



Society for Asian Art

THE KINGDOM AND TREASURES OF THAILAND

Bangkok | Ayutthaya | Sukhothai | Chiang Mai



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THE KINGDOM AND TREASURES OF THAILAND

Embark on a 10-night cultural journey through Thailand's rich history, starting in vibrant **Bangkok**, where you'll explore grand temples and museums as well as dine in historic villas such as Chakrabongse and the famed Jim Thompson House during our private after-hours tour. Take a day trip to the ancient capital of **Ayutthaya**, where the UNESCO World Heritage site offers majestic ruins of temples and palaces from the Siamese kingdom. Travel north to **Sukhothai** and **Si Satchanalai**, also UNSECO rated, the cradle of Thai civilization, known for its meticulously preserved temples and stunning Buddha statues. End the trip in **Chiang Mai**, a hub of Lanna culture, where traditional arts flourish in its old city, temples, and local crafts workshops.



Engage with curator-led museum experiences and enriching lectures by local experts, including a special talk by Patricia Cheesman on the artistry and traditions of Lao textiles. Observe artisans at work, demonstrating time-honored techniques in traditional Thai arts.



Delve into the historical and cultural significance of the sites along the journey with a lecture series on art, history, and culture by Dr. Julian Brown. Relax knowing that Conley & Silvers is managing all logistics and enjoy the company of your expert tour leader, Dana Conley.



Enjoy exclusive visits to culturally significant sites, including a private after-hours tour and dinner at the iconic Jim Thompson House, and a private river cruise gliding past temples and grand palaces, offering an uncrowded, intimate glimpse of Thailand at its most magical.

EARLY ARRIVALS & PRE-TRIP EXCURSIONS IN BANGKOK

Early Arrivals: Most guests choose to arrive at least one night early to rest and recover from jet lag before the itinerary begins. You can add extra nights at the group hotel and keep your same room throughout the trip—just let Conley & Silvers know if you'd like a quote.

Optional Excursions: If this is your first time in Bangkok, we highly recommend exploring the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, home to the sacred Emerald Buddha. In the evening, you can join a local guide for a private walk around Chinatown's lively markets, through lantern-lit alleyways, and the fragrant Flower Market—an unforgettable glimpse into Bangkok's rich cultural traditions. Contact Conley & Silvers to organize your personalized excursion.



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THE GRAND PALACE IN BANGKOK

Constructed in 1782, the Grand Palace served as the official residence of the Thai monarchy for over 150 years and remains the ceremonial heart of the country. The complex showcases the pinnacle of traditional Thai architecture and craftsmanship, symbolizing the power and grandeur of the Thai kings. Within its walls lies Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), which plays a central role in Thai spiritual life and royal ceremonies.

BANGKOK

Thailand's bustling capital sits on the Chao Phraya River, serving as a crucial gateway between Southeast Asia's waterways and the Gulf of Thailand. It became the heart of Siam in the 18th century, flourishing as a royal and cultural hub under King Rama I, who moved the capital here after the fall of Ayutthaya.



Lumphini Park, Bangkok's largest most beautiful park is a 5-minute jog away from our hotel and provides a taste of the inner city's urban heart.

ITINERARY

DEPART HOME FOR BANGKOK

Please arrive before 9 am on January 13th. To guarantee a comfortable start, your room will become available any time after 3 pm on January 12th at our luxury 5-star hotel.

DAY 1: BANGKOK

12:00 pm - Welcome lunch and meeting: Meet your fellow travelers and hosts and learn about the journey ahead.

Bangkokian Museum: Discover the charm of Bangkok's heritage at this quaint museum, which offers a glimpse into the everyday life of middle-class Bangkokians during the early 20th century, with a special focus on daily life, architecture, and personal stories from that era.

Bangkok's Creative District: Where heritage meets innovation, this once-overlooked neighborhood has transformed into one of the city's most vibrant cultural hubs. Blending old-world charm with contemporary creativity, the district is now a dynamic space where a new generation of entrepreneurs is thoughtfully restoring historic buildings rather than replacing them with high-rises. Known for its artistic roots, European influences, and eclectic energy, *the Creative District* is home to some of Bangkok's top galleries, including ATT 19 and the renowned contemporary art space, River City.

River Cruise: Embark on a magical sunset cruise along the Chao Phraya River, gliding past some of Bangkok's most iconic landmarks—such as the Grand Palace and Wat Arun—all beautifully illuminated as day turns to night. Once on board, enjoy a welcome reception with gourmet Thai canapes complemented by a curated selection of beverages.

TUESDAY
JAN 13

*Welcome
Lunch*

*Welcome
Reception*

The Sukhothai
Bangkok



THE JIM THOMPSON HOUSE

The Jim Thompson House in Bangkok is a renowned cultural museum and a testament to traditional Thai architecture and art. Once the home of American entrepreneur Jim Thompson, who helped revive Thailand's silk industry in the mid-20th century, the house is a collection of six authentic teak structures brought from various parts of Thailand. Nestled amid lush gardens along a canal, the residence showcases Thompson's extensive collection of Southeast Asian antiques and artwork. Today, it offers visitors a glimpse into both Thai heritage and the enigmatic life of the man whose mysterious disappearance in 1967 still captivates imaginations.



DAY 2: BANGKOK

Lecture with Cultural Expert Dr. Julian Brown:

Set the stage for a deeper understanding of Bangkok's rich heritage with a presentation on Southeast Asian art & history.

Bangkok National Museum: Housed within the 18th-century Wang Na Palace, the Bangkok National Museum is Southeast Asia's largest and Thailand's first public museum. Founded in 1874 by King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) to preserve the royal collections of his father, King Mongkut (Rama IV), the museum presents an unparalleled journey through the nation's past. From centuries-old treasures and royal regalia to priceless artifacts from the Sukhothai and Ayutthaya periods, the museum offers a profound glimpse into Thailand's evolving identity and artistic legacy.

