



# Thailand Temples, Phuket and Khao Lak

## 9 Night Private Tour

Experience the best of Thailand, on our Thailand Temples, Phuket and Khao Lak Tour, blending culture, adventure, and relaxation.

Start in Bangkok, where you'll explore bustling markets, historic temples, and savour mouthwatering street food. Then, fly to the tropical island of Phuket, home to iconic landmarks and stunning beaches. Take a speedboat tour to the famous Phi Phi Islands for snorkelling, swimming, and breathtaking scenery. Finally, unwind in the serene coastal retreat of Khao Lak, where you can relax by the beach or explore more of Thailand's natural beauty.

This holiday promises an unforgettable mix of excitement and tranquillity.

### Highlights:

- Discover Bangkok's Chinatown and vibrant flower market.
- Explore Phuket's Wat Chalong temple
- Enjoy a scenic speedboat trip to Phi Phi Islands
- Have some down time to relax in Khao Lak
- Explore Bangkok's iconic Wat Pho and the Grand Palace

### What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Bangkok
- Local English speaking guides throughout
- Transport: Return airport transfers, private ground transfers, speedboat trip and return flights from Bangkok to Phuket
- Accommodation: 9 or 10 nights total duration (including 1 or 2 nights on return flights) – 8 nights in hotels: 1 night Bangkok, 3 nights Phuket, 3 nights Khao Lak, 1 night Bangkok
- Meals included: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Experiences: Chinatown food tour, Phuket temple tour, Phi Phi Islands by speedboat shared tour, Bangkok temple tour

### Not included:

- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature.
- Early/late check-in/out service at hotels (surcharge if requested)
- Optional excursion/tours
- Travel insurance and visa
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" column

# Full Itinerary

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Board your overnight flight from the UK to Bangkok BKK.

## Day 2: Arrival in Bangkok and Evening Chinatown Tour

Arrive in Bangkok, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel.

This afternoon, visit Pak Klong Talat, Bangkok's bustling 24-hour flower market, brimming with colourful blooms sold for garlands and offerings.

This evening you will head to Bangkok's Chinatown, renowned for its culinary delights. Start with a fruit platter of mango, mangosteen, rambutan, and guava to cleanse your palate. Enjoy satay pork, followed by crab and prawn dumplings, and chicken pad thai. Sip on fruit juices like sweet orange, persimmon, and pomegranate, paired with Pad See Ew and Chang beer. End with the iconic mango sticky rice, before heading back to your hotel. During the street food experience, interact with the locals, see how some of these traditional dishes are made, and, if you wish, try your hand at making them yourself.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* The Salil Riverside, Bangkok or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Dinner





## Day 3: Bangkok to Phuket with an Afternoon City Tour

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Phuket, and on arrival meet your guide and transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon, start your tour with a visit to Wat Chalong, Phuket's largest and most popular temple, dating back to the 19th century. The temple honours monks Luang Pho Cham and Luang Pho Chuang, known for their role in quelling a local rebellion and their knowledge of traditional medicine. Explore the beautifully designed temple, a replica of the monks' house, and the 60 metre tall Chedi, which houses a Buddha relic and offers more panoramic views of Phuket.

Next you will visit Phuket Old Town to experience the essence of Phuket, from its bustling old town with its colourful heritage to its serene temples. Along the way, you'll also visit a cashew nut factory for a taste of local Thai produce, before heading back to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Wyndham Grand Nai Harn Beach Phuket or 5\* The Proud Karon Beach Phuket Trademark Collection By Wyndham or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch





## Day 4: Phi Phi Island Tour by Speedboat

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Royal Phuket Marina, and after a safety briefing and welcome tea/coffee with snacks, you will board a speedboat for a scenic one hour journey.

First, visit Bamboo Island (Koh Pai) for snorkeling, swimming, or relaxing on the beach. Then, head to Phi Phi Don Island for a delicious international buffet lunch with sea views. Continue to Phi Phi Lay Island to admire the magical Maya Bay, famous from "The Beach" film. Explore Lho Sa Mah Bay and Pi Leh Cove, swimming and snorkeling among colourful fish. Finish the tour with a visit to Viking Cave before returning to Royal Phuket Marina and transferring back to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Wyndham Grand Nai Harn Beach Phuket or 5\* The Proud Karon Beach Phuket  
Trademark Collection By Wyndham or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch





## Day 5: Phuket

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring the surrounding area or relaxing at the hotel.

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Trademark Collection By Wyndham or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 6: Phuket to Khao Lak

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Phuket, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Khao Lak.

Once you are checked in, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Khao Lak is known for its stunning beaches, lush national parks, and as a gateway to the Similan and Surin Islands, renowned for their incredible diving and snorkelling opportunities.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Graceland Khao Lak Beach Resort or similar  
MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Days 7 and 8: Khao Lak

Enjoy days at leisure exploring the surrounding area or relaxing at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Graceland Khao Lak Beach Resort or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 9: Khao Lak to Bangkok with a City Tour

Meet your driver and transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok.

Discover the heart of Bangkok on a half-day tour of Rattanakosin Island. Start with a visit to Wat Pho, a historic Buddhist temple complex and Royal Monastery. Dating back to the late 17th century, Wat Pho was rebuilt under King Rama I. Its most famous feature is the 46-meter-long Reclining Buddha, symbolizing Buddha's entry into Nirvana. The Buddha's feet are divided into 108 panels depicting auspicious Buddhist symbols like elephants and flowers.

Next, walk to The Grand Palace, a royal and religious complex that has been Thailand's official royal residence since 1782. While no longer a royal residence, the palace is used for ceremonies and state visits, and remains an iconic architectural symbol of Thailand.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* The Salil Riverside, Bangkok or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

## Day 10: Departure from Bangkok

Spend your final day relaxing until check out, meet your tour guide and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. Depending on your flights you will arrive home today or the next day.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

# FAQs

## **WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL?**

The best time to visit South-East Asia is November to April when it's dry and warm. Wet season and monsoonal rains fall from June to October.

## **MALARIA**

It is not common to get malaria, unless you are staying in the mountains or the jungle for a long time.

## **DRESS CODES FOR SOME HISTORICAL SITES**

Be mindful of local customs and wear suitable attire when visiting religious or cultural sites. This typically involves covering your shoulders and knees. Dress code guidelines are often displayed at the entrance to these places.

## **WHO IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR?**

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. Children aged 6 and above.

## **VISAS AND VACCINATIONS**

UK passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Thailand for a stay less than 60 days.

Please note that there are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter Thailand. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

Please refer to the FCDO website for more information about entry requirements and vaccinations.