

Multi-day Tours

Lions International Convention Post Tour Bangkok, RV River Kwai Cruise & Northern Thailand 19-day Tour June 20 - July 8, 2008



Day 1: Toronto to Bangkok

Depart Pearson International Airport aboard Cathay Pacific Flight CX829 from Toronto to Bangkok. Departs Toronto at 23:40 and arrives in Hong Kong at 06:50 + 2 days. Meals will be served in flight.

Day 2: Enroute

Cross International Dateline; lose one day.

Day 3: Arrive in Bangkok

Cathay Pacific Flight CX 713 departs Hong Kong at 09:05, arriving in Bangkok at 10:50. Upon arrival, transfer to your convention hotel. Please note that you must book your hotel through Lions Club International. The cost for your hotel in Bangkok during the Lions International Convention is not included in the tour price. Balance of the day on own.

Days 4 - 8: Lions International Convention - Saigon

On own arrangement.

Day 9: Bangkok

We transfer from our convention hotel today for a two night stay at the Radisson Hotel, Bangkok. Now is our opportunity to experience some of the best of Bangkok. An interesting afternoon as we have a typical Thai Massage at Health Land (www.healthlandspa.com). You will enjoy this very much. This evening introduces you to mystical dances, Thai cuisine and a truly Thai ambiance! During dinner, feast your eyes on the grace and beauty of the dancers, elegantly performing stories from classical Thai literature and folk-tales. The exquisitely crafted traditional costumes bedecked with jewels must be captured on camera! (D)

Day 10: Bangkok

Full day at Damnoen Saduak Floating Market & Rose Garden including lunch. This most interesting full day tour takes you to the rural floating market of Damnoen Saduak situated 110 kms. west of Bangkok. The tour includes a visit to Nakorn Pathom, to see Phra Pathom Chedi, the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Lunch will be served at the picturesque Rose Garden Country Resort, where you will also attend the Thai village show which gives you an introduction

Price per Person (CA\$) (Air, Land & Cruise) (based on twin sharing)

Twin Sharing:	\$3999.00
Single Supplement:	\$ 425.00

Please note the following:

We are chartering the river boat RV River Kawi. The maximum capacity of the boat is 20 passengers.

All cabins are on the lower deck. The upper deck is public dining, bar and seating areas.

Please note you must have a passport valid for 6 months after departure date from Thailand to travel on this tour.

Not included in tour cost:

- Airport taxes and fuel surcharge, currently \$230.00 as of June 12, 2006. Subject to change.

Terms & Conditions

- Deposit of \$500.00 per person is due within 7 days of booking.
- RBC Insurance must be taken out at time of deposit. It is based on value of tour and age of participant. Please call the office toll free at 1-888-923-9183 for quotation or email Fran at fran@tourdesign.ca or Doris at dto@glpworldwide.com.
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Penalties

- 180 to 90 days prior to departure: deposit is non-refundable.
- 90 to 30 days prior to departure: \$750.00 non-refundable.
- 30 days to date of departure: 75% of total tour cost

to Thai culture. You will witness ordination into monkhood, fingernail dance, Thai boxing, hill tribe dance, sword-fighting, elephants at work and folk dancing. Buffet dinner this evening at our hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 11: Bangkok - Kanchanaburi (RV River Kwai Cruise)

Pick up from hotel and depart by coach to Kanchanaburi with stops at Phra Pathom Chedi and the nearby Khao Noi Cave Temple and Tiger Cave Temple. Both of these temples provide great views over the river and Kanchanaburi District and both are located at the top of long stairways, one of which is inside a long Naga or serpent. Continue to visit JEATH War Museum. We then join our river boat, RV River Kwai, at noon with lunch on board. Afternoon, visit Wat Tham Khaopoon, site of a large camp during WWII. Then drop in to Somdet Phra Sri Nakarin Park, a 96 acre stone garden, and return to the boat and continue cruising upriver to Wang Pla Moo Bridge. Dinner and overnight on board. (B/L/D)

Day 12: RV River Kwai Cruise

We cruise upriver on the Kwai Noi River to visit Prasat Muang Singh (City of Lions) historical park with Khmer architecture from the late Lopburi period, some 700 - 800 years old. Continue by road to Tha Kilen Train Station for boarding the third class train, passing over the long wooden viaduct. Stop at Krasae Cave with nice views and a Buddha image in the cave. Continue by coach with stop at Sai Yok Elephant Village, where you can take an optional half hour ride through the jungle, for a small fee. Lunch on board with leisure time. Dinner and overnight on board. (B/L/D)

