

SHAY'S LOVE TO TRAVEL FOR PEARLS OF THAILAND ESCAPADE

Featuring - Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket

28 Jan, 2025 - 09 Feb, 2025

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
11 Nights / 13 Days	2 People	Los Angeles	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 4,299.00

OVERVIEW

Embark on an unforgettable journey across Thailand, commencing in bustling Bangkok, then venturing to cultural-rich Chiang Mai, and culminating in the tropical splendor of Phuket. Begin your exploration in Bangkok, where you can delve into the city's vibrant history and culture by visiting iconic landmarks like the Grand Palace and Wat Pho, while also immersing yourself in the bustling markets of Chatuchak and Chinatown. Experience Bangkok's lively nightlife along Khao San Road or take a serene cruise along the Chao Phraya River.

Next, travel to Chiang Mai, known as the cultural hub of Northern Thailand. Explore ancient temples such as Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Immerse yourself in local culture at bustling night markets, sampling traditional cuisine and shopping for handicrafts. Discover the lush countryside through trekking adventures or ethical visits to elephant sanctuaries.

Conclude your tour in Phuket, Thailand's largest island and a paradise for beach enthusiasts. Relax on the pristine sands of Patong, Karon, or Kata Beach, basking in the tropical sunshine. Explore the island's natural wonders with boat tours to nearby destinations like Phi Phi or James Bond Island, where you can snorkel in clear waters and explore secluded coves. Experience Phuket's vibrant nightlife in Patong or savor a romantic sunset dinner at beachfront restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Bangkok	Rembrandt Hotel and Suites	3 Nights
Chiang Mai	The Empress Chiangmai	3 Nights
Phuket	Thavorn Beach Village Resort & Spa	4 Nights



INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-Los Angeles (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ 10 Night accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast,
- ◆ City, temple and Grand Palace tour in Bangkok
- ◆ Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, Maeklong Railway market tour in Bangkok
- ◆ Full day trip to White temple, Wat Rong Sua ten and Baan Dam museum in Chiang Mai
- ◆ Day trip to Phi Phi Island from Phuket
- ◆ Transportation in Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ Regional airfare in economy class - Bangkok / Chiang Mai / Phuket
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local 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

DAY 1 Depart Los Angeles [-/-/]

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

DAY 2 SINAGPORE - BANGKOK

In Transit

DAY 3 Bangkok Arrival [-/-/]

Upon arrival in Bangkok, 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 Bangkok - Half day Bangkok City, temple and Grand Palace tour [B/L/-]

Discover the lively city of Bangkok and uncover its captivating attractions, including a visit to the magnificent Grand Palace.

Commence your adventure by immersing yourself in the dynamic atmosphere of Bangkok's bustling streets, where a blend of modernity and tradition creates an enthralling ambiance. Begin your exploration at Wat Trimitr, situated at the vibrant end of Yaowarat Road in Chinatown, and adjacent to Hua Lampong train station. Here, you'll encounter the awe-inspiring Golden Buddha, weighing an impressive five-and-a-half tons, adding to the temple's allure. Continue your journey to Wat Po, the expansive temple complex boasting a striking reclining Buddha, stretching an impressive 46 meters in length, alongside intricately designed chedis.

Conclude your tour with a visit to the majestic Grand Palace, showcasing the epitome of traditional Siamese architecture. Once the royal residence, the palace complex comprises various opulent venues for different occasions, including the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal

Guest House, and the renowned Emerald Buddha Temple. Immerse yourself in the grandeur and history of this iconic landmark, as you explore its ornate structures and learn about Thailand's royal legacy and cultural heritage.

Add-on: Evening Food and Tuk Tuk adventure - USD 95 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 5

Bangkok - Full day Maeklong Railway Market and Damnoen Saduak Floating Market tour [B/-/-]

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 the 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 recognized as Talad Rom Hup or "Umbrella Pulldown Market." Nestled alongside the Maeklong Railway, this market, known 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 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 the train to seamlessly traverse through the market.

Continuing our journey, we then proceed to the famed Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, an iconic fixture in Thailand. To reach this market, a brief paddleboat ride is undertaken. Submerge yourself in the kaleidoscopic market scene, where affable 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 out on 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 grants you a wonderful chance to relax and fully engage with the lively ambiance of Bangkok at your leisure. You have the option to explore some of the city's renowned markets, where you can peruse 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 choose to treat yourself to delectable Thai cuisine at a local eatery, unwind through a traditional Thai massage, or simply relish the allure of Bangkok's urban landscape, the evening serves as a canvas for you to shape as you desire.

Overnight in Bangkok

DAY 6

Bangkok - Chiang Mai [B/-/-]

Enjoy your breakfast at leisure. Later this morning you will be transferred to Bangkok airport for your flight to Chiang Mai. Chiang Mai, nestled in the mountainous region of Northern Thailand, offers a captivating blend of rich cultural heritage, stunning natural landscapes, and vibrant city life. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Check-in and relax.

