Vietnam's first university. Continue to visit Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex where the Vietnamese people honour the country Great Father. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only) which contains the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh; and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House

where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1958 until his final days in 1969. Preserved in the same condition as during his life, it may be viewed through the windows. Following by the miniature 11th century One Pillar Pagoda which was rebuilt after being destroyed by the French in 1954. In the late afternoon, visit Hoan Kiem Lake which contains an islet with the tiny Turtle Pagoda and enjoy the coffee. Take the green electric buggy to the Old Quarter.

Meals included in itinerary: Lunch



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TRANSFER

CONTACT

Transfer from Hanoi
to Halong Bay

START

9:00 AM
Sun Apr 19, 2020
Silk Path Hotel
Hanoi

FINISH

11:15 PM
Sun Apr 19, 2020
Tuan Chau Marina
Port



CRUISE

CRUISE NAME

Bhaya Classic Cruise
Bhaya Classic Cruises

SAIL

3:00 PM
Sun Apr 19, 2020
Ha Long

DISEMBARK

12:00 PM
Tue Apr 21, 2020
Ha Long

DURATION

3 Days

CATEGORY

CABIN

MON
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SHORE EXCURSION

ABOUT	START	FINISH
Cruising Halong Bay - Day 1	8:00 AM Mon Apr 20, 2020	6:00 PM Mon Apr 20, 2020

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All meals included.



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SHORE EXCURSION

ABOUT

Cruising Halong Bay -
Day 2

START

9:00 AM
Tue Apr 21, 2020

FINISH

2:00 PM
Tue Apr 21, 2020

BOOKING DETAILS

Start off your day with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck with complimentary tea and coffee being served. Rejuvenate your body and mind with the slow movement of Tai Chi and enjoy the dawn on the bay. Light breakfast is served onboard. Explore Sung Sot Cave, the largest cave inside Halong Bay with 10,000 square meters of space hold thousands of stalactites and stalagmites and are threaded by a 500-meter paved passageway.

Return to the cruise and prepare to check out. Enjoy the brunch buffet as Bhaya Classic cruises back to the port, passing Lom Bo island, Trong Mai islet and Ba Hang fishermen village. Disembark from Bhaya Classic at Tuan Chau International Marina. End of programm.

All meals included.



TRANSFER

CONTACT

Transfer from
Halong Bay to Hanoi

START

2:00 PM
Tue Apr 21, 2020
Tuan Chau Marina
Port

FINISH

4:15 PM
Tue Apr 21, 2020
Silk Path Hotel
Hanoi

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4:30 PM
Tue Apr 21, 2020

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9:00 AM
Wed Apr 22, 2020

