



# Thai Intro 9 day

Thai Intro is the most amazing way to experience Thailand! You'll discover Bangkok by boat and Tuk Tuk, visit ancient temples, learn to cook delicious Thai food, sleep on floating bungalows in the middle of a rainforest, explore tropical islands, swim under waterfalls, have a Thai massage, party on the world famous full moon beach and more!

With a group leader from the moment you step off the plane, an instant group of friends and help with all your onward travel. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

**Duration:** 9 days / 8 nights

**Starts:** Bangkok

**Finishes:** Koh Phangan

**Transport:** Overnight Train, Taxi, Minibus, Tuk Tuk, Ferry, Long Tail Boat.

**Meals:** 2B, 3L, 3D

**Group size:** 16 - 30

**Age Range:** 18 - 39

**Local Fees:** None

**Accom:** 2 Nights Bangkok - Twin/DbI Share Guesthouse (Wild Orchid Villa)

1 Night Sleeper Train - Multi-Share Cabin

1 Night Khao Sok - Floating Bungalows Twin, Triple or Quad Share

4 Nights Koh Phangan - Twin, Triple or Quad Share Beachside Bungalows (Sarana Bungalows)

**Included:** Airport pickup, 8 nights accommodation, Ancient temples, Bangkok River Cruise, Bangkok Nightlife, Cooking Class, Floating Bungalows, Kayaking, Island Tour, Snorkelling, Waterfalls, Thai Massage, Muay Thai or Yoga Experience, Farewell Dinner, all transport, some meals, experienced western Group Leader and local guides, onward travel help & planning, 24/7 support after the trip finishes.

**Not Included:** Flights, Insurance, Visas, some meals, Return transfer to Bangkok



## Trip Highlights

- Experience the fascinating culture and crazy nightlife of the buzzing capital of Bangkok as you discover ancient temples, learn to cook delicious Thai food and party the night away on the famous Khao San rd!
- Enter the magical and relatively unknown rainforests of the stunning Khao Sok National Park. Cruise along pristine emerald green lakes, go tubing, kayaking before sleeping overnight on floating bungalows!
- Discover the best of the beautiful southern island of Koh Phangan, learn the art of Muay Thai boxing, sip a cocktail on the balcony of your beachside bungalow before partying on the famous 'full moon' beach.

## Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive and meet the Group** - We'll pick you up from the airport and take you to the guesthouse in Bangkok. You'll then have plenty of time to recover from your long flight, chill out and meet everyone in your group.

**Day 2: River Cruise & Temples** - Discover Bangkok from a different perspective as we take a relaxing cruise through the heart of the city. We'll then visit Bangkok's most sacred and ancient temples and travel by Tuk Tuk through the crazy streets! At night we'll head out and experience some of the best nightlife in the world. **(B)**

**Day 3: Thai Cooking Class & Overnight Train** - Learn the secrets to preparing delicious Thai cuisine first hand with a traditional Thai cooking class. Then you can sit back, relax and enjoy the sights of Thailand when we board the overnight train and travel down south. **(L)**

**Day 4: Khao Sok National Park** - We'll wind through amazing limestone cliffs in a long-tail boat to a pristine freshwater lake and will stay overnight in floating bungalows. You'll also go kayaking, tubing and monkey spotting! **(L, D)**

**Day 5: Arrive in Koh Phangan & Beach Party** - We'll travel by boat to the beautiful tropical island of Koh Phangan – home of the world famous full-moon parties. After checking in to our own amazing beachside bungalows you can spend the afternoon exploring the island or just relax by the pool and work on your tan. We'll then head out and party on the world famous full moon party beach! **(B)**

**Day 6: Traditional Thai Massage & Beach time** - A day to unwind, relax and get some well-deserved beach time. Before being pampered with a traditional Thai massage.

**Day 7: Island trip & Snorkeling** - You'll discover the beauty of Koh Phangan as we travel to some of the most amazing beaches in the world. Chill out, soak up some sun and snorkel in crystal clear water. We'll then kick back with a BBQ on the beach! **(L, D)**

**Day 8: Muay Thai or Yoga Experience** - Today you have the choice of learning the art of Muay Thai boxing or bringing some peace and harmony into your action packed trip with a private Yoga class. We'll then head out for our last night on Koh Phangan. **(D)**

**Day 9: Check out & Onward travel** - Stay on longer at our bungalows in Koh Phangan, or continue on your travels with the new friends you've made!

# Thai Intro 12 day

Experience the amazing Thai Intro 9 day plus 3 more days of paradise on the stunning Phi Phi Islands. This is the absolute best of southern Thailand in an all inclusive and awesome 12-day package!

**Duration:** 12 days / 11 nights

**Starts:** Bangkok

**Finishes:** Koh Phi Phi Island

**Transport:** Train, taxi, minibus, tuk tuk, ferry.

**Meals:** 2B, 4L, 4D

**Group size:** 16 - 22

**Age Range:** 18 - 39

**Local Fees:** None

**Price:** \$1299 AUD / £799 / \$999 USD / €899EU

**Accom:** 2 Nights Bangkok - Twin/DbI Share Guesthouse (Wild Orchid Villa)

1 Night Sleeper Train - Multi-Share Cabin

1 Night Khao Sok - Floating Bungalows Twin or Triple Share

4 Nights Koh Phangan – Twin/DbI or Triple Share Beachside Bungalows (Sarana Bungalows)

3 Nights Phi Phi Islands - Twin or Triple Share guesthouse (Kinaree House)

**Included:** Airport pickup, 11 nights accommodation, Ancient temples, Bangkok River Cruise, Bangkok Nightlife, Cooking Class, Floating Bungalows, Kayaking, Island Tour, Snorkeling, Waterfalls, Thai Massage, Muay Thai or Yoga Experience, Farewell Dinner, Exclusive Paradise Islands Boat Trip, Phi Phi Islands boat trip, all transport, some meals, experienced western Group Leader and local guides, onward travel help & planning, 24/7 support after the trip finishes.