Lunch at Chakrabongse Palace: Nestled on the tranquil banks of the Chao Phraya River, Chakrabongse Villa is a hidden gem in the heart of old Bangkok. Built in 1908 by Prince Chakrabongse as a private retreat, the villa exudes timeless elegance and royal charm. Today, lovingly transformed by his granddaughter Narisa into a refined boutique hotel, the estate offers sweeping views of Wat Arun and a curated experience of Thai hospitality, culture, and cuisine. Enjoy a leisurely lunch amid this serene riverside setting.

Afternoon at leisure: Take the afternoon to relax or explore Bangkok at your own pace.

The Jim Thompson Beyond Silk: After the museum has closed to the public, SAA guests will enjoy exclusive access to the Jim Thompson House. This intimate evening experience offers a rare opportunity to explore the historic home and its extraordinary collection in complete tranquility. The journey into the world of Jim Thompson—an enigmatic figure who helped revive Thailand's silk industry—culminates in a stylish dinner and drinks at the estate's flagship restaurant and speakeasy bar. A dedicated personal butler ensures impeccable service throughout this immersive cultural evening.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 14

Breakfast

Lunch

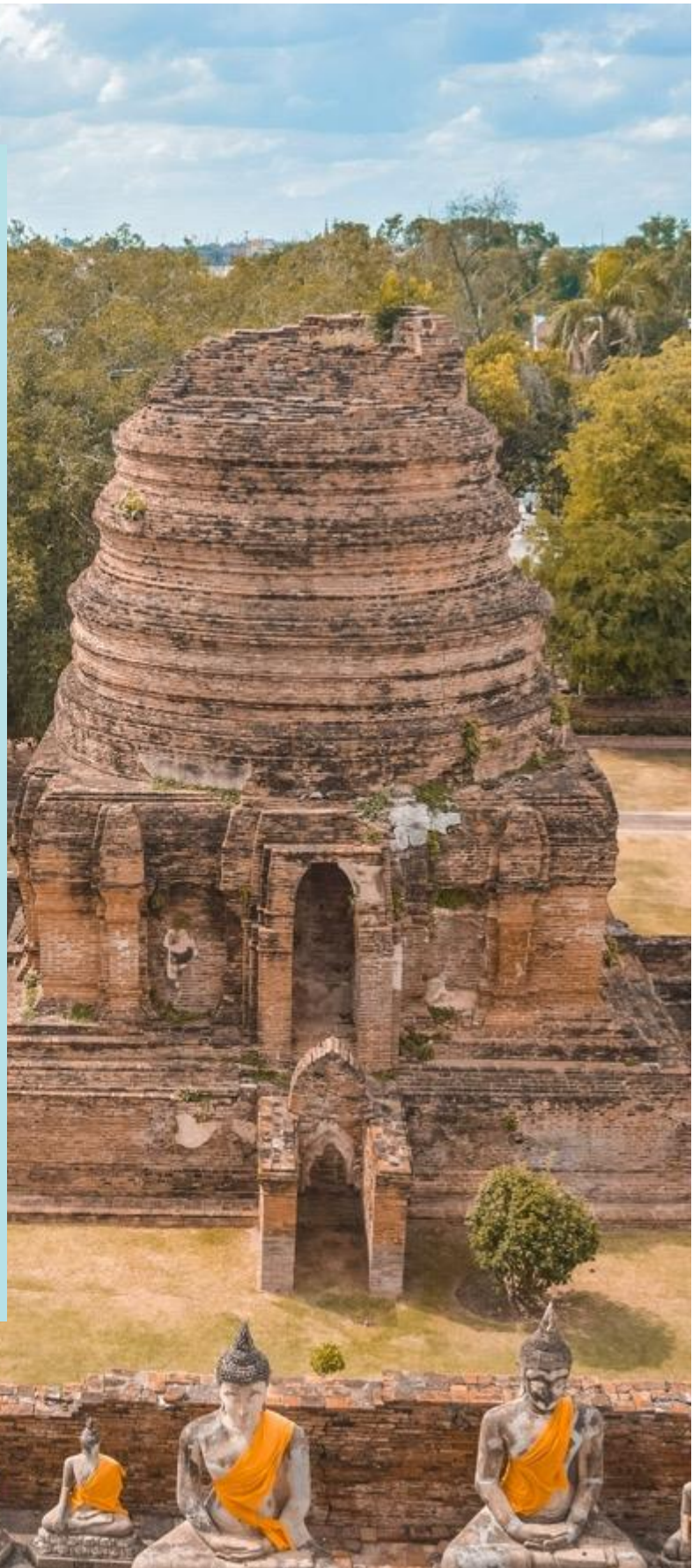
Dinner

The Sukhothai
Bangkok



AYUTTHAYA

Founded in 1350, Ayutthaya became the second capital of the Siamese Kingdom (after Sukhothai) and flourished as a key trade hub, linking Europe, China, India, and the Middle East thanks to its strategic location at the confluence of three rivers. At its peak, it was a cosmopolitan city, with merchant communities from Japan and Western Europe, admired globally for its sophisticated urban planning and diplomacy. However, in the late 17th century, the kingdom declined and in 1767, Ayutthaya fell to the Burmese, resulting in the city's near-total destruction.



DAY 3: AYUTTHAYA

Lecture by Dr. Julian Brown

Private Coach Ride to Ayutthaya

Lunch at Sala Ayutthaya: Enjoy a refined riverside lunch at Sala Ayutthaya, whose restaurant blends contemporary design with spectacular views of the ancient ruins across the Chao Phraya River.

Ayutthaya River Cruise: Begin our exploration with a tranquil river cruise around the island city. Drift past atmospheric temple ruins, stilted river homes, and quiet stretches of countryside as you experience Ayutthaya from the water—a perspective that once defined life in this vibrant trading port.

