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Am Anfang steht das Unfassbare. 800 Jahre leibhaftige Geschichte, als wäre es gestern gewesen. Dann kommt die Herzlichkeit aus tief verwurzelter Tradition. Und Wunder, kommen die auch? Und wie, die größten, die dir je begegnet sind. Zum Anfassen. Und wenn du stöhnst vor Überwältigung, kannst du wählen: Paradies oder Party. Du bist stark? Dann beides.



Included services:

- Abenteuerreise mit maximal 12 Teilnehmern
- Jede Reise findet satt
- Englisch sprechender, einheimischer Guide in internationaler Reisegruppe
- Unterkunft: 1 x Homestay, 7 x Hotel, 1 x Nachtzug, 5 x Resort
- Transport: privater Minibus, Nachtzug, Bus, Van, Boot, Flug
- Mahlzeiten: 9 x Frühstück, 7 x Mittagessen, 1 x Abendessen
- Aktivitäten laut Tagesprogramm
- 100 m² Regenwald 4 you (Jedem Gast schenken wir im Regenwald von Ecuador ein Grundstück, das Jahr für Jahr den CO₂-Ausstoß seiner Reise kompensiert. Eingetragen auf seinen Namen und auf ewig seins.)
- Highlights: Feiern in den wogenden Straßen Bangkoks. Die beeindruckenden Ruinen von Sukhothai. Erlebe die Kultur im entspannten Chiang Mai. Entdecke die idyllischen Thai-Inseln. Streck dich aus an perfekten Stränden.
- Rail&Fly inkludiert bei allen Buchungen mit Flug

Day-to-day-Itinerary:

Day 1

Bangkok

Sa-wat dee! Welcome to Thailand. Thailand's bustling capital, Bangkok is famous for its tuk tuks, khlong boats and street vendors serving up delicious Thai food. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6pm on Day 1. Bangkok has so much to offer those with time to explore, so perhaps arrive a day or so early. You could take a riverboat to Chinatown and explore the crowded streets, uncover the magnificent Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, wander down the tourist mecca of Khao San Road, or indulge in some Thai massage. After the meeting tonight, perhaps gather your fellow travellers together and tuck into some into world famous street food.

The Welcome Meeting will take place at 6 pm.

Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the hotel reception where your welcome meeting will take place. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time, you may wish to arrive a day early so you're able to attend. If you're going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details and next of kind information at this meeting, so please ensure you have all these details to provide to your leader.

Accommodation: Hotel / Nouvo City Hotel (Canal Wing) / 2 Samsen Road / Banglumphu, Bangkok / 10200, THAILAND

Optional Activities

- Bangkok - Thai massage - THB250
- Bangkok - Grand Palace - THB500



Day 2

Sukhothai

This morning, leave the current capital of Thailand and head north by local bus to one of the first ancient capitals of Siam, Sukhothai. You'll make a short stop midway through for a chance to stretch the legs and buy some lunch. Located on a fertile plain, Sukhothai was established in the 13th century, and the name means the 'Dawn of Happiness'. It's now famous for its World Heritage-listed historic park that celebrates the Golden Age of Thai civilisation. Tonight, be sure to head to the fascinating local night market and try the local dishes, like Sukhothai noodles.

Travel time: Bus to Sukhothai takes approx. 7 hrs

Accommodation: Resort

Day 3

Sukhothai

Head out to the historical ruins of Old Sukhothai, set amid beautiful lakes and gardens. The religious art and architecture of the Sukhothai era are considered to be the most classic of Thai styles, and the Sukhothai Historical Park contains the remains of 21 historic sites, with awe-inspiring Buddha images and four large ponds often filled with stunning lotus flowers in full bloom. Upon arrival at the park, hire bicycles and enjoy a few leisurely hours feeling the breeze in your hair and learning about the history of this fascinating place. Enjoy a home-cooked picnic lunch somewhere along the way, and if you have enough free time, visit a local ceramics factory.

