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THAILAND  
LAND OF THE FREE



Thailand is historic, cultural and friendly, lush in its forests, national parks and tropical beaches, as much as extravagant and decadent, all spiced up by the obsession for one of the most tasteful cuisine in the world. Religious devotion is colourful and ubiquitous, glittering temples and Buddhas shape both the urban and rural landscape. Opulent royal palaces, sprawling gardens, beautiful architecture and ancient ruins tell the history of the Kingdoms of Sukhothai and Siam. Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by a European nation, for this reason it has been called the land of the free.

We will take you to explore this rich and fascinating destination by immersing yourself in sacred spaces, forests and fields, with sand between your toes and sitting at bountiful tables.

# ARTS & ARCHITECTURE

- In Chiang Rai visit the “Black House” (Baan Dam) of the artist Duchanee. The houses were built in northern style and decorated in a very original way - an entry into the world of one of the greatest contemporary artists in the country.
- In Bangkok, together with the curator of the Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles, enter the Grand Palace with its golden arrows, chedis, colourful hallways, richly adorned reception halls, and of course, the Royal Palladium, Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Keo).
- In Chiang Mai visit the highly regarded 1056-metre high Doi Suthep Temple. Access to this temple is via a large staircase with ramps in the shape of naga, the mystical serpent, or simply board a little funicular to embrace the views of Chiang Mai and the valley below.
- Get private access to Studio Naenna in Chiang Mai, a community of women weavers, embroiderers, and designers from various ethnic groups that create high quality, environmentally friendly and sustainable fabric products. Have a hands-on experience and private learning session to learn about the studio and its meaningful work.
- With an historian visit the ancient Siamese capital of Ayutthaya, the crowning glory of the kingdom from 1350-1767. Preserved in history, Ayutthaya ruins create an archaeological site that contains palaces, Buddhist temples, monasteries and statues.
- Get invited by the acclaimed Chiang-Rai artist Sangiam Yarangsee at his hilltop home-studio-gallery. Sangiam is a master of impressionist painting, drawing inspiration from the vibrancy of nature in Northern Thailand.



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- With an historian visit the Sukhothai Historical Park located in what was the ruling centre of the Sukhothai Kingdom 6-7 hundred years ago, covering more than 70 square kilometres. There are about 70 important monuments that still occur traces of royal Palaces and Temples, the largest temple is Wat Mahathat where more than 200 pagodas are located.
- Avoid the crowds with an exclusive, after-hours private visit to the Reclining Buddha. Just as the lights turn on for the evening you find yourself alone at Wat Pho - a magical moment. With the pavilion to yourself, your expert host will share with you the history of the Buddha and the temple without distraction.
- For furniture and interior design lovers, we can arrange a meeting with P. Tendercool, design directors Pieter Compagnol and Stephanie Grusenmeyer. Guests will be shown around their old riverside warehouse Showroom which creates bespoke furniture from reclaimed century old timber slabs and hand-crafted bronze. A short walk away is their remarkable factory in a beautifully remodeled rice godown.
- Enjoy a traditional Thai puppetry performance at the so-called Artist's House, located in a Thai-style wooden house right along one of the canals in Bangkok. The highly-acclaimed performers will enact a famous story from the Hindu epic, Ramayana.
- Get invited for a private evening's dinner party at the residence of artist and designer Bill Bensley. A jungle home in the heart of Bangkok, the grounds are home to more than 15,000 plant species and lush gardens as well as funky and provocative designs. Enjoy a private tour of the property and dinner with Bill and his partner.

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# TRADITIONS

- In Chiang Mai visit Wat Srisoda to participate in morning offerings to the monks, part of the daily routine of the locals. Witness the procession of monks donning saffron coloured robes and silk umbrellas, as they offer up their alms bowl so that the villagers place rice into their bowl as an offering.
- Observe the traditional Thai umbrella making and have an opportunity for hands-on activities at Bo Sang village on the outskirts of Chiang Mai. It is known for its handmade umbrellas and parasols, which are brightly coloured, and often decorated with floral motifs.
- Together with a retired fighter soak up the electrifying atmosphere of the ultimate Thai sport, the Muay Thai, an entertainment evening from the best seats at the historic Ratchadamnoen Stadium in Bangkok.
- Visit Baan Tong Luang to learn about Chiang Mai's ethnic diversity. Baan Tong Luang Hilltribe Village is designed to promote the unique cultures of various hill tribe groups, offering travellers a glimpse of ethnic diversity in the region while also giving vocational training and employment opportunities to the residents.
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- Connect to Buddhist culture at one of Bangkok's most unique temples, Wat Saket, also known as the Golden Mount Temple. The temple's hilltop design is meant to reflect a microcosm of the heavens in traditional Thai cosmology. Along with the lesson about the intersection of religion and everyday life in Thailand, you will meet resident monks who will perform a private blessing ceremony.





# NATURE

- In Chiang Mai get access to the Elephant Camp Conservation, in the middle of the lush green countryside and hills. These elephants have been rescued and have retired here, safely. You will be able to observe the elephants, to see them in the natural environment, to learn how the conservation takes care of them.
- On a private helicopter fly over and visit one of the Kingdom's most stunning destinations – Doi Mae Salong. This dramatic mountain region was settled first by indigenous hilltribe groups such as the Ahka and Lahu peoples, and more recently by Chinese settlers who fled the Communist Revolution in China in 1949. Doi Mae Salong is also home to Thailand's premier Oolong tea production. We will have a tea tasting set up to try some of the many varieties and learn all about the process and importance of tea growing in Northern Thailand.
- Visit Thailand's highest mountain peak and explore some beautiful trails, waterfalls, and the highly revered royal twin pagodas at the Doi Inthanon National Park in Chiang Mai.
- Northern Thailand is best known for its hill tribes. After a morning visiting rarely visited tribes, enjoy a scenic picnic along a spectacular road that straddles the Thai-Myanmar border on the top of Doi Chang Mub, one of the province's highest mountains.