Day 13: RV River Kwai Cruise

After breakfast, walk uphill to visit Kaeng Lava Cave. From the boat landing there is a trail which leads to the cave with stone draperies and concretions, stalactites and stalagmites. Return to boat for cruising upriver to Ban Haad Ngiu and continue by coach to Hell Fire Pass, a part of the Death Railway cut through a stone mountain. Trails lead to HinTok bridge and also to Konyu Cutting, where a plaque remembers those who suffered during their ordeals working on the railway. Rejoin the boat at Kaeng Pa Lorm with lunch on board. Afternoon at leisure on the boat and later we will visit a school for refugees under the Patronage of Princess Sirindhorn. Farewell Dinner and overnight on board. (B/L/D)

Day 14: RV River Kwai Cruise - Bangkok

Early morning, offering foods to monks at nearby temple. This is the traditional way of making merit and is a scene that takes place all over Thailand everyday - something not to be missed. Breakfast on board. We disembark and return to Kanchanaburi by coach. Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Center Museum, Donrak War Cemetery and the world-famous bridge over the River Kwai. Lunch at local restaurant in Kanchanaburi before proceeding to Bangkok Domestic Airport for an early evening flight to Chiang Rai. Transfer to hotel in Chiang Rai for two night stay at Dusit Island Resort (www.chiangrai.dusit.com). Dinner at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 15: Chiang Rai

After breakfast, drive north from Chiang Rai to Mae Chan and transfer to pick-up truck or minivans to climb up the narrow mountain roads and enjoy great views from Doi Mae Salong, Chinese settlement founded by Koumintang soldiers. Stops are included at Akha and Yao hill tribe villages. Drive down to visit Mae Sai, the northernmost point of Thailand, to observe border life and explore the market for exotic goods. Lunch is included at local restaurant. Then continue to visit the Golden Triangle where the borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet and take a boat trip on the Mekong River to Chiang Saen. Dinner at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 16: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Following breakfast, we check out for transfer to the pier. Take a thrilling boat ride along the Mae Kok River with a visit to a traditional Karen hill tribe village. The

Karen form the largest hill tribe population in Thailand, numbering about a quarter of a million. After exploring the village, we travel back by water to Chiang Rai. Depart by road to Chiang Mai with a stop for lunch at local restaurant on the way. After lunch, continue b coach and four-wheel drive Land Rover or Jeep to the Hmong Hill Tribe Lodge (www.riverkwaifloatel.com) in Chiang Mai for one night stay. BBQ dinner with hill tribe dance at the lodge. (B/L/D)

Please note that you will be transferred to and from the Hmong Hill Tribe Lodge in a four-wheel drive vehicle with a maximum capacity of seven persons per vehicle. Only one carry-on bag per person is allowed to minimize weight. Other belongings and luggage will remain in the coach's luggage compartment.

Day 17: Chiang Mai

Check out from Hmong Hill Tribe Lodge and continue to visit Wat Pra That Doi Suthep, near the summit of Doi Suthep. After a drive up the mountain's winding road, the final climb to the site is via a magnificent Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase of 306 steps. Inside is an intriguing copper-plated chedi topped by a five-tier gold umbrella which contains partial relics of Lord Buddha. Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we tour the San Kamphaeng District, heart of the silk and cotton home industries, to witness the fascinating process of making and weaving these popular fabrics. Continue on to Bor Sang, the umbrella village, where the delicate Thai paper umbrellas are produced and hand-painted. From here, onwards to Thai Celadon, where exquisite ceramics are produced. These are modeled on the Sawankhalok pottery that used to be made hundreds of years ago at Sukhothai and exported all over the region. Last but not least, are stops to observe the intricacies of both lacquerware and silverware craftsmen. Then proceed to Sheraton Chiang Mai (www.sheraton-chiangmai.com) for one night stay

In the evening, enjoy a superb Kantoke dinner while being entertained by a selection of traditional Thai culture and folk performances. Kantoke is the customary northern Thai style of eating with the food being served in large platters at low tables while you sit on mats on the floor. (B/L/D)

Day 18: Chiang Mae - Bangkok

In the morning, we transfer from hotel to Chiang Mai Airport for flight to Bangkok. Overnight at the Radisson Hotel with free time to do any last minute shopping. Buffet dinner at hotel. (B/D)

Day 19: Bangkok - Toronto

Breakfast at hotel. Departure transfer to Bangkok International Airport for your flight home aboard Cathay Pacific Flight 708, leaving Bangkok at 10:00, arriving in Hong Kong at 13:40, and continuing on Cathay Pacific Flight 828, leaving Hong Kong at 16:20. We gain one day as we cross the International Dateline and arrive in Toronto at 21:55 the same day.(B)

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