



Thailand & Cambodia Adventure

**Bangkok, Ayutthaya, Chiang Rai,
Chiang Mai, Siem Reap & Phnom Penh**

**A sophisticated approach to big city life,
chill-out vistas, activities du jour.
Stunning stone temples & and adventuring in style**

Act I: Thailand



This legendary 10-day adventure starts with a few days of insider treats in bustling Bangkok, enjoying everything from canal trips to famous sites such as the Grand Palace, wonderful meals and drinks in curious corners. Next it's off to the ancient capital and World Heritage Site of Ayutthaya for a bike journey through stone ruins. From here we're off to the kingdom's northernmost province, Chiang Rai, where you'll enjoy a highly-original experience exploring all corners atop elephants, mountain bike, van, kayak, boats and of course foot power. Finish off at the Lanna Kingdom, Chiang Mai and you've got the ultimate Thailand adventure.

This multi-activity outing has been designed as a smooth, exciting and total-quality Siamese experience. Prepare to be hosted!

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Day 1 :
Welcome to Bangkok!



Arrival flight: TBA
Meals: -/-
Accommodation: Ariyasom Villa

We'll be waiting when your plane touches down, brush off the airline Pretzel crumbs and welcome you to 'The Land of Smiles'. You'll be whisked to your home away from home and introduced to your surroundings.

Upon check-in you'll receive your personalized 'Adventure Kit', containing a custom-designed 'Adventure Handbook', lots of neat tidbits and your complimentary mobile phone. The phone is yours for your entire journey. Sit back, relax, enjoy a swim and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime.



About the Ariyasom Villa

A true gem in the city, Ariyasom is a lovingly converted and expanded house dating from 1942. Colonial charm and Thai design combine to create a sublime environment in the heart of Bangkok. Each room is individually decorated and the hotel's design is appointed with quality local and imported materials – old re-cycled teak floors, antique and reproduction furniture, Thai silk drapes. A gorgeous pool, yoga and meditation pavilion, spa, natural restaurant and prime location make Ariyasom an elegant sanctuary in the city.

**Day 2 :
Bangkok Multi Transport
Adventure with Joe
Cummings**



Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Ariyasom Villa

Prepare to be hosted during the day trip by [Joe Cummings!](#)

As one of the world's great mega-cities, Bangkok is best seen from an insider's perspective. 'The City of Angels' is the largest city in Southeast Asia and one of the most chaotically-planned. Bangkok can be confusing to navigate, leaving many visitors exhausted with their experience. With this in mind, we've found a way to do justice to the capital. Using the elevated Skytrain rapid transit system, canal boat, motorcycle taxi, three-wheeled tuk-tuk, and longtail boat to see more in one day than most folks see in three.

The only question is what you'll enjoy more – the sites or getting to them!

Continue:

Evening Headlights Night Walking Adventure



Meal: D

Accommodation: Ariyasom Villa

This is your chance to experience 'One Night in Bangkok'. Typically the evening begins at 18:00hrs and we walk through various neighbourhoods, followed by some great local food, a cocktail in strange places, and a nice visit through market areas and historical districts. The best way to do it is using a variety of local transportation in order to be spontaneous and efficient.

You'll wind up at either one of the famous red-light market districts, or even the Bohemian backpacker community of Khao San Road, depending on your interests.

Day 3 :
**Ancient Ayutthaya on
Ancient Bicycles**



Riding: 20km (paved roads, old-school bikes)

Meals: B, L

Flight:

Accommodation: The Legend Resort & Spa

The Siamese capital of Ayutthaya was the crowning glory of the kingdom from 1350-1767. Preserved in history, Ayutthaya remains a magnificent site to be seen.

We'll use Mary Poppins-style bicycles to explore the prime sites. Along the way we'll enjoy an authentic 'Isaan' (northeastern Thai) lunch and fill you in on lots of nifty facts. This intimate exploration of Ayutthaya gives you an appreciation for the city's significance to the Thai people.

After exploring we'll bring you to the airport to catch an early evening flight to Chiang Rai. Here you'll check into the gorgeous 'Legend Resort & Spa', set on the banks of the Mae Kok River.



