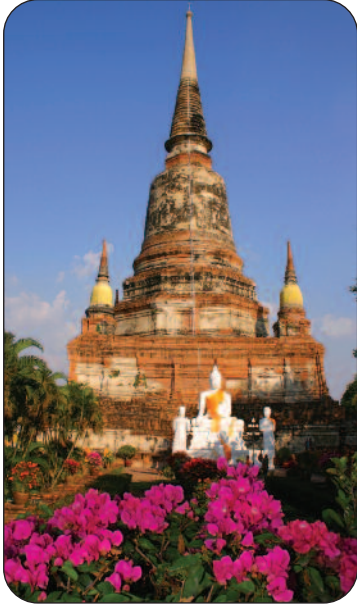


# Thailand: Bangkok and Chiang Mai

Nine Days, Seven Nights including hotel, meals, day trips, and airfare from New York, Los Angeles or San Francisco



Experience the Thai culture, glittering golden temples, centuries of history and traditions, delicious cuisine, and tropical sunsets. Fascinating, vibrant and colorful, Bangkok has it all, the friendliest people on the world, gleaming skyscrapers alongside dazzling, historic temples, among the city's famous klongs (canals). Bangkok is a sensory thrill that never ceases to delight. Thailand's second largest city, Chiang Mai offers traditional Thai hospitality and is the perfect place to explore the lush tropical jungles, see working elephants and visit the remote hill tribes. Come with us and visit Thailand - The land of smiles...

## Included features:

**ROUNDRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION:** From New York , Los Angeles or San Francisco on the scheduled services of an international airline

**FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS:** Seven nights hotel accommodations throughout the program staying at the four star The Century Park Hotel Bangkok (four nights) and The Chiang Mai Plaza (three nights) or similar.

**SUPERB CUISINE:** Your special rate includes daily breakfasts, three lunches and six dinners (including a traditional Thai dinner and dance show and two dinner cruises).

**SIGHTSEEING/ENTERTAINMENT TOUR PROGRAM:** City tour of Bangkok with the Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha and Thai Klongs, Damnoensaduak Floating Market and Rose Garden tour, Doi Suthep /Homong hill tribe village tour and the Orchid nursery, Butterfly Farm and Thai elephant tour. Optional tours available.

**COMPLIMENTARY SPACES:** Based on all group departures.

**DELUXE MOTOR COACHES:** Deluxe motor coaches and experienced drivers escort you for all transfers, tours, and guided excursions.

**BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS:** ABC handle baggage outside of customs area for arrival and departure, for one checked bag per person.

**PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER/HOSTS:** An experienced professional local host will assist you on the vacation upon arrival in Thailand.

**LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES:** On all included features.

**MARKETING PACKAGE:** Full marketing package including brochures, e-mailable brochure, webpage, etc.

**EXPERIENCE AND ADVICE:** ABC holds over 45 years of experience in the travel industry offering assistance and advise in fundraising programs.

**FOR PRICING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ABC DESTINATIONS AT 1-800-227-5858**



## ITINERARY

**Day 1 – Depart the U.S:** Depart the U.S. for Thailand.

**Day 2 – Bangkok:** Arrival at Bangkok Airport and transfer to The Century Park Hotel Bangkok. Bangkok has a feast of attractions to offer. The city is dotted with 400 glittering Buddhist temples of great beauty and fascination, magnificent palaces and classical dance extravaganzas.

