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Tours and excursions in Bangkok and surrounding area,

Please note that prices quoted are in Thai Baht and are subject to change.

BKK-INB01: Half Day - Grand Palace & the Temple of the Emerald Buddha Tour

This city landmark which used to be the residence of the Kings of Thailand should be the first place on any visitor's itinerary. The Palace, built in 1782 by King Rama I, consists of several buildings with highly decorated architectural details. The **Grand Palace** complex, which is an eclectic blend of English Victorian, French, colonial and traditional Thai architecture, was commissioned by King Chulalongkorn (King Rama V), the first Thai monarch to visit Europe. The palace was designed by a British architect in a purely Victorian style. When the king's counselors strenuously objected to its Western style façade, a Thai roof was added.



The Palace is now used for royal ceremonies and state functions.

Also within this compound is the magnificent royal chapel, **Wat Pra Kaew**, where the most sacred Buddha image in Thailand is enshrined – the **Emerald Buddha**, carved entirely from a single piece of jade. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha, built in the outer compound of the Grand Palace by King Rama I, is one of the oldest buildings on the Rattanakosin Island and a site greatly venerated by the Thai people.

Remark: When visiting the Grand Palace, please be aware that appropriate attire is required. No shorts, no short skirts and no sleeveless attire are permitted within the grounds of the palace.

No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Tour cost (THB)/person:	3,000	2,500	2,000	1,800

BKK-INB02: Half Day - Klong (canal) Tour

Set off on a private boat to explore the **Klongs** (canals), crisscrossing Bangkok. The network of canals highlights the traditional Thai way of life that once gave Bangkok the title of "The Venice of the East". The trip on the mighty Chao Phraya River (the River of Kings) provides a glimpse of the still-active riverine life of the residents of Nonthaburi.



Pass the **Temple of Dawn** (Wat Arun), whose whole surface is covered with pieces of multi-colored porcelain which catch the rays of the morning sun. Wat Arun once housed the Emerald Buddha before the image was moved across the river by King Rama I.

No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Tour cost (THB)/person:	3,700	2,500	2,000	1,700

BKK-INB03: Half Day - Temples and City Tour

This is the ideal introductory programme to Thailand, Buddhism and the Thai people. Visit three of the most well-known temples in the capital.

Temple of the Golden Buddha: This temple enshrines a three meter high solid gold Buddha, weighing 5.5 tons. The temple is located in the heart of Bangkok's Chinatown.



Temple of the Reclining Buddha: The oldest and largest temple of Bangkok was built nearly 200 years ago and houses the enormous Reclining Buddha. The temple once functioning as Thailand's first university. Thai traditional medicine and traditional massage sessions are available within the compound of this temple.

The Marble Temple: This temple is famous for its fine traditional architecture, constructed from imported Italian marble. The temple houses what is reputed to be Thailand's most beautiful bronze Buddha image (the facial expression of perfect tranquillity and inner peace). The visitor can also see bronze Buddha images in different attitudes residing within the temple compound.

No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Tour cost (THB)/person:	2,900	2,200	2,000	1,800

BKK-INB04: Half Day - Jim Thompson's House

Jim Thompson was the American founder of the contemporary silk and cotton industry. He transformed locally produced cloth into fashionable fabric for haute couture. He built his famous home using materials taken from several old country houses. The traditional layout and character have been meticulously followed, overall, including the tropical plants in the garden. Having travelled around Asia, Thompson built an outstanding collection of rare artefacts of Asian art, Thai art in particular. Thompson disappeared without a trace in Malaysia during the 70s. The home where he once entertained celebrities such as Somerset Maugham is now administered by a foundation.



No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Tour cost (THB)/person:	3,500	3,000	2,500	2,300

BKK-INB05: Half Day - Vimanmek Mansion (Golden Teakwood Mansion)

The largest teakwood building in existence, the four-storey **Vimanmek Mansion** was built around the end of the 19th century by King Rama V (the grandfather of the present King) as a suburban palace. It is airy and spacious and overlooks a beautiful pool. Here, King Rama V, one of Thailand's most beloved monarchs and the first Thai King to make state visits to Europe came to relax from the arduous tasks of building the national infrastructure and protecting the country from colonial powers.

Vimanmek mansion was restored by the royal command of Her Majesty the Queen and was eventually opened to public viewing. The mansion is fully furnished in the style of those days, and there are several collections of rare paintings, jewellery and exquisite chinaware on display. Some of them were made by famous artists and master craftsmen of Europe in the late 19th century.



