

Classic Bangkok Break from only £495pp*

4 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / SUPERIOR TOUR /



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Enjoy an introduction to the city of Bangkok with this short city break or stop-over. During your stay, you'll visit some of Thailand's most famous and important historical sites and temples, and balance these with longtail boat trips and colourful floating markets and a beautiful evening dinner cruise on a traditional rice barge. Your accommodation will be in a high standard, branded 5-star hotel.

TOUR FACTS

Tour Code & Class:	CUTHCB / Superior
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 1 Max. - 12 / Min. age - none
Activity - Cultural:	Sightseeing
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	3 nights in hotels
Transport:	Private A/C minibus
Meals:	3 Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunch (L) and 2 Dinner (D)

YOUR 4 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Bangkok. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Bangkok - Grand Palace & City canal tours, evening dinner cruise
- Day 3:** Bangkok - Damnoen Saduak floating market, free afternoon
- Day 4:** Bangkok - Free time. Transfer to airport for flight home.

"Would you like to extend this tour to take in Ayutthya & the River Kwai? ...then check out our Taste of Thailand tour"

FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
See page 3 for details

Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.

Please refer to page 2 or website for details.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Temples & Palaces of Bangkok, Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, Boat Trip through Bangkok's green & leafy suburbs.

FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*	LOCAL PAYMENT:	ENTRANCE FEES:	AIRPORT TRANSFERS:
X	X	✓	✓



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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN BANGKOK

You arrive at Bangkok airport where we greet you and transfer you to your hotel. Your Thailand Uncovered rep welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and provides you with some useful tips for exploring the area as well as outlining the schedule for the next few days.

Bangkok is the gateway to Asia and boasts a vast and fascinating array of tourist sites. From Temples and parks to shops and nightclubs, this vibrant city has plenty to keep the interested visitor busy.

Overnight at hotel in Bangkok.

DAY 1 EXTRA OPTIONS

Bangkok Introductory tour

See pages 3-4 for details

DAY 2 / BANGKOK, GRAND PALACE & CANALS TOURS, EVENING DINNER CRUISE

After a pre-tour briefing, we start today with a half day tour to the splendid Grand Palace complex and the Royal Temple of the Emerald Buddha where varied styles of Thai architecture are delicately woven together to enchant the viewer.

In the afternoon we take a cruise along the canals of Bangkok's surprisingly rural western suburbs and enjoy the natural scenery and observe the daily lives of the people who live along the canals. We stop en route for an opportunity to talk to some of the students attending the temple school or take a leisurely stroll through vegetable and herb gardens. Continuing by boat we visit an orchid farm and the boathouse where the Royal Barges are kept and maintained.

The evening is set aside to enjoy a superb dinner onboard either a traditional rice barge or a luxury modern boat (you can choose which you prefer), while cruising along the Chao Phraya River. The spectacular sights along the river make an impressive backdrop to the

meal and a traditional Thai show is also included on the modern boat.
Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (B L D).

DAY 3 / BANGKOK FLOATING MARKET

You depart early this morning to Ban Paew for a boat cruise along the Damnoen Saduak Canal. You will enjoy the beautiful sights along the way and witness the day-to-day activities of the Thai people who live on the canals. The cruise ends at the wonderfully colourful floating market at Damnoen Saduak. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy more sightseeing, try some Thai cookery, or perhaps do some last minute shopping.

Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (B).

DAY 3 EXTRA OPTIONS

Afternoon Thai cookery

See pages 2-3 for details

DAY 4 / TOUR ENDS

Your day is free to do some last minute sightseeing and shopping, or choose some extra tour options until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home. (B).

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

Finally, this tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

Options can be booked when you make your reservation on our website, between confirming your booking and your departure, and some can also be arranged during the tour itself, subject to availability at the time.

Credit cards, traveller's cheques or cash are accepted in Bangkok for these payments at the start of the tour (a fee will be added if you use a credit card). A receipt will be provided to show the flight & payment details.

Single room supplement - Price: £235

If you are a single traveller, then we do need to add a single supplement charge (we do not share rooms between separate bookers on our Superior level Thailand tours). This supplement guarantees you a single room throughout your tour.

Note: Couples will always be given a private double room. Triple rooms with 3 beds are not generally available, but rooms with connecting doors are available for family groups.

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Extra days - Price: £75-£150 p/p/night

These are available on request in Bangkok before and after the tour starts and finishes. If you'd like to add extra days into the time elsewhere, then please request a tailor-made tour.

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The price includes a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (peak season and single supplements apply).

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Bangkok Introductory tour - Price: £20 p/p (min 2)

This introductory half day tour is done on foot and using a wide selection of different public transport to familiarise you with the city of Bangkok and its many different sites and features. We concentrate more on learning about the life of the city rather than visiting famous sites which you may see during the main part of your tour.

Book & Pay in advance or in Thailand.

Afternoon Thai cookery - Price: on request

For this option we transfer you to the pier for a cruise in a long-tailed motorboat and to witness the scenic life of people who live along Bangkok's waterways. You'll learn some of the secrets of Thai cooking at the house of a Thai family located on the banks of the canal. Upon arrival a Thai herbal drink is served as a welcoming to the house. Discover how fresh herbs and spices are blended into tasty dishes. You will have plenty of time for discussion and to test the tastes of all that is demonstrated.

Book & Pay in advance.

Kanchanaburi River Kwai day trip - Price: £50 p/p (min 2)

This option leaves Bangkok early in the morning (around 06.30) and takes you on a trip by road to historic Kanchanaburi (approx 3 hours drive), with visits to the Allied War Cemetery, war museum and the bridge over the River Kwai. You then take a train journey on the Death Railway, over the bridges and a spectacular wooden viaduct built by the POWs. The tour also features a short long-tailed boat trip along the Kwai Noi. Lunch is included, normally at a restaurant by the river. You will get back to Bangkok at around 18.00 (Note

- this may mean you need to add another night in the Bangkok hotel).

Book & Pay in advance OR in Thailand.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- All accommodation (see below)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sites visited in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated in the itinerary
- All transport

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance - please see the policies available on our website
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Our Superior level tours in Thailand use high quality 5-star hotels, in which all rooms have air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, telephone and cable TV. Other facilities and services include swimming pools in pleasant garden surroundings, an assortment of coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and shops, fitness studio, business centre, laundry service and room service.

Note: *For our group departures, we will advise you of the hotel to be used on the tour about 2 weeks before departure. If you have specific requirements for hotels, then please request a private or tailor-made tour.*

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

Bangkok (5-star):

- Landmark hotel (dlx suite/club floor).

At certain times of the year or where circumstances dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the one listed above. In this event alternative accommodation will always be of a similar standard.

Please see the Accommodation page on our website for more details of the hotels that we use in Thailand.

TRANSPORT:

The transport used on this tour includes private AC cars or minibuses, and a longtail boat for the canal trip.

TRANSFERS:

The tour includes both your airport arrival and departure transfers (24-hour service), and all other transfers.

After customs and immigration formalities you will be met by our representative, and after introductions, they will take you straight to your hotel (full details will be provided after booking).

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

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TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

For this tour we provide fully trained, local English-speaking Thai guides to act as your tour leader.

To help support the local people and economy, and also because we know it works best for you, our policy at Thailand Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders for this tour. Please check our website for further details.

ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary.

TIPPING:

Tipping is not part of Thai culture, but has become customary but not compulsory in the service & tourist industry. Tipping is always optional, and any amounts paid should reflect excellent service. It is normal and accepted for people to tip differently, and you should not feel under any pressure to tip any particular amount. We are often asked for advice on common amounts however, and suggest that up to 10% of the tour price would be a suitable budget for this tour.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Thailand, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

CLIMATE:

The weather in Thailand varies between the northern & southern halves of the country, and the time of year, and is controlled by several different monsoons. These monsoon rains start and finish at slightly different times every year.

In the northern & central regions (including Bangkok & Chiang Mai), the 'dry season' lasts from November/December to May,

before getting steadily hotter in June and July. The most rain falls in August and September and local flooding can be a problem during these months.

Each of the seasons has its own charms and its difficulties!

DATES & PRICES:

We have regular departures on this tour throughout the year. Our small group departure dates are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet (available on request).

We can also run the tour privately for you on any other dates for a small supplement, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

HEALTH:

For up to the minute health information & vaccination requirements for Thailand we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact have a travel clinic with free advice tel. 0800 0393073). General vaccination recommendations for Thailand include Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Polio and Typhoid.

VISAS:

British, European, and many other nationalities do not require a visa for travel to Thailand for stays of 30 days or less. If you are staying longer then visas are required. For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us or checkout the visa pages on our website.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person

travelling on of our Thailand tours. One of the organisations we support is the Border Green Energy Team (BGET), who provide hands-on appropriate technology training and financial support to village innovators in ethnic minority areas on both sides of the Thai/Burma border. More examples of how we spend your money and full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc. Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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