

# Thai Experience

Thai Experience is our premium 13 day group tour. With epic upgraded accommodation and lots of amazing inclusions, it's perfect for those wanting to see the best of Thailand in style. You'll discover Bangkok by boat and Tuk Tuk, visit ancient temples, learn to cook delicious Thai food, sleep on floating bungalows, stay in tree houses in the middle of the rainforest, explore tropical islands, snorkel in crystal clear water, learn the art of Muay Thai boxing, discover the famous Phi Phi Islands, visit an Elephant Sanctuary, have a Thai massage, party on the beach and more!

With an awesome group leader from the moment you step off the plane, an instant group of friends to share your adventure, amazing accommodation and so much included. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

- Duration:** 13 days / 12 nights
- Starts:** Bangkok
- Finishes:** Phuket
- Transport:** Overnight Train, Taxi, Minibus, Tuk Tuk, Ferry.
- Meals:** 11B, 7L, 4D
- Group size:** 8 - 16
- Age Range:** 18 - 40 +
- Local Fees:** None
- Accom:**
  - 2 Nights Bangkok - Twin/DbI Share 4\* Hotel (Baan Chart)
  - 1 Night Sleeper Train - Multi-Share Cabin
  - 1 Night Khao Sok Floating Bungalows - Twin/DbI Share
  - 1 Night Khao Sok Tree Houses - Twin/DbI Share
  - 3 Nights Koh Phangan - Twin/DbI Share Beachside Bungalows
  - 2 Nights Koh Phi Phi - Twin/DbI Share Hotel
  - 2 Nights Phuket - Twin/DbI Share Hotel (Surf Hotel)



**Included:** Airport pickup, 12 nights premium accommodation, Ancient temples, Bangkok River Cruise, Bangkok Nightlife, Cooking Class, Floating Bungalows, Tubing, Tree Houses, Jungle Trek, Kayaking, Island Tour, Snorkeling, Thai Massage, Muay Thai or Yoga experience, Exclusive Phi Phi Islands boat trip, Elephant Sanctuary, Farewell Dinner, all transport, meals as indicated, experienced western Group Leader and local guides, onward travel help & planning, 24/7 support after the trip finishes.

**Not Inc:** Flights, Insurance, Visas, some meals, drinks

## 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 on the famous Khao San rd!
- Enter the magical and relatively unknown rainforest of the stunning Khao Sok National Park. Cruise along pristine emerald green lakes, go tubing, kayaking before sleeping overnight on floating bungalows and a tree house!
- Discover the best of the beautiful southern island of Koh Phangan, experience the art of Muay Thai boxing or relax with a private Yoga class, sip a cocktail on the balcony of your beachside bungalow and enjoy a stunning sunset.
- Experience the stunning and world famous Phi Phi Islands on an exclusive boat trip.
- Get up close and personal with Elephants at an amazing Elephant Sanctuary!

## Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive and meet the Group** - We'll pick you up from the airport and take you to the hotel 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 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 the best of Bangkok nightlife. **(B, L, D)**

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

**Day 4: Khao Sok Floating Bungalows** – Today we'll enter the magical Khao Sok National Park, a hidden paradise of pristine lakes & limestone mountains. Go kayaking, monkey spotting and sleep overnight in floating bungalows! **(L, D)**

**Day 5: Khao Sok Tree Houses** – We'll continue further into the beautiful untouched rainforest and experience some authentic Thai local culture, go tubing down a beautiful turquoise river and stay overnight in a tree house. A truly amazing experience! **(B, L)**

**Day 6: Arrive in Koh Phangan** - 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 for dinner and a beach party! **(B)**

**Day 7: Island Tour & Snorkelling** – Today we'll head out and explore Koh Phangan and it's beautiful beaches. We'll snorkel in crystal clear water, chill out on the beach and soak up the best of island life before kicking back with a BBQ on the beach. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 8: Muay Thai or Yoga Experience & Traditional Massage** - Today you have the choice of learning the art of Muay Thai boxing or bringing some peace and harmony into your action packed adventure with a Yoga class. Then relax with a massage on the beach before we head out for our last night on Koh Phangan. **(B)**

**Day 9: Transport and arrival to Phi Phi Islands** - Today we'll make our way to the beautiful Phi Phi Islands by boat and bus. We'll arrive in the afternoon, check into our hotel, relax before heading out for some island nightlife! **(B)**

**Day 10: Exclusive Phi Phi Islands boat trip** - We'll take off on our exclusive boat around the stunning Phi Phi Islands. Snorkel in crystal clear water, discover hidden lagoons, have lunch on the boat and more. It's a truly unforgettable experience! **(B, L)**

**Day 11: Phi Phi Viewpoint & Travel to Phuket** – Enjoy a morning hike to the iconic Phi Phi viewpoint, relax on some beautiful beaches before we jump on the ferry to Phuket. We'll check then in to our Phuket hotel and enjoy some sunset drinks. **(B)**

**Day 12: Elephant Experience** – A truly unforgettable day as we spend the morning getting up close and personal with Elephants at an amazing Elephant sanctuary. We'll then head out for a delicious farewell dinner and drinks. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 13: Check out & Onward travel** – Your epic adventure comes to an end today. You can choose to stay on longer in Phuket or continue your travels in Thailand. Your Group Leader will organise whatever you need. A transfer to Phuket airport is included if required. **(B)**

### **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 hotel from the day you arrive. Extra nights will be approx. £40 / \$60AUD per night for a double/twin room and can be paid on arrival.

### **After Thai Experience**

Thai Experience finishes in Phuket. You can choose to stay on longer in Phuket or if you need to get back to Bangkok the quickest option is to get a flight from Phuket airport. This can be organised with the help of your Group Leader if needed. The earliest a flight out of Phuket should be booked is approx. 12pm on day 13. Your Group Leader will help with any other local transport and ensure you're comfortable with all parts of your 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 Experience. Your Group Leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself here: [www.introtravel.com/travel-insurance](http://www.introtravel.com/travel-insurance)

### **FAQ's**

#### **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.

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

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

**Can I chat to my group before I leave?**

Yes! Once you've booked and before you travel we'll help put you in touch with the rest of your group so you can start chatting and getting to know each other.

**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.

That's about it for now.

Once you've booked you'll get access to our online Check In Area and the Intro Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Thailand and Thai Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

If you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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