

OPTIONAL BANGKOK EXTENSION

4 days | Explore the canals and city of Bangkok



Well known as the **City of Angels**, Krungthepmahanakorn (Bangkok) is the present capital city and the focal point for Thailand. It was made the capital of Thailand in 1782, by the first monarch of the present Chakri Dynasty. It is a vibrant city, a national treasure house and Thailand's spiritual, cultural, political, commercial, educational and diplomatic center with endless choice of sightseeing and entertainment opportunities. In addition to the many temples and historic buildings, such as The Grand Palace and Wat Arun, the list of interesting places to visit is endless. There are numerous canal (klong) networks, the Chaophraya River, giving Bangkok the name of "Venice of the East".

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: OCTOBER 27, 2019

Fly to Bangkok

📍 Bangkok, Thailand

Upon arrival at the Bangkok International Airport, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your local hotel.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon to relax and enjoy your hotel amenities. Lunch is by individual arrangement. Dinner will be provided at the hotel this evening.



DAY 2: OCTOBER 28, 2019

Explore Bangkok

📍 Bangkok, Thailand

After breakfast this morning, you will visit **The Grand Palace**, a "must see" attraction. The Palace is an architectural wonder of golden stupas, walls and pillars encrusted in shining and colorful mosaics. Previously the residence of past Kings of Thailand, you will see palaces once used for different occasions; the Reception Hall, the Coronation Hall,



the Throne Hall, the Royal Guest House and Wat Phra Kaew. The architecture is predominantly Thai, though there are some European influences. The palace served as the official residence of Kings of Thailand from the 18th to the mid-20th century. The most famous building within the palace grounds is **Wat Phra Kaew** and this is regarded as the most sacred buddhist temple in Thailand. Continue to **Wat Po**, with its massive reclining Buddha. Enjoy a traditional Thai foot massage to relax your mind and body.

Continue to **Supatra River House Restaurant** for your first authentic Thai dishes in Thailand. This gracious old Thai home on the banks of the Chao Phaya River, opposite the Grand Palace, was formerly the home of Khunying (Lady) Supatra Singholaga, who in addition to being a successful business woman, was a leading advocate of women's rights in Thai society. The interior of the house is divided into several dining areas with a cozy bar, and seating outdoor on the terrace. The décor is traditional architecture, and the views of the river, Grand Palace and Wat Arun are spectacular.

A cruise through the Thonburi canals is an experience that no other Asian capital can offer. The journey down the legendary **Chao Phraya River**, known as the “River of Kings”, and its tributary klongs (canals) gives a perspective on the critical importance this waterway played in the creation of Bangkok and the old capital of Thonburi, hence the title “Venice of the East”. A boat trip takes us to famous riverside landmarks, including stops at the glittering Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn) and the magnificent Royal Barges Museum. We also proceed past other notable icons such as the Holy Rosary Church, which was built by the Portuguese who were the first Europeans to settle in Thailand in the 16th Century; and the Oriental Hotel, famous for hosting celebrated authors such as Joseph Conrad and Somerset Maugham.

Return to the hotel for dinner on your own this evening.



DAY 3: OCTOBER 29, 2019

Cultural Explorations of Bangkok

📍 Bangkok, Thailand

Begin your final day in Bangkok with a visit to the **Damnoen Saduak Floating Market**. There are countless floating markets throughout Thailand, but the Damnoen Saduak is the most famous. Situated in Ratchaburi province, this market is like a trip back in time to the Siam of old. You will see colorfully clad merchants paddle along congested canals in sturdy canoes laden with fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items to sell to shoppers on the canal banks. There is lots of activity and bargaining is part of the fun of the sale.

This buzzing market is at its best in the early morning before the crowds arrive and the heat of the day builds up. After visiting the market, we continue onto Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakorn Pathom, reportedly the largest pagoda in South East Asia. The golden-tiled dome of the Chedi towers almost 116 – metres into the air.



After lunch on your own, you will have some free time at the hotel.

Enjoy a cooking class at **Silom Thai Cooking School**. The taste of authentic Thai cuisine is so unique that the world has tried to capture it in many ways. Now is your chance to learn the secrets of expert Thai cuisine for yourself, under the guidance of local chefs who will teach you every step of the way. At the school, your instruction will begin. You will cook five delicious Thai courses, each one from scratch. The art of creating Thai food comes from the careful steps that lead to it, and you’ll be given a true hands-on experience every moment. Guided by the chefs, you’ll be able to properly create these great dishes and develop new skills! You will even be able to enjoy the very meal you create. Take home this priceless Thai cuisine knowledge as your best souvenir!

DAY 4: OCTOBER 30, 2019

Fly Home

After breakfast, transfer to the international airport for your flight home (arrival same day).

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 4 days October 27–30, 2019

Extension cost: \$1099 per person | *Single supplement:* \$399

Inclusions: Group airport transfers and baggage handling, meals and activities as mentioned, all tips and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Hotel incidentals, and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Pullman Bangkok Hotel G

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Located in the city center of Silom district and close to Sathorn, the 5-star Pullman Bangkok Hotel G is just minutes' walk away from the Chong Nonsi BTS skytrain station and ideal for shopping, entertainment and business. The rooms & suites feature floor to ceiling window with panoramic view of Bangkok. The hotel also provides a multitude of dining options, including 25 Degrees, the renowned 24-hour burger restaurant & bar and Scarlett, the award-winning rooftop bar & restaurant.