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Deluxe Thailand Tour

12 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$2,990** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This outstanding price includes:

- Return Economy Class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok with Thai International.
- Three nights in Bangkok, staying at the 5 star Grande Centre Point Ploenchit Hotel in a Deluxe Room. The hotel is situated in one of the nicest parts of Bangkok, with world class shopping malls nearby.
- Seven nights at the wonderful Centara Grand Beach Resort in Hua Hin (formerly the Sofitel Hua Hin). This historic 5 star beachfront hotel was the first resort hotel in Thailand, and is right next to Hua Hin's main shopping area.
- Most meals, as per the itinerary.
- A full program of included day tours.
- All transport and transfers within Thailand.
- Hotel portage and prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- 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 don't have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another persons, but this is not guaranteed. If you require a single room there is an extra charge of \$960.



This is a small group tour with a maximum of about 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia
17th October and returns
28th October 2018**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Deluxe Thailand Tour

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

17.10.18 Australia - Bangkok

Sydney passengers depart at 11.00am on flight TG 476, arriving in Bangkok at 4.20pm.

Brisbane passengers depart at 2.00pm on flight TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.20pm.

Melbourne passengers depart at 4.15pm on flight TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 9.45pm.

All passengers will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Grande Centre Point Hotel Ploenchit or similar

18.10.18 Bangkok

(B/L)

This morning there will be a tour to see Bangkok's beautiful and extensive flower market followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's klongs (canals) and the busy Chao Phraya River. The extensive canal network is the reason why Bangkok has been referred to as "The Venice of the East". We will see the magnificent Temple of Dawn and stop and inspect the impressive Royal Barges Museum.

This will be followed by an included lunch on a floating river showboat. After lunch there will be a visit to a jewellery manufacturer before returning to the hotel.

Accommodation: Grande Centre Point Hotel Ploenchit or similar

19.10.18 Bangkok

(B/L)

Today there is tour to Bangkok's magnificent Grand Palace, Coronation Hall, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and the replica of Angkor Wat. This is followed by a visit to the temple of the huge Reclining Buddha with his huge mother-of-pearl feet. Afterwards we have an included lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Grande Centre Point Hotel Ploenchit or similar

20.10.18 Bangkok – Hua Hin

(B/L)

This morning we check out of our hotel for transfer to Hua Hin. En route we will have a short boat tour by long-tail speedboat on a peaceful canal that weaves through Thailand's picturesque countryside. See the lifestyle of the local people who live and work on these interconnected waterways before arriving at the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, where fresh produce and many other items are sold from dozens of floating canoes. Afterwards we visit a Thai Handicraft Centre and travel through to Hua Hin for a seven night stay at the beautiful Centara Grand Beach Resort. This historic 5 star hotel was the first resort hotel in Thailand, having originally been constructed in the early 1920s. It was built along the classic lines of that era, and today is considered to be one of the grand hotels of Asia. It has been sensitively renovated and extended but retains its atmosphere of that bygone age of elegance. It is set on the beachfront and is right next to the Hua Hin's main shopping area. It is a beautiful low-rise hotel with extensive manicured grounds and a reputation of having one of the best breakfasts in Thailand.

Our accommodation will be in a Deluxe Room with a soothing view of the

swimming pools or the gardens. The rooms offer 37 square metres of living space, including a furnished balcony and interiors decorated in cream hues and accentuated by fine wood, high ceilings and rich fabrics. The rooms feature the choice of a king-size bed or twin beds, a work desk, and bathroom with shower. Enjoy a host of amenities at your fingertips, including wireless internet access, individually controlled air-conditioning, ceiling fan, flat-screen TV with international channels and in-room movies, telephone, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities, safe and a hairdryer.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

21.10.18 Hua Hin

(B/D)