Ayutthaya Historical Park: A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ayutthaya Historical Park preserves the remnants of a once-magnificent capital city. Although much was destroyed during the Burmese invasion of 1767, many of the temples and royal structures remain as evocative ruins—some restored, others left in beautiful decay. Highlights include the iconic Buddha head entwined in the roots of a banyan tree at Wat Mahathat, and the elegant triple chedis of Wat Phra Si Sanphet, the former royal temple. These sacred spaces capture the city's former power and spiritual grandeur.

Dinner at Leisure Back in Bangkok

THURSDAY
JAN 15

Breakfast

Lunch

The Sukhothai
Bangkok





CHIANG MAI

LAMPANG



SUKHOTHAI & SI SATCHANALAI



THAILAND

AYUTTHAYA

BANGKOK



DAY 4: BANGKOK TO SUKHOThai

Curator's Visit to Dib Bangkok: Begin the day with a private, curator-led tour of Dib Bangkok, Thailand's first major museum dedicated to international contemporary art. We will be some of the first people to see this museum, set to open in December 2025, this transformative institution is housed in a repurposed 71,000-square-foot steel warehouse from the 1980s. The museum's name—Dib, meaning “raw” or “authentic state” in Thai—reflects its vision of unfiltered artistic exploration. The striking redesign is led by renowned architect Kulapat Yantrasast of WHY Architecture, the same team behind the ongoing renovations at the Louvre in Paris. Dib Bangkok's collection spans over 1,000 works by more than 200 artists, featuring painting, sculpture, photography, immersive installations, and cutting-edge new media from the 1990s onward. Its powerful debut exhibition, *Invisible Presence*, includes works by Montien Boonma, Lee Bul, Anselm Kiefer, and Alicja Kwade. At the heart of the museum is the private collection of the late Petch Osathanugrah, whose legacy lives on through this deeply personal cultural landmark.

Lunch at Leisure: Choose among Dib's several on-site dining options offering modern cuisine in line with the creative atmosphere.

Departure for SukhoThai: Transfer to Suvarnabhumi International Airport and check in for your domestic flight to SukhoThai.

Bangkok Airways PG213 – Bangkok to SukhoThai

Check-in at Sriwilai SukhoThai Resort: Upon arrival, check in at the tranquil Sriwilai SukhoThai Resort. Surrounded by lush rice fields and just minutes from the UNESCO-listed SukhoThai Historical Park, the resort blends contemporary comforts with traditional Thai design.

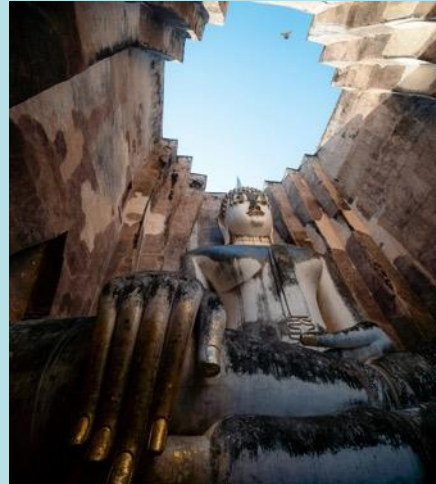
Private Dinner at the Hotel

FRIDAY
JAN 16

Breakfast

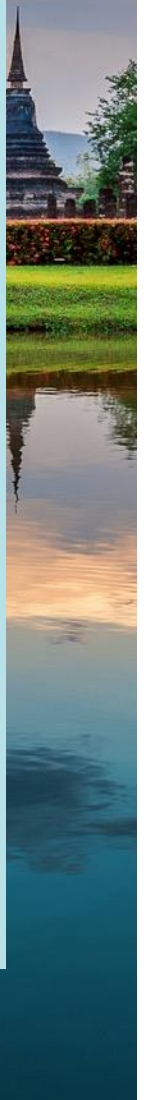
Dinner

Sriwilai
SukhoThai Resort



SUKHOTHAI

Located in north-central Thailand, Sukhothai is celebrated as the birthplace of Thai art, culture, and language, as well as the first capital of the Kingdom of Siam, founded in the 13th century. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Sukhothai Historical Park preserves the city's ancient ruins, showcasing stunning temples, Buddha statues, and elegant lotus-filled ponds. The park's centerpiece is Wat Mahathat, a grand temple with towering Buddha images and intricate stupas that reflect the distinct Sukhothai architectural style. Sukhothai is set against a backdrop of rural landscapes and lush rice fields, offering visitors a serene glimpse into Thailand's early cultural and artistic heritage.



DAY 5: SUKHOTHAI

Lecture with cultural expert Dr. Julian Brown

Sangkhalok Museum: This small but comprehensive museum offers a deep dive into Sukhothai's most famous product—its ceramics. The ground floor showcases an impressive array of original Thai pottery, unearthed locally, alongside pieces traded from Vietnam, Myanmar, and China. On the second floor, visitors can admire non-utilitarian pottery made purely as art, including rare and exquisite ceramic Buddha statues, highlighting the artistry and craftsmanship of ancient Sukhothai.

Lunch together in a local restaurant

Sukhothai Historical Park: Begin your journey in the central zone at Wat Mahathat, the park's crown jewel, where elegant stone carvings and towering Buddha statues capture the essence of classical Sukhothai artistry. From there, head north to Wat Si Chum, home to an immense seated Buddha tucked within a narrow, open-roofed chamber—a site that radiates quiet power and spiritual gravitas. As your exploration continues westward, a short hike up to Wat Saphan Hin rewards you with sweeping views of the park and the countryside beyond. Finally, venture to the southern zone to discover Wat Chetuphon, where grand standing Buddha figures create a tranquil, yet majestic, atmosphere.

