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## THAILAND AT LEISURE

15 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$2,975** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This tour to Thailand offers great value as all of the following are included:

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International.
- Five night's accommodation at the Montien Hotel Bangkok, centrally situated close to the famous Patpong market and entertainment area.
- Four night's accommodation at the G Hua Hin Resort, a lovely resort town on the Gulf of Siam. Hua Hin is the favourite beach resort for the Thai people so you have the chance to mix with the friendly locals.
- One night at the unique Jungle Rafts Hotel floating on the River Kwai and two nights staying at the Rose Garden Resort.
- Full breakfast daily with a good choice of western and Thai food, plus 5 lunches & 4 dinners.
- All transfers & transport and prepaid gratuities for the included tours.
- Several day tours including entrance fees.
- Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



On the days there are no included tours there will be a full program of optional day tours available.

If you don't 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. For a single room there is an extra charge of \$860.

**Tour departs Australia 19<sup>th</sup> February and returns 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Thailand at Leisure Tour**

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

### **19.02.20 Australia – Bangkok**

Depart Sydney at 10.00am on TG 476, arriving in 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 our hotel in Bangkok for a five night stay. Our hotel is conveniently located within close walking distance to the famous Patpong night market and entertainment area.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

### **20.02.20 Bangkok**

**(B)** Today there is an included morning tour to see Bangkok's beautiful flower market, followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's klongs (canals) and the busy Chao Phraya River. We will see the magnificent Temple of Dawn and will stop and inspect the impressive Royal Barges Museum. This is followed by a visit to a jewellery manufacturer.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

### **21.02.20 Bangkok**

**(B)** Today there is an optional tour to one of the seven wonders of the world, Bangkok's magnificent Grand Palace, including 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 massive mother-of-pearl feet.

The price is \$88 per person and includes lunch at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

### **22.02.20 Bangkok**

**(B)** Optional full-day tour to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Thailand, 90kms north of Bangkok. First stop is at Bang Pa In, the former summer royal residence set in magnificent and extensive grounds. After inspection we go to the Chao Phraya River where we get into long tail boats and have a 45 minute trip along the river to Ayutthaya where we have the included lunch at a well known Thai restaurant. After lunch we inspect the World Heritage Historical Park to see the many temples and pagodas that were sacked by the Burmese in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We return to Bangkok in the mid afternoon.

The price is \$115 per person including lunch.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

### **23.02.20 Bangkok**

**(B)** This morning there is an optional tour to Jim Thompson's House & Museum. Jim Thompson was the American entrepreneur who commercialised the Thai silk industry. The house is a perfect example of authentic Thai architecture, consisting of a complex of six traditional Thai style houses. The house contains a large collection of South-East Asian art and valuable antiques and the grounds are lush and beautiful. There is also a quality silk shop.

The price is \$38 per person.

This evening there is an optional 2½ hour dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River,

providing illuminated views of the city at night. While on the cruise we will enjoy a buffet of authentic Thai dishes and desserts while listening to a live band.

The price is \$80 per person.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

**24.02.20 Bangkok - Sampran**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we have a morning transfer from our hotel to the Rose Garden, located about 60kms west of Bangkok. En route we visit the famous 'Train Market', which is a market that has been set up on either side of the railway track. At the Rose Garden we have a lovely buffet lunch, followed by a craft display, where passengers have the opportunity to participate in different craft activities. We then check in to Sampran Riverside Hotel situated within the Rose Garden grounds. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Sampran Riverside Hotel

**25.02.20 Sampran**

**(B/L)**

This morning we visit Pra Pathom Chedi, which is the oldest Buddhist structure in Thailand. This is followed by a visit and admission to the Woodland Museum, which offers a fantastic presentation of long lost wooden artifacts and timbers that are museum and artisan quality.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. Lunch today is included.

Accommodation: Sampran Riverside Hotel

**26.02.20 Sampran – River Kwai**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we proceed further west to the Saduak Floating Market. We have a long-tail boat ride along rural canals to the busy floating market. After inspecting the market we travel to a Thai handicraft centre. We then travel on to the River Kwai, where we have lunch beside the infamous bridge. We will have the opportunity to inspect and walk across the bridge.

