

Magical Thailand

9 DAY TOUR OF CHIANG MAI, BANGKOK AND MORE WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.

From
\$1999*
per person twin share
9 DAYS



You don't need to be religious to have a holy experience in Thailand. With temples dotted across the landscape, incense floating in the air and monks going about their day, it's easy to drift into a sense of calm and inner peace on this journey through the highlights of Northern Thailand.

At a glance

Experience the magic of Thailand on this 9 day package taking in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and Bangkok. Visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, Wat Rong Khun (White Temple), Wat Traimit (the temple of the Golden Buddha) and Phra Kaew temples. Tour the Golden Triangle region that borders Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. Experience local life on a visit to the Akha and Yao Hill Tribe communities, visit the Grand Palace, as well as the Golden, Reclining and Emerald Buddhas on a tour of Bangkok. With return international flights, one internal flight, seven nights hotel accommodation, eight meals including daily breakfast, and much more – you'll discover the magic of Thailand on this trip.

Have more time? Stay a little longer with the 12 day Phuket extension.

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Offer available for a limited time
or until sold out.



The itinerary

Standard 9 day Magical Thailand

Day 1

Australia – Chiang Mai

Today depart Sydney for Chiang Mai, Thailand with Thai Airways, Singapore Airlines, or Virgin Australia. Once you arrive you'll be taken to your hotel for the night.

Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Khum Phucome Hotel or similar, Chiang Mai

Meals included: In flight

Day 2

Chiang Mai – Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple

Today visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. This impressive golden Buddhist temple is a must see whilst visiting Chiang Mai and is one of the city's most important and visible landmarks. The temple is approached on foot by climbing a steep staircase of 290 steps and is the home of many holy Buddha relics. Located high in the hills above Chiang Mai, this magnificent temple provides an impressive view over the city, so make sure you have your camera ready. Spend the afternoon at your leisure exploring Chiang Mai or join a Thai cooking class.

Overnight: Khum Phucome Hotel or similar, Chiang Mai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3

Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai

This morning you'll begin the journey to Chiang Rai, a pretty town surrounded by countryside and mountains, close to the borders of Laos and Myanmar. Visit Wat Rong Khun, known as the 'White Temple', that's unlike any other in Thailand.

Overnight: The Infinity Suite or similar, Chiang Rai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4

Golden Triangle full day tour

Today you'll travel to the Golden Triangle, the frontier between Laos, Myanmar and Thailand on a full day tour. On the way stop off at a hot spring and Baandam museum and gallery of artist Thawan Duchanee. Then you'll continue on your journey to the Golden Triangle, from the viewpoint you'll be able to see all three neighbouring countries, the Mekong River and hilly landscape. Enjoy a buffet lunch before visiting Mae Sai, a town at the border of Thailand and Myanmar where you can do some shopping. In the afternoon you'll visit the Akha and Yao Hill Tribe communities. It's a great chance to meet the locals and learn about their culture before heading back to Chiang Rai for the evening.

Overnight: The Infinity Suite or similar, Chiang Rai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5

Chiang Rai – Bangkok

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, before going to Chiang Rai Airport around midday for your flight to Bangkok. Once you arrive in Bangkok you'll be taken to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Hotel De Bangkok or similar, Bangkok

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6

Day at your leisure in Bangkok

Spend today exploring the vibrant city of Bangkok, or you can take the opportunity to join a day tour of the floating markets and River Kwai.

Overnight: Hotel De Bangkok or similar, Bangkok

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7

Bangkok half day tour



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Visit the temples of the Golden Buddha, Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha and Grand Palace on a city tour this morning. You'll have the rest of the afternoon to spend however you like.

Overnight: Hotel De Bangkok or similar, Bangkok

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8

Bangkok – Australia

Bid farewell to Thailand and hop aboard your flight back to Australia.

If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before. Sydney, Melbourne and Perth passengers may have a very early morning flight on day 9. Affected customers will be provided with late check out on day 8 and will be transferred to the airport on day 8 for their flight check-in. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents which you will receive prior to departure.

Meals included: Breakfast and in flight

Day 9

Arrive in Australia

12 day Magical Thailand with Phuket extension

Day 8

Bangkok – Phuket

Today you'll fly to Phuket from Bangkok airport. If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before. Upon your arrival you'll be taken to your hotel for the night.

Overnight: Sugar Marina Art Hotel or PJ Patong Resortel or similar, Phuket

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9

Day at your leisure in Phuket

Spend today exploring Phuket .

Overnight: Sugar Marina Art Hotel or PJ Patong Resortel or similar, Phuket

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10

Day at your leisure in Phuket

You have another day all to yourself, spend it however you like.

Overnight: Sugar Marina Art Hotel or PJ Patong Resortel or similar, Phuket

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11

Phuket – Australia

Bid farewell to Thailand and hop aboard your flight back to Australia. Sydney and Melbourne passengers may have a very early morning flight on day 12. Affected customers will be provided with late check out on day 11 and will be transferred to the airport on day 11 for their flight check-in. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents which you will receive prior to departure.