**Day 3 – Bangkok:** Today enjoy a Bangkok city and temples tour. Included sights are Grand Palace, the Temple of the Golden Buddha and the Emerald Buddha. After lunch experience a trip by a speed boat, along the bustling Chao Phraya River, commonly called the "River of Kings", and its quiet Klongs (Canals). Along the way we visit Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn). This evening, enjoy dinner with Thai classical dance. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day 4 – Bangkok:** Depart early this morning for the colorful Damnoendadua Floating Market where you will see traditional Thai lifestyles going back into history. En route visit Nakorn Pathom, which is the largest pagoda in Thailand. Take lunch in the rose garden, where you will experience the Thai way of life with a Thai Village Show, which features Thai sports, folk dances and daily practices in a traditionally decorated stage. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day 5 – Bangkok:** Today enjoy a day at leisure to discover all that the vibrant capital city of Bangkok has to offer. Dine, relax, shop for bargains, or perhaps take one of the optional tours available. This evening, we depart for a Dinner cruise along Chaophaya River. Here we will taste delicious Thai and international cuisine as we watch the sun go down on a vibrant city. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 6 – Bangkok/Chiang Mai:** After breakfast we transfer to the airport to fly to Chiang Mai. Welcome to Chiang Mai; nicknamed "The Rose of The North" it is over 700 years old and the North's largest city. After check in to our hotel we visit the Doi Suthep and Homong hill tribe village: visit Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep (built in A.D. 1384). It is 3,500 feet above sea-level and is the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha, flanked by enormous mythological Nagas. A panoramic view of the city can be seen from here. Then visit the Hmong hill tribe village in Doi Pui. You will experience their lifestyles and see the Hmong tribesmen dressed in their colorful traditional costumes. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 7 – Chiang Mai:** Today the first stop is at the beautiful orchid nursery and butterfly farms in the Mae Sa district. Then, travel through the hilly, wooden area in the north of the city to see "Elephants at Work" at the Mae Taman camp. Afterwards you will experience a short elephant trek across rivers and through the jungle. Then, we will enjoy an Ox-cart ride which gives you an insight into the life and surrounding of the village people. Lunch will be provided. Then you will start your next adventure with bamboo rafting down a 5 kms, stretch of the Mae Taeng River. Tonight we will enjoy the superb Khantoke Northern Thai dinner with charming Fon Lep (Fingers dance), Sword dance, and the Fon Thien (Candle dance). Also, there is a special hill tribe show performed by Akha, Yao, Lahu, Meo, Lishaw and Karen Tribes. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day 8 – Chiang Mai:** Today enjoy a full day at leisure to wander the local markets in search of silk goods, spices and Thai tea or take an optional tour. In The evening enjoy farewell dinner cruise along the Ping River. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 9 – Chiang Mai/U.S.:** Today we depart to Chiang Mai Airport for departure back to the U.S. (Breakfast)

### OPTIONAL PHUKET EXTENSION (returns 3 days later):

**Day 9 - Chiang Mai/Phuket:** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your 2-hour flight to Phuket. Here you will discover another side to beautiful Thailand in this southern tropical island paradise. Here the mountain scenery of the North gives way to the sparkling blue waters of the Andaman Sea, lush green hills, coconut groves, rubber plantations and spectacular white sand beaches. After you check into your hotel spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (Breakfast)

**Day 10 - Phuket:** Today after breakfast enjoy a half day tour of Phuket, visit the Promthep Cape, Rawai Beach, Sea Gypsies and the town of Phuket. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (Breakfast)

**Day 11 - Phuket:** Today is free to relax or you may choose an optional tour, such as to Phi Phi Island, located 1.5 hours cruise from Phuket Island. After lunch, swim and snorkel in the clear waters where natural multi-colored fish can be clearly seen. (Breakfast)

**Day 12 - Phuket/Bangkok/U.S.:** Bid farewell to Thailand and depending on your flight schedule depart for the airport for your return flight back to the U.S. (Breakfast)

### THE HOTELS:

**The Century Park Hotel Bangkok.** This 24-story, four-star city hotel features 380 well-appointed rooms with air-conditioning, satellite TV, private bathroom, telephone and king or queen beds. Each is tailored to satisfy the demands of the discerning traveler. The hotel's rooftop pool is a great spot to kick back and relax after a vigorous work-out at the state-of-the-art fitness centre, where trained staff are on hand for advice. Numerous dining options cater to a range of tastes; if the international buffet and Italian 'Roberto' Restaurant do not appeal, the 24-hour room service option might. Situated 30 minutes by car from Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Victory Monument Skytrain station is just a short walk away, making travelling around the city easy. A daily shuttle bus to key shopping areas is also provided for your convenience.

**The Chiangmai Plaza Hotel.** The Chiang Mai Plaza Hotel is conveniently situated in the city centre of Chaing Mai, just a short stroll from the night markets, bargain shops and main points of interest. This Thai style Chaing Mai Plaza Hotel is overlooking the Mae Ping River and Doi Suthep Temple. Rooms are spacious with modern amenities and services with air-conditioning, satellite TV, private bathroom, telephone, tea and coffee maker and king or queen beds.

**Please note:** Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions.

**2011 DEPARTURE DATES: MAY 4-12, 11-19, 18-26 MAY 25-JUN 2**  
**2012 DEPARTURE DATES: MAY 1-9, 8-16, 15-23 SEP 12-20, OCT 2-10, 9-17**