**Not Included:** Flights, Insurance, Visas, some meals, Return transfer to Bangkok



## Itinerary

**(Days 1 - 9: Same as Thai Intro 9 day)**

### + Phi Phi

**Day 9: Transport and arrival to Phi Phi Islands** – You'll leave Koh Phangan early morning and arrive in Phi Phi late afternoon on this day. You'll then check into your guesthouse and head out for dinner, drinks and a beach party!

**Day 10: Phi Phi Islands Experience** - Take off on an amazing boat trip around the stunning Phi Phi Leh. Snorkel, kayak, see an incredible underwater light show at night and enjoy a few drinks and dinner under the stars. It's a truly unforgettable experience! **(D)**

\*There is a possibility we may not be able to enter right into Maya Bay at certain times of year due to government closures.

**Day 11: Paradise Islands Boat Trip** – Hike to Phi Phi's iconic viewpoint in the morning and then explore Phi Phi's amazing Paradise Islands on an awesome private and exclusive boat trip. Visit hidden lagoons, snorkel in crystal clear water and discover some little known and stunning white sandy beaches. Then head out for a farewell dinner and to experience Phi Phi's awesome nightlife one last time! **(L)**

**Day 12: Chill out on Phi Phi** – Your day to relax on the beach or explore more of the island. You can choose to stay on in Phi Phi or continue your travels in Thailand.

## Arrival Information

It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early we'll still pick you up from the airport and will book you into our Bangkok guesthouse – Wild Orchid Villa from the day you arrive. Extra nights will be approx. £25 / \$45AUD per night for a twin room and can be pre-paid with your agent or paid on arrival.

## After Thai Intro 9 day

Thai Intro finishes on Koh Phangan in the south of Thailand. If you're staying on longer in Thailand, your Group Leader will help organise all of your onward travel including any of our Add-on trips.

If you plan to leave straight after Thai intro and need to get back to Bangkok to return home, here are your options:

- The quickest way back to Bangkok is by taking a short 45 minute ferry from Koh Phangan to Koh Samui and then a one hour flight back to Bangkok. The first ferry from Koh Phangan is approx. 7.30am and so your flight from Koh Samui to Bangkok should be booked for no earlier than 11am. If you choose this method and you're flying internationally from Bangkok, your international flight should be booked for no earlier than 3.30pm
- The second quickest, and most popular option, is to take a 3.5 hour ferry to Surat Thani and then a one hour flight back to Bangkok. The flight to Bangkok from Surat Thani should be booked for no earlier than 1pm. If you choose this method and you're flying internationally from Bangkok, your international flight should be booked for no earlier than 6pm.
- If you have more time you can also do the overnight train back to Bangkok.

Your Group Leader can help you with all these options and more in Thailand.

## **After Thai Intro 12 day**

Thai Intro + Phi Phi finishes on the beautiful Phi Phi Islands. You can choose to stay longer on Phi Phi or, if you need to get back to Bangkok, the quickest option is to get a ferry to either Phuket or Krabi and fly to Bangkok from either of these airports. The flight to Bangkok should be booked for no earlier than 3pm on day 12, if you're flying internationally from Bangkok, your international flight should be booked for no earlier than 8pm on day 12. Your Group Leader will help with any other local transport and ensure you're comfortable with all parts of your trip and onward travel.

## **Visas**

Most nationalities including the UK, Europe, Australia, NZ, Canada, USA, Scandinavia and Brazil will usually receive a 30-day visa exemption on arrival for free.

If you would like a longer tourist visa or are not eligible for the visa exemption you can apply for a visa at your nearest Thai consulate prior to entering Thailand. If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need any help just contact us.

## **Travel Insurance**

Travel Insurance for Thailand is compulsory to join Thai Intro. Your Group Leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins.

## **FAQ's**

### **Do many people travel alone?**

Yes. Lots of people who go to Thailand are travelling solo. But by doing Thai Intro you'll be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet and make friends!

### **When is the best time to visit Thailand?**

The great thing about Thailand is it's usually quite hot all year round, so it's great to go at any time. There is a slightly higher chance of rain around October and November, however it usually only rains for an hour or so which can be a nice relief from the heat.

### **How much spending money will I need?**

All your activities, accommodation, transport and most meals are included, so you'll just need money for any extra meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £300 / \$500 spending money.

### **How will I access money while I'm away?**

It's best to take a Visa or Master Card debit, credit or travel money card. There are ATM's available throughout Thailand so it's easy to get access to cash. Some places accept credit card but not all.

### **Is there Wi-Fi throughout the trip?**

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Thailand's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.

### **What luggage do you recommend?**

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in Thailand so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun. There is luggage storage at the airport or at some accommodations if needed.

### **What plugs do they use in Thailand?**

Thailand generally uses a flat or round 2 pin socket the same as most of Europe. It's always best to grab yourself an appropriate adaptor if needed before you go.