Included Activities

- ☛ Sukhothai - Historical Park Bike Tour & Picnic Lunch

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Accommodation: Resort



Day 4

Homestay

Travel by private minivan from Sukothai (approx 4 hours) to the warm and welcoming home of our longtime friends in a small Thai village where you'll spend the night. Accommodation at the homestay is multishare and basic (there will be fold-out mattresses on the floor and shared bathrooms), but there is no better way to better understand a country and its people. In the evening, you'll be treated to a traditional northern Thai khantok dinner, accompanied by live music and dancing.

Included Activities

- Village Homestay - Cultural performance
- Village Homestay - Khantok dinner

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel time: Bus ride takes approx. 4-5 hrs

Accommodation: Homestay

Day 5

Chiang Mai

In the morning, jump on some bikes and cruise around the homestay village. This is a great opportunity to see how the locals live, and you'll make a few stops along the way to see small country industries in the area. Cycling past the rice fields and breathing in the fresh country air, with beautiful mountains in the distance, makes this morning a picture-postcard experience. Say goodbye to your new friends and travel on to Chiang Mai. The most vibrant city in northern Thailand, Chiang Mai has many famous temples and an interesting old city area. Renowned for dazzling beauty and extremely welcoming locals, the 'Rose of the North' will leave you spellbound. Chances are, you won't want to leave. Tonight, why not head to the famous vibrant night markets!

- Village Homestay - Cycling tour

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Travel time: Travel to Chiang Mai approx. 45 minutes

Accommodation: Hotel

Our accommodation has both ensuite bathrooms and air conditioning, and is perfectly located right by the famous vibrant night markets.

- Chiang Mai - Night Market - Free



Day 6

Chiang Mai

Today you can enjoy a Thai cooking class! If you're a foodie, then you'll discover some of the secrets of Thai cuisine, learn the key ingredients, how to use them, and what to use in their place if you can't get them at home. As well as taking your own comprehensive recipe book with you after the class, you'll feast on the fruits of your labour for lunch. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Chiang Mai at leisure. Perhaps explore the famous temple complex of Doi Suthep. Drive along a scenic, winding mountain road that ends at an impressive 300-step naga-guarded stairway (approximately 45 mins). The rewards justify the climb with one of the most beautiful temples in Thailand on display, not to mention fantastic panoramic views of the city and the opportunity to listen to hypnotic evening chanting by resident Buddhist monks. Or maybe wander markets, meet monks, cruise the river, and slurp noodles on a Mae Ping River Experience.

Included Activities

- Chiang Mai - Thai Cooking Class

Included meals: lunch

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 7

Chiang Mai

Drive out of Chiang Mai today and head to Chang Chill, a venue offering a new kind of elephant tourism. Originally running a camp that offered elephant rides, the owner, now works closely with World Animal Protection to give these magnificent creatures better living conditions and happier lives. On your visit, you'll have the opportunity to observe the animals grazing and socialising while learning about their conservation, you can also watch them bathing and playing in a mud bath while you indulge in a delicious Thai lunch – try not to get sprayed! Return to Chiang Mai where the rest of the time is at leisure.

Included meals: Lunch

Travel time: Approximately 1.5 hours.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities

- Chiang Mai - Doi Suthep temple - THB50



Day 8

Bangkok

Today you will fly from Chiang Mai to Bangkok and then transfer to your hotel in Bangkok. Please note you will be unaccompanied on this flight. You will have the afternoon free to check out fast-paced and fascinating Bangkok. As this is a combination trip, your group leader and the composition of your group may change at this location.

There will be a group meeting to discuss the next stage of your itinerary and you're welcome to attend, as this is a great chance to meet your new fellow travellers.

