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Thailand Mountains & Beaches Tour

Two week conducted tour
for only **\$3,455** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

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

- Economy Class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok and out of Phuket with Thai International, plus a flight within Thailand.
- Three nights in Bangkok, one night in Phitsanalook, one night in Lampang, two nights in Chiang Rai, three nights in Chiang Mai and three nights in Phuket.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star in centrally located hotels.
- Breakfast daily, plus many other meals as per the itinerary.
- All transport and transfers.
- All entrance fees to many attractions and historical parks.
- Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



This tour visits the most interesting places in this fascinating country. Most people will appreciate longer stays in each destination.

With this tour we guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants this. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$630.

The tour departs Australia 2nd August and returns 16th August 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Thailand Mountains & Beaches Tour

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

02.08.17 Australia - Bangkok

Depart Sydney at 10.00am on TG 476, arriving into Bangkok at 4.20pm.

Depart Brisbane at 2.00pm on TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.20pm.

Depart Melbourne at 3.15pm on TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 9.45pm.

All passengers will be met at the airport and transferred to the Montien Hotel for a three night stay. The hotel is centrally situated close to the famous Patpong night market and entertainment area.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

03.08.17 Bangkok

(B/L) This morning we visit Bangkok's beautiful flower market followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's Klongs (canals), including a visit to the Royal Barges Museum. This is followed by a visit to a jewellery manufacturer and then lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

04.08.17 Bangkok

(B/L) Full day tour to the floating market and the Rose Garden Cultural Show. We travel about 130km south west of Bangkok to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. On arrival we take a long tail boat ride along the rural klongs (canals) to see the Thai way of life in rural areas. Upon reaching the floating market we will see a fascinating scene of local vendors selling food and local products from their boats. Next we visit the Royal Thai Handicraft Centre to see numerous impressive wood carvings with master craftsmen at work, turning teakwood into beautiful carvings and furniture. Afterwards we travel to the Rose Garden Resort. The resort comprises 75 acres of manicured grounds and gardens with a lake as the centre feature. Upon arrival we enjoy an international buffet lunch, followed by their famous cultural show. The show features Thai classical dancing, a Thai wedding ceremony and Thai boxing. At the conclusion of the show we are transferred back to our hotel in Bangkok.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

05.08.17 Bangkok – Ayutthaya – Phitsanalook

(B/L) Today we travel north to Ayutthaya, Thailand's former capital that was sacked by the Burmese in the 18th century. Here we visit the Ayutthaya World Heritage Historical Park with its extensive ruins. Then onto Lopburi for lunch, followed by a visit to the monkey temple, where hundreds of monkeys run wild over the temple and surrounding city. Next we visit an interesting museum situated in a former palace. We then travel to Phitsanalook for an overnight stay, with a coffee stop en route.

Accommodation: Topland Hotel

06.08.17 Phitsanalook – Sukothai – Lampang

(B/L) First we visit Phitsanalook's local market to enjoy its sights, sounds and smells. Then we travel to Sukothai, the ancient capital with its UNESCO sponsored historical park of ancient ruins dating back to the 14th century. Next we visit some ancient pottery

kilns which have been left in the same condition since being discovered and excavated by archaeologists. Then we have lunch at a rustic restaurant beside the river at Si Sachinali. After lunch we travel to a modern temple known as the 'Soldier's Temple', which is so beautiful that many regard it as being the most beautiful in the world. Following this we continue to Lampang for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Wiengthon Hotel

07.08.17 Lampang – Chiang Rai

(B/L) This morning we inspect Lampang's unique Burmese temple. Then we drive north to see the Pho Thai Caves. Following this we proceed to Phayao to see Thailand's largest lake and have lunch at a lakeside restaurant. We then drive to Chiang Rai, staying for two nights at the centrally situated Wiang Inn. Tonight there is an optional one hour Thai massage at a reputable establishment in Chiang Rai city. The price is \$20 per person including transport and tips for the massage girls.
Accommodation: Wiang Inn