This morning is at leisure to enjoy the resort facilities. In the early afternoon we visit the unique and unusual teakwood palace of King Rama VI. We will see the private quarters of both the king and queen and the extraordinary long teakwood corridors connecting all the different sections. We then visit Hua Hin's historic railway station with its royal pavilion for the royal family when they were visiting Hua Hin. Afterwards we visit a modern shopping mall and then Hua Hin's extensive night market. This is followed by a seafood and chicken meal at a great over-water restaurant.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

22.10.18 Hua Hin – Petchaburi – Hua Hin

(B/L)

Today we drive to Petchaburi and inspect an unusual Buddhist temple set in a huge natural cave. We then visit the mountain top palace and observatory of King Rama IV of "The King and I" fame. Access is by a short scenic railway ride. Next we visit the European style palace of King Rama V, followed by an unusual temple constructed from stucco. Lunch is at Petchaburi Beach where we can see some strange idols set in the ocean.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

23.10.18 Hua Hin

(B/L)

Today we travel south from Hua Hin to visit the Sam Roi Yod National Park, also known as the Park of 3,000 Peaks. Enjoy a boat trip from a village near the park entrance to the centre of the park. Here we have a short but rather steep trek to a beautiful natural cave where there is a lovely pagoda that was erected for the visit of King Rama IV many years ago. Lunch will be at the park headquarters. On our return trip we visit a pineapple plantation and also visit Monkey Mountain with great views back over Hua Hin Bay.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

24.10.18 Hua Hin – Cha'Am – Hua Hin

(B/D)

This morning is at leisure to relax at our hotel. In the afternoon we travel north to Cha'Am, the favourite beach resort of the Thai people. We have free time at the beach or at the many shops across the road from the beach. We then visit the Cha'Am Forest Park with its resident gibbon monkeys who run wild and love to display their gymnastic abilities. Next we have dinner in Cha'Am and then visit the Cha'Am weekly night market. This market is aimed at the Thai people, so the prices are usually very appealing.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

25.10.18 Hua Hin

(B) Today is at leisure in Hua Hin. For those who are interested there is an option to play golf at the Royal Hua Hin Golf Club, which was opened in 1924 and designed by a Scottish railway engineer. Royal Hua Hin Golf Course is only a short distance from our hotel and was the first course to be constructed in Thailand.
Club hire is available directly from the golf club.
Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

26.10.18 Hua Hin – Petch Dam & Lake – Hua Hin

(B/L) Today we have a scenic drive to Petch Dam. Our first stop is at a fascinating Buddhist meditation centre with its Lady Buddha statue and display, providing details of the major religions in the world. We travel onto Petch Dam with its huge lake, the headwaters of which reach into Burma. We board a long-tail speedboat for a two hour cruise on the lake formed by the dam. We stop at a small island and inspect its rustic temple. Quite often the resident monk will give a talk on meditation. We then do a short walking tour of the island to see its interesting statues. We have an included lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the lake. Before returning to Hua Hin we visit a small local primary school.
Accommodation: Centara Grand Beach Resort

27.10.18 Hua Hin – Bangkok - Sydney

(B/L) We depart our hotel about 9.00am this morning for our coach transfer back to Bangkok. Upon arrival in Bangkok we enjoy an included lunch at the Manhattan Hotel, followed by day use accommodation of their hotel rooms before our flights home. The Manhattan Hotel is rated 3 star and is situated in the middle of the Sukhumvit shopping and entertainment area.
In the mid afternoon Sydney passengers are transferred to the airport, departing Bangkok at 7.20pm on flight TG 475, arriving in Sydney at 8.20am the next morning (28.10.18).
Melbourne and Brisbane passengers have an evening transfer to Bangkok airport.

28.10.18 Bangkok – Brisbane and Melbourne

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 00.01am on flight TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 12.05pm.
Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 00.05am on flight TG 465, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets and also getting into and out of long-tail boats. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Deluxe Thailand Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 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.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

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 (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

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.

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 person 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. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. 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 defacto 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: _____

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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

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

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 \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

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.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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Signature: _____

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