



Adventure



# ICONIC THAILAND

November 11 to 25, 2024 | 14 NIGHTS 20 MEALS MODERATE PACE

Experience the timelessness of Thailand's cities, temples, and landscapes on a cross-country adventure. Explore the rich culture, heritage, and culinary delights of Chiang Mai. Head south to discover tropical coastlines and beautiful shores of Ko Samui. Venture to limestone cliffs and sacred caves in Krabi. In each destination, marvel at intricate palaces and monasteries, meet locals in village homes and traditional workshops, and marvel in the flavours of authentic Thai cuisine.

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airport transfers from CAA Thorold office to Toronto airport
- Fourteen-nights' accommodation in Bangkok, Kanchanaburi, Ayutthaya, Chiang Mai, Ko Samui, Khao Sok, Krabi
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Meet with Monks to learn about their way of life
- Bangkok Boat Tour
- Visit Thai-Burma War Museum with Train Ride
- Visit Erawan National Park
- Visit Kao I Dang National Park for a Culinary Experience
- Tour Ayutthaya Historical Park and Krabi Village Excursion
- Cooking Class in Chiang Mai
- All Local transfers
- Gratuities to the Chief Experience Officer, local guides, and coach driver
- Services of a CAA Tour Director
- Baggage handling with gratuities



## PRICING

SOLO FRIENDLY

**\$5,899** double | **\$6,999** single

Per person

**To Be Added:** Roundtrip Airfare from Toronto to Bangkok.

**Not Included:** Items of Personal Nature, Trip cancellation/ medical insurance.

# JOURNEYS

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with **G Adventures**

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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS WITH G ADVENTURES

National Geographic Journeys with G Adventures is a collection of unique tours designed to take you deeper into the cultures and habitats of the places we explore. They offer more inclusions compared to other G Adventures Travel Styles, greater hands-on exploration, interactions with local experts, and the freedom to roam, all within the structure and security of travelling in a small group.

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### MAP OF ITINERARY



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Arrive in Bangkok.

**Accommodations:** Shanghai Mansion Bangkok or similar

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Travel to the city of Kanchanaburi, located at the junction of the Khwae Noi and Khwae Yai Rivers. Board a train for a winding journey into World War II history. At the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre, learn about the Burma Railway, constructed by Japanese forces to connect Bangkok and Burma. Afterwards visit Kanchanaburi War Cemetery to see where the prisoners of war who had worked on the railway were laid to rest.

**Accommodations:** Royal River Kwai Resort or similar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

This morning, hike into the lush landscapes of Erawan National Park, located high in the Tenasserim Hills. Take a swim in the turquoise pools of the Erawan Falls. This afternoon, transfer to the historic city of Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, a former capital of the medieval kingdom of Ayutthaya, also known as Siam. Sample traditional Thai dishes during dinner on a converted rice barge from the 1930s.

**Accommodations:** Kameo Classic Ayutthaya Hotel or similar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This Morning set out to explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ayutthaya Historical Park, centered on the old city which served as the Siamese capital from the 14th to 18th centuries. Stroll down well-planned city streets to view magnificent palaces and Buddhist monasteries that set the standard for Thai architecture for generations. Later, return to Bangkok and transfer to the airport for your flight to Chiang Mai. Visit a traditional village in the countryside and enjoy a khantok-style dinner, and after dinner enjoy tea time with the opportunity to talk with local people to learn their way of living.

**Accommodations:** Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa or similar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Dive into the bustle of Chiang Mai's morning markets with a local chef, and learn about colourful fruits and fragrant herbs as you select ingredients for a Thai cooking class. Enjoy your creation for lunch, then set out to visit a historic temple. Sit down with one of the resident monks to discuss daily life and the tenets of Buddhism. Later, clear your mind to the chanting of monks at Wat Phra That Doi Suthep.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Spend a full day exploring Chiang Mai's temples and forested hills on your own or choose between a variety of optional activities. Opt to take a cycling tour through verdant rice paddies and the elegant historic district. In the evening, choose to visit Chiang Mai's vibrant night market.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

This morning, fly to Bangkok and board a traditional klong boat for a ride along the winding canals that have earned the city the nickname the "Venice of the East." Glide past colourful temples, modern skyscrapers, and houses perched above the water. Visit Wat Pho, Bangkok's largest and oldest temple complex, and often considered Thailand's first public university—its many inscriptions were intended to instruct visitors. Marvel at the magnificent statue of the Reclining Buddha, glittering with gold leaf and mother-of-pearl.

**Accommodations:** Shanghai Mansion Bangkok or similar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Enjoy a free day in bustling Bangkok. Opt to visit the dazzling Grand Palace, formerly the official residence of the Thai royal family, and gaze upon the sacred statue of the Emerald Buddha at Wat Phra Kaew. Browse the stunning collections of Thai art and artifacts at the Bangkok National Museum, including weaponry, ceramics, textiles, and musical instruments; or hop on a bike to explore the quieter side of the city, pedalling past hidden temples and lush parks.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

This morning, transfer to the airport in Bangkok and catch a flight to the tropical island of Ko Samui, bordered by the sapphire waters off Thailand's southeast coast. Settle into your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon to relax by the pool, stroll along a white-sand beach, or explore the local village. Off of Thailand's east coast in the Gulf of Thailand, Ko Samui offers everything you could possibly want in a seaside retreat: white sandy beaches, coconut palms, fresh seafood, and warm, clear waters. Our resort is nestled in tropical gardens with a private beach leading into crystal clear waters. The property also has three freshwater swimming pools and the resort is just 15 minutes by road to Lamai Beach's bustling nightlife district.

