

**6* Elephant Trails, Sacred
Temples & Golden Sands of
Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore**

Your Pre-Cruise Thailand Land Tour Itinerary: Tranquil Temples & Elephant Encounters Await!

Welcome to the Land of Smiles! Thailand is full to the brim with paradise shores, centuries-old cultures and dramatic landscapes. Discover the vibrant heart of Thailand, combining the most-loved treasures of Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and Bangkok, all on a LoveitBookit exclusive land tour. From ethical elephant encounters to tranquil temple-hopping and scenic nature hikes, this fully escorted land adventure brings unique experiences and unforgettable moments at every stop. Then, sit back and relax as you cruise to Southeast Asia in unrivalled luxury with Explora Journeys. This 6-star escape offers the perfect blend of exploration, relaxation and indulgence from sea to shore.

DAY 1 – Fly to Chiang Mai, Thailand

DAY 2 – Chiang Mai, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

Your pre-cruise Thai adventure begins with a 2-night stay in Chiang Mai. Known for its natural beauty and distinct cultural heritage, Chiang Mai is the perfect introduction to embrace Thailand's authentic spirit. After meeting your local guides at the airport, you'll settle into your hotel before enjoying a special traditional Kantoke Dinner and cultural dance performance while meeting your fellow travellers. (D)



DAY 3 – Chiang Mai, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

After breakfast, you'll kick off your day with a visit to the 600-year-old Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, perched high above Chiang Mai. Climb the magnificent dragon staircase or take the cable car before admiring the golden chedi, which houses sacred relics of Lord Buddha! When entering sacred temples in Thailand, please ensure to dress modestly as a form of respect.

In the afternoon, you'll travel on a scenic drive through the countryside to Elephant Nature Park, one of Thailand's most respected rescue sanctuaries. Here, you'll take a guided walk as you observe rescued elephants roaming freely in their natural environment. Learn their stories and witness ethical elephant tourism at its finest, allowing these gentle giants to live peacefully in family herds! (B)

DAY 4 – Transfer to Chiang Rai, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)



The next day, you'll wind past tropical jungle and mountain scenery to Chiang Rai for a 2-night hotel stay – ready to discover the dazzling White Temple, Wat Rong Khun, famed for its brilliant white exterior symbolising purity. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant after the temple tour.

Then, continue to the striking Blue Temple, Wat Rong Suea Ten, before visiting Wat Phra Singh and enjoying an evening food tour through Chiang Rai's bustling markets, sampling regional favourites including Khao Soi, Northern Thai sausage and traditional desserts. (B,L)

DAY 5 – Chiang Rai, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

The following day unveils one of Chiang Rai's most historic hubs. Today, the legendary Golden Triangle is where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet at the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak Rivers. On a full day tour, you'll dive deep into the mountains to visit colourful Akha and Lahu hill tribe communities, giving you an authentic glimpse into their local cultures and way of life. Along the way, marvel at the panoramic views of farming terraces and flower gardens, all before indulging in a delectable lunch at a local restaurant – this journey is a true feast for the senses!



After lunch, you'll visit the Choui Fong Tea Plantation, a renowned scenic hilltop tea estate in Northern Thailand. Here, you can savour authentic tea-tasting and tea-infused desserts, with the surrounding vistas of lush rolling fields and breath-taking natural scenery completing the majestic experience. (B,L)



DAY 6 – Fly to Bangkok, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

From Chiang Rai, you'll fly for Bangkok, the vibrant capital of Thailand, where you'll enjoy a 3-night hotel stay. (B)

DAY 7 – Bangkok, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

Your Bangkok discovery begins the next morning as you explore the magnificent Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, home to Thailand's sacred Emerald Buddha! Then visit Wat Pho, one of Bangkok's most celebrated temples, featuring its huge gold-covered reclining Buddha.

Later in the evening, you'll discover Bangkok by Tuk Tuk on a foodie adventure through the illuminated streets of the Old City! Sample local favourites, visit the colourful flower market and dine at a Michelin-recognised noodle shop, before finishing at a hidden rooftop bar. (B)

DAY 8 – Bangkok, Thailand (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

A day at leisure follows, giving you time to relax or explore independently before a memorable farewell evening at the world-famous Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Featuring exquisite Thai cuisine, classical music and captivating cultural performances, this is an evening you won't forget! (B,D)

DAY 9 – Embark Explora III in Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand

This is where your unforgettable pre-cruise Thailand tour comes to a memorable end. From your hotel, you'll be collected and transferred to Laem Chabang port, where you'll embark on the next chapter of your adventure with Explora Journeys. (B)

*Please note that this itinerary reflects a general schedule; during the tour, please refer to the itinerary given to you by your guide.

*Itinerary is subject to minor changes.