08.08.17 Chiang Rai

(B/L) Today we have a tour of the beautiful Golden Triangle area, stopping at the Queen Mother's lovely Botanical Gardens. Then we travel to the Thailand/Burma border and inspect the Opium Museum. Here we have lunch at a nice restaurant on the banks of the Mekong. We will then take a trip on a long-tail motor boat along the Mekong stopping at a village in Laos, before returning to Chiang Rai.
Accommodation: Wiang Inn

09.08.17 Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai

(B/L) Today we have a scenic drive to Chiang Mai, the small city that everyone loves. First we stop at the beautiful and unusual White Temple. The principal building is all white that is covered with fragments of mirrored glass. Inside the building the walls are covered with bewildering murals. Later we stop to see some interesting hot springs. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai we are transferred to our hotel for a three night stay. Our hotel is situated in the middle of Chiang Mai's famous night market.
Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

10.08.17 Chiang Mai

(B/L) In the morning we visit Chiang Mai's famous handicraft factories, seeing such things as the manufacture of paper umbrellas, Thai silks and furniture. In the afternoon we visit Chiang Mai's beautiful mountain top temple, which has spectacular views of Chiang Mai.
Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

11.08.17 Chiang Mai

(B/L) Today we travel to the rural areas to see a display of elephants at work. Then we inspect a beautiful orchid nursery where we have lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure.
Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

12.08.17 Chiang Mai - Phuket**(B/L/D)**

This morning we are transferred to the airport, departing at 9.35am on TG 2171, arriving in Phuket at 11.35am. In the afternoon we have a tour of the island of Phuket, giving an overview of Phuket's famous beaches and viewpoints. Afterwards we are transferred to the hotel for a three night stay. Our 4 star hotel has been built in the Old Phuket Sino-Portuguese style. All rooms have balconies and the hotel is situated a short walk from Karon Beach.

This evening we enjoy a stage show, Phuket Fanta-Sea. This Las Vegas style Thai cultural show features over 150 cast and 30 elephants. The included pre-show dinner will be at 'Golden Kinnaree Buffet Restaurant'.

Accommodation: The Old Phuket-Karon Beach Resort

13.08.17 Phuket**(B/L)**

Today we have a full day tour to famous Phang Nga Bay. We have a scenic 100km drive to Phang Nga Bay and board a boat for a trip through one of the most spectacular parts of Thailand. Hundreds of odd shaped rocks jut vertically out of the emerald-green water. We circumnavigate 'James Bond Island', which is the place where 'The Man with the Golden Gun' was filmed. We visit the Muslim village of Koph Panyl, which is built on stilts out on the open sea. We enjoy a seafood lunch before returning to the mainland for our drive back to the hotel.

Accommodation: The Old Phuket-Karon Beach Resort

14.08.17 Phuket**(B/D)**

Today is at leisure to explore Phuket.

In the evening we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a highly professional transvestite show, with superb dancing, costumes and scenery.

Accommodation: The Old Phuket-Karon Beach Resort

15.08.17 Phuket – Bangkok – Sydney/Brisbane**(B)**

This morning is at leisure in Phuket. In the afternoon Sydney passengers will be transferred to the airport for their flights home, departing Phuket at 4.25pm on TG 216, arriving in Bangkok at 5.50pm. Sydney passengers then depart Bangkok at 7.20pm on TG 475, arriving in Sydney at 7.20am the next morning (16.08.17).

Brisbane and Melbourne will have a 5pm late checkout from the hotel, after which they will be transferred to the airport, departing Phuket at 8.35pm on TG 222, arriving in Bangkok at 10.00pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 00.01am on TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 11.50am the next day (16.08.17).

16.08.17 Bangkok – Melbourne

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 00.15am on TG 465, arriving in Melbourne at 12.05pm.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Thailand Mountains & Beaches 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 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.

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 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: _____

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 \$400 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.