**Accommodations:** Centara Villas Samui or similar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

After breakfast, board a traditional longtail boat and travel off the tourist trail to the pristine islands of Ko Mat Sum and Ko Taen. Savor a local lunch on the beach, then choose to explore by kayak or snorkel. Glide past green-shrouded cliffs and tranquil lagoons or don a mask and fins to delve into vibrant underwater worlds.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Catch the ferry back to the mainland and drive to Kao Ieud Pitak, a community-owned farm supported by G Adventures. Enjoy a lunch of local specialties and take a stroll through the surrounding fruit orchards. Continue to Khao Sok National Park, where you will settle into a lovely resort overlooking the riverside and tucked beneath the rising cliffs in the distance. This evening, venture into the rainforest park on a nighttime walk with a community guide, then gather for a campfire dinner surrounded by the music of the jungle. Khao Sok is a stunning location with one of the oldest evergreen rainforests in the world, surrounded by limestone karst cliffs.

**Accommodations:** The Cliff & River Jungle Resort

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Khao Sok National Park is southern Thailand's largest area of virgin rainforest, encompassing a breathtaking wilderness of karst peaks, turquoise lakes, and tropical rainforest that stretch along the southwest coast. Explore the park on your own today, choosing between a variety of optional activities. Head out for a hike in search of monkeys and tropical birds inhabiting the dense canopy. Glide down the sparkling Sok River aboard a canoe, take a boat tour in the beautiful scenery of striking limestone cliffs, or set out on a cycling tour along one of the park's winding trails.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

This morning, drive south to Krabi, situated on Thailand's tropical southwest coast. Cross the Krabi River by private boat, gliding past mangrove forests and limestone peaks. Venture into the Khao Khanap Nam cave to view prehistoric paintings and fascinating rock formations. Later, head to Ko Klang island and board motorized tricycle tuk-tuks to explore local communities and traditional industries, including a rubber plantation, rice fields, and a batik workshop. Chat with villagers and learn about timeless agricultural and artisanal techniques passed down over generations.

**Accommodations:** Aonang Princeville Villa Resort & Spa

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Enjoy a full day of free time to relax at the hotel or explore Krabi. Opt to catch a tuk-tuk to Ao Nang beach, overlooked by towering, vine-draped limestone cliffs. Choose to navigate the turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea by kayak, or snorkel among colourful tropical fish. Stay close to the beach and enjoy some of the beautiful scenic views that have made southern Thailand so famous. In the evening, grab a cocktail and relax at the pool. Your CEO will fill you in on all the other interesting options that are available in the area. This is the perfect place to get active or simply chill out and relax. Our resort is located at Aonang Beach and only a short distance by Tuk -Tuk to Nopparat Thara Beach. Enjoy the resort's excellent facilities including restaurant, cafe, swimming pool, and rejuvenating spa (additional cost). End the day in paradise with a stroll along the beachfront to catch the sunset.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

It is time the tour has come to an end. Return to Bangkok in the morning and then depart for your flight home.

B – Breakfast    L – Lunch    D – Dinner



**How to book:** Reservations may be made through any CAA Niagara office with a travel agent. A Non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due, August 6, 2024. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

**Cancellation charges:** Should it be necessary to cancel your trip prior to departure, the following penalties will apply:

90 days or more prior	Deposit non-refundable
89 to 60 days prior	50% non-refundable
59 to 0 days prior	100% non-refundable

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

**Local laws and customs:** The Government of Ontario requires that residents travelling out of province to be advised that there may be different living standards with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations outside of Ontario. Travel Act Regulation 38(06)

**Moderate Pace:** Tour requires average physical activity. Traveler should be in good physical health, able to climb stairs, be comfortable standing, and walking moderate distances including uneven surfaces. Itineraries typically include more longer than shorter days.

**Prices:** All prices in this brochure are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated, are based on September 2023 contract rates, and are subject to change should currencies fluctuate or surcharge be imposed.

**Responsibility and liability:** CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc., acts solely as an organizer of the tours outlined. Our intention is to operate all tours as described. Operational situations occasionally force changes and we reserve the right to adjust where necessary. CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc. has made arrangements for this tour with various independent parties to provide you with the travel services offered. Each party has its own terms and conditions beyond our direct control as such you are bound by those terms and conditions. CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc. will not be responsible for any acts or omissions on the part of these parties or any loss or damage, injury or death that occurs as a result of government actions, terrorism, acts of GOD, late arrivals, missed connections and other factors beyond our direct control. Rates are based on September 2023 contract rates and are subject to change. CAA reserves the right to cancel a tour or substitute services or modify the itinerary as required. Substitutions will be comparable or superior. If a tour is cancelled, CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc has no further responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid by passengers. A minimum number of passengers are required for a CAA Tour Director to accompany the group. A minimum number of passengers are required for a CAA Tour Director to accompany the group. A minimum number of passengers is also required for private transfer from airport to resort and group seating on plane.

**Accessibility:** Each travel providers have specific regulations governing the carriage of individuals needing special accommodation. If you have a disability, plan to travel with an assisted device or need accommodations, please advise your Travel Consultant at time of booking to ensure the appropriate arrangements can be made.

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