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# EXPLORE

- In Bangkok, get on board a private boat to discover the fascinating Thonburi canals, followed by a visit to majestic, coloured ceramic Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn) on the edge of the river.
- Dive in the city of Pai, home to many artists and musicians has a very arty and bohemian atmosphere with a vibrant street market and good restaurants scene. The surrounding have canyon and waterfalls, hot springs and caves, temples set in the rice fields, tribal villages and Yunnan-style Chinese villages and tea plantations.
- Embark an epic adventure in northern Thailand, travel to 'Tha Ton', a town near the Myanmar border, learn about the local Shan people and have a look at local weaving shops before getting on board a private boat down the Mae Kok River. Enjoy a privately catered riverside picnic in style and immerse in the exploration of nearby villages.
- If you are looking for sand within your toes, explore the laid-back, isolated and peaceful Koh Mak, a tropical paradise, a small island in the east of the Gulf of Thailand. Perfect for lounging, best waters for swimming or just simply indulging a beautiful sunset.
- With a special cultural guide explore narrow lanes, fresh markets, religious landmarks and textile booths in Bangkok. Enhance the journey by sampling street snacks while gaining candid impressions for the cultural mosaic that is Bangkok's Chinatown.



# EPICUREAN

Together with a Thailand Food and Culture Expert, writer and travel show host, take a journey to one of the most revered cuisine in the world by discovering each dish's background and into immersing into the lives of the people who create them. No matter if the food is found in an old community or in a high end restaurant, food speaks its own language. Discover our collection of unique, personally handpicked independent restaurants with core values that embrace sustainability, fair wages and career paths for young local people. Prepared by ever-present, passionate chefs that take great pride in what they do, each serves creative cuisine made with local and seasonal ingredients that reveal the true essence of Thai flavours.

- Hunt down some of the best food Bangkok has to offer. We'll adventure through narrow alleyways of Bangkok's historic neighbourhoods while sampling a myriad of street snacks and local dishes.
- In Thailand everyone learns to cook at home. Every mother is a "teacher" and a culinary guru. Family recipes are passed down from one generation to the next. Meals are always shared family affairs and are an important part of Thailand's cultural heritage. Chiang Mai's "Cooking at Home" cookery school, run by two passionate Thai cooks, offers a glimpse into these homegrown culinary traditions. Immerse in your cooking class and taste your homemade dishes.
- With a more than 250 restaurants making the the 2020 list for Thailand, the country is without a doubt a foodie haven. With 170 of those located in the capital of Bangkok, the city is a mecca for food. Dine at the chef table of a careful selected list of Michelin Star Restaurants
- The local market is definitely the best way to start for obtaining a full picture of the ingredients and the flavours of Thai cuisine, together with your expert guide visit in the morning the best market in town and immerse in the scents and colours of spices and exotic vegetables. Pick your own selection and get invited at a famous chef kitchen to discover the traditions behind the best Thai dishes.



# PRIVATE ISLAND

Few minutes away the shores of Phuket Marina is your private island, a beautiful tropical paradise completely at your disposal. Fully equipped with all amenities and fully staffed, the island offers an unpairable opportunity to spend a secluded luxury vacation with your family or guests. Water sports equipment such as jets skis, paddle boards, kayaks, and windsurfers are there waiting for you.

The property counts 3 separate villas, with breathtaking views over the bay:

- The Guest villa has four large bedrooms, a private pool and hot tub and a lovely covered patio to enjoy dinner outside listening to the waves break on the beaches below. Each room has its own bathroom with separate bathtubs and showers. The villa has a large living area with its own gourmet kitchen and dining area.
- The Upper villa has 7 bedrooms, one of which is very large with 2 separate bathrooms and its own lounge area with true master suite. All the rooms have a private patio for enjoying nature at its best. The great room is 455 sq meters, dining for 20, and also has a beautiful gourmet kitchen. Just to the west is the sunset patio where some of the most beautiful sunsets can be viewed. The upper villa sports a 33 meter-long pool with a hot tub for 20 and another smaller plunge pool or wet deck for sunbathing. The patio area is made for entertaining, 525 sq meters with a wet bar and BBQ sala at one end. Also, for further entertainment just off the main patio is a 300-capacity amphitheater that looks south towards Phi Phi Island. Just below the amphitheater is the Karaoke bar and entertainment center, a 43-seat movie theatre with thousands of movies all on a network system that can be played in any room on the island. Just past the Karaoke room is a wellness spa that has 6-foot massage stations and 7 private massage rooms, several with their own showers and bathrooms. The spa also has a steam room and an infrared dry sauna. Just past the spa is the full fitness center with treadmills, ellipticals, cycles, rowing machines, a state-of-the-art power plate, dumbbells, an inversion table, a full commercial grade Vectra work-out center, and a small Muay Thai boxing area.





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- The Lower villa feels like you are right over the water and has 8 large rooms. It has the same basic layout as the upper villa with a few differences. There is a great game room just below the great hall. Pool, shuffleboard, darts, air hockey table tennis, board games and a full wet bar for your drinking libations. There is a smaller fitness center and a smaller spa which is fully functional and a large hot tub outside. The large pool is very organic in shape and houses a great swim-up bar with seats and an outside toilet for the pool users. The great room is again very large but very homely with lots of art from all over Thailand and in general the island is really a tribute to Thai artisans of all kinds. During building and completion, the owner had an entire village carving for months to create the impressive doors and headboards.
- To enhance your time and leisure the offer could be completed with a private luxury yacht.

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