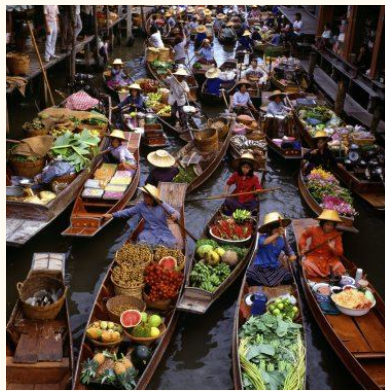




## Thailand Singles Trip: Tigers - Temples – Beaches February 15 – February 16, 2012 12 days – 10 nights \$2590



Travel "the land of smiles" and you'll uncover a country of contrasts from the vibrancy of Bangkok to the rural villages and hill tribes. Be surrounded by stunning scenery, fascinating history, mouth-watering food, beaches, mountains, villages, animals and most importantly the amazing people who will help you appreciate it. On this singles vacation, you will be immersed into the glorious past of Thailand and the beautiful beaches of its present.

### Thailand Itinerary

**Day 1 - Wednesday: Depart from Home Town**

**Day 2 - Thursday - Bangkok, Thailand**

On arrival at the Bangkok Airport, you will be met by our guide and transferred to the Sheraton Orchard Hotel. To give everyone a chance to arrive, no activities are planned today, however our guide is available to advise on available activities. We will meet for an optional dinner at 7:00pm.



**Day 3 - Friday – Bangkok**



The long tail boat trip is a perfect way to start our exploration of Bangkok . Navigate along the Chao Phraya River and venture into the many lively inner canals which offer some fantastic views of the local Thai life close up.

Along the way we make a stopover at Wat Arun, the temple of Dawn, before continuing to the Grand Palace, dedicated to the Thai Royal Family's ceremony. Nearby are the magnificent Wat Phra Kaew, which is famous for the Emerald Buddha Image and the Vimarnmek Museum, the world's largest building

entirely made of golden teak. After a stop for lunch, we visit this complex and drive through the many vibrant streets of China Town to one of the most significant temples in Bangkok. The Wat Pho houses a gigantic gold plated Reclining Buddha.

Tonight we take the elevator to the 76th floor to the Highest International Buffet in Thailand for our Welcome Dinner.

#### Day 4 Saturday - Bangkok - Ayuthaya



We drive north out of town through the scenic countryside to Ayuthaya, the ancient capital of Siam from 1350 to 1767 AD. This glamorous city was all but destroyed at the hands of Burmese, however it is still fascinating to explore the ruined temples. On arrival visit the largest temple of Wat Phra Sisanphet, used as the Royal Temple Palace by several kings. The next site is Wat Chai Wattanaram built by King Prasathong in 1630, a huge prang surrounded by smaller ones to symbolize mount Meru, the home of the heavenly gods.

We continue to Bang Pa In, which was served as the summer palace for many Thai monarchs. This structure has a captivating collection of marvelous pavilions in a variety of Thai, Chinese, Italian and Victorian architectural styles.

Welcome onboard the luxurious cruiser "Grand Pearl" at Wat Potangtai Pier near Bangsai (the royal folk arts and handicrafts center). Superb buffet lunch which includes a delightful variety of oriental and western cuisines will be served. Relax and enjoy the fascinating scenery on the River of Kings as we cruise back to Bangkok.

#### Day 5 – Sunday: Bangkok - Damnern Saduak – Kanchanaburi – Sai Yok

Heading out of town we make our way to Kanchanaburi with a stopover at the picturesque floating market of Damnern Saduak, which opens early in the morning till noon. Here you will have a chance to go around by boat, exploring the bustling trade of local villagers.



We continue our journey to Kanchanaburi. This enchanting town has plenty to see, the famous bridge over the River Kwai, the sobering War Cemetery and the Jeath War Museum. We include these in a short sightseeing tour before we make our way through the beautiful countryside to Sai Yoke national park.



Check into our Floating Jungle Rafts, the magnificent close-to-nature floating lodge. Enjoy the stunning nature surroundings of the tropical forest, a unique blend of the culture and tradition of Mon people, and the history of World War II. Dine under the clear blue sky and see the river flowing at its own pace.

#### Day 6 - Monday: Sai Yok - Helfire Pass – Kanchanaburi – Bangkok



The exploration of Kanchanaburi Region continues with a drive to the Hellfire Pass. This world famous site features the fascinating museum chronicling the events of World War II and the notorious "Death Railway". This rail link was all but partly destroyed by the offensive, however it is still fascinating to walk along the ruins.