About The Legend Resort & Spa,

The Legend is a charming boutique property in Chiang Rai, designed in Thai-Lanna style and set in a garden amidst flower ponds and brick walking paths. Spacious, white, minimalist architecture gives the rooms a comfy, luxurious appeal. The property backs onto the Mae Kok River and provides a glimpse of riverside life each morning.

Day 4:

Bikes, Boats Villages & Cave



Riding: 25-50km, sealed road, dirt road

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: The Legend Resort & Spa

After a great breakfast in Chiang Rai we'll cycle through the city of Chiang Rai then place our bikes on a private longtail boat and head upriver to a hilltribe settlement. This Karen village is surrounded by limestone mountains, a light lunch and the starting point for an epic day in the saddle. On today's ride we'll navigate small back roads leading out of the village, up and over some medium-grade mountains, passing by Ahka and Lisu villages.

After some afternoon rest at the resort, we'll head out for a northern feast and the night markets

Day 5 :
Chiang Rai to the Mae Salak Mountains



Driving: 70km, paved road
Paddling: 1-2hrs, low-grade river currents
Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Huai Khum Lahu Resort

With our comfy van, we'll leave the city and make a picturesque drive to the riverside town of Mae Salak, where superb bamboo mountain chalets overlook the Mae Kok River at the Huai Khum Resort. Rooms are designed using all natural materials and symbolize a traditional northern Thai cottage. After lunch you can either chill out at the massive pool or embark on a river kayaking expedition down the Mae Kok River, passing Lahu villages and lush forest.

Tonight we'll have an incredible Thai feast in the riverside bamboo restaurant



About The Huai Khum Lahu Resort

The Huai Khum Lahu Resort is an enchanting riverside hideaway. All private bungalows are handmade with bamboo, stone and natural materials from the region. In addition, the resort features a stunning backdrop onto the Kok River and has its own riverside swimming pool, pier and restaurant. Started as the architectural passion of the owner, Huai Khum is a darling retreat in the hills of northern Thailand.

Day 6 :
To Doi Mae Salong and
Chinatown



Van: 75km (paved roads)
Hiking: 1-3 hours
Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Katiliya Mountain
Resort

Today we'll ride up to 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. We'll drive roughly 75km up and over spectacular jungle-covered mountains enroute to this highland retreat. Once opium country, Doi Mae Salong is now home to Thailand's premier Oolong tea production. Let's try some!

Hiking Anyone? We'll arrive early enough for a nice nature hike through terraced tea and rice plantations, taking in hilltribe villages and rolling mountains around the Doi Mae Salong area.

The evening is a special opportunity to stay at a renowned Thai mountain resort, the Katiliya Mountain Resort.



About The Katiliya Mountain Resort

Katiliya Mountain Resort and Spa is an all-suite resort set amongst the rolling hills of Thailand's northernmost province, Chiang Rai. Facilities include a large outdoor pool, a grand Jacuzzi with ambient temperature sections, library, restaurant, bar and complimentary hi-speed internet throughout the property. Pamper yourself where gorgeous views abound and sounds of nature fill the air.

Day 7 :
**From the Mountains to
the Mekong**



Van: 100km, thrilling descents,
exhilarating mountain passes
Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Serene at Chiang
Rai

We'll get started today and drive to Doi Tung Royal Gardens and development project for a strong morning Arabica-style coffee and a visit to this renowned development center for hilltribe groups in northern Thailand.

Next we'll drive to the top of Doi Chang Mub, one of the province's highest mountains and along a spectacular road that straddles the Thai-Myanmar border.

After lunch we'll travel on past the Golden Triangle into the open farmland of eastern Chiang Rai province and the confluence of the Mekong River.



About Serene at Chiang Rai

Serene at Chiang Rai is a modern, hip hotel right on the banks of the Mekong River. Located in the physical Golden Triangle where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar converge, Serene provides modern stylish comfort in a classic location. Well-appointed rooms are comfortable with a tasty restaurant, coffee shop and balcony overlooking the river, setting an ideal mood.

