

BANGKOK PARADISE

Exclusively for The Women's Travel Group and Sky Vacations

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Jan 26: Welcome to Bangkok

(-/-/-)

Upon arrival, we'll be welcomed and transferred to our hotel.

Bangkok or Krungthep, which means city of Angel, has been the capital city since 1782. Here is a unique merge of urban skyscrapers, local life encounter, glorious architecture, and much more. Bangkok is diverse in its attractions, food, shopping, and activities, making a popular choice for those with varying interest. The remainder of the day is at our leisure to relax and unwind.

Overnight: Pathumwan Princess

Jan 27: Bangkok City & Self-Awareness

(B/L/-)

After breakfast, our day begins with a visit to the historical area. Visit Flower Market - open 365 days and 24 hours a day, the never sleeping flower market has everything that one can ask for flower enthusiasts. Enjoy walking through this fascinating flower stalls with fresh, colorful, and specialty made bouquets on different occasions. We'll prepare local flowers for praying together at temples. Next, we visit the Temple of Reclining Buddha. The temple is first on the list of six temples in Thailand classed as the highest grade of the first-class royal temple. The temple complex houses the largest collection of Buddha images in Thailand, including a 46 m long reclining Buddha. The temple is considered the earliest center for public education in Thailand, and the marble illustrations and inscriptions placed in the temple for public instructions has been recognized by UNESCO in its Memory of the World Programme. We then continue our visit to Wat Po Massage School where we'll enjoy a 60 minutes traditional Thai Massage.

Before lunch, we visit the Grand Palace, which has been the major architectural symbol of The Thai Royal family. Built in 1782, the Grand Palace was a former residence for King Rama I to King Rama V of the Rattanakosin Kingdom. Today, the place is used for hosting royal ceremonies and welcoming the King's guests, State guests, and other foreign dignitaries. Just a short walk, we'll make a visit to Wat Phra Kaew, also known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. The Buddha image seated in a meditative posture, made from green jade, clothed in gold is Thailand's most important sacred temple housing the utmost precious religious icon.

After lunch, we unearth our spiritual journey and connect with the local culture by engaging in conversations with Buddhist monks. We'll learn what it's like to be a monk and how a monastic life plays a big part in Thailand's overall sociology through monk chats and meditation retreats. Buddha's teachings through monk chats is the reason why Thai people always smile, even through difficult times. By chatting with monks, we'll learn how to face and endure challenges that we may encounter in life. We'll also have the opportunity to attend monk chat, a casual conversation, open to all religions, races, and nationalities.

Overnight: Pathumwan Princess

JAN 28: Wanderlust of the west

(B/L/-)

This morning after breakfast, we depart from Bangkok and head to Samutsongkram Province, home of the famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Along the way, we make a quick stop to visit a traditional Thai house, where we can see locals making brown coconut sugar. Explore the house and its surrounding area, which is home to many different animals living on the coconut plantation. We continue our trip by boarding a paddle boat for a ride along narrow canals to the floating market. See the local houses lining the canals and take a quick glance at their way of living, while we pass by. See the amazing array of vendors in their boats, selling fresh products, from fruits and vegetables to prepared dishes. After that, we'll stop at Maeklong local market which has been known as "Umbrella Pull Down Market". Apart from famous seafood market in Thailand, here the merchant set their shop on the train track on the way to station. Once the train approaches, everyone will pull down umbrella, move the stall out, and let the train come through, and move everything back within seconds. It is a great opportunity to see unique way of selling in this market. After that, we'll transfer to local people house and learn how to make Pad Thai with local people. Enjoy cooking this world-famous dish from local perspective and eat it for lunch. We are then transferred back to hotel in Bangkok in the afternoon.

Overnight: Pathumwan Princess

JAN 29: Shopping Hunters Adventure

(B/L/-)

This morning after breakfast we'll visit Jim Thompson House. It is the Thai house of James H. W. Thompson, the American soldier who initiated Thai silk industry in Thailand. He was granted the

Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant from the royal which is the only exalted order granted to foreigners who made Thailand benefit. Jim Thompson House is a Thai teakwood house which he bought from the former owner of the house. The parts of each house were delivered to the recent area. Inside, the room is decorated in Thai style with Thai furniture, ornamental plants and flowers including Jim Thompson's collections. Enjoy shopping best of Thai Silk.

After that, we visit Bangkok's famous markets – a shopping paradise. From local vendors on streets to large malls, each has its own personality and specialty. If you are looking further than the global brand names, Bangkok is the place to come and stock up on all things exotic, crafty, and unique. We are driven back to the hotel after day's activities.

Overnight: Pathumwan Princess

JAN 30: Departure

(B/-/-)

After breakfast, morning is at leisure until it's time to transfer to the airport for our flight back home. Please note, this is a group transfer (time to be advised). Individual transfers priced separately.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' hotel accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts and 3 Lunches
- All tours based on private basis with English-speaking guide
- Applicable monument entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Bottled water during sightseeing
- All Boat Fees/Fares per the itinerary

**Flights Not Included. Based on a minimum of 4 passengers.*