Afterwards we embark on long-tailed boats along the River Kwai to our overnight accommodation at the Jungle Rafts Resort, floating on the River Kwai. On arrival we will inspect an interesting Mon village.

Please note that our accommodation is quite unique 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 Resort

**27.02.20 River Kwai – Kanchanaburi – Hua Hin**

**(B/L)**

This morning we inspect the Hell Fire Pass museum, built and maintained by the Australian government. The energetic can have a walk down to the cutting where the Anzac Day services are held. Next we inspect a spectacular rail viaduct, built by the Australian prisoners with considerable loss of life. We have lunch near the river before travelling to the main town of Kanchanaburi where we inspect the beautifully kept Allied War Cemetery and the Jeath War Museum.

We then have a 3½ hour trip south to Hua Hin, a lovely seaside resort town on the Gulf of Thailand. Upon arrival we check into our resort for a four night stay.

Accommodation: G Hua Hin Resort

**28.02.20 Hua Hin**

**(B/D)**

This morning is at leisure to relax. In the afternoon we inspect the unique teakwood palace of King Rama VI. Please note that shorts are not permitted for this visit and

you need to wear clothing that covers your shoulders. We then return to Hua Hin where we inspect their historical railway station. After this we visit the extensive night market. This is followed by an included dinner at a good over-the-water restaurant before returning to our resort.

Accommodation: G Hua Hin Resort

**29.02.20 Hua Hin**

**(B)**

Optional tour to Petch Dam & Lake. We begin with a scenic drive to Petch Dam. First stop is at a fascinating meditation centre with its huge Lady Buddha statue. We then board a long tail boat for a two hour scenic boat ride on the lake created by the dam. We stop at a small island and inspect its interesting rustic temple. Quite often the monk will give a short talk and demonstration on meditation. We then do a short walking tour of the island to see its interesting statues. Enjoy an included lunch at a lovely restaurant overlooking the lake before returning to Hua Hin.

The price is \$100 per person and includes lunch.

Accommodation: G Hua Hin Resort

**01.03.20 Hua Hin**

**(B)**

Optional tour to Sam Roi Yod National Park. We travel south of Hua Hin to visit the park. Enjoy a boat trip from the village near the park to the centre of the park. Here we have a rather steep trek up to a huge natural cave which contains a lovely pagoda erected for the visit of King Rama V many years ago. We have lunch at the park headquarters. On our return trip we inspect a pineapple plantation and also visit the most important temple in the Hua Hin area.

The price is \$90 per person and includes lunch.

Accommodation: G Hua Hin Resort

**02.03.20 Hua Hin – Petchaburi - Bangkok**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we leave Hua Hin to return to Bangkok. En route we have an included palace and temple tour in Petchaburi. We inspect the hill-top palace of King Rama IV of “The King & I” fame, accessed by a scenic railway ride. We also inspect the European style palace of King Rama V. We see a fascinating temple set in a huge natural cave and also an unusual stucco temple.

Lunch will be at Petchaburi Beach where we can see some strange idols set in the ocean. After lunch we return to our hotel in Bangkok for an overnight stay.

This evening we enjoy an included farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

**03.03.20 Bangkok – Sydney**

**(B)**

Today is at leisure in Bangkok. We have a 6pm late checkout from our hotel rooms. In the afternoon Sydney passengers are transferred to the airport for their flight home, departing at 5.50pm on TG 475, and arriving in Sydney at 7.10am the next morning (04.03.20).

In the evening Brisbane and Melbourne passengers are transferred to the airport.

**04.03.20 Bangkok – Brisbane & Melbourne**

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 00.01am on TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 12.05pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 00.05am on TG 465, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

## Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. 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 2

This tour rating typically involves moderate physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of over 200 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. You will also need to be able to get into and out of long tail boats. As there are many optional tours on this tour, the difficulty level would vary depending on what you choose to undertake.





## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Thailand at Leisure 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 8 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

**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. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

**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, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. 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 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

**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.

**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 on this tour is \$55 per person, plus any applicable increase in fare. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any extensions.

**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.

**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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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