Evening, experience the vibrant atmosphere of Chiang Mai's night markets. Wander through the stalls of the famous Night Bazaar or explore the lively Warorot Market, where you can shop for souvenirs, handicrafts, clothing, and delicious street food.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

DAY 7

Chiang Mai - Village of the Karen Long Neck (Padaung) and Chiangmai's most sacred temple - Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep [B/L/-]

Enjoy your breakfast. Later this morning meet your guide and journey to the village of the Karen Long Neck tribe, also known as the Padaung tribe, as well as other fascinating ethnic communities. Take in the unique cultural traditions and craftsmanship of these tribes, gaining insight into their way of life.

After indulging in a delectable buffet lunch, the afternoon offers you the choice to visit Tiger Kingdom,

where you can interact with fully grown, midsize, or baby tigers. Please note that ticket purchase for this experience is to be done independently, as prices may vary.

Later, venture to the Orchid Nursery, where you'll be mesmerized by a breathtaking collection of over 50 different varieties of exotic and vibrant orchids, blooming throughout the year.

In the final leg of your excursion, you'll return to Chiang Mai and embark on a pilgrimage to one of the city's most sacred sites: Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep. This revered temple, dating back to 1383, sits atop a mountain 3,500 feet above sea level, just 16 kilometers from the city center. Behold the magnificent golden pagoda, which enshrines the holy relics of Lord Buddha and serves as a beacon for Buddhist pilgrims from around the globe. From the summit of Doi Suthep, you'll be treated to a breathtaking panoramic vista of Chiang Mai City and the picturesque Ping River valley.

To reach Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, you'll ascend a steep staircase adorned with colossal mythical Nagas, symbolizing the journey of humanity towards enlightenment. For those who prefer an alternative, an elevator is available for convenience.

Evening relax at the hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 8

Chiang Mai - Full Day trip from Chiang Mai to White Temple, Wat Rong Seua Ten, and Baan Dam Museum [B/L/-]

Embark on an enriching full-day excursion from Chiang Mai to the enchanting city of Chiang Rai, where you'll explore a fascinating array of cultural and natural wonders. Begin your journey with a stop at the tranquil Mae Khachan Hot Springs, where you can unwind and rejuvenate amidst the soothing mineral-rich waters. Take a leisurely stroll through the lush gardens, savor a snack, or simply bask in the serene ambiance of this picturesque setting.

Next, prepare to be mesmerized by the modern architectural marvel known as the White Temple. Step into this surreal realm, envisioned and crafted by local artist Chalermchai Khositphiphat, and marvel at its intricate design and symbolic significance. Immerse

yourself in the fantastical world of this unique temple, where contemporary artistry meets spiritual tradition.

Continue your exploration with a visit to Wat Rong Seua Ten, also known as the Temple of the Dancing Tiger. Delve into the mysteries and legends surrounding this sacred site, which is believed to have been built at the spot where tigers once leapt over the river. Admire the striking blue and gold hues of this temple as you uncover its rich history and cultural significance.

Conclude your day with a visit to the intriguing Baan Dam Museum, also known as the Black House Museum. Wander through a cluster of nearly 40 shadowy structures, each showcasing a diverse collection of art dating back to the Ayutthaya period. Marvel at preserved animals and an intriguing display of bones, gaining insight into the artistic heritage and cultural legacy of Thailand.

After a day filled with exploration and discovery, relax and reflect on your memorable experiences as you travel back to your hotel in Chiang Mai, cherishing the treasures and insights gained from your journey to Chiang Rai.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

DAY 9

Chiang Mai - Phuket [B/-/-]

Enjoy your breakfast at leisure. Later this morning you will be transferred to Bangkok airport for your flight to Phuket, the largest island in Thailand, is a tropical paradise renowned for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and rich cultural heritage. Phuket boasts some of the most picturesque beaches in the world, with soft white sands and crystal-clear waters. Whether you're seeking a lively atmosphere with water sports and beach bars, or a secluded cove for relaxation and tranquility, Phuket has a beach to suit every preference.

Upon arrival in Phuket, you will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in and Relax. Rest of the day is at leisure to soak up the enchanting atmosphere of Phuket. Take a leisurely stroll along the shoreline, feel the soft sand between your toes, and listen to the soothing sound of the waves crashing against the shore or Treat yourself to a sumptuous dinner at one of Phuket's many seaside

restaurants or beachfront eateries. Indulge in fresh seafood dishes, savory Thai curries, and exotic tropical fruits, all while enjoying panoramic views of the ocean.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 10 Phuket - Day free at leisure [B/-/-]

You have the entire day at your disposal to relish as you desire, reveling in the liberty to explore and revel in the marvels of Phuket at your own rhythm. Luxuriate under the sun and waves at one of Phuket's splendid beaches. Whether your inclination leans towards the bustling energy of Patong Beach, the serene ambiance of Kata Beach, or the unspoiled beauty of Freedom Beach, there's an ideal spot awaiting you to unwind and absorb the tropical ambiance.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 11 Phuket (Full day Phi Phi Island tour) [B/L/-]

Early morning, embark on an exhilarating speedboat excursion to the Phi Phi Islands, leaving the bustling crowds behind. Discover the iconic highlights of these stunning islands, from their untouched beaches to their captivating landscapes, and dive into the crystalline waters for invigorating swims and snorkeling experiences.