No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Tour cost (THB)/person:	3,000	2,500	2,000	1,800

BTC-INB06: Full Day – River Kwai with Death Railway, Kanchanaburi including Lunch

Kanchanaburi is located 130 km southwest of Bangkok. During the mid 1950s, the movie “**Bridge over the River Kwai**” came upon the world, highlighting the province's dubious distinction of being the site of the infamous **Death Railway**. This Railway, led through the rugged Kanchanaburi jungles to Burma. The project claimed the lives of over 16,000 Allied prisoners-of-war who were captives of the Japanese army.

Kanchanaburi was once heavily forested. Apart from visiting the well-known Bridge over the River Kwai, there are historical ruins, temples and archaeological sites to see, rafting along the rivers Kwai Yai and Kwai Noi, and a chance to travel along the original Death Railway, crossing the Bridge over the River Kwai.



Duration: 06.30 to 18.00

No. of passengers	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax	8 persons up
Private tour cost (THB)/person:	6,300	4,300	3,200	2,500

BTC-INB07: Full Day - Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and Samphran Elephant Ground & Zoo

The tour starts early in the morning with a one and a half hour drive along the southern highway passing through the major salt production area of the country. (80 km from Bangkok on the southern route) Here is the venue of the world famous **floating market of Thailand**. From dawn till mid-morning, a multitude of farmwives paddle in with fruit, vegetables, and other products for bartering or selling until the main canal is choked full of sampans carrying every edible plant imaginable.



Visitors will enjoy the boat trip and very unique scenery along both sides of the canal. All kinds of food, vegetables and fruit are available. After the floating market proceed to **Nakorn Pathom** to visit **Samphran Elephant Ground & Zoo**. Highlights include the Elephant Theme Show and the Crocodile Wrestling Show.

Duration: 06.30 to 18.00

No. of passengers	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax	8 pax
Private tour cost (THB)/person:	4,500	3,600	2,900	2,600

BTC-INB08: Full Day – Ayuthaya World Heritage Tour

Ayuthaya was the capital of Siam from 1350 to 1767, when it fell to an invading Burmese army. The city was sacked and destroyed. However, the Thai regrouped and in a short time drove off the Burmese occupation force. Fifteen years later, the new capital of Bangkok was built with Ayuthaya as its model. The red brick ruins of Ayuthaya's Grand Palace and the principal temples have been restored so that the outstanding architectural features can be discerned. The main stop will be Wat Mongkhol Bopit, which houses the largest bronze Buddha image in Thailand. The image was partially destroyed during the sacking of Ayuthaya. It was only recently restored and is venerated as a symbol of the unconquerable fighting spirit of the Thai. The ruin on the right side of the entrance into **Wat Mongkol Bopit** is **Wat Phra Si Sanphet**, the principal royal temple. The temple, as described in historical records has been replicated at the Ancient City outside Bangkok.



Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, located on the banks of the Pahsak River downstream from Ayuthaya, was built during the reign of King Rama IV. Buildings, in Thai, Italian, Victorian and Chinese architectural styles surround a charming yet stately lake. The palace was a favourite summer resort of King Rama V. The Chinese style buildings are said to be of the same design as those in the Chinese Imperial court. All the prefabricated parts were custom-made from China. The Thai pavilion on the island in the middle of the pond has often been copied as a Thai entry in many international expositions.

Duration: 06.30 to 18.00

No. of passengers	1 pax	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Private tour cost (THB)/person:	2,900	2,200	2,000	1,800

BTC-INB09: Full Day – Ayuthaya by Cruise Program

The tour programme includes a visit to **Bang Pa-In Summer Palace**, and Wat Phra Sri Sanphet, the city's largest temple, building in the 14th Century as the royal monastery, Viharn Phra Monkol Bopit and Wat Maha That.



Duration: 07.30 to 16.30

No. of passengers	2-3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax
Private tour cost (THB)/person:	5,500	5,000	3,800

BTC-INB10: Siam Niramit Show

Savour the buffet dinner at the Sawaddee restaurant before enjoying a world class spectacular show at Ratchada Grand Theatre, one of the biggest stages in the world. Travel back in spectacle through time to glimpse the rich history and destructive culture of the kingdom of Siam.



Daily Show Time: 20:00 to 21:30

	Adult	Child
Show only (THB)/person	1,700	1,700
International Food Buffet Dinner (THB)/person	500	400

BTC-INB11: Chao Phraya Dinner Cruise

A cruise along the legendary Chao Phraya River with brief forays into some canals on the Thon Buri side is the most pleasant way to get a feeling for a truly riverine culture. The majesty of the Chao Phraya will give a new dimension to your understanding of Bangkok.



Daily: 17:30 to 22:00

	Adult	Child
Cost (THB):	1,500	1,200