THAI EXPERIENCE





Thai Experience is our premium group tour. With epic upgraded accommodation and lots of amazing inclusions, it's perfect for those wanting to see the best of Thailand in style. You'll discover Bangkok by boat and tuk tuk, visit ancient temples, learn to cook delicious Thai food, sleep on floating bungalows, stay in jungle tree houses, explore tropical islands, snorkel in crystal clear water, learn the art of Muay Thai boxing, discover the famous Phi Phi Islands, visit an elephant sanctuary, have a Thai massage, party on the beach and more! With an awesome group leader and an instant group of friends, get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

BANGKOK



PHUKET

Transport:

Overnight Train, Taxi, Mini bus, Tuk Tuk & Ferry

11B, 7L, 5D

 Meals:
 11B, 7

 Group size:
 4 - 16

Age Range: 18 - 40's Local Fees: None

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy our hand selected premium accommodation, like boutique hotels and beachside resorts
- Discover ancient temples & wild nights out in bustling Bangkok.
- Sleep overnight on floating bungalows and hidden jungle tree houses!
- Experience Muay Thai boxing or Yoga & sip sunset cocktails beachside on the stunning island of Koh Phangan.
- Experience the stunning Phi Phi Islands on an exclusive boat trip.
- Get up close and personal at an amazing elephant sanctuary!



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Personal Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- √ 12 Nights Premium Accommodation
- ✓ 23 Meals
- ✓ All Transport
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- √ Help with Onward Travel
- √ Bangkok River Cruise
- √ Visit Ancient Temples
- √ Thai Cooking Class
- √ Experience Local Life
- ✓ Party in Bangkok
- √ Khao Sok National Park
- √ Floating Bungalows
- ✓ Jungle Treehouse Experience
- ✓ Kayaking & Tubing
- √ Island Tour
- ✓ Beach BBQ
- √ Muay Thai or Yoga Experience
- √ Thai Massage
- √ Beach Party!
- ✓ Paradise Islands Boat Trip
- √ Snorkelling
- √ Phi Phi Islands Experience
- ✓ Phi Phi Viewpoint
- √ Elephant Sanctuary

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals







ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1- YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS

• BANGKOK We'll pick you up from the airport and take you to your accommodation. You'll have plenty of time to recover from your flight, chill out and meet everyone in your group.

DAY 2 - RIVER CRUISE & TEMPLES

• BANGKOK Discover Bangkok from a different perspective as we cruise on a long-tail boat through the heart of the city. We'll visit Bangkok's most sacred and ancient temples and travel by tuk tuk through the crazy streets! At night we'll head out and experience the best of Bangkok nightlife.

DAY 3 - THAI COOKING CLASS

• BANGKOK Learn the secrets to preparing delicious Thai cuisine first hand with a traditional Thai cooking class. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the sights of Thailand when we board the overnight train and travel down south.

DAY 4 - FLOATING BUNGALOWS

• KHAO SOK Enter the magical Khao Sok National Park, a hidden paradise of pristine lakes & limestone cliffs. Go tubing, kayaking and sleep overnight in floating bungalows!

DAY 5 - JUNGLE TREEHOUSES

• KHAO SOK We'll continue further into the stunning untouched rainforest and experience local life in the jungle. Visit a local family's plantation and then go tubing or jungle trekking. Tonight we'll stay overnight in amazing tree houses!

DAY 6 - ARRIVE IN KOH PHANGAN

• KOH PHANGAN We'll travel by boat to the beautiful tropical island of Koh Phangan. After checking in to our beautiful beachside bungalows you can spend the afternoon exploring the island or just relax by the pool. We'll then head out for dinner and a beach party!

DAY 7 - ISLAND TOUR

• KOH PHANGAN Today we'll discover the beauty of the island as we travel to some of the most amazing beaches in the world! Chill, soak up the sun and check our some of the islands amazing viewpoints. We'll then kick back with a beach BBQ!

DAY 8 - MUAY THAI OR YOGA

• KOH PHANGAN Today you have the choice of learning the art of Muay Thai boxing or bringing some peace and harmony into your action packed trip with a yoga class. Then relax with a traditional Thai massage before we head out for our last night on Koh Phangan.

DAY 9 - ARRIVE IN PHI PHI

• PHI PHI We'll make our way to the Phi Phi Islands by boat & bus and then check in before an island night out!

DAY 10 - PHI PHI EXPERIENCE

 PHI PHI We'll take off on our exclusive and private speedboat to the stunning Phi Phi Leh. Visit hidden lagoons, snorkel in crystal clear water and discover some little known and stunning white sandy beaches. It's a truly unforgettable experience!

