



14 Day Kaleidoscope of Thailand with River Kwai from \$2999 per person

No single supplement.



Monthly departures Aug to Nov 2017 & Feb to May 2018.

Escorted Package Includes

- Return economy airfares from Australian Capital Cities to Bangkok.
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight Chiang Mai-Bangkok
- 13 nights accommodations
 - 4 nights Bangkok
 - 2 nights Kanchanaburi
 - 1 night Ayutthaya
 - 1 night Sukhothai
 - 2 nights Chiang Rai
 - 3 nights Chiang Mai
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- 20 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Visit serene Wat Po, home of the astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long, Bangkok
- Visit the buzzing and vividly colorful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Bridge over the River Kwai & War Museum, Kanchanaburi
- Visit to impressive Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Historical Sukhothai, capital of the first Kingdom of Siam
- House of Opium & The Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai
- Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep Temple, the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand, Chiang Mai
- Authentic Thai Dinner at Chiang Mai Private Home

DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Thailand

Depart for Thailand. Arrive in exotic Bangkok and transfer to your hotel; remainder of the day at leisure. Time to rest, relax and acclimate to your new time zone

Overnight: Bangkok

DAY 2, Monday - Bangkok City Tour

This morning enjoy a tour that introduces you to Bangkok, the "City of Angels". Drive through Chinatown packed with hundreds of market stalls, street-side restaurants and

gold shops. On to colorful "Little India" with its bright hanging walls of glistening fabrics and the fragrant wholesale Flower Market. Visit serene Wat Po, (Temple of the Reclining Buddha) the oldest and largest temple in the city, with its astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long and almost 40 feet high. Drive via Royal Avenue where most of the Government offices are located and the King's Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to rest and relax before tonight's Welcome Drink and briefing by your Tour Manager, followed by a Welcome Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, Tuesday - Full Day in Bangkok

Today is yours to explore Bangkok independently. Or, take the *optional* tour to the elaborate 18th century Grand Palace, symbol and ceremonial heart of the kingdom, and to Wat Phra Kaew, (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), with its brightly colored buildings, golden spires and gorgeous mosaics. You'll see the distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European design of the Grand Palace. In the evening, attend the *optional* buffet dinner and stunning performance of the "Journey to the Enchanted Kingdom of Siam". Boasting over 150 performers, this lavish production delves into Siam's history and culture

Optional: Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (AM)

Optional: Siam Niramit Show & Dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Wednesday - Travel to Kanchanaburi, Visit Bridge over River Kwai & War Museum

Travel southwest this morning to the vibrant Damnoen Saduak Floating Market; observe how the ancient trading of wares is conducted between hundreds of local farmers and villagers aboard small Sampan boats. The boats are fully loaded with all kinds of products including fruits, vegetables, dry goods, and freshly cooked food. From the Floating market, continue to the quiet provincial capital of Kanchanaburi, with its stunning natural beauty, spectacular waterfalls and beautiful rivers. Walk over the stone bridge at the River Kwai, one of the most famous rivers in the world, which gained international fame in the book and film, "*Bridge on the River Kwai*". The bridge, several museums and cemeteries have respectfully preserved the history and memorialized the dead

Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Thursday - Full Day in Kanchanaburi

Day at leisure to explore Kanchanaburi independently. Or, take the *optional* full day Hellfire Pass and Death Railway tour. Hellfire Pass derives its name from Allied POWs forced to work day and night in the jungle to complete the bridge and rail line using only simple tools; more than 12,000 soldiers and 80,000 Thais perished during the construction. Lunch en route before returning to Kanchanaburi

Optional: Full Day Hellfire Pass & Death Railway with lunch

Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Friday - Travel to Ayutthaya, Ayutthaya City Tour

Depart Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya, the second Siamese capital after Sukhothai for over

400 years, once glorified as the largest city in Southeast Asia. In the center of the city lies Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can see the ruins of the former capital and its remaining palaces, monasteries and towers - one can envision the grandeur and splendor that was once the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. After lunch, visit Bang Pa-In Palace, a collection of beautiful buildings in various architectural styles, surrounded by a lake. Originally built by King Prasat Tong in 1632, this served as the Royal Summer Palace for the Thai Kings. Continue to the Chai Wattanaram Temple, built by King Prasat Tong, a commoner who overthrew the previous king and took his throne. Here, you can enjoy the peaceful and tranquil surroundings of Siam before dinner

Overnight: Ayutthaya

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Travel to Sukhothai, Sukhothai Historical Park