Day 8 :
Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai



Meals: B, L
Accommodation: 137 Pillars House

After breakfast, we'll drive south to the cultural capital of Chiang Mai; The northern capital is the place for cultural indulgence, ancient temples, art, galleries, and famous northern Thai cuisine. The cultural capital of Chiang Mai is world renowned for antiques, tribal art and the reminders of the ancient Siamese dynasty that forms the bedrock of northern Thai culture.

The trip takes about three hours, but we'll extend a bit, stopping en-route at a few interesting places to break up the journey, such as Wat Rong Khun, the spectacular, impressionistic "white temple".



About 137 Pillars House

A charming heritage home originally supported by 137 teakwood pillars, is the flagship structure of this charming boutique property in Chiang Mai's old city. The ornate resort revives the old world elegance of the Orient, while inviting guests to enjoy every modern luxury. Each of the property's suites exudes a quintessential late 19th century feel, fitted with modern amenities. Wood furniture and fittings are present throughout the interiors, and gardens, pools and the inspiring heritage structures complete this historic retreat.

Day 9 :
Chiang Mai Classic and
Culture



Meals: B, L
Accommodation: 137 Pillars House

Today will be a great day visiting local sites in and around Chiang Mai City.

We'll start at **Wat Chiang Man**, to get a little bit of background on Chiang Mai province, how the city was built and Lanna culture. Next we'll get face to face with some local monks at **Wat Chedi Luang**. If we're in luck we'll find some monks to chat with as well! Next a short walk away is **Wat Phra Singh** (The Temple of the Lion Buddha), where you can see the lion's guarding the temple entrance, and also an excellent example of Lanna architecture at **Wihan Lai Kham** inside the temple. From here we'll enjoy the peaceful **Wat Suan Dok** (Flower Garden Temple), and explore the Golden bell shaped Chedi, and whitewashed mausoleums where Royal family's ashes are held. Next is lunch, local style and a chance to explore the many galleries on **Nimmahaemin Road** before heading up **Wat Doi Suthep** for sunset views over Chiang Mai City.

Day 10 :
Patara Elephant training
program



Activity: [Patara Elephant Farm](#)

Dress: To get wet!

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: 137 Pillars House

Today you will have an opportunity to participate in a wonderful elephant training program at Patara Elephant Camp located in Hang Dong Valley, 30 minutes south of Chiang Mai. This hands-on, interactive experience with elephants will include taking care of mother and baby, how to check if elephants are healthy or not, what they eat & how to feed, and also how to breed (okay, this isn't quite how it sounds). The concept is to educate people about these beautiful creatures. After you have bonded with the elephants, you will have an opportunity to ride and bathe them.

After lunch, watch the elephants playing in the waterfall, and join in if you wish!
Late afternoon we'll transfer back into town.

Note: the program can be finished at 13:00 after having lunch at the waterfall.

Act II:
Cambodia



Cambodia is a land of dramatic contrasts. From magnificent ancient temples reflecting one of the greatest cultural forces in history, to the charming former French colonial capital and its conflicted past, this trip explores multiple corners.

Starting at Angkor Wat you'll marvel at the glory of the Khmer Kingdom then attempt to understand the turmoil of its recent history and youthful promise of its future. This 5 day adventure brings you up close and personal with Cambodia's essentials. This multi-activity outing has been designed as a smooth, exciting and total-quality Siamese experience.

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**Day 11 :
Chiang Mai to Siem Reap**



Flight: TBA
Meals: B, D
Accommodation: Shinta Mani Club

Enjoy this morning at leisure then transfer to the airport for a flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, meet your guide at the arrival hall from here your Smiling Albino host who will transfer you to your hotel. Settle-in and get oriented before an amazing afternoon.

Depending on individual interest either mount a bicycle, fun tuk-tuk, or private car to explore Angkor's temples at our own pace. Over lunch we'll introduce you to the history of the area. As the sun sets we'll crack some champagne over the hills of outer Angkor temples and marvel at it all. Tonight we'll treat you to dinner at one of the city's most famous Khmer restaurants..



About Shinta Mani Club

The Shinta Mani is an upscale boutique hotel with 39 rooms in a Khmer-inspired design. This exceptional Angkor hotel enjoys a tranquil and leafy setting within the township of Siem Reap, just a 15 minute tuk-tuk ride to the magnificent temples of Angkor. Stylish, comfortable and cool, you're sure to love your stay here.

Day 12 :
Angkor's Main Sites



Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Shinta Mani Club

Today indulge in essential Angkor. Either jump on a bike, fun tuk-tuk, or into our private car and take in Angkor's signature sites, Angkor Thom, Bayon and the rooty, overgrown Tha Phrom. Explore the largest complex, Angkor Wat, at a methodical pace without you suffering 'temple overload'.

This evening, enjoy Phrae Khmer Circus.

Phare, The Khmer Circus gets really great reviews in Siem Reap. Originally from Battambang, Cambodia, the troupe uses classical and modern theater techniques, combined with acrobatics, juggling, contortion, balancing and nice costumes to dazzle visitors. Shows start at 19:30 and lasts one hour.

Day 13 :
Kayaking in Thonle Sap Lake with afternoon flight to Phnom Penh



Flight: TBA
Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Raffles Le Royal

Enjoy a half day kayaking at floating village by Thonle Sap Lake.

Today we'll head along the river through villages and rice fields to explore the lakeside village life on the Tonle Sap Lake. We'll gain an interesting look at floating villages, fishing communities, freshwater mangrove forests and wildlife. Exploration by kayaking allows you to see and experience things more intimately, naturally, and it's more fun! Flexible touring means you can paddle as much or as little as you like. This is a great day off the main tourist path and is a truly intimate cultural experience.

This afternoon, fly from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, meet your guide at the arrival hall then transfer to the hotel. Settling in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



About Raffles Le Royal

Raffles Hotel Le Royal is the premier hotel in Phnom Penh, with those rare attributes of history and style. It was first established in 1929, and was reopened in 1997 after extensive renovations. This grand hotel fulfils all the requirements of a modern world-class hotel with its facilities and amenities, but imparts an old-world charm through its style and decor, which is elegant yet comfortable, classic yet casual.

Day 14 :
Top Sites in Phnom Penh



Meals: B, L
Accommodation: Raffles Le Royal

This morning, we'll explore the dark sides of the city, 'Tual Sleng' (S21 Prison) and 'Boeung Cheung Ek', usually referred to as 'The Killing Fields', which was the largest cemetery in the country during the frightful reign of the Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979.

After lunch, we'll delve deep into the city visiting the bustling Russian Market, Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, lunch at a restaurant which helps train disadvantaged persons, Wat Phnom and a few other out of the way places to fill the memory bank.

Tonight – our last in Cambodia - we'll host you at a cool place to dine in the energetic capital.

Day 15:
Departure



Meals: B
Flight: TBA

Enjoy the morning at your leisure then your Smiling Albino host will transfer you to the airport for your flight onwards.

INCLUDING:

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
 - 2 nights at Ariyasom Villa with Deluxe Room
 - 2 nights at The Legend Chiang Rai with Superior Studio
 - 1 night at Huai Khum with Deluxe Room
 - 1 night at Katiliya Mountain Resort with Katiliya Suite
 - 1 night at Serene at Chiang Rai with Deluxe Room
 - 3 nights at 137 Pillars House with Rajah Brooke Suite
 - 2 night at Shinta Mani Club with Superior Room
 - 2 night at Raffles Le Royale with State Room Garden View
- Flights in Economy Class
 - Bangkok - Chiang Rai
 - Chiang Mai - Siem Reap
 - Siem Reap - Phnom Penh
- Private airport transfer at all location
- Fast Track Service upon arrival in Bangkok
- Flexible Touring in Thailand and Cambodia as indicated with English speaking guide, plenty of snacks and drinking water, all admission fees, cost for all logistics and transportation.

EXCLUDING:

- International flight from and to Bangkok
- Personal expenses, Souvenirs, Alcohol, Laundry and etc.
- Visa Fee for Cambodia



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!

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