

ASIA Y MEDIO ORIENTE

IMTRAV: TROPICAL THAILAND 10 Days

CODE: PAAT

DESDE: \$1,705 USD por persona



Itinerary

Day 1 - Bangkok

Arrive in Bangkok where you are transferred to our comfortable and centrally located hotel. A pre-trip briefing is held in the evening, to meet the other members of your group and discuss the trip itinerary. Please check for a Welcome Notice on the Peregrine noticeboard located near the hotel lifts which will provide your tour leader's name and the exact time and location of your Welcome Meeting. Until this meeting we encourage you to get out and discover the delights that Bangkok has to offer, including trying some of Thailand's famous cuisine. After the group meeting in the evening we may adjourn to a nearby restaurant and enjoy a meal together (this is optional and at your own expense). The rest of the evening is free - perhaps a quiet drink or a visit to the bustling night markets of Bangkok.

Day 2 - Bangkok - Koh Samui

Today we enjoy discovering the sights of Bangkok. This city tour is all done on the different forms of public transport available to the citizens of Bangkok (Skytrain, canal boat, ferry and bus), to give you a true taste of life in this busy and varied city. First up it's a stop at Jim Thompson's House, a collection of unique antique Thai houses situated by a klong (canal). Here we get to appreciate its amazing Asian art collection. Jim Thompson was an American who arrived in Thailand during World War II and worked with the predecessor to the CIA, the OSS. When the war ended he changed professions and remained in Thailand. He is credited with reviving the Thai silk industry before mysteriously disappearing in the Cameron Highlands, in Malaysia, in 1967. We then visit the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), a must for first-time travellers to Bangkok. We also visit Wat Po, home of the famous Reclining Buddha. (When visiting temples and palaces in Thailand, please dress conservatively in order to respect the local culture). At the end of a busy day we head to the airport for our flight to Koh Samui.

Day 3-4 - Koh Samui

We take a trip around the island of Koh Samui, visiting the 15-metre tall Big Buddha. There's time to take a dip in the cool tropical waterfalls of Na Muang and also to drop in to see the Mummified Monk. The rest of the afternoon is free to choose amongst a multitude of activities. Swim, laze in the sun, ride an elephant, dive and snorkel or simply relax - the decisions are yours. In the evenings you can relax, dine on the beach at the water's edge and soak up the pleasant tropical atmosphere. On our second day in Koh Samui we undertake a day tour on a boat to the breathtaking Ang Thong National Marine Park. Located 31 kilometres northwest of Koh Samui, this reserve consists of 40 small islands complete with white sandy beaches and secret lagoons. Here we get a chance to experience colourful corals and vibrant marine life. Parrot fish, angel fish and eel are just some of the many denizens of the sea that we will no doubt come across.

Day 5 - Rai Leh Beach (Krabi)

We leave Koh Samui by ferry and travel to the mainland town of Surat Thani. We then board our private vehicle and drive to Krabi, located on the Andaman Sea side. This town of 30,000 people is a launching pad to visit many of the wonderful islands that are synonymous with Thailand's tropical south. At Krabi we travel by longtail boat to the beach at Rai Leh, near the peninsula of Phra Nang, where we stay at a tropical beach resort.

Day 6 - Rai Leh Beach (Krabi)

We have a free day to relax or enjoy the many optional activities. We can explore the area around Rai Leh (sometimes spelt 'Railay') and Ao Nang, which are part of the Krabi area. The isthmus area of Rai Leh may be part of the mainland but it is just as spectacular as many of the islands, with stunning limestone cliffs and lovely sandy beaches. There is sea kayaking and rock climbing on offer, as well as a chance to take a challenging hike to a lagoon located amongst the hills. The usual water sports, such as scuba diving, are also available. An optional boat excursion can enable us to appreciate the Andaman Sea from another angle.

Day 7 - Koh Phi Phi

In the morning we transfer by private boat and head across to arguably the most beautiful islands in Thailand, Phi Phi. There are actually two islands, Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Le, both with impressive cliffs that are home to a wide array of birdlife. There is a pleasant walk up to the top of the hill on Phi Phi Don, where you enjoy a magnificent scenic view of the island surrounded by the emerald-coloured waters of the Andaman Sea.

Day 8 - Koh Phi Phi

A full day boat excursion enables us to appreciate Phi Phi from another angle. We have the chance to swim and snorkel in crystal-clear waters teeming with many species of marine life, set against the colourful coral gardens. We get to relax on Monkey Beach and explore Pilah Lagoon. This island was also a location used in the filming of the movie, 'The Beach', based on the 1996 Alex Garland novel.

Day 9 - Phuket Town

We enjoy a final morning on the beach in Phi Phi before a two-hour boat ride on a large public ferry that takes us back to Phuket. We arrive back in Phuket town in the late afternoon and check into our hotel there. There are many facets to this island, especially in Phuket Town, which was a major port over the centuries visited by Portuguese, Chinese and Malay traders. Here, historic remnants of the island's past are reflected in its eclectic architecture. In the evening we journey to Patong Beach and enjoy the final night of our tour amidst the many restaurants and night spots to be found here.

Day 10 - Phuket Town

The tour ends after breakfast. A transfer to the airport is not included; however, your tour leader will be on hand to advise you as to the options available.

Included

Peregrine tour leader, local guides, arrival transfer, transport, sightseeing and entrance fees.

Not included

International flights, arrival and departure transfers, departure and airport taxes, visas, all other meals, all optional tours or activities during free time, transfers outside of the tour program, travel insurance, tips and items of a personal nature.