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## Discover Thailand

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### PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:

Burma & the Irrawaddy River  
7 nights from \$1895



## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**OCTOBER 14, 2015**

**PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:** Burma & the Irrawaddy River

DAYS	DESTINATION	LODGING
1-4	Fly to Bangkok, Thailand	Tawana Hotel or similar
5-6	Kanchanaburi	Hin Tok River Camp or similar
7	Phitsanulok	Wangchan River View or similar
8	Sukhothai • Phrae	Maeyom Palace Hotel or similar
9-10	Chiang Rai	Golden Pine Resort & Spa or similar
11-13	Chiang Mai	The Park Hotel Chiang Mai or similar
14-15	Fly to Bangkok	Tawana Hotel or similar
16	Return to U.S.	

### It's Included

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 1 internal flight
- Accommodations for 14 nights
- 33 meals—daily breakfast, 9 lunches, and 10 dinners (including 2 Home-Hosted meals)
- 22 small group activities
- Services of a resident, English-speaking OAT Trip Leader
- **NEW for 2015:** Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
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### Day 1 Depart U.S.

### Day 2 Arrive Bangkok, Thailand.

Either your OAT Trip Leader or an airport representative will greet you and accompany you to your hotel, where you'll meet the travelers who joined the pre-trip extension to *Burma & the Irrawaddy River*.

*Tawana Hotel or similar*

### Day 3 Explore Bangkok's canals •

**Visit Royal Barge Museum.** Following breakfast, your Trip Leader, who will be with you throughout your trip, gives you a briefing on Bangkok. Then, visit a local floral market and explore the riverside Wat Arun, one of Thailand's most unique temples. We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, followed by a visit to the Royal Barge Museum. We travel to the museum via Bangkok's express boats, motoring past residential neighborhoods and leafy suburbs. After an orientation walk around our hotel, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a Bangkok restaurant.

*B,L,D—Tawana Hotel or similar*

### Day 4 Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha visit • Optional Thai Cultural Heritage tour.

Today we'll explore the sprawling Grand Palace complex and pay a visit to the Emerald Buddha, carved from jade, that resides inside a golden-spined temple. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure with lunch and dinner on your own. Or you can join an optional evening excursion to see the beautifully painted murals at the Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall, watch a Thai musical production, and have dinner.

*B—Tawana Hotel or similar*

**Day 5 Explore floating market • Visit River Kwai.** This morning, we explore the floating market at Damnern Saduak in the Ratchaburi Province, considered the best of the many morning markets. We then travel by air-conditioned coach to Kanchanaburi. Here, Allied POWs and Asian conscripts were forced by the Japanese to construct the infamous River Kwai railway before it was destroyed in 1945 by American bombers. Following lunch together, we visit Kanchanaburi's War Cemetery and have a chance to walk on the original bridge on the River Kwai. Tonight we enjoy dinner at our hotel.

*B,L,D—Hin Tok River Camp or similar*

**Day 6 Discover Hellfire Pass • Enjoy a boat ride on the River Kwai.** This morning, we ride to Hellfire Pass, where we walk for about 40 minutes on a woodland trail. The trail has many stairs, but you may go only part of the way if you wish. The area is now peaceful, but many lives were lost here during the World War II construction of one of the most difficult sections of the River Kwai railway. After our hike, we board a longtail speedboat for an hour-long cruise on the River Kwai, disembarking at Paksaeng Pier. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then ride the infamous railway.

*B,L,D—Hin Tok River Camp or similar*

**Day 7 Cruise on the Khiri Nava rice barge in Uthaithani.** We set out for Uthaithani today, driving through fertile rice-growing country. Later, we board the *Khiri Nava*, a traditional wooden rice barge, and enjoy lunch while cruising past peaceful scenes of river life. We continue to Phitsanulok, arriving at our hotel in the late evening.

*B,L,D—Wangchan River View or similar*

## What to expect ...

### Pacing

- 6 locations in 15 days with two 1-night stays
- International flights from Los Angeles to Bangkok depart around midnight, crossing the International Date Line, and 1 internal flight that requires an early wake-up
- Airport transfers in Bangkok take approximately 1 hour

### Physical requirements

- Not appropriate for travelers using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted and participate in 5-7 hours of physical activities each day
- Agility and balance are required for embarking our boat, raft, and barge, and riding *songtaew* taxi trucks and elephants

### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 80-90°F
- March-May are hottest during the day, with high levels of humidity. Heavy rains are possible between August and October

### Terrain

- We'll travel over bumpy, unpaved roads at times, on foot and by bus

### Transportation

- Travel by 24-passenger coach, 30-passenger boat, raft, barge, *songtaew* taxi truck, and elephant back
- 1 overland drive 7 hours long and 1 internal flight of 1.5 hours

### Accommodations & Facilities

- All accommodations feature private baths and Western-style toilet facilities
- Throughout touring, only Asian-style toilets (squat-style rather than seats) may be available







## Day 8 Explore 13th-century Sukhothai

• **Explore Phrae.** After breakfast, we travel to Sukhothai, home to Thailand's largest collection of historic ruins and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As Siam's first capital, it is considered the kingdom's artistic and spiritual epicenter. After a total travel time of approximately five hours, we arrive in Phrae, where we visit a cloth-dyeing workshop and end the day with dinner at our hotel.