Dinner together in a local restaurant

SATURDAY
JAN 17

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Sriwilai
Sukhothai Resort





SI SATCHANALAI

Si Satchanalai holds great significance as one of the key cities of the Sukhothai Kingdom during the 13th and 14th centuries. It served as a royal city and an important administrative and religious center, second only to the capital, Sukhothai. As a key stronghold of the kingdom, Si Satchanalai housed high-ranking officials and played a central role in governance and religious life.

The city's significance is also tied to its role in the production of Sangkhalok ceramics, an important export during the Sukhothai period and its reputation for high-quality pottery and contributed to the region's economic strength.



DAY 6: SI SATCHANALAI

Lecture with cultural expert Dr. Julian Brown

Si Satchanalai Historical Park: No visit to Sukhothai is complete without exploring Si Satchanalai, once the second-most important city of the Sukhothai Kingdom. Now preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Si Satchanalai Historical Park offers a peaceful, less-traveled alternative to Sukhothai's main historical zone. Amid tranquil surroundings, visitors can discover 13th- and 14th-century ruins, including grand temples, towering stupas, and ancient city walls. Highlights include Wat Chang Lom, famed for its encircling elephant sculptures, and Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat, an expansive temple complex rich in architectural and historical detail.

Enjoy a light lunch at a local restaurant

Traditional Thai Cooking Class: On the way back from Si Satchanalai Historical Park, stop off for a traditional Thai cooking class, and enjoy a hands-on culinary experience in a peaceful garden setting. Learn to prepare traditional Thai dishes, using fresh ingredients from an organic garden and a local market, with step-by-step guidance before enjoying a lovely dinner of your own creation.

SUNDAY
JAN 18

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Sriwilai
Sukhothai Resort



DAY 7: SUKHOTHAI TO CHIANG MAI

Private Coach Ride to Chiang Mai via Lampang City:

Depart Sukhothai by private coach for Chiang Mai, with a stop in Lampang, a city steeped in the history of the Lanna Kingdom.

Lampang City Exploration and Lunch: Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before delving into Lampang's fascinating past. Though often overshadowed by its northern neighbors, Lampang was once a vital stronghold of the Lanna Kingdom. The city remained under Burmese rule until the legendary marksman Nan Thipchang, a native of Lampang, assassinated the Burmese leader at Wat Phra That Lampang Luang—an act that ignited a successful uprising and helped reclaim Lanna independence. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Lampang flourished during the height of the teak trade and became home to Louis Leonowens, son of Anna Leonowens of *The King and I* fame. His historic teakwood residence remains a symbol of the city's colonial-era legacy.

Depart Lampang and continue to Chiang Mai

Check-in at Chiang Mai Hotel

Dinner at Leisure: The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure—take time to unwind, stroll the historic streets, or discover the city's vibrant culinary scene with dinner on your own.

MONDAY
JAN 19

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Raya Heritage
Hotel





CHIANG MAI

Nestled in the mountainous region of northern Thailand, Chiang Mai was founded in 1296 as the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom. The charming old town is enclosed by ancient walls and moats, and the city boasts dozens of beautiful temples, including the renowned Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, which overlooks the city from a nearby hillside. Chiang Mai is also a hub for traditional arts and crafts, with bustling markets offering everything from handmade textiles to intricate wood carvings, while its growing modern art scene brings a fresh, innovative energy to the city's creative landscape.



DAY 8: CHIANG MAI

Patara Elephant Conservation Experience: Spend the morning connecting with majestic elephants in their natural habitat, while supporting a meaningful conservation project dedicated to the protection and welfare of these incredible creatures. Here, you'll have the rare opportunity to observe free-roaming elephants—families of large males, females, and their playful calves—interacting in a peaceful, natural environment. Engage with the elephants at your own comfort level. You're welcome to feed them organic local fruits or even join in a refreshing creek-side bath. Midday, enjoy a picnic lunch by the water, surrounded by the serene presence of elephants roaming nearby—a truly unforgettable experience.

Tour the Lanna Traditional House Museum, where a collection of historic homes showcases the elegance of traditional Lanna architecture and craftsmanship.

Dinner at Kiti Panit General Store: Gather for dinner at Kiti Panit, a beautifully restored 19th-century general store turned restaurant serving traditional Lanna flavors.

Evening Tuk-Tuk Tour and Chiang Mai Night Bazaar: After dinner, hop into a classic tuk-tuk for a lively night tour through the city. Your local host will guide you through Chiang Mai's cultural landmarks and vibrant street scenes, culminating at the famous Night Bazaar. Enjoy time to browse the market's eclectic offerings—from handcrafted goods to street food delicacies—before returning to the hotel for a well-earned rest.

TUESDAY
JAN 20

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Raya Heritage
Hotel



A photograph of two elephants in a natural habitat. The elephant on the left is in the foreground, facing the camera, with its trunk hanging down. The elephant on the right is slightly behind and to the side, also facing the camera. They are standing in a field of tall green grass. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees and foliage. A light blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

PATARA ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

Patara Elephant Conservation is a leading ethical sanctuary located just outside Chiang Mai, and a visit involves an exhilarating 4x4 ride along the stunning "100 River Crossings" trail, winding through the hidden valley of Mae Khanin. The center allows elephants to roam freely in their natural habitat while promoting responsible tourism and hands-on learning.

DAY 9: CHIANG MAI

A Natural Dye Demonstration & Lao-Tai Textiles: Step into the lush garden of Studio Naenna for an immersive introduction to Lao-Tai textiles. Begin with a live natural dye demonstration led by experts Patricia and Lamorna Cheesman, showcasing traditional techniques and regional botanicals still used by artisans today. Patricia then offers an insightful overview of Lao-Tai weaving traditions, exploring regional styles, symbolic motifs, and cultural significance. A leading expert in the field, she settled in Thailand in 1985 and has conducted four decades of research, published extensively, and currently teaches in the Thai Art Department at Chiang Mai University.