- Domestic flight

Travel time: approx. 1 hour

As this is a combination trip, your group leader and the composition of your group may change at this location. There will be a group meeting at 6pm in your hotel to discuss the next stage of your itinerary and you're welcome to attend, as this is a great chance to meet your new fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 9

Bangkok

You'll start today with a visit to Wat Arun – Temple of the Dawn. Named after the Indian God of Dawn – Aruna, this impressive landmark of Bangkok sits on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River. The rest of the afternoon is free for optional activities, and this city has so much to offer – perhaps head next door to the magnificent Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha or Wat Pho, home to the country's largest reclining Buddha and keeper of the magic behind Thai massage. You may want to take a riverboat to Chinatown and explore the crowded streets, or travel by longtail boat down the Chao Phraya River to explore the famous 'khlongs' (canals) of Bangkok. Life along these canals seems a world away from the chaotic streets of the capital. Tonight, board an overnight train southbound for Surat Thani.

Included Activities

- Bangkok - Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)

Travel time: Overnight train to Surat Thani takes approx. 13 hrs

Accommodation: Overnight sleeper train.

Sleeper trains are clean and air-conditioned, and beds are multi-share compartments with bunk bed padded berths with sheets, pillow and blanket provided (although some people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet). Please note that you may be sharing compartments with locals of the same or opposite gender. Your baggage will travel in the carriage with you. There's also a food and drink service available on board. Some



may find the air conditioning on the train quite cold overnight so best to pack a jumper and some long pants.

Optional Activities

- Bangkok - Jim Thompson's House - THB150
- Bangkok - Thai massage - THB250
- Bangkok - Grand Palace - THB500
- Bangkok - National Museum - THB200
- Bangkok - Wat Pho Temple - THB200

Day 10

Ao Nang/Krabi

Arrive into Surat Thani this morning and continue by bus to the resort town of Ao Nang in Krabi Province. Ao Nang has a main street with open-air restaurants, shops that light up the sidewalk and bars perfect for kicking back with a beer. It's also in a great position to hop on longtail boats to places like Railay Beach and the idyllic islands surrounding the bay. There's plenty of free time to relax on the beautiful beaches and get into the spirit of southern Thailand. You also might want to take advantage of some of the optional activities on offer, like a cycling trip that takes you on back country tracks, gets you close to local culture, and rewards you with a lovely afternoon dip in a beautiful waterfall. Otherwise, consider a relaxing massage on the beach (no kidding), or just sit back with a good book and a cool cocktail to watch the sun slip beneath the horizon. This is living.

Travel time: Bus ride from Surat Thani to Ao Nang takes approx 2.5 hrs

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Optional Activities

- Ao Nang - Longtail Boat Taxi to Railay Beach - THB100
- Krabi - Cycling Trip including waterfall visit - THB3000
- Ao Nang - Thai Massage - THB300
- Krabi - Rock Climbing - THB1800



Day 11

Ao Nang/Krabi

This morning, head on an included sea kayaking trip to the mangrove forest of Ao Thalane. About halfway along the coast between Than Bok Khoranee and Krabi town is a bay of mangroves that might just be the most beautiful bay in Thailand. Surrounded by towering karst formations and many small offshore islands, move slowly through the bays and canyons that are like passageways, discover inlets, caves and hidden lagoons, and check out the local wildlife up-close – keep an eye out for the birds overhead and monkeys in the trees. If you have time today, you might want to explore the beautiful underwater world around Ao Nang with some scuba diving, which includes three dives. Or, learn about one of the most important parts of Thai culture with a cooking class. Tonight, why not grab some travel pals and stroll down the main drag to find a seafood restaurant.

Included Activities

- ◆ Ao Nang- Sea Kayaking

Included meals: lunch, breakfast

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Optional Activities

- ◆ Ao Nang - Scuba Diving (3 dives) - THB4000
- ◆ Ao Nang - Thai Cooking Class - THB1300

