

THAILAND - THE LAND OF SMILES

**Phuket~Phi Phi Island~Chiang Mai~Chiang Rai
Golden Triangle~Pattaya~Ayuthaya~Bangkok**

Special: All you can eat all kinds of fruits at the Fruits Garden
Tour Bangkok-Pattaya is different than the previous schedule

From 11 Apr 2012 to 22 Apr 2012 Price: 2075.00 + Taxes

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: RESERVE BEFORE 23 JAN = PRICE \$ 2012.00 + TAXES



The Thai New Year is called *Songkran Festival* is celebrated every year from April 13 to April 15. Of all the feasts and festivals in Thailand, which are many, the Songkran Festival is the most striking, for it is widely observed not only in this country but also in Burma, Cambodia & Lao countries. It is their traditional New Year when they can enjoy their holidays to the full with no economic hindrance.

11APR: Depart from Los Angeles in the evening by Cathay Pacific, our leader meet & fly with the group

12APR: Fly across the Pacific Ocean

13APR: Arrive Chiang Mai, the Ancient Kingdom of Lanna, Thailand's rose of the north, with its 700 years of history and numerous charming cultural sites in the Old Town and beyond. Aside from the cultural and historic legacy, there are plenty of contemporary and natural attractions to keep you busy for days. Doi Suiethep/Pui National Park lies nearby with its wonderful waterfalls and lush environment, and the Mae Sa Valley to the North offers elephant camps, a botanical garden and more.

The most obvious celebration of Songkran is the splashing of water. People roam the streets with containers of water or water guns, or post themselves at the side of roads with a garden hose and drench each other and passersby. It is believed that doing this will bring good luck in the New Year. Besides splashing water, people celebrating Songkran may also go to temples to pray & give food to monks.

14APR: Drive to Chiang Rai, Thailand's most northern province and is frequented mostly by tourists and shoppers. Attractions include the famous Golden Triangle and the mighty Mekong River.

15APR: Visiting Chiang Mai would not be complete without a trip to the temple on top of Doi Suithep, an imposing mountain to the west of the city. The highly sanctified chedi and temple at the top is a popular pilgrim spot for visiting Thais and the views of the entire valley are humbling. Also on top of the mountain you can visit Phuping Palace gardens and Hmong villages, or go walking in the lovely forests of Doi Pui peak, which looms behind it. The Mae Sa Valley offers a plethora of sights and activities for visitors. The botanical gardens and lovely ten-tiered Mae Sa waterfalls are the chief nature attractions, but there is also a lovely elephant camp straddling the tumbling river, an orchid farm, and a selection of animal shows, including monkeys, dogs and snakes.

16APR: Fly Chiang Mai – Phuket. This city tour gives an insight into the 'Pearl of the Andaman'. It also includes a leisurely drive around Phuket Town to view the Sino-Portuguese style buildings.

17APR: Boat cruise to Koh Phi Phi before the crowd arrives – with the wind in your hair and the thrill of travelling by speedboat. Go island hopping. Stop at Ao Ling (Monkey Bay) on Koh Phi Phi Don, then snorkel at the famous Hin Klang and relax or swim in Koh Mai Pai (Bamboo Island) Spend the rest of day at Phi Phi Leh, Visiting Maya Bay – location for the Hollywood film ‘The Beach’ – and snorkeling in some of the clearest water on the planet.

18APR: Fly Phuket – Pattaya. Visit Model Floating Market. Enjoy the world famous Alcazar Cabaret Show.

19APR: Today visit to "Supatra Fruits Garden" where you can eat buffet-style with all kinds of fruits: Durian, Rambutan, Santol and Longkong and etc. Enjoy the latest "ALANGKARN" Hi-tech theater. Cultural Show including with the buffet dinner.

Songkran festival and Wan Lai day in Pattaya on April 19 is more exciting and famous than in other major destinations around the Thailand. Our hotel located at Pattaya Beach Road on the midst of the Wan Lai & Songkran water festival activities. This year's festival will include events such as musical performances and a variety of traditional Thai ceremonies and parades.

20APR: Back to Bangkok. On the way visit the World Gems Museum. A stop is made at the Sriracha Tiger zoo to see the exciting animal shows, like the Pig Racing, and the Tiger Show and Crocodile Show where you can witness tigers and crocodiles feeding. Visit the King Rama V "ANATA PALACE" to see the Exhibition of the "Art of the Kingdom". Visit the Golden Buddha temple, containing the Golden Buddha, the world's largest solid-gold Buddha. The graceful seated Buddha is nearly 10 feet high and weighs over 5 tons.

21APR: Proceed to Ayuthaya, the former Capital from year 1350 to 1767. The ruin and structures are the remains of the prosperous era of Siam Kingdom. Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, visit the Palace which was built in great relationship of the Thai, Chinese and European people. Wat Maha That is over 600 years old, and is the heart and soul of the Ayutthaya people. It was almost completely destroyed by the Burmese during Thai-Burmese war.

22APR: Fly back to Bangkok to continue fly back to the USA or fly to Saigon

Tour Include:

- Roundtrip international from Los Angeles airport to destination in economy class.
- Hotel 4 - 5 stars with dual occupancy rooms
- Deluxe coach between cities.
- Special meals with local gourmet food as scheduled.
- International travel insurance.
- The assistance of A.V tour director escort from Los Angeles

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Terms and Agreements:

- *Payoff the ticket is considered the same as making the deposit for the tour
- *Tour balance is to be paid off 45 days before departure. If cancelled, there is a penalty \$175.00 + visa fee if applicable
- *After payoff and 14 days before departure, cancellation will incur a penalty that is 25% of the whole tour cost
- *Tour participants are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months before the return date. It is the responsibility of the tour participants to submit valid and proper travel documentation. Non-U.S. citizens should check for visa requirements.
- *Single room add extra charge of \$500.00
- *Tour fare doesn't include: Personal expenses, portorage at hotel, gratuity to driver & tour guide
- *Optional: Fly to Saigon + \$225.00 & return from Saigon to Los Angeles in the weekend + \$25.00 + Vietnam visa \$45.00