*B,L,D—Maeyom Palace Hotel or similar*

## Day 9 A Day in the Life of a northern Thai community • Overland to Chiang Rai.

After breakfast, we visit a rural market and see a student performance at a nearby elementary school (when in session, May-September and November-March) that's sponsored by



Grand Circle Foundation—part of the *World Classroom* initiative. Then we take a walking tour and meet locals at a senior center, engage in a discussion with village women, and visit a craft workshop and a house that provides traditional medical treatment. We enjoy a Home-Hosted Lunch before traveling further north to Chiang Rai, our home for the next two nights. We take an orientation walk before dinner at a restaurant in town.

*B,L,D—Golden Pine Resort & Spa or similar*

## Day 10 Chiang Rai • Journey to Mae Salong hill tribe.

Today we drive to the village of Mae Chan. Here we switch to open *songtaew* taxi trucks for a gradual climb up a narrow mountain road to Mae Salong. In this small rural town, we'll visit with the "Long Neck" and Akha hill tribes. Next, we visit the House of Opium Museum to learn about the drug warlords who once held sway in this region, formerly known as the Golden Triangle. This evening, we gather for dinner at a local restaurant.

*B,L,D—Golden Pine Resort & Spa or similar*

## Day 11 Travel overland to Chiang Mai • Visit the Night Bazaar.

We spend most of this morning traveling to Chiang Mai, enjoying rural scenery along the way. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then visit a gem gallery before checking in at our hotel. This evening dinner is on your own. Later, join your Trip Leader for a walk around the city's Night Bazaar.

*B,L—The Park Hotel Chiang Mai or similar*

## Day 12 Embark on an elephant trek • Thai cooking class.

This morning we visit an elephant camp for a show, and then we embark on a forest trek by elephant back. We ride for about an hour on the backs of these



gentle giants, enjoying a grand view of the forest. Next, we board small bamboo rafts, float downstream, and enjoy lunch at the camp. Later this evening, we'll visit a local Thai home, where we'll enjoy a private cooking class and have a taste of the results.

*B,L,D—The Park Hotel Chiang Mai or similar*

## Day 13 Witness Buddhist alms-giving ceremony • Visit with monks at Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep • Home-Hosted Dinner.

This morning, early risers may witness the serene reverence of a traditional Buddhist alms-giving ceremony. Later, explore Chiang Mai with your Trip Leader. We'll visit the Wat Chedi Luang or Wat Suan Dok temple to meet some of its resident Buddhist monks. Then, we'll travel a winding scenic road to northern Thailand's greatest temple, hilltop Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep. This evening, we're guests at a Home-Hosted Dinner, where we enjoy authentic fare and local hospitality. Join the family as dinner is prepared—and savor the results.

*B,D—The Park Hotel Chiang Mai or similar*

**Day 14 Fly to Bangkok.** Take some time this morning to explore Chiang Mai on your own before boarding our flight to Bangkok. You'll have time to explore Bangkok this afternoon.

*B—Tawana Hotel or similar*

## Day 15 Explore Bangkok • Farewell Dinner cruise.

This morning we'll explore the temple of the Golden Buddha, the Giant Swing District, and the Jim Thompson House, former home of an American silk merchant who

mysteriously disappeared in 1967. We'll also browse Chinatown's food and crafts market. The balance of the afternoon is yours to roam the bustling Thai capital at leisure. This evening, we board a river barge for a Farewell Dinner cruise.

*B,D—Tawana Hotel or similar*

**Day 16 Return to U.S. or begin post-trip extension.** Rise before daybreak, and your Trip Leader accompanies you to the airport for your flight home.

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*Please note: We reserve the right for our Trip Leaders to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group's experience.*

## Expand your discoveries with this optional tour

**THAI CULTURAL HERITAGE**  
(Day 4, \$75 per person)

*Please note: Optional tour prices listed are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.*

# Discover Thailand

15 Day Land Tour only . Maximum Group Size: 16

## Departure Date and Prices

	<b>October 14, 2015</b>
Double Room	\$1995

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**Departure date:** October 14, 2015

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