Conclude the visit with time to browse two galleries—one featuring finely crafted silk and cotton garments, the other showcasing rare interior textiles and antiques from Patricia’s personal collection.

Visit the serene community of Baan Kang Wat: This small community of independent shops and businesses is made up of around ten unique houses, centered around a communal outdoor area and amphitheater to view a traditional Thai silk weaving demonstration. Lunch on your own at one of many cafes.

Lanna Folklife Centre & Wat Chedi Luang: Explore the Lanna Folklife Centre, housed in the former Provincial Court building dating to 1935. This creative museum offers an engaging look into traditional village life through life-size dioramas, highlighting lai-krahm pottery stenciling, *fon lep*—a mystical dance with long metal fingernails—and the rich symbolism found in Lanna-style monasteries. Afterward, enjoy a short walk to Wat Chedi Luang, one of Chiang Mai’s most iconic temples, known for its towering ruins.

Farewell dinner: End your journey with a special farewell dinner in an elegant setting on the hotel lawn. Celebrate the trip’s highlights with your fellow travelers and a final reflection on your magical adventure.

WEDNESDAY
JAN 21

Breakfast

Dinner

Raya Heritage
Hotel

TRADITIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS



Benjarong Porcelain: Bangkok is particularly known for this traditional multi-colored enamel porcelain. The intricate designs and gilded details of Benjarong are often linked to the royal court, and artisans in Bangkok continue to produce these exquisite pieces.



Gold Leaf: Ayutthaya is known for its gold leaf, used in religious offerings and to decorate Buddha images in temples. Visitors can see artisans at work applying gold leaf to statues and religious objects in local workshops.



Sangkhalok Ceramics: Sukhothai is renowned for Sangkhalok pottery, a significant ancient export item. These ceramics are known for their durability and distinctive designs, often featuring fish and floral patterns. Artisans still create these traditional pieces today.

Wood Carving: Chiang Mai is one of the leading centers for wood carving, especially for producing intricate temple doors, furniture, and religious figures. The city is also known for its teak wood crafts.

Umbrella Making: The village of Bo Sang, near Chiang Mai, is famous for its hand-painted paper and bamboo umbrellas, which are a key part of the region's craft tradition.



Lacquerware: The region around Chiang Mai is known for its high-quality lacquerware, made using multiple layers of lacquer derived from the sap of a local tree, which is applied to wood, bamboo, or metal objects. These items are often decorated with intricate patterns, sometimes featuring gold leaf or mother-of-pearl inlays.

Textile Weaving: Chiang Mai is a hub for traditional textile weaving, particularly with northern Thai and hill tribe influences, producing beautifully embroidered fabrics. Northern Thailand, particularly the region around Chiang Mai, is known for its high-quality lacquerware.



DAY 10: DEPART CHIANG MAI

Check out and enjoy a complimentary transfer to the Chiang Mai airport, bidding farewell to the lush mountains of Northern Thailand.

THURSDAY
JAN 22

Breakfast



YOUR HOSTS WITH CONLEY & SILVERS



Your Tour Director, **Dana Conley**, fell in love with travel in college while studying art and politics at the Stanford-in-Florence program during her junior year abroad. She has traveled to over 50 countries in search of authentic adventures, beautiful meals, and life-changing moments to share with her private and organizational clients. Via Conley & Silvers LLC, her goal is to provide guests with the highest level of customer service while creating unique and magical itineraries and events. Before co-founding Conley & Silvers, Dana's career spanned from being a researcher in Asian security matters at the Pentagon and International security think tanks to art appraisal and directing an art gallery. When Dana is not tour managing or on a reconnaissance mission, she divides her time between Europe, New York City, and Great Guana Cay where museum-going, antiques and yoga reign as her favorite pastimes.



Born and educated in England, **Dr. Julian Brown**, your expert guide, made Paris his home over thirty years ago. Family holidays introduced him to the joys and fascination of travel and foreign cultures at a very young age and he began leading tours around Europe in the early 1980s whilst studying French and Spanish at the University of Durham. He now spends much of each year conducting museum visits and historical walking tours in the French capital and leads tours through the French provinces. When not in France, he is lecturing on tours in Italy, Spain or Southeast Asia, where he spends time each winter. He holds a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, on the colonial and museological contexts of the ancient art of Champa (Vietnam), and has lectured on his research at universities, museums, royal societies and international conferences. Books and classical music compete with travel, art and history as his main passions.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Conley & Silvers has personally selected top hotels in prime locations for this trip. When in cities, we have selected luxury accommodations with sumptuous grounds and amenities. For more remote locations, we have selected the top hotel available with a great location to the sites. Double occupancy rooms will have a choice of King or Twin beds.



THE SUKHOTHAI BANGKOK ★★★★★

The Sukhothai Bangkok is a serene 5-star oasis in the heart of the city, blending sleek modern comfort with timeless Thai elegance. Open-air courtyards, lotus ponds, and tranquil reflecting pools offer a peaceful counterpoint to Bangkok's vibrant energy, while world-class Thai cuisine at Celadon, a luxurious spa, and a serene pool invite relaxation.

Located in the prestigious Sathorn district, the hotel is just a short walk from the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) as well as Lumpini Park—Bangkok's beloved green space—and conveniently close to the MRT subway, offering easy access to the city's cultural and shopping districts.

Guests will stay in Deluxe Rooms, featuring teakwood floors, silk accents, a king bed (or twin configuration upon request), and garden or city views. Each room blends Thai elegance with modern comfort and offers 38 square meters (409 square feet) of serene living space.

JAN 12-16, 4 NIGHTS

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SRIWILAI SUKHOTHAI RESORT ★★★★★

Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort is a peaceful retreat set amidst rice fields and lotus ponds, offering an elegant nod to the ancient kingdom's artistic and spiritual heritage. Spacious rooms feature traditional Sukhothai design elements alongside modern comforts. Guests can relax by the stunning infinity pool, visit the serene spa, or dine on authentic Thai cuisine crafted from local ingredients. The resort's quiet, natural setting offers a sense of timeless tranquility.