Commence your tour in the early hours to ensure arrival at the islands before the regular influx of visitors. Your first stop is the renowned Phi Phi Leh island, featuring the picturesque Maya Bay that gained fame through the Hollywood film "The Beach," as well as the Phi Phi Leh Lagoon. Here, take a leisurely dip in the refreshing waters of the lagoon, rejuvenating your spirits.

Continue your journey to Phi Phi Don, where you'll embark on a climb to reach the remarkable viewpoint. Relish the breathtaking panoramas from the island's summit, offering a glimpse of the charming town below.

Indulge in a delightful light breakfast, followed by a satisfying lunch later in the day, all while enjoying refreshing beverages aboard the speedboat.

Make the most of the opportunity to sightsee around

the island, catching a glimpse of the Viking Cave and observing monkeys from the comfort of the boat. Revel in an extended snorkeling session, and as a final highlight, proceed to Bamboo Island. Here, relish a delightful picnic lunch on the beach, followed by ample time for sun-soaked relaxation and swimming.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 12 Phuket (Day free at leisure) [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 opt to unwind on the sun-drenched shores, explore the bustling markets, embark on a gastronomic expedition through the rich tapestry of Thai cuisine, or take a tranquil saunter to absorb the mesmerizing vistas. The decision is entirely yours, or you might consider reserving one of our recommended add-ons to enhance your experience.

Add-on Ethical Elephant Sanctuary - USD 125 Per person on seat in coach basis

Embark on an enchanting encounter with elephants through a guided expedition to the Phuket Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, complete with inclusive pickup and drop-off services. Immerse yourself in the elephant's daily rituals as you engage in feeding and bathing them. Seize the chance to capture unforgettable snapshots alongside these magnificent creatures, forging a connection while enriching your understanding of their lives. Commence your day with a pickup from your lodging in an air-conditioned vehicle. Traverse picturesque landscapes during a scenic drive toward the Elephant Sanctuary. Upon arrival, be introduced to your English-speaking guide, who will provide insights into the elephants' world. Equipped with bananas and cane sugar, join your guide in traversing the sanctuary's grounds, discovering the elephants' natural presence in a secure, sustainable, and ethical environment. Your guide will regale you with anecdotes about the unique stories of each elephant. Engage with the elephants at your own pace, touching, feeding, capturing photographs, and interacting, all while acquiring knowledge about their behaviors and lifestyles. Once you've acquainted yourself with these gentle giants, partake in a delightful mud treatment, applying a rejuvenating

cosmetic layer to their skin. Subsequently, accompany them to a nearby river, where you'll join them in a refreshing bath. Amidst playful water antics, assist in bathing, brushing, and enjoying the company of the elephants. Post-cleansing, take memorable last photos, bidding farewell to your newfound companions before changing into dry attire.

Conclude the experience by relishing snacks and seasonal fresh fruits, providing a satisfying conclusion before your return journey to your hotel.

Add-on : ATV Adventure - USD 90 Per person

Phuket extends far beyond its renowned white sandy beaches and the meeting of turquoise waters, which have rightfully earned it a place among the world's premier tourism destinations. This island boasts lush jungles that envelop it, and this two-hour expedition aboard an all-terrain vehicle introduces a fresh perspective on its offerings. Our journey kicks off with a

comprehensive safety briefing, ensuring our preparedness for the adventure ahead. We then embark on an exhilarating exploration along gravel and mud trails, providing the opportunity to witness insect-eating plants, rubber tapping, and Phuket's untouched beaches. Our trusty four-wheeled vehicle navigates routes that can prove a bit uneven at times, enhancing the thrill of the experience. As our forest expedition draws to a close, we're treated to revitalizing cold beverages and a selection of local seasonal fruits.

Overnight in Phuket

DAY 13 Phuket Departure [B/-/-]

Your incredible essence of Thailand tour comes to an end today. Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning. You will be transported to the airport for your return flight at the appropriate time.

Payment Policy & Insurance

Deposit: US\$ 1300 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]

Deposit date: 10th April 2024

Full Balance: 30th Oct, 2024

(Once the deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)

Insurance Policy

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.

VOYAGES HUB TOURS has teamed up with Travel Guard to provide a Travel Protection Plan specifically designed for U.S. residents. Feel free to email us to receive a quote, without any obligation to commit.

Cancellation Policy

- ◆ Starting from the booking date until October 30, 2024, a cancellation will incur a \$1300 per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought.
- ◆ From October 31, 2024 to January 28, 2025, canceling will result in the full tour price being charged with no possibility of a refund.

Note:

A person becoming 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.

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