

# ESSENCE OF THAILAND WITH KEVIN JONES

Featuring - Bangkok, Phuket

07 Oct, 2026 - 16 Oct, 2026

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
8 Nights / 10 Days	15 People	Air inclusive ex San Francisco per person based on double occupancy	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$ 3,899.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$ 799.00

## OVERVIEW

Embark on an extraordinary expedition across Thailand, commencing in the exquisite haven of Phuket and culminating in the bustling urban hub of Bangkok. Beginning in Phuket, you'll be welcomed by the serene allure of Thailand's largest island. Unwind on palm-fringed beaches, partake in snorkeling amid crystalline waters, and immerse yourself in the island's relaxed ambiance. Venturing beyond the coast, delve into Phuket's lively local markets, savor authentic Thai cuisine, and uncover the fusion of tradition and modernity that defines the island. The journey then progresses from Phuket to Bangkok, a city of striking juxtapositions where contemporary skyscrapers harmonize with intricate temples. Immerse yourself in dynamic street markets, traverse bustling neighborhoods, and witness the profound reverence at iconic sites such as the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew. Engage in the city's vibrant nightlife, relish delectable street fare, and embrace the energetic essence of urban Thailand.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NO. OF NIGHTS
Phuket	Saii Laguna Phuket	09 Oct, 2026	13 Oct, 2026	4 Nights
Bangkok	Avani Sukhumvit	13 Oct, 2026	16 Oct, 2026	3 Nights

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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-San Francisco**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge and baggage fees
- ◆ 07 nights' accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily buffet breakfast
- ◆ 03 lunches as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Phuket Sightseeing tour
- ◆ City, temple, and Grand Palace tour in Bangkok
- ◆ Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and Maeklong Railway Market tour in Bangkok
- ◆ Day trip to Phi Phi Island from Phuket
- ◆ Phuket city highlights and hidden gems tour
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of an English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ Applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals and other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fees and Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Local city taxes if applicable to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

# ITINERARY

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DAY 1 | 07 Oct, 2026

DEPART FOR PHUKET  
(THAILAND)

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Phuket to start your exotic Essence of Thailand journey.

DAY 2 | 08 Oct, 2026

IN TRANSIT

DAY 3 | 09 Oct, 2026

ARRIVAL IN PHUKET [-/-/-]

Welcome to Thailand! Upon arrival in Phuket, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

Check in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city throughout the remaining part of the day.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 4 | 10 Oct, 2026

PHUKET - HALF DAY CITY TOUR  
AND CULTURAL DISCOVERY  
[B/-/-]

Enjoy your breakfast this morning. Later, meet your guide and begin by visiting the historical district. Don't be misled by the name! The old quarter of Phuket boasts vividly painted, century-old Sino-Portuguese residences that will transport you to another era. Roam through the streets, soak in the sights and sounds, and delve into Soi Romanee, one of the most renowned lanes in the ancient part of town.

Following this, we'll proceed to Chaitharam Temple, also known as Wat Chalong. This temple holds the distinction of being the largest and holiest in Phuket, as it contains a fragment of Buddha's bone. Meander through the temple, admiring the adorned walls and ceilings featuring mosaics depicting scenes from Buddha's life. Subsequently, we'll move on to Windmill Viewpoint and Promthep Cape to capture images of even more coastal vistas and breathtaking panoramas, commemorating the day's expedition. We'll also make a stop at Gems Gallery, which houses a wide array of precious stones and an intriguing aquarium display. The captivating "Gems Gallery Ride" grants us insight

into the process of gemstone extraction.

You will be dropped off at your hotel at the end of the tour. Enjoy a relaxed evening in Phuket with leisure time to unwind and explore at your own pace.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 5 | 11 Oct, 2026

PHUKET - LEISURE AND BEACH  
RELAXATION [B/-/-]

Enjoy your breakfast this morning. Savor the privilege of a day where your timetable knows no bounds, and your hours in Phuket are entirely within your control. You can choose to unwind on the sun-drenched shores, explore the bustling markets, embark on a gastronomic journey through the rich tapestry of Thai cuisine, or take a tranquil stroll to absorb the mesmerizing vistas. The choice is entirely yours, or you may consider reserving one of our recommended add-ons to enhance your experience.

