Itinerary

11 Day Highlights Of North Thailand With Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Depart Australia ~ Arrive in Bangkok

Welcome to Thailand! Upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport you will be met in the arrivals hall by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey, enjoy your hotel or begin exploring the vibrant city of Bangkok at your own pace.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Tai Pan Hotel, Bangkok or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Grand China, Bangkok or similar

Day 2: Bangkok

After breakfast at the hotel, set out to explore Bangkok's most iconic cultural landmarks. Begin your day at the magnificent Grand Palace, a stunning example of traditional Siamese architecture and former royal residence. Inside the complex, visit the sacred Wat Phra Kaew, home to the revered Emerald Buddha. Continue to Wat Pho, famous for its impressive 46-metre-long Reclining Buddha and considered one of Bangkok's most important temples. Afterwards, enjoy a short boat crossing along the Chao Phraya River to visit Wat Arun, one of the city's most photographed landmarks, known for its striking riverside pagoda decorated with colourful porcelain.
Please note: Modest dress is required for temple visits. Shoulders and knees must be covered, and footwear must be removed before entering temple buildings.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Tai Pan Hotel, Bangkok or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Grand China, Bangkok or similar

OPTIONAL: Wonderful Pearl Dinner Cruise

Day 3: Bangkok Free Day

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Bangkok at your own pace. You may choose to relax, shop at the city's modern malls and bustling markets, or continue discovering Bangkok's temples, street food and vibrant neighbourhoods independently.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Tai Pan Hotel, Bangkok or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Grand China, Bangkok or similar

OPTIONAL: Floating Market / Street Food Adventure in Chinatown by Tuk Tuk

Day 4: Bangkok ~ Ayutthaya

After breakfast at the hotel, depart Bangkok and travel north to the historic city of Ayutthaya, once the former capital of Thailand and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, explore the remarkable ancient temple ruins with your guide, including Wat Yai Chai Mongkhon, Wat Mahathat, and Wat Phra Si Sanphet, known for its iconic rows of chedis.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Krungsri River Hotel, Ayutthaya or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Kantary Hotel, Ayutthaya or similar

Day 5: Ayutthaya ~ Sukhothai

After breakfast at the hotel, depart Ayutthaya and travel towards Ang Thong to visit Wat Muang, home to Thailand's largest seated Buddha statue, rising nearly 100 metres into the sky. Continue your journey north after lunch, passing through changing landscapes as central plains give way to lush countryside and rolling green scenery. Arrive in Sukhothai Historical Park region and check in to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is at leisure to relax and unwind.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Le Charm Sukhothai, Sukhothai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Sukhothai Treasure Resort & Spa, Sukhothai or similar

Day 6: Sukhothai ~ Chiang Rai

After breakfast at the hotel, early risers may take part in a traditional morning alms-giving ceremony, offering food to Buddhist monks and experiencing an important aspect of Thai culture. After breakfast, explore the historic Sukhothai Historical Park with your guide, discovering its ancient temples and atmospheric ruins, widely regarded as the cradle of Thai civilisation. Continue your journey north towards Chiang Rai, stopping en route for lunch and a relaxing break at scenic Phayao Lake. Arrive in Chiang Rai in the late afternoon and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to relax at your hotel or explore the local night market.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Selene Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Laluna Hotel & Resort, Chiang Rai or similar

Day 7: Chiang Rai

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for the iconic Golden Triangle, where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet along the mighty Mekong River, one of Southeast Asia's most significant waterways. Visit the renowned Opium Museum, offering insight into the region's historical opium trade and its cultural and social impact.
In the afternoon, return towards Chiang Rai with a stop at scenic tea plantations, where you can enjoy panoramic mountain views and sample locally grown teas. Continue with a city tour of Chiang Rai, including the King Mengrai Monument and surrounding local markets, showcasing the relaxed charm and northern heritage of the city. Return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Selene Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Laluna Hotel & Resort, Chiang Rai or similar

Day 8: Chiang Rai ~ Chiang Mai

After breakfast at the hotel, depart Chiang Rai and travel to visit the striking Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. Admire its vivid blue interior and intricate contemporary Buddhist artwork. Continue to the world-famous Wat Rong Khun, a dazzling all-white temple symbolising purity and Buddhist wisdom. Cross its iconic bridge, believed to represent the Buddhas path to enlightenment. After your visit, continue your journey to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax after a scenic day of travel.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Holiday Garden Resort, Chiang Mai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Cross Vibe Decem, Chiang Mai or similar

Day 9: Chiang Mai

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the morning at leisure. Later, take part in a unique cultural experience, the Daily Lifestyle of a Lanna Family, with a private transfer and English-speaking guide. Travel approximately 20 minutes from Chiang Mai to a traditional family home in Hang Dong. Set within a historic residence surrounded by gardens and orchards, learn about everyday Northern Thai life, pick fresh ingredients, and prepare authentic regional dishes. Enjoy a hands-on cooking experience before sharing a homemade meal with your hosts in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Sabai Sabai, Chiang Mai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Cross Vibe Decem, Chiang Mai or similar

Day 10: Chiang Mai Free Day

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day at leisure in Chiang Mai. Spend the day relaxing at your hotel, exploring the city at your own pace, or choosing from optional activities.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 STAR OPTION): Sabai Sabai, Chiang Mai or similar

OVERNIGHT (4 STAR OPTION): Cross Vibe Decem, Chiang Mai or similar

OPTIONAL: City and Temple Tour / Elephant Eco Valley/ Grandma's Home Cooking School

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy your final morning at leisure before check-out. At the scheduled time, meet your driver for transfer to Chiang Mai International Airport for your onward flight

MEALS: Breakfast