



Smiling Albino's
A Team on the Town

Bangkok and Chiang Mai,
Culture, Learning and Bonding



Background



A high-profile international client requested a team-building and cultural enrichment program for 12 senior executives from around the world. After a corporate shake-up, the objective of this experience was a ‘fun corporate boot camp with a purpose’. This expedition was designed to provide a comprehensive Thai travel experience while offering a creative way to bond as a group.

This custom-designed, five-day adventure was arranged in modules so that the executives were challenged on many levels: mentally, physically and also in terms of communication and task management. The objective of the Bangkok and Chiang Mai program is to enable a worthwhile cultural learning experience, while working together and having fun as a team.

**Day 1:
Welcome to Thailand!**



Meals: Welcome Cocktail
Reception, Gourmet Dinner
Accommodation: Your choice of 5-
star properties

Right from the start you'll experience the Smiling Albino difference. We'll arrange fast-Track arrival service and meet you at the airplane's gate, escort you through Customs and escort you to your plush environs at your Bangkok hotel. After check-in you'll enjoy a cocktail reception, then sit back, relax, enjoy a swim and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Tonight you'll enjoy a very special feast prepared by the resort's team of culinary wizards, and then venture out for a fun night on the town. Welcome to Thailand!

**Evening Program
(21:00 – 23:00)**

After dinner we'll venture out by private van to one of Bangkok's most colorful areas – 'Pak Khlong Talad' fresh flower and vegetable market. Stroll past millions of flowers and vegetables, through small lanes and marvel at the amazing quantity of fresh produce making its way into the capital. Enjoy a cool drink at a hidden bar with 'Wat Arun' (Temple of the Dawn) as your backdrop. For those with the energy, visit the bustling markets along Silom Road.

Day 2:
Morning – ‘The Incredible Race’ Bangkok (09:00 – 12:30)



Meals: B ,L, D

Accommodation: Your choice of 5-star properties

The first event today is a signature Smiling Albino program designed to give a unique cultural experience by way of a self-propelled adventure through the city. ‘The Incredible Race Bangkok’ pits six teams of two participants in a journey against time to some of the city’s prime sites. Traveling by tuk-tuk, taxi, Skytrain, ferry and canal boats, teams will need to interact with locals to solve puzzles, attain items and complete tasks to get their next clue. Success will go to the team who is the swiftest, smartest, most cunning, most ruthless...and the luckiest! The race ends in frantic Chinatown where we’ll have a superb Dim Sum lunch and then regroup for this afternoon’s unique aquatic exploration of lesser-known Bangkok.

Afternoon – ‘Rocketboat Rally’ (14:00 – 17:00)



Meals: B, D
[Mandarin Oriental Hotel](#)

Bangkok is a city founded on water and waterways. It’s been called the ‘Venice of the East’ and this afternoon we’ll discover why. While traveling upriver by boat we’ll explain this unique challenge to the six teams and then board ‘rocketboats’. These boats are small, prop-controlled crafts that sit just above the water line. Their speed and agility through the small canals of northern Bangkok is impressive. This region of Nontaburi is a tranquil urban oasis where the canals are plentiful and tourists scarce.



With the help of a driver and custom-made maps, each team of two executives will navigate the labyrinthine maze of canals to retrieve a series of colored flags strategically placed along the race route. Along the way teams will witness water-based communities and their fascinating way of life. After 90 minutes teams will return to our waiting boat, flags in-hand and a winner will be declared. During our ride back down river we’ll a fabulous meal aboard a luxury Bangkok river boat.

**Day 3:
By Executive Order: a
physical challenge!**



Accommodation: You choice of 5-star properties

The concept of today's outing is a physical challenge with a light-hearted competition amongst the 12 guests. Using a low ropes program in Khao Yai province, you'll "step outside of your comfort zone" by conquering fears and trying to score as many points as you can your team can in a 4-station module.

Evening Dinner Program



Today's physical challenge will be rewarded with an extraordinary dining experience in the UNESCO world heritage site of Ayutthaya. We'll arrange a privately catered dinner with the illuminated backdrop of one of ancient Ayutthaya's most famous temples. You'll also be entertained by classical Thai dancing and music throughout the meal.

Day 4:
**Chiang Mai (morning
flight)**



Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Your choice of 5-
star properties

The concept of the Chiang Mai portion of the program is a little “artistic indulgence” and an opportunity to see a different side of the famous northern capital.

Joe Cummings, one of the worlds most respected travel writers and author of over 35 books on regions as diverse as northern Laos and Texas, will lead your group through an insightful and entertaining look at northern Thailand, focusing specifically on Chiang Mai and how it has become the center of SE Asian art and culture.

Over breakfast Joe will discuss the concept of northern Thailand as the birthplace of Thai cultural and national identity, with ‘Lanna’ as a focus. He will also explore themes of Buddhism and Chiang Mai's connection with Sri Lanka, the centuries-old caravan trade and the focus of craftsmanship in Chiang Mai, leading up to the gradual rebirth of regional identity in the area and the reinterpretation of traditional arts, architecture and crafts in new and exciting forms today.

This afternoon we'll travel by private van to a seldom visited temple, Wat Ton Kwen, near

'Hang Dong'. It is the last remaining wat still in traditional layout, plus there's usually no tourists creating a very exclusive atmosphere.

From here we'll move on to the 'Wat Ket' neighborhood to take in the vernacular architecture along Charoen Rat Road, including the old tobacco monopoly regional headquarters and Sino-Anglo shop houses. Guests will duck into the most innovative shop in the area, Sop Moei, featuring innovative original designs. Our afternoon will be capped-off with a visit to 'La Luna Gallery', the premier site for contemporary SE Asian art.

Evening Dinner Program



Tonight we'll treat the group to an outstanding northern Thai meal followed by the casting of khom-fais, or paper lanterns. Tonight is a free one and we'll be on stand-by to lead trips into town for those interested.

Tomorrow the group has a private conference in the morning and by request we have prepared a memorable and fun afternoon to finish the program.

**Day 5:
Free Morning**

No program this morning as the group will attend a private seminar.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Your choice of 5-star properties



Our final outing together is an exciting and unusual capstone to the Thai experience. We've arranged twelve Harley Davidson motorcycles and drivers to shuttle you to the famous mountain top temple of Doi Suthep, and then out for a thrilling 1-hour ride through some of the area's most beautiful countryside as you ride pillion. Sit back and enjoy the ride!

Your spectacular journey ends with a 1-hour hot-air balloon ride above Chiang Mai as the sun sets. This capstone experience is complemented by champagne and fresh fruit.

Tonight is your final night before departing early tomorrow morning.

This program was designed to meet the specific objectives of a client. Similar programs with a variety of activities can be arranged upon request.

Price: Approx. \$800US/pp/ day



The Smiling Albino Service Difference

We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. We will also provide you with a complimentary mobile phone for your use throughout your stay. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

We look forward to hosting you!

The Team at Smiling Albino

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