

# THAILAND

## Esoteric Monasteries and Elephant Sanctuaries

This 10-day itinerary was specially crafted by Urbane Nomads in partnership with Four Seasons Thailand for the 2009 Tibet House Auction at Christie's NY. It starts with a private blessing ceremony on the haunting ruins of Ayutthaya, arriving early evening to receive a private blessing by a monk on the grounds of this World Heritage Site. The itinerary combines

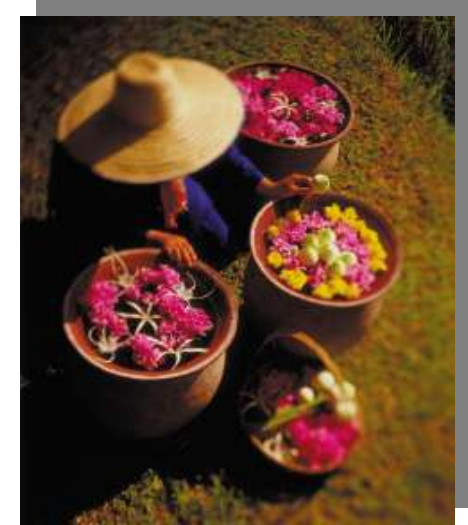


stays in the iconic Four Seasons Tented Camps in the Golden Triangle with visits to esoteric monasteries led by a legendary tattooed monk on horseback, a few days amidst the lush rice terraces of Mae Rim Valley and ends with a few days in the FS Koh Samui, an away-from-it -all hillside resort overlooking the Gulf of Siam.

### DAY 1. BANGKOK

Arrive in Bangkok, transferring to the FS Bangkok, located in the heart of the city.

Drive in the afternoon to the haunting ruins of Ayutthaya, arriving early evening for a private blessing ceremony that will kickstart your journey in Thailand.



### DAY 2-4. CHIANG MAI

Transferring to Northern Thailand today, retreat to the cool mountains and verdant fields that is the Mae Rim Valley surrounding the Four Seasons Chiang Mai. Well-known for its spa and cooking school,

Calling ourselves 'travel mixologists', we've served up interesting itineraries for you to choose from- all of which are available for tweaking and embellishments whilst keeping the main ingredients. Beautifully-themed journeys for you to choose from and to tweak according to your predilections.

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the FS Chiang Mai, voted T+L's 500 World's Best Hotels 'delivers an authentic Siamese

up-country atmosphere'. Day trips to the city centre of Chiang Mai to visit the weekly markets (if your visit so coincides).

#### DAY 4-7. CHIANG RAI

There's a certain cache to the idea of camping in the infamous Golden Triangle and with the Four Seasons camps, you'll be doing just this in style. Hand-hammered copper bathtubs and high-thread count linens make up this exquisite camping experience in the Golden Triangle. You can spend time with the elephants- learning from the mahouts on how to care for them or go on riverboat excursions. Urbane Nomads can arrange for you to visit a legendary monastery known for its band of monks on

horseback. Led by a tattooed ex-kickboxer, the founder of the monastery occupies an almost messianic position amongst the local tribes where legend has it that a monk on horseback, covered in tattoos will one day save their community.



**DAY 7-9.**

**KOH SAMUI**

Koh Samui Round up the trip in Koh Samui, spending two days at the FS Koh Samui. Overlooking the Gulf of Siam, the FS Koh Samui embodies Thai resort chic at its best.



**DAY 10.**

**BANGKOK**

Fly back to Bangkok today, spending one night at the FS Bangkok before departing for your international flight the next day.

### OPTIONS

This trip can be extended to include the Chiva-Som, a mere 2-3 hours' from Thailand's capital of Bangkok or to the pristine Burmese Himalayas.



Date	Nts.	Location/Route	Accommodation/ Details	Rooms/Travel Time/Basis
Day 1-4		Name of the airport	<b>Arriving Flight &amp; Time TBA</b>	type of room plus meals (B,L,D)
Day 4-7		Bangkok	Four Season Bangkok	
Day 7-12		Chiang Mai	Four Seasons Chiang Mai	
Day 12-13		Chiang Rai	Four Seasons camps	
		Koh Samui	Four Season Koh Samui	
		Bangkok	Four Season Bangkok	
			<b><u>Departing Flight &amp; Time TBA</u></b>	

## **Total Price (Indicative Only): USD 5250 Price**

Per person on double occupancy basis, land only

### **Price includes:**

All domestic transfers and tours mentioned. Accommodation on bed and breakfast basis throughout.

### **Price excludes:**

All gratuities and tips, tours not mentioned and items of a personal nature

## **Important Notes**

### **Trip Grading/Difficulty:**

This itinerary is done at a relaxed pace, with no strenuous or overtly physical activities and is suitable for all ages.

### **Flights**

It is essential that you give us your air schedule at least 60 days prior to departure, so that we may confirm your arrival and departure hotels.

### **Health**

You are strongly advised to contact your own GP or vaccination centre in respect of required vaccinations for Thailand. Check on recommended immunizations as least a month before travel. Among the items you might pack are: sun creams (factor 12 and above), insect repellent, sting relief cream, antiseptic cream, a lightweight hat and sunglasses.

### **Important Note**

While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather, road and trail conditions, government restrictions and other factors beyond our control.

## **Booking Conditions:**

### **Booking your tailor-made holiday**

A booking is accepted only after we receive the completed signed booking form and/or the non-refundable deposit required. If the booking is made within 60 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of confirmation except over the Christmas & New Year period when the full itinerary amount must be made at the time of booking. The balance of payment due for your travel arrangements must be paid by you not later than 60 days before departure; otherwise we may treat the booking as cancelled.

### **Methods of payment**

Payments for deposits and final monies for Travel Arrangements may be made by bank transfer.

### **Cancellation**

All cancellations must be advised in writing and will take effect the day we receive it. Urbane Nomads refunds all recoverable costs after cancellation, subject to third-party cancellation and refund policies and a USD500 administration and travel planning fee.

In some cases hotels require prepayment in full for hotel rooms and services in the peak period. In such cases these deposits are non refundable.

### **Travel Insurance**

It is a condition of booking the Travel Arrangements that You are adequately insured for the full duration of the your travel arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. The choice of insurer is the sole discretion of You. In signing the Booking Form or paying for your holiday You confirm to Us that You either have or will have procured such insurance before the commencement of Your Travel Arrangements.

Further Terms and Conditions apply. In signing the Booking Form or paying the deposit you confirm to Us that you have accepted the booking terms and conditions.

The Urbane Nomad keenly seeks the best that travel has to offer-keenly seeking out exciting design hotels with its associated mod cons, the most unique travel experiences in localities yet to be discovered by the masses or experiencing a favoured tourist destination on an entirely different level.

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