Start your day with a visit to a local school on the way to Sukhothai, birthplace of the Thai nation, founded in the 13th century by King Ramkhamhaeng. The country's first capital was established here in 1238 and lasted over two centuries. Sukhothai is world-famous for its over 100 historical sites and treasures, including some of the most beautiful Thai art and architecture in the country, created during the city's "golden era", between the 13th and 14th centuries. Visit to the Old Town of Sukhothai, immaculately restored and set among leafy hills and peaceful lotus ponds, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At this astonishing site, most of the remains of the original city can be seen. Marvel at the ancient Buddha figures, palaces, temples and historical monuments and feel yourself drift back in time to a bygone era

Overnight: Sukhothai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Sunday - Travel to Chiang Rai

After breakfast, depart Sukhothai and drive to scenic Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand, center of the Lanna Thai Kingdom during the 13th century. The region, rich in natural resources and textiles was occupied by the Burmese until 1786. Time to discover the treasures of this extraordinary city on your own before returning to your hotel for dinner

Overnight: Chiang Rai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Monday - Mae Sai Border Town & Golden Triangle

Travel to the market town of Mae Sai, at the northern-most point of Thailand. *At this border crossing, arrangements may be made to enter Myanmar.* * Ascend the hilltop lookout to view the famed "Golden Triangle" of Southeast Asia - see the joining of the Mekong and Ruak Rivers and the meeting point for the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. Then, enjoy a locally prepared lunch in a nearby farming village. Later, a short cruise takes you along the banks of the Mekong to the small island of Don Sao in Laos; leisure time at the lively markets before returning to Thailand. Continue to the dramatic House of Opium Museum with its informative exhibit on the history of opium which dates back almost 5000 years.

** Entering Myanmar (Burma) requires a border crossing fee of approx US\$40, payable locally. The opportunity to cross the border will depend on local conditions and cannot be guaranteed. If the border crossing is not possible, alternate arrangements will be made*

Overnight: Chiang Rai
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10, Tuesday - Travel to Chiang Mai

Morning at leisure when you have an opportunity to join the *optional* excursion to Mae Salong, still inhabited by hill people, namely the Akha, Long Neck and Salong tribes. Visit one of the tribes to see their unique way of life and learn more about their culture before driving to Chiang Mai, ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom and cultural heart of northern Thailand, nestled in the rolling foothills of the Himalayas. Explore this city that remained completely isolated from the world until the 1920s. Visit the world's largest gem factory to watch as gem stones are cut and set

Optional: Half Day Mae Salong Hill Tribe (AM)

Overnight: Chiang Mai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Wednesday - Full Day in Chiang Mai; Dinner at Private Home

Morning at leisure in Chiang Mai. Or, perhaps join the *optional* Elephant Kingdom Tour, where you will see elephants bathing in the running streams, attend a lecture on the Thai Elephant and learn how the mahout train and care for these majestic animals. In the afternoon, visit Sankampang Street, Chiang Mai's handicrafts center; see the on-site demonstrations on how silk, lacquer, silver, wood and bronze wares are created. Later, try an *optional* traditional Thai massage, you'll be delighted that you did! Tonight, a unique experience. You're invited to join a local Chiang Mai family in their home for an authentic home-cooked Thai Dinner. Tour the home, get secret recipes and discuss family life in Chiang Mai

Optional: Half Day Elephant Kingdom Tour with lunch (AM)

Optional: Traditional Thai Massage (PM)

Overnight: Chiang Mai

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Thursday - Chiang Mai City & Temples Tour

This morning, visit to some of the most interesting temples in Chiang Mai. Begin at Wat Suan Dok, where the remains of the Chiang Mai Royal family are enshrined and continue to Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep. Situated 3500 feet above sea level, this temple is the most sacred in Northern Thailand, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha and a copper-plated chedi topped by a tiered gold parasol in its interior cloister. Equally impressive is the mythological Naga (Dragon-headed serpent) staircase, consisting of 290 steps leading up to the temple grounds. As you descend the stairs, opportunity to visit a local jade factory

Overnight: Chiang Mai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Friday - Flight to Bangkok

Morning transfer to the airport for the flight to Bangkok. Time on your own in Bangkok to revisit some of the city's fabulous sites, or, indulge in a last-minute shopping spree. Enjoy a night out on the town as you bid farewell to Thailand

Overnight: Bangkok

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14, Saturday - Depart Thailand

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Ramada Plaza Bangkok Menam Riverside, Bangkok



This first class hotel overlooks the Chao Phraya River.

[**Hotel Details**](#)

Mida Resort Kanchanaburi, Kanchanaburi



This superior tourist class resort overlooks the Khwae Yai River.