DAY 11 - PHI PHI VIEWPOINT & TRAVEL TO PHUKET

• PHUKET Enjoy a morning hike to the iconic Phi Phi viewpoint, relax on some beautiful Phi Phi beaches before we jump on the ferry to Phuket. We'll check in to our boutique hotel and have a sunset dinner and drinks.

DAY 12 - ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

• PHUKET Ending the trip on a high, today we'll be spending the day with Thailand's most sacred animal - elephants. We'll get up close and personal with the gentle giants at a sanctuary for rescued elephants and learn about their history and how they are protected and cared for. Tonight and in celebration of our last night together, we'll be treating you to a tasty farewell dinner and drinks.

DAY 13 - CHECK OUT & ONWARD TRAVEL

• PHUKET Your epic adventure comes to an end today. You can choose to stay on longer in Phuket or continue your travels in Thailand. Your group leader will organise whatever you need.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early we'll still pick you up from the airport and will book you into our Bangkok hotel from the day you arrive. Extra nights can be pre-paid with your agent or direct with us

AFTER THAI EXPERIENCE

Thai Experience finishes in Phuket. You can choose to stay on longer in Phuket or if you need to get back to Bangkok the quickest option is to get a flight from Phuket airport. This can be organised with the help of your Group Leader if needed. The earliest a flight out of Phuket should be booked is approx. 8am on day 13. Your group leader will help with any other local transport and ensure you're comfortable with all parts of your onward travel.

VISAS

Most nationalities including the UK, Europe, Australia, NZ, Canada, USD, Scandinavia and Brazil will usually receive a 30-day visa exemption on arrival for free. If you would like a longer tourist visa or are not eligible for the visa exemption you can apply for a visa at your nearest Thai consulate prior to entering Thailand. If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need any help just contact us. It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of Thailand before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to Thailand.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Thailand is compulsory to join Thai Experience. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance here







ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

BANGKOK - CHILLAX HERITAGE HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A fancy 4 star hotel close to all the action.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Swimming Pool & Bar

OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

A comfy bed and great journey.

Multishare Cabin with Air Con

Toilet Onboard

Fresh Linen & Pillow

KHAO SOK - FLOATING BUNGALOWS

1 NIGHT

An amazing experience in the middle of the rainforest.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Air Con

Kayaking & Tubing

KHAO SOK - JUNGLE TREEHOUSES

1 NIGHT

As awesome as it sounds!

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite & Laundry

Beautiful Rainforest Location



KOH PHANGAN - SARANA BUNGALOWS

3 NIGHTS

Deluxe rooms at our own place!

Twin/Double/Triple/Quad Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Infinity Pool, Bar, Restaurant, Gym & Yoga Hall

PHI PHI - ANDAMAN LEGACY RESORT

2 NIGHTS

Premium rooms at a great resort.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Swimming Pool & Bar

PHUKET - HOTEL CLOVER

2 NIGHTS

Boutique 4 star hotel!

Twin/Double

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Rooftop Pool & Gym



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.





SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do.

Small Change is our own socially conscious initiative aimed at making the world that little bit better place to explore!

Click here to learn more!



WE'RE PLANTING 10 TREES FOR EVERY INTRO TRAVEL BOOKING!





DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or double share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose <u>Thailand</u>.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT THAILAND?

The great thing about Thailand is it's usually quite hot all year round, so it's great to go at any time. There is a slightly higher chance of rain around October and November, however it usually only rains for an hour or so which can be a nice relief from the heat.



WHAT'S A PREMIUM TRIP?

When we have 2 similar itinerary options in the same destination, the premium trip is the upgraded version. With a higher standard of accommodation, some exclusive activities and more meals



HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED?

Your activities, accommodation, transport and most meals are included, so you'll just need money for any extra meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £300 / \$500 spending money.



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through <u>Wise</u>. You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout Thailand so it's easy to get access to cash.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Thailand's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



WHAT LUGGAGE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in Thailand so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun. There is luggage storage at the airport or at some accommodations if needed. You'll also need a small overnight bag for some nights of your trip.



WHAT POWER OUTLETS ARE USED?

Thailand generally uses a flat or round 2 pin socket the same as most of Europe. It's always best to grab yourself an appropriate adaptor if needed before you go.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the Terms & Conditions section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to 'Manage My Booking' and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Thailand and Thai Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have an more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!