

## Bangkok & Golden Triangle

7 Days / 6 Nights

### Day 01: Arrive Bangkok

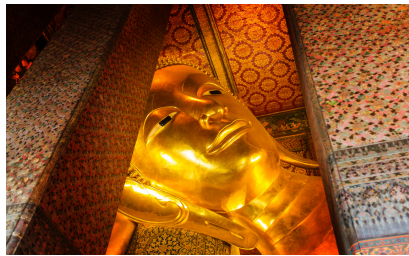
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Arrive at Bangkok airport, Welcome by our representative local English-speaking guide of Tour East, and you will be transferred to your hotel. Check in to your room, and the rest of the day is free at your leisure.

Overnight at your selected hotel

### Day 02: Half-Day Bangkok City Tour

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Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

Meeting with the guide for transfer to the city center to visit **Wat Traimit**, a temple whose golden exterior houses the largest solid gold Buddha statue in the world. Weighing 5.5 tons and standing 10 feet (3 m) tall, this seated sculpture is believed to have been made in the 13th or 14th century. We will continue the visit with the **Temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Po)**, one of the most charming temples in Bangkok. It is a very visited temple complex due to its location immediately south of the Grand Palace and the huge reclining Buddha image it houses. We then continue to visit the **Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha**. Discover the Royal Grand Palace, an impressive 25-hectare Bangkok compound featuring spectacular Thai architecture. Tour the temples and pagodas of the complex, including the magnificent **Wat Phra Kaew**, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, estimated to have been carved in the 15th century. In this area, you can also visit the nine towers and the Pantheon of the Kings. At the end of the tour, we will return to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at a hotel in Bangkok.

Overnight at your selected hotel

### Day 03: Bangkok – Floating Market

(B/L)



Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

At the agreed time, I met with the guide for the transfer to the **Damnoen Saduak** floating market, located in the province of Ratchaburi and considered the most important in the country. Once in the vicinity of the market, we will take a motorboat ride along the canal area to reach the market and have free time to explore its products and enjoy the lively atmosphere. At the end of the visit to the market, back in Bangkok, we will visit the **Phra Pathom Chedia** pagoda located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River in the town of Nakhon Pathom, which is very important for being the highest pagoda in the world (127 meters). Lunch is at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel and have a free afternoon.

Overnight at your selected hotel

### Day 04: Bangkok – Chiang Rai & Mae Fah Luang Botanical – Golden Triangle

(B/L)



Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

At the indicated time, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Chiang Rai. Upon your arrival at Chiang Rai Airport (before 09:00–09.30am in the morning), you will be greeted at the airport by our local Tour East representative. They will start with a visit to the **Mae Fah Luang Botanical Garden**, which is located at 1,512 m above sea level, followed by a visit to the **Royal Chalet** and the **museum of the mother of the princess**. Lunch is at a local restaurant. After that, visit **Chui Fong**, a beautiful tea plantation, and enjoy delicious iced tea and tea cake (at your own expense). Later, we will go to the famous "**Golden Triangle**" of the Mekong River, the eighth longest river in the world, with views of Thailand, Laos, and Burma. Take a boat along the Khong River for about 30 minutes. Transfer to the hotel in CEI Town.

Overnight at your selected hotel



Day 05: Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai

(B/L/D)



Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

Early morning drive to visit the new *Blue Temple*, Wat Rong Seur Ten. A modern Buddhist temple is distinguished by its vivid blue art, coloration, and elaborate hand carvings. Continue to Wat Rong Khun Temple, probably one of the most spectacular temples in the entire country. Also known to travelers as the *White Temple*, it is an unconventional contemporary art exhibit owned by Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, who designed, built, and opened it to visitors in 1997. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Finally, when we arrive in Chiang Mai, we will visit the Doi Suthep Temple. The temple is undoubtedly one of the most important temples in Chiang Mai, as well as one of the most revered among all Thais. We will have the option to climb its long stairs or take the cable car to the top, where we can witness the views of the city. Arrive at the hotel and check in. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Khantoke dinner while enjoying traditional Thai dances.

Overnight at a hotel in Chiang Mai.

Day 06: Chiang Mai

(B/L)



Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

After breakfast, drive approximately 50 minutes north of Chiang Mai through a forest and local farming areas. Arrive at Kanta Elephant Sanctuary. Walk through and learn about the elephants, change into traditional clothing, and prepare fruits for our elephants. Meet the elephants. Feed, interact, and play with the elephants in a natural environment and get muddy as you learn about their behavior and history. Take photos with the elephants. Walk with and observe elephants when they are in a river for a bathe, and you have a chance to join them. Get some tea, coffee, and season fruit, then say goodbye to the elephants. Leave Kanta Elephant Sanctuary.

Continue the drive to the orchid plantation, and a buffet lunch is served. Here, we will appreciate the unique beauty of this floral species. Further drive to visit the popular street of artisans, where most traditional decorative objects are manufactured, from his famous hand-painted jewelry and gemstones, parasols and woodcarvings, silks, and cotton.

Overnight at your selected hotel

Day 07: Depart Chiang Mai

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Breakfast will be served at the hotel. At the indicated time, transfer to the Chiang Mai airport to take your flight to your next destination (flight not included).

End of Service.