Just a short drive from the UNESCO-listed Sukhothai Historical Park, the resort is an ideal base for exploring the magnificent temples, sculptures, and Buddhist art of Thailand's first capital.

Guests will stay in Superior Rooms, which express the local Thai farmer's daily-lifestyle with Thai Lanna-Sukhothai decor. Located in a 2-story building with a large corridor designed for our guests to socialize, each room features a flat screen satellite TV, wireless internet service, air-conditioning, tea and coffee making set, slippers, bathrobes, and fully equipped bathroom amenities.

JAN 16-19, 3 NIGHTS

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RAYA HERITAGE ★★★★★

Raya Heritage is a serene all-suite retreat along the Ping River, offering a contemporary take on northern Thailand's rich artisanal traditions. Spacious suites feature handwoven textiles, locally crafted furniture, and natural materials, creating an atmosphere of understated elegance.

Open-air dining, a riverside pool, lush gardens, and the Laan Cha Tea Terrace invite guests to relax and reconnect with nature, while the onsite boutique showcases traditional crafts.

Located just outside Chiang Mai's historic center, the hotel offers easy access to the city's vibrant art scene. Guests will stay in spacious suite rooms featuring cozy covered outdoor terraces with tranquil views over the resort's lush green spaces to the River Ping. Handcrafted artisanal touches underscore a style of luxury based on simple, natural beauty and northern Thailand's unique heritage. In addition to the terrace, each suite features a TV, wireless internet service, air-conditioning, bathrobes, and fully equipped bathroom amenities.

JAN 19-22, 3 NIGHTS

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GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS

Central and Northern Thai cuisines have distinct characteristics, shaped by geography and cultural influences. Central Thai cuisine is known for its balance of sweet, salty, sour, and spicy flavors, with rich use of coconut milk and aromatic herbs. Dishes like Kuay Teow Reua (Boat Noodles), popular in both Bangkok and Ayutthaya, feature a dark, flavorful broth and reflect the region's canal history. Massaman Curry, a mildly spiced dish influenced by Persian traders, is a favorite in Ayutthaya, showcasing the area's historical trade connections.

Northern Thai cuisine is more herb-forward, less sweet, and often focuses on earthy, savory flavors. Khao Soi, a creamy coconut curry noodle soup with crispy noodles, is a signature of Chiang Mai, while Sukhothai Noodles, a lighter, tangy noodle dish with pork and peanuts, are unique to Sukhothai. Northern cuisine tends to use sticky rice as the staple, contrasting with the jasmine rice common in central Thai dishes.



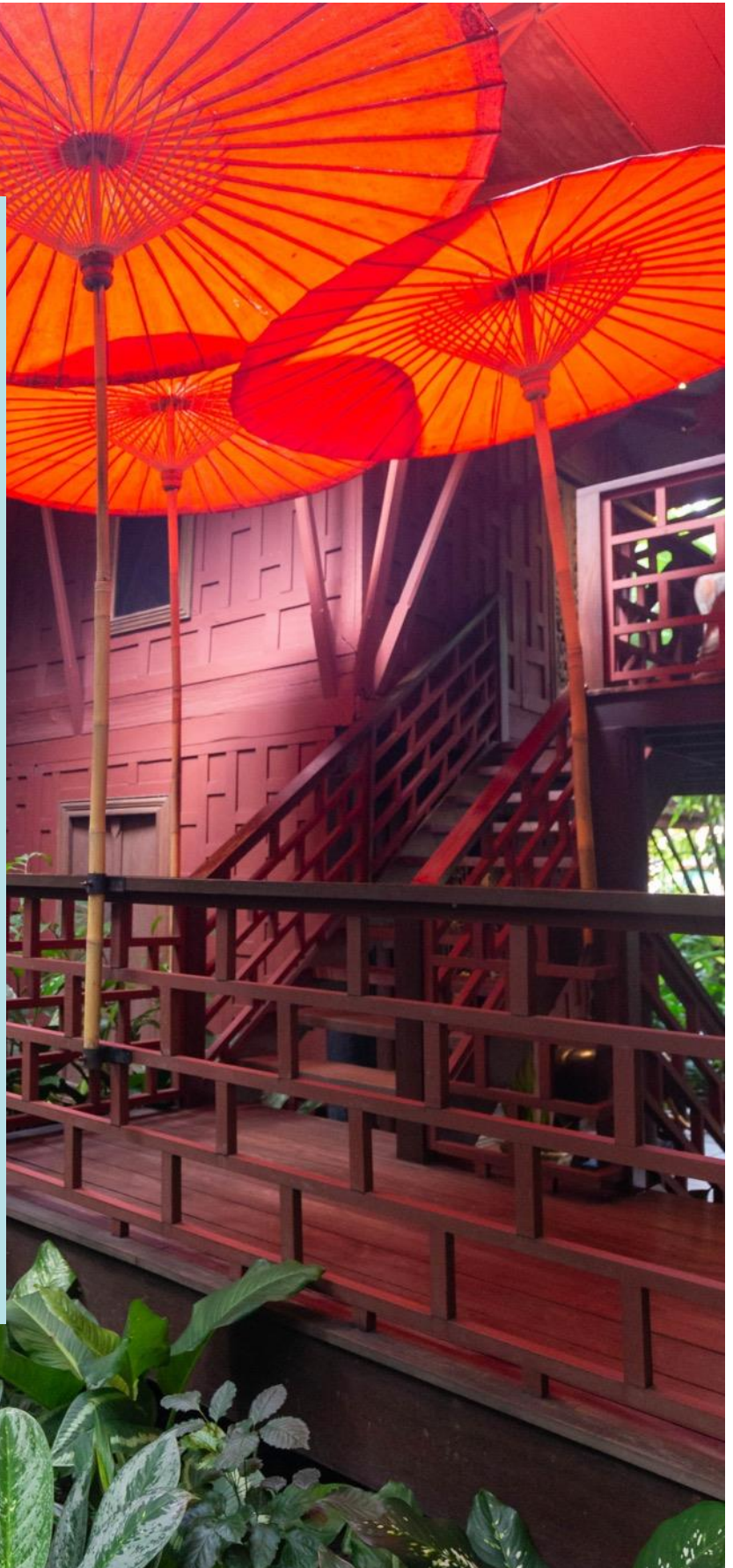


COSTS:

