

2018 – Thailand

Wednesday, March 14 – Fly to Bangkok

Leave SFO 12:40 am (Wednesday morning) and arrive in Bangkok Thursday morning at 11:35 am

Thursday, March 15 – Bangkok

Catch Gate1 shuttle to Century Park Hotel

Walk to the Dusit district, Bangkok's new royal city

Have dinner In Love on the Chao Phraya River

Walk along the famous Khao San Road, the world famous "backpacker ghetto"

Take wild tuk tuk ride back to hotel

Stay at Century Park Hotel

Friday, March 16 – Bangkok

Start of our official Gate1 Tour

Visit the Pak Klong Talad Flower Market

Tour Wat Pho – Bangkok's largest temple and home to famous 150-foot Reclining Buddha

Have a late lunch at Baan Ajarn, near the hotel

Attend Gate1 Welcome Reception in hotel lounge

Have dinner at the hotel – large, delicious buffet

Stay at Century Park Hotel

Saturday, March 17 – Bangkok

Tour the Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha) and the Grand Palace

Swim in the Century Park Hotel Pool – sip drinks with other tour group members

Attend the Siam Niramit Show and Buffet Dinner

Sunday, March 18 – Ayutthaya (50 miles, 1.5 hours)

Stop at Bang Pa In, the summer palace of the kings of Thailand

Check into our hotel in Ayutthaya, the Kantary Hotel

Swim in the hotel pool

Tour Ayutthaya Historic Park (Wat Mahathat) to see the ruins of Siam's 14th century capital

Tour the 17th century Chai Watthanaram Temple ruins

Have dinner at the Kantary Hotel

Stay at the Kantary Hotel

Monday, March 19 – Sukhothai (225 miles; 5 hours)

Stop at Khao No Khao Kaeo along the way to see macaque monkeys

Tour Sukhothai Historic Park (Wat Hahathah) to see the ruins of Siam's first capital

Check into our hotel – Legendha Sukhothai

Explore the Wat Chang Lom ("Elephant Circled Monastery") behind the hotel

Swim in the hotel pool

Have dinner in the hotel dining room

\ Stay at Legendha Sukhothai

Tuesday, March 20 – Chiang Rai (250 miles; 6 hours)

Stop along the way to see a large reclining Buddha
Stop for lunch on the shores of Kwan Phayao, Thailand's largest freshwater lake
Tour the incredible Wat Rong Thun (White Temple)
Check into hotel – Le Meridien Chiang Rai Resort
Swim in the hotel pool
Have dinner in the hotel dining room – buffet and BBQ
Stay at Le Meridien Chaing Rai Resort

Wednesday, March 21 – