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Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

Two week conducted tour
for only **\$3,275** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This tour is outstanding value as it covers all of the following:

- * Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok return with Thai Airlines plus a flight within Thailand.
- * Four days in Chiang Mai for the spectacular floral festival.
- * Two days touring the River Kwai area, staying overnight on the floating jungle rafts hotel on the river.
- * A four-day coach tour of Northern Thailand.
- * A two-night stay at a beautiful resort hotel in Cha'Am, staying in Deluxe Ocean View Rooms.
- * Quality hotel accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- * Full breakfast daily, plus many other meals as per the itinerary.
- * Visits to an outstanding orchid nursery in Chiang Mai and the Bangkok flower market.
- * Entrance fees to many attractions and historical parks



- * Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- * All transport and transfers.
- * Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

If you would like to travel twin share we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$690.

The tour departs Australia 1st February and returns 15th February 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

01.02.17 Australia - Bangkok

Depart Sydney at 10.00am on TG 476, arriving into Bangkok at 3.25pm.
Depart Brisbane at 2.00pm on TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.10pm.
Depart Melbourne at 3.25pm on TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 8.35pm.
All passengers will be met at the airport and transferred to the Amari Don Muang Airport Hotel.
Accommodation: Amari Don Muang Airport Hotel

02.02.17 Bangkok - Phitsanulok

(B/L) Today we head north to Ayuttaya, Thailand's second capital. Here we inspect its World Heritage Historical Park. Then we travel on to Lopburi where we visit a Hindu temple where hundreds of monkeys run wild over the temple and surrounding city. This is followed by a visit to an interesting museum situated in a former palace. We then have lunch at a lovely garden restaurant, before heading further north to Phitsanulok where we visit a large local market.
Accommodation: Topland Hotel

03.02.17 Phitsanulok - Chiang Mai

(B/L) First to Sukothai, the ancient capital with its world heritage historic park of ancient ruins dating back to the 14th century. Then we have lunch at a rustic restaurant beside the river Si Sachinal. We then visit a modern temple known as 'The Soldiers Temple' which many regard as being the most beautiful in the world. We then drive to wonderful Chiang Mai for a three night stay, staying in a nice hotel on the banks of the Ping River.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Chiang Mai

04.02.17 Chiang Mai

(B/D) In the morning we witness the spectacular Chiang Mai Floral Festival, including a procession of floral floats interspersed with great marching bands and contestants of the Miss Chiang Mai Flower Festival competition. We will see displays of yellow and white chrysanthemums and the Damask Rose, a variety found only in Chiang Mai. Also the pink and purple Dendrobium orchids and the lovely yellow Daoruang. There are plenty of opportunities to take photographs of the decorated floats, pretty girls and colourful hill tribe people in their costumes. In the afternoon we inspect the floral displays associated with the floral festival. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Chiang Mai

05.02.17 Chiang Mai

(B/L) In the morning we travel to the rural areas to see a display of elephants at work, with an optional elephant ride through the jungle. Then we inspect a beautiful orchid nursery where we have lunch. Next we visit the Queen Sirikit Botanical Gardens, Thailand's first botanical garden. It covers 560 acres (there is a shuttle bus to get around) and there is a vast collection of plants from around the world.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Chiang Mai

06.02.17 Chiang Mai

(B/L)

In the morning we visit two of Chiang Mai's famous handicraft factories, seeing the manufacture of paper umbrellas and jewellery. We then have a scenic drive to our resort hotel for an overnight stay. En route we stop and have lunch at the lovely Lanna Resort including a walk in the resorts extensive grounds.

Accommodation: Suan Bua Hotel & Resort

07.02.17 Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai

(B/L/D)

This morning we head north to Chiang Rai. Our first stop is a hot spring, where the local people have numerous handicraft stores. Next we enjoy an included morning tea/coffee stop, where we can sample delicious cakes. We continue on to Chiang Rai and have lunch. Afterwards we visit the temple of Wat Rong Khun, which is unlike any other temple in Thailand. It is a modern masterpiece built by the popular Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, who dedicated ten years of his life to this grand project. It is built almost entirely out of white materials and decorated with small pieces of mirrored glass.

Later we check into our hotel situated just around the corner from the night market. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Wiang Inn

08.02.17 Chiang Rai

(B/L)

Today we visit Mae Fah Luang Garden, also known as the Queen Mother's beautiful mountain-top gardens. Nearby we visit an authentic hill-tribe village, before travelling to the centre of the 'Golden Triangle' area. Here we have lunch and inspect the Opium Museum. Next we have a long tail boat trip on the mighty Mekong River. There is also a stop at a riverside market on the Laos side of the international border, which has great bargain priced shopping. Afterwards we return to the hotel.

Accommodation: Wiang Inn

09.02.17 Chiang Rai - Bangkok

(B)

Transfer to Chiang Rai Airport, departing at 9.45am on TG 2131, arriving in Bangkok at 11.05am.

We transfer to the Narai Hotel in Central Bangkok for a two night stay. The hotel is within walking distance of the famous Patpong night market and entertainment area.

Accommodation: Narai Hotel

10.02.17 Bangkok

(B/L)

This morning there will be a tour of Bangkok's beautiful flower market, followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's klongs (canals) and the busy Chao Phraya River including a visit to the Royal Barges Museum. Afterwards we enjoy an included lunch at a Thai restaurant in the popular Siam Square shopping area.

Accommodation: Narai Hotel

11.02.17 Bangkok - River Kwai

(B/L/D)

Morning departure to the River Kwai. First we visit the beautifully kept Allied War

Cemetery at Kanchanaburi. Then onto the infamous bridge itself, where we have lunch. We then travel out to near the Burmese border and visit the infamous Hell-Fire Pass and the Australian run War Museum. Afterwards we embark on long-tailed boats along the River Kwai to our overnight accommodation at the Jungle Rafts Hotel, floating on the River Kwai. This accommodation is quite unique and beautiful and most people consider it to be one of the highlights of the tour, however it is rather basic without electricity. Tonight there is an included dinner and display of traditional Mon dancing.

Accommodation: Jungle Rafts

12.02.17 River Kwai - Cha'Am

(B/L) Morning departure for Cha'Am. En route we inspect an interesting temple set in a huge natural cave in Petchaburi. Afterwards we travel on to our beachfront resort for a two night stay. Lunch today is included. This evening the bus will be available to take passengers to and from central Cha'Am, if they wish to go.

Accommodation: Grand Pacific Sovereign Resort & Spa (Deluxe Sea View Room)

13.02.17 Cha'Am - Hua Hin

(B/D) This morning is at leisure to relax or enjoy the facilities of our lovely resort including its fantastic swimming pool.

In the afternoon we visit the unique Teakwood Palace of King Rama VI (no shorts or bare shoulders permitted for this visit). Then we travel to Hua Hin's central shopping area with great shopping. Next we visit Hua Hin's historical railway station with its interesting royal box. Then we visit Hua Hin's night market before travelling on to the harbourfront for our farewell dinner at an over-water restaurant.

Accommodation: Grand Pacific Sovereign Resort & Spa (Deluxe Sea View Room)

14.02.17 Cha'Am - Bangkok - Australia

(B/L) This morning we depart for Bangkok. Along the way we stop at Petchaburi to inspect the hill top Palace of King Rama IV of 'The King & I' fame. On arrival in Bangkok we are taken to the Manhattan Hotel in central Bangkok for lunch and day use accommodation to relax and freshen up before our flights home.

In the early afternoon Sydney passengers are transferred to Bangkok Airport for their flight home.

Sydney passengers depart Bangkok at 5.50pm on TG 475, arriving at 7.10am the next morning (15.02.17).

Melbourne and Brisbane passengers can use their hotel rooms until 8pm. Afterwards they are transferred to the airport for their flights home.

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 11.59pm on TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 12.05pm the next day (15.02.17).

15.02.17 Bangkok - Australia

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 12.05am on TG 465, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

Visas are not required for Thailand if travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.