**\$8550 PER PERSON DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY**

**+ \$1425 SUPPLEMENT FOR
SINGLE OCCUPANCY**

* All prices shown already reflect a discounted rate of 3% for paying via check or wire transfer. Should you wish to pay via credit card, it is possible, but you will be charged at a non-discounted rate.



WHAT TO EXPECT

We've handpicked walking routes that we feel everyone who is fit can enjoy. However, please note there is significant daily touring on foot, including time spent standing in museums while touring. Remember the streets of Thailand are often uneven and paved with cobblestones, and we may encounter stairs without railings or elevators, so you need to be surefooted. You can always opt out of an activity and take a coffee break or take a taxi at your own expense. While we hope that you love the itinerary we've created, we, of course, reserve the right to mix things up and swap activities if we feel it will enhance the trip.

IMPORTANT NOTES

To run this amazing trip as advertised, we need at minimum of 18 and a maximum of 20 attendees ages 16 and older. There are a maximum of 4 single occupancy rooms on this trip. After the first deposit, guests will be required to submit a signed standard Waiver and Release of Liability form for C&S and the Society for Asian Art.

Included:

- 10 luxury hotel nights with taxes included
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Local wine, beer, coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included at lunches and dinners. Receptions include hors d'oeuvres wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations
- All group entry fees and tickets
- All airport transfers, including fast track arrival services in Bangkok
- Group transportation in private vans or coaches
- Economy class flight between Bangkok and Sukhothai
- Expert & local guide fees
- All gratuities
- Baggage handling
- Custom luggage tags and a printed itinerary
- Lecture series by Dr. Julian Brown, including a pre-trip suggested reading and film list.

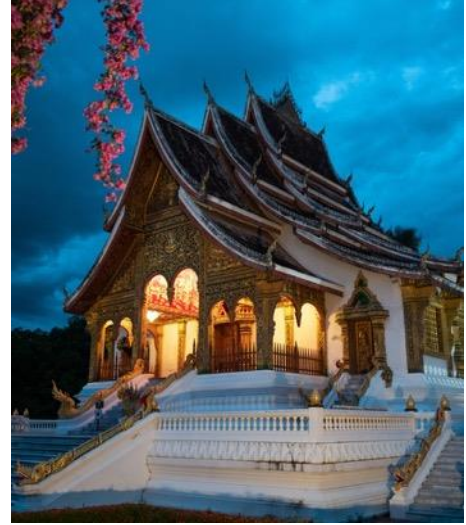
- A multitude of exclusive events as detailed in the itinerary
- Dana Conley as Tour Director and concierge services by Conley & Silvers for help with personal arrangements during the tour dates.

Not Included:

- Round-trip Airfare. U.S. domestic and international airfare between home and our trip is not included in the program rates.
- Passport expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel, medical, or evacuation insurance.
- We strongly recommend all guests purchase any travel insurance policies for your specific needs within two weeks of the first deposit to obtain the best coverage. C&S can help guests find a policy.
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Personal charges such as telephone calls, laundry, spa and room service expenses.

POST-TRIP EXTENSION OPTIONS: DOI INTHANON NATIONAL PARK, CHIANG RAI, OR LUANG PRABANG

After the main trip, consider adding a day—or a few—of discovery. Birders may wish to extend their stay in Chiang Mai with a visit to Doi Inthanon National Park, where misty mountain trails and vibrant birdlife await. For a longer extension, explore Chiang Rai's striking modern temples and tea plantations, or venture to Luang Prabang, where saffron-robed monks and a UNESCO-listed old town offer a window into timeless traditions. Contact Conley & Silvers for help with private extension planning.



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OPTIONAL EXTENSION PRICING

We would be delighted to craft a personalized extension tailored to your interests. We would be delighted to craft a personalized extension tailored to your interests and travel style. Pricing is customized for each guest, and please note that extension costs are not included in the main trip price. Contact Conley & Silvers to explore your options—we're here to make your journey even more memorable.

OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION: DOI INTHANON NATIONAL PARK

Rising to Thailand's highest peak, Doi Inthanon National Park protects a rich tapestry of highland forests, clouded slopes, montane habitats, and waterfalls within a UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve. Recognized as one of Southeast Asia's premier birding sites, the park is home to over 380 species, including many rare and endemic to the region. Well-maintained trails and a temperate climate make it an accessible and rewarding destination for bird enthusiasts—just 90 minutes from Chiang Mai.



ROYAL PAGODAS OF DOI INTHANON

Built to commemorate the 60th birthdays of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit, the twin Royal Pagodas stand near the summit of Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest mountain. Completed in 1987 and 1992 respectively, the pagodas blend traditional Buddhist symbolism with modern Thai design. Surrounded by intricately landscaped gardens and set against sweeping mountain vistas, they offer a serene reflection of Thailand's reverence for its monarchy and spiritual heritage.