**Add-on: Ethical Elephant Sanctuary - USD 120 per person (seat-in-coach basis)**

Embark on an enchanting encounter with elephants through a guided expedition to the Phuket Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, with inclusive pickup and drop-off services. Immerse yourself in the elephants' daily routines by feeding and bathing them, while learning about their behavior and conservation. Begin your day with a pickup from your hotel in an air-conditioned vehicle and a scenic drive to the sanctuary. Your English-speaking guide will provide insights into the elephants' lives and stories. Equipped with bananas and cane sugar, you'll explore the sanctuary grounds, engaging with the elephants in a safe, sustainable, and ethical environment. Participate in a mud treatment to rejuvenate their skin, followed by a refreshing river bath. Capture memorable photographs and create unforgettable memories before enjoying snacks and seasonal fresh fruits and returning to your hotel.

**Add-on: ATV Adventure - USD 175 per person (seat-in-coach basis)**

Discover Phuket beyond its famed beaches with a two-hour all-terrain vehicle expedition through lush jungles and scenic trails. Following a safety briefing, explore gravel and mud paths, witness rubber tapping and local

flora, and experience Phuket's untouched beaches. The adventure concludes with refreshing cold beverages and seasonal fruits.

DAY 6 | 12 Oct, 2026

PHUKET - PHI PHI ISLAND (FULL DAY TOUR) [B/L/-]

Set off at dawn on a thrilling speedboat journey to the Phi Phi Islands, escaping the usual crowds. Explore the islands' most famous sights, from pristine beaches to dramatic scenery, and enjoy refreshing swims and snorkeling in clear, turquoise waters.

By starting early, you'll reach the islands ahead of most visitors. Your first destination is Phi Phi Leh, home to the famous Maya Bay—made popular by the film *The Beach*—as well as the serene Phi Phi Leh Lagoon. Take time to swim in the calm, crystal-clear lagoon and soak in the peaceful surroundings.

Next, head to Phi Phi Don, where you'll hike up to a stunning viewpoint. From the top, take in sweeping views of the island and the vibrant village below.

Throughout the trip, enjoy a light breakfast and later a tasty lunch, along with cool drinks served on board the speedboat.

You'll also cruise past notable spots like Viking Cave and spot monkeys along the coastline from the boat. Spend extra time snorkeling in vibrant waters before concluding the tour at Bamboo Island, where you can enjoy a picnic on the beach, relax in the sun, and take a final swim.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 7 | 13 Oct, 2026

PHUKET (BY FLIGHT) - BANGKOK CITY TOUR WITH GRAND PALACE [B/L/-]

After enjoying breakfast, complete the check-out process and transfer to Phuket Airport for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, meet your guide and begin the city tour.

Visit Wat Trimitr, located near Hua Lamphong Railway Station, home to the Golden Buddha weighing approximately five and a half tons. Continue to Wat Pho, Bangkok's largest temple complex, famous for its 46-meter-long reclining Buddha and intricately adorned chedis. Proceed to the Grand Palace, a masterpiece of

traditional Siamese architecture and former royal residence, including the Emerald Buddha Temple.

After the tour, you will be dropped at your hotel. The evening is free at leisure.

Overnight in Bangkok

DAY 8 | 14 Oct, 2026

BANGKOK (FREE DAY AT LEISURE) [B/-/-]

You have a free day in Bangkok to spend as you please. You may explore the city independently, go shopping, try local cuisine, or pre-book one of the suggested add-ons. Whatever you choose, make the most of your day and enjoy your time in Bangkok.

**Add-on: Evening Food and Tuk Tuk adventure - USD 175 Per person**

Immerse yourself in a delightful array of diverse Thai street delicacies during an exceptional evening tour guided by iconic tuk-tuks. Our gastronomic journey leads us through the captivating neighborhoods of Thonburi, Rattanakosin, and Chinatown, all aboard three-wheeled vehicles that establish a more intimate connection with the heart of the capital. As we zip down narrow lanes to eateries tucked away from the typical tourist path, this culinary exploration offers not only the pleasure of tasting but also a cultural odyssey. In addition to our culinary voyage, this pleasurable excursion encompasses a cultural voyage as well. As we traverse the historical quarter, we are treated to the sight of landmark sites aglow with illumination, a testament to the history that has shaped this vibrant city. Delving deeper, we gain insight into how the nation's provinces have contributed to and elevated Thai cuisine onto the global stage. Thonburi, situated along the western bank of the Chao Phraya River, briefly served as the capital in the 18th century following the invasion of Ayutthaya by Burmese forces. Rattanakosin stands as the embodiment of 18th and 19th-century Siam, home to the country's most significant structures, including the revered Grand Palace. The grandeur of Chinatown, the world's largest, unfolds as the sun sets, revealing its bustling evening scene, particularly vibrant with streetside eateries. This culinary escapade is designed to satiate your palate while enriching your cultural knowledge. For those with a preference for more sightseeing, we offer the 'Bangkok Night Lights Tuk-Tuk Tour,' a cultural

exploration that illuminates the city's nighttime charm.