Day 12

Koh Yao Noi

Get ready to hop on island time today. Transfer by vehicle and ferry to Ko Yao Yai (approximately 2 hours). Set in the heart of Phang Nga Bay, the chilled-out island of Ko Yao Yai is a great place to relax away from the tourist trail and soak up all its natural wonder. Jump in a traditional songthaew to a local Thai village, and meet up with the locals who will show you how to make a traditional dessert of the region. Called Mor Khao Mor Kaeng Ling ('Monkey Pot'), this small packaged dessert is made out of Nepenthes – a small pitcher plant – and then stuffed with sweet sticky rice and coconut milk. After tasting your creations and having a good old chat, continue on to a close by reforestation area, where a local guide will talk you through how the community has planted fruit trees to preserve their environment. Take an easy walk with the guide around the area, then head back in the village for a stroll and a home cooked lunch of typical southern style cuisine – hot and spicy! Continue to tonight's beachresort for a relaxing afternoon.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Travel time: Transfer by vehicle and longtail boat to the island of Ko Yao Noi takes approx. 2 hrs

Accommodation: Resort In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, you may be unable to travel to Ko Yao Yai. Alternative arrangements will be made to stay on Phuket Island.



Optional Activities

- Koh Yao Noi - Island Sightseeing Tour - THB1000

Day 13

Koh Yao Noi

Today you'll experience the beautiful underwater world that surrounds Ko Yao Noi with an included boat and snorkelling trip around the islands. Phang Nga Bay is filled with the small islands and dramatic limestone rock formations that are, for many, the iconic image of Thailand. Venture out into the bay to snorkel in the turquoise waters filled with ever-changing colours of coral and fish, and swim in the tropical sun. Enjoy a proper island-style picnic lunch on the beach at one of the many islands that are scattered around the bay, and follow it up with more swimming and snorkelling – what a tough life!

Included Activities

- Koh Yao Noi - Snorkelling
- Koh Yao Noi - Phang Nga National Marine Park

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Accommodation: Guesthouse In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, we may be unable to travel to Ko Yao Noi. Alternative arrangements will be made to stay on Phuket Island.

Day 14

Phuket

Today you'll leave the quiet and secluded nature of Ko Yao Noi for the tourist haven of Phuket, Thailand's largest and most visited island. Travel James Bond style (who visited the nearby island of Ko Phing Kan in 1974's *The Man with the Golden Gun*) by catching a speedboat to Phuket. This island is certainly a brasher, more vibrant extrovert to the mellower sibling of the last few days. If a little modern pizzazz is what you're after with your dose of sunshine exotica, look no further – this island offers a little something for everyone. When you arrive on the island you'll stop by the last untouched rainforest remaining on the island at the Khao Phra Thaeo Wildlife Sanctuary. Here you can drop into Bang Pae Waterfall for a refreshing swim and then pay a visit to the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre. The centre takes in formerly captive gibbons and rehabilitates them for reintroduction to the wild. Operated by a local NGO, the project works to help ensure the continued existence of these furry little friends on the island. You'll stay in the heart of Patong, where everything from shops to restaurants to nightclubs awaits.

Included Activities

- Phuket - Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre & Bang Pae Waterfall

Included meals: breakfast

Travel time: Speed boat to Ohuket apporx. 1 hour



Accommodation: Resort



Day 15

Phuket

Phuket is ringed with beaches, each with their own distinct personalities, from a party vibe to perhaps something quieter and more romantic. If you can pull yourself away from the beautiful beaches and curving coasts, Phuket also has a range of activities to fill your day, from Thai boxing exhibitions to cabaret shows. If you love getting out on the water and exploring the islands, then perhaps use your last day to take a day trip out to the stunning Phi Phi and Khai Nok, a tiny island surrounded by white sandy beach perfect suitable for swimming and snorkelling. If you want to spend some time with Thailand's magnificent elephants, take a visit to the Phuket Elephant Sanctuary. You will get to see the elephants in the safety and security of their natural home and get an insight into the behaviour and personal history of each elephant. Perhaps gather together your fellow travellers tonight and enjoy a celebratory dinner.

Included meals: breakfast

Accommodation: Resort / Deevana Patong Resort & Spa / 43/2 Raj-U-Thid 200 Pee Road, Patong Beach / Kathu, Phuket / 83150, THAILAND For Trips departing on the following dates, use this finish point: 26.01.20, 02.02.20, 09.02.20, 16.02.20, 01.03.20, 08.03.20, 15.03.20, 22.03.20, 29.03.20, 05.04.20, 12.04.20, 18.10.20, 25.10.20, 01.11.20, 08.11.20, 13.11.20, 15.11.20, 22.11.20, 29.11.20, 04.12.20, 06.12.20, 11.12.20, 13.12.20, 18.12.20, 20.12.20
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Optional Activities

- Phuket - Phi Phi & Khai Nok Island Day Trip - THB2800
- Phuket - Thai kickboxing exhibition - THB600
- Phuket - Elephant Sanctuary - THB3500



Day 16

Phuket

There are no activities planned for the final day and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time.

Included meals: breakfast

Accommodation on your trip:

During the trip you might stay in the following accommodation. Please note that, depending on availabilities, these may vary from departure to departure.

- Day 1 Nouvo City Hotel (<https://www.nouvocityhotel.com/>)
- Day 2 Le Charme Sukhothai Resort (<https://www.lecharmesukhothai.com/>)
- Day 3 Le Charme Sukhothai Resort
- Day 4 Gastfamilie
- Day 5 People Place 2 Hotel (<http://people-place-2.chiangmai-hotels4u.com/de/>)
- Day 6 People Place 2 Hotel
- Day 7 Nachtzug
- Day 8 Nouvo City Hotel
- Day 9 Nachtzug
- Day 10 Holiday Inn Express Krabi
(<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation>)
- Day 11 Holiday Inn Express Krabi
- Day 12 Koh Yao Chukit Resort (<http://www.kohyaochukit.com/>)
- Day 13 Koh Yao Chukit Resort
- Day 14 Deevana Patong Resort & Spa (<http://www.deevanapatong.com/>)
- Day 15 Deevana Patong Resort & Spa

Important Notes

- This trip includes a night on an overnight train from Chiang Mai to Bangkok and another one from Bangkok to Surat Thani. Accommodation is simple but comfortable – soft sleeper class multishare compartments with air-conditioning and bunk beds, with sheets and a pillow provided. Overnight trains are a real experience and one of the best ways to come face-to-face with the country and its people.
- There is a night at a homestay on this trip, a wonderful opportunity to witness everyday Thai life. Facilities are basic and multishare, with fold-out mattresses on the floor and shared bathrooms. The rewards of such an authentic local experience are immeasurable.
- There is an included bicycle ride around Sukhothai Heritage Park on this trip. It's a leisurely cycle though, and one of the best ways to see the park.



- Visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. Entry requirements can change at any time, so it's important that you check for the latest information. Please visit the relevant consular website of the country or countries you're visiting for detailed and up-to-date visa information specific to your nationality. Visas can take several weeks to process, so familiarise yourself with any requirements as soon as you have booked your trip to allow for processing time and costs.
- We recommend 250 € for meals not included during the trip.
- A single supplement is available on this trip, please contact your sales agent if you would like to book a single supplement. Please note the following days are excluded from the single supplement: Day 4 Homestay, Day 7 Overnight Train and Day 9 Overnight Train.
- This is a shared tour. That means that tour operators from all over the world book their guests onto this tour. So you will be travelling in an international group.

Preishinweise:

- Einzelzimmerzuschlag: 629 € (kein Einzelzimmer an Tag 4, 7 und 9 möglich)
- Langstreckenflug Frankfurt - Bangkok und zurück ab Phuket ab 799 €
- Rail & Fly innerhalb Deutschlands (2. Klasse): inkludiert bei Flugbuchung über YOLO
- Flughafentransfers im Zielland: Hintransfer 53 € pro Auto (bis zu 2 Personen), Rücktransfer 45 € pro Auto (bis zu 2 Personen)
- Vor- bzw. Anschlussübernachtung im Tourhotel Preise pro Nacht und pro Person (exkl. Frühstück):
Vorübernachtung in Bangkok 36 € p.P. im DZ, 72 € p.P. im EZ; Anschlussübernachtung in Phuket 73 € p.P. im DZ und 145 €



Wohin geht die Reise? Immer ins Herz.

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Änderungen und Irrtümer vorbehalten

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