Meals included: Breakfast and in flight

Day 12

Arrive in Australia



Tour inclusions

Highlights

- Experience the diverse landscape, nature and culture of Thailand
- Discover Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and Bangkok
- Visit the golden Buddhist temple, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep in Chiang Mai
- Explore Wat Rong Khun, “White Temple” in Chiang Rai
- Discover the highlights of the Golden Triangle
- Visit the colourful Akha and Yao Hill Tribe communities
- Explore the vibrant city of Bangkok on a day free at leisure
- See the Golden and Reclining Buddhas on a half day Bangkok city tour

Flights

- Return international flights (economy class) from SYD
- 1 x internal flight: Chiang Rai to Bangkok

Accommodation

7 nights’ hotel accommodation.

Dining

Enjoy 8 meals including daily breakfast.

Tour essentials

English speaking local tour guides.

Transport

Transportation by A/C vehicles.

Transfers

Return airport transfers.

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All of the Standard Package inclusions, plus the following:

- 1 x internal flight: Bangkok to Phuket
- 3 nights hotel accommodation
- Enjoy 3 additional meals
- Relax in Phuket with 2 days free at leisure



Important information

Booking information

After purchase, you'll receive a receipt and a purchase confirmation directing you to an online Passenger Booking Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed **within 72 hours of purchase**.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras must be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the schedule of fees below.

On purchasing this travel offer you're bound by the General **Terms and Conditions** in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this important information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to the NRMA (unless otherwise stated).

Offer essentials

- Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 11th November 2018.
- Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

Single supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies

- 9 Day Package: \$370.
- 12 Day package: \$510

Departure dates (2018)

- August: 7, 21
- September: 11
- October: ^16
- November: ^13, ^*11

Surcharges

Please note dates/months with a * or ^ incur a high season surcharge.

*Land high season is \$100 per person.

^Flight high season is \$260 per person.

Departure cities

Sydney.

Flights

Airlines used

Thai Airways, Singapore Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Virgin Australia, Cathay Pacific, Malaysian Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Arrive early in Chiang Mai, Thailand

\$200 per person subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra night's accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Bangkok, Thailand (9 day package only) or Phuket, Thailand (12 day package only)

\$200 per person/voucher subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stopover packages

Not available.



Important information

Flight class upgrades

Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to the NRMA.

Accommodation

9 day package

3 star (self-rated)

- Chiang Mai: Khum Phucome Hotel or Ruen Come In
- Chiang Rai: The Infinity Suite Chiang Rai or Wiang Inn Hotel
- Bangkok: Hotel De Bangkok or Trang Bangkok Hotel

12 day package

3 star (self-rated)

- Phuket: Sugar Marina Art Hotel or PJ Patong Resortel

**Please note:* Rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra nights

- Chiang Mai, Thailand (pre tour): \$80 per room including breakfast.
- Bangkok, Thailand (post tour): \$100 per room including breakfast.
- Phuket, Thailand (post tour extension only): \$100 per room including breakfast.

Please note: Extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum room capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts

- Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents
- Valid for children/infants 8 years old and over
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel
- No unaccompanied minors allowed

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding configuration

Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

General tour information

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

Optional tours and activities

Day 2: Thai Cooking Class - \$35 USD (approx. \$46 AUD).

Day 6: Floating Markets and River Kwai Tour - \$50 USD (approx. \$65 AUD).

Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified. Some tours require minimum numbers to operate

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements (a 30 day tourist visa is granted upon arrival if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$10 AUD per person per day which will be collected on tour
- Optional activities/tours



Important information

- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised before all details can be finalised.

Other important information

Climate and average temperature

The north of Thailand is known as a cooler place, however you can still expect it to be hot in the summer months. The cooler season runs from December to March, the nights can be cool enough to require a jacket. The heat starts to increase soon after the new year and by April or May it will be hot and humid. During the rainy season the downpours can be extremely heavy, but generally only last for an hour or so in the afternoon.

Bangkok:

The weather in Bangkok is dominated by a tropical monsoon climate, so it's hot all year round. Throughout the year there are three main seasons: hot season from March to June, rainy season from July to October and a cooler season between November and February.

Phuket:

Phuket has a tropical monsoonal climate. It's warm/hot all year round, but it is hottest from April to May. Humidity is high, at this time, which can make the days feel even hotter. September - October is also the wettest, thanks to the southwest monsoon.

Tour Guide vs Tour Leader

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the

required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour. They do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

Coach tour

Meals:

8 meals are included in the tour (9 Day Package), for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.



Important information

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is \$10 per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Fitness level required/mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. The climb to the temple on day 2 will require a moderate level of fitness. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Visas

A 30 day tourist visa is granted upon arrival if travelling on an Australian passport. Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

Insurance

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products. Please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

Schedule of fees

Voluntary changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or travel voucher reissue.

1st change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

2nd change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional

charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/other travel provider.

Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Name changes due to passenger error

If the incorrect name has been advised to the NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider will apply.