**Add-on: Chao Phraya Dinner Cruise with transfers - USD 75 Per person (minimum 2 pax) person**

Enjoy an evening dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya Princess, traveling along Bangkok's main waterway. Experience the magic of the illumination of the city's temples and other historic monuments. Check-in at Iconsiam shopping center and board a safe and comfortable cruiser to experience the Chao Phraya River at night. Take in views of both banks of the river from the open-air upper deck. Soak up the atmosphere of the city's top landmarks and monuments illuminated at night, and tuck into an elegant gourmet buffet dinner of international fare, accompanied by light background music.

Overnight in Bangkok

DAY 9 | 15 Oct, 2026

BANGKOK - MAEKLONG  
RAILWAY & DAMNOEN SADUAK  
FLOATING MARKET [B/L/-]

Embark on a unique journey that grants you the opportunity to witness two renowned markets in a single-day trip from Bangkok. Experience the enchantment of Maeklong Railway Market, perched upon active railway tracks, and immerse yourself in the vibrant allure of Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, where vendors ply their trade from boats drifting along the canals.

Upon pickup, you will be transported to Maeklong Railway Market, also known as Talad Rom Hup, or the "Umbrella Pulldown Market." Nestled alongside the Maeklong Railway, this market—famed for its abundant selection of fresh seafood—is among the largest of its kind in Thailand.

Our knowledgeable local guide will provide captivating insights into the market's operations and the wide array of products it offers. Witness the mesmerizing spectacle as market stalls and awnings are deftly retracted from the tracks whenever a train approaches, allowing it to pass seamlessly through the market.

Continuing our journey, we then proceed to the famed

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, an iconic attraction in Thailand. To reach the market, a brief paddleboat ride is taken. Immerse yourself in the kaleidoscopic market scene, where friendly vendors conduct their transactions directly from their boats. Take in the vibrant sights and lively sounds while treating yourself to local delights such as mango sticky rice. Your guide will offer valuable recommendations to ensure you don't miss any highlights.

After a fulfilling exploration, return to Bangkok in time for the early afternoon, wrapping up a day filled with captivating market encounters.

The evening offers a wonderful opportunity to relax and fully engage with the lively ambiance of Bangkok at your leisure. You may choose to explore some of the city's renowned markets, where you can browse an assortment of crafts, textiles, and distinctive souvenirs. The night markets, in particular, create an enchanting fusion of shopping, dining, and entertainment, offering a glimpse into the city's bustling nightlife. Whether you decide to indulge in delectable Thai cuisine at a local eatery, unwind with a traditional Thai massage, or simply admire Bangkok's urban landscape, the evening is yours to shape as you wish.

Overnight in Bangkok

DAY 10 | 16 Oct, 2026

BANGKOK - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

Your memorable journey through Thailand's essence concludes today. After breakfast, enjoy free time based on your flight—explore a missed market or temple, shop for souvenirs, or simply soak in the vibrant spirit.

Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. We wish you a safe journey and hope to plan your future adventures with Voyages Hub!

**Note - The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities and scheduled day trips may vary due to operational factors, including weather and traffic conditions.**

## Payment policy

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**Deposit: US\$ 1450 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

**Booking and Deposit Date: 30 April 2026**

Full Balance: 9th July 2026

## Travel Protection information

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**We encourage everyone who books a VOYAGES HUB TOURS package, regardless of age or tour choice, to obtain a travel protection plan. While you intend to take that once-in-a-lifetime trip, illness, family emergencies, and other factors can derail your best-laid plans.**

**Please contact Kevin to purchase your travel protection plan.**

## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ From the booking date until July 9, 2026, a cancellation will incur a **\$ 1,450** per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee, plus any interruption insurance costs if purchased.
- ◆ From July 10, 2026, to October 7, 2026, cancellation will result in the full tour price being charged, with no possibility of a refund.

**Note:**

A person who becomes single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

All payment cut-off dates are firm, and missing deadlines without approved extensions will result in cancellations without refunds being offered.

### PLEASE NOTE

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