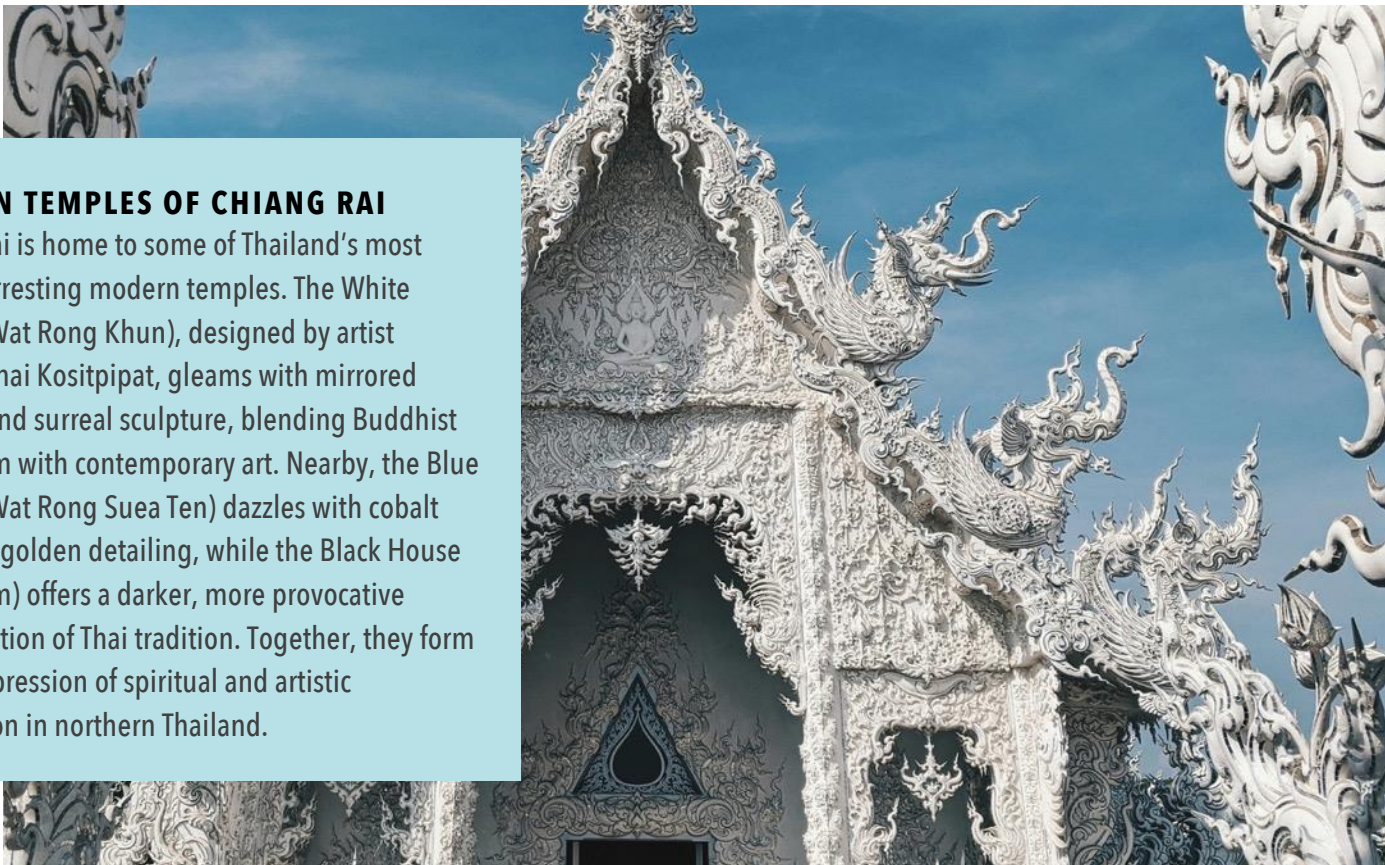
OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION: CHIANG RAI

Nestled in the far north of Thailand, Chiang Rai offers a quieter, more contemplative counterpart to its sister city, Chiang Mai. Surrounded by misty hills and tea plantations, the region is known for its cultural depth and striking contemporary Buddhist architecture. Once the first capital of the Lanna Kingdom, today it serves as a gateway to artistic expression and cross-border traditions. Visitors come for its serene pace, modern temples, and deep-rooted connections to hill tribe cultures and the Golden Triangle.



MODERN TEMPLES OF CHIANG RAI

Chiang Rai is home to some of Thailand's most visually arresting modern temples. The White Temple (Wat Rong Khun), designed by artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, gleams with mirrored mosaics and surreal sculpture, blending Buddhist symbolism with contemporary art. Nearby, the Blue Temple (Wat Rong Suea Ten) dazzles with cobalt walls and golden detailing, while the Black House (Baan Dam) offers a darker, more provocative interpretation of Thai tradition. Together, they form a bold expression of spiritual and artistic reinvention in northern Thailand.



OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION: LUANG PRABANG

Tucked between the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers, Luang Prabang is the cultural heart of Laos and a place where time feels beautifully suspended. Once a royal capital and still a spiritual center, the town is known for its saffron-robed monks, French colonial architecture, and the gentle rhythm of daily almsgiving at dawn. Rich in Buddhist heritage and natural beauty, Luang Prabang invites slow exploration—offering golden temples, quiet riverbanks, and a strong sense of tradition carried forward with quiet grace.



OLD TOWN LUANG PRABANG

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995, Luang Prabang's Old Town is a rare and harmonious blend of Lao spiritual heritage and French colonial charm. Historic temples line quiet, flower-fringed streets, while teakwood houses and faded villas evoke the town's royal past. With over 30 active monasteries, it remains a living cultural landscape, where centuries-old rituals still shape daily life.

RSVP & DEPOSIT

We would be honored if you wish to join us! The interest for this trip has been very strong, so we believe it will sell out quickly. To register, return this form with your deposit of \$1500 per person to Conley & Silvers LLC to hold a guest's place. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis based on postage date. The remaining balance will be due 120 days before the trip. All deposits are non-refundable unless another guest can take that place.

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