We make our way to the Tiger Temple, home of wild tigers. They can be seen close up and are touchable. Upon leaving this site we drive to Nam Tok and board a train ride through the breathtaking landscape and the wooden bridge built along the mountainside by the allied prisoners of the second World War. The train journey deliver us to Takilen Station where we meet up with our driver and return to Bangkok.



## Day 7 - Tuesday: Bangkok - Chiang Mai

Fly to Chiang Mai today, the capital of the north and rich with historical and cultural heritage. Chiang Mai has over 300 temples and we visit the most famous one on top of Doi Suthep Mountain, Wat Prathat Temple. The temple grounds offer a panoramic view over the surrounding countryside. Chiang Mai has been always known for the exquisite handicrafts made from hill tribe people's traditional wares. Set off on a short drive to the villages of Sankampaeng and Borsarng to see the various cottage industries including silk weaving, wood carving, silver ware and umbrella making.

On the way back to our hotel, we drive through the old city of Chiang Mai. Relax before tonight's dinner show at Kantok restaurant. Sit on the floor and eat native treats from little baskets

## Day 8 - Wednesday: Chiang Mai - Chiang Dao Elephant Camp- Chiang Mai



Today we make our way through the scenic mountain backdrop to Chiang Dao Elephant Camp, which is 30 miles northwards of Chiang Mai. Visit the elephant camp set in a lush jungle area and watch the many elephants perform amazing feats of strength and skill at the command of the mahouts. The demonstration includes elephant bathing in the river, working in the jungle, dragging and pushing logs. Even see elephants playing basketball and painting. The highlight of the day is our exhilarating elephant trek through the jungle, past bamboo trees and hanging

creepers.

Then relax as we board a short bamboo raft trip along the Mae Taeng River. Next we drive a few miles to a Padong "long neck" tribe village. The women of the tribe wear long brass coils around their neck which actually pushes the collarbone down, giving them the appearance of an extended neck. This tribe has come from Burma as refugees in recent years due to the persecution of the Burmese government. Spend some time in the village before we drive back to Chiang Mai.



Tonight free time to visit the vibrant night market which is full of local treasures.

## Day 9 - Thursday: Chiang Mai - Pattaya

After a short flight back to Bangkok, we head to Pattaya. Along the way we stop at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo and Crocodile Farm, home to Thailand's largest Bengal Tigers. We will also find a large number of other animals including crocodiles, ostriches, single hump camels, kangaroos and an aviary of exotic birds.

Our drive continues to the world famous Pattaya Beach, nestled along a picturesque bay on the East Coast of the Gulf of Thailand. From a fishing village in the 60's, Pattaya has emerged as a favorite Southeast Asian vacation spot. Check into our hotel before you decide on your choice of the night attractions.



## Day 10 - Friday: Pattaya - Coral Island

Nothing beats spending the day relaxing and working on your tan on an idyllic island. Our day begins with a boat trip towards Koh Lan (Coral Island) in the west of Pattaya Straits. Spend the day hanging out on beautiful beaches and swimming in translucent water with an abundance of coral. Optional activities including para-sailing, jet skiing and windsurfing are also available. If you don't want to get wet you can view the coral from a glass bottom boat. Have lunch at one of the many seafood restaurants along the beach.

Tonight enjoy our Farewell Dinner before partying the night away.

## Day 11 - Saturday: Pattaya – Bangkok

Sleep late or enjoy a morning on the beach before we drive back to Bangkok. After checking into our hotel free time to buy that last minute souvenir, have a Thai massage or a wonderful dinner.

### **Day 12 - Sunday: Bangkok – Departure**

After our final breakfast together our Thailand adventure end with our transfer to the airport. It is time to say goodbye to all our new single travel friends who are departing for home.

## **Thailand Singles Tour – February 15 – February 26, 2012**

### **\$2,590 - Includes**

- \* 9 Nights Superior Accommodations
- \* 1 Night Floating Jungle Raft Hotel
- \* Breakfast daily - 7 Dinners
- \* English Speaking Guide
- \* Private Air-Conditioned Bus with Driver
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- \* Round Trip Air Ticket Bangkok - Chiang Mai
- \* Airport/Hotel Transfers - Day of Arrival & Departure
- \* Singles Travel Host/Hostess
- \* All Taxes and Surcharges



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