[**Hotel Details**](#)

Krungsri River Hotel, Ayutthaya



This superior tourist class hotel is located in the historic district of Ayutthaya.

Hotel Details

Le Charme Sukhothai Resort, Sukhothai



This first class hotel is located amidst the old town of Sukhothai.

Hotel Details

Legendha Sukhothai, Sukhothai



This superior first class hotel is less than a mile from the Sukhothal Historical Park and is surrounded by temples and historical sites.

[**Hotel Details**](#)

Dusit Island Resort, Chiang Rai



This deluxe hotel is located on an island in the Mae Kok River not far from Chiang Rai City Center.

[**Hotel Details**](#)

Kantary Hills Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai



This first class hotel is situated in the city center of Chiang Mai.

[**Hotel Details**](#)

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- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally

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- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha

Morning tour of Wat Phra Kaew, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, and the adjoining Grand Palace. Together they form the most impressive sights for visitors to Bangkok. Wat Phra Kaew consists of over 100 brightly colored buildings, golden spires and glittering mosaics, dating back to 1782, when Bangkok was founded. From Wat Phra Kaew continue to the Grand Palace. Despite the proximity of the two, there's a distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European designs of the Grand Palace. It is important to note that this palace is used now only for occasional ceremonial purposes and is no longer the royal residence.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #3

01 Jul 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$53.00



Siam Niramit Show & Dinner

Enjoy a delightful Buffet Dinner at the Siam Niramit Restaurant before attending this evening's stunning performance of "Journey to the Enchanted Kingdom" of Siam. This \$40 million production, with over 150 performers, explores the Kingdom of Siam's history and culture, with scenes highlighting the Ancient Kingdom of Lanna, Khmer heritage, and traditions of the central plains. Then, venture into the heart of Thai mythology with scenes of Fiery Hell, the mystical Himapaan Forest, and Blissful Heaven. Lastly, enjoy a montage of joyous celebrations honoring the Buddhist tradition.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #3

01 Jun 2017 - 30 Jun 2019

AUD\$83.00



Full Day Hellfire Pass & Death Railway with lunch

Depart early in the morning from Kanchanaburi to visit Hell Fire Pass and the Death Railway. Hellfire Pass derives its name from Allied Prisoners of War ordered by the Japanese authorities to complete the bridge and rail line earlier than scheduled. All POW's were forced to work day and night in the jungle, digging through the mountain with simple tools. More than 12,000 soldiers and 80,000 Thais perished during construction. En route, stop for lunch before returning to Kanchanaburi.

Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

Please note that there are approximately 154 stairs with 4 small platforms to descend to the railway bed to view the pass. You will need to climb back up the stairs to return to the start point. Walking to the pass requires walking approximately 400 meters on an unpaved path of rocks of the former railbed.

Day #5	02 Jan 2017 - 23 Dec 2017	AUD\$41.00
	28 Dec 2017 - 30 Dec 2017	AUD\$41.00
	02 Jan 2018 - 30 Jun 2018	AUD\$41.00



Half Day Mae Salong Hill Tribe

The tour departs Chiang Rai City in the morning for the drive to visit Hill Tribe at the foothill of Mae Salong. Upon arrival, change vehicles to the local Thai Combi which takes you up to the hill tribes, namely the Akha, Long Neck and Mien(Yao). See this unique way of life and culture of the tribes that is still maintained today.

This tour requires walking up several steps as well as uneven pavement and trails to get to the small village.

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #10

01 Jun 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$31.00



Half Day Elephant Kingdom Tour with lunch

This morning, travel northwest through an area famous for its waterfalls and scenic views, to visit "Elephant Kingdom", an educational Elephant Camp Program. Here, see elephants bathing in the running streams, attend a lecture on the Thai Elephant, and learn how the mahout train and command these majestic animals. Later, learn the

importance of herbal vitamin for the elephant's diet and special herbal treatment and hot press as a natural insect repellent. You may also be able to give the elephants bananas and sugar cane, two of their favorite treats. Travel to an Orchid & Butterfly farm in the north of Mae Rim area and savor a buffet style lunch. Afterwards, explore the gardens of orchids and visit the butterfly farm.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #11

01 Jun 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$68.00



Traditional Thai Massage

A trip to Thailand is not complete without experiencing a traditional Thai Massage! Unlike other types of massages, in Thailand your masseuse will stretch, bend, and contort your body into various positions, known to quickly ease the stress of muscle tension and aids in curing minor illnesses. A set of personal cotton clothing will be given to you to wear during the massage.

Approximate tour duration is 1 hour. Gratuity is not included.

Day #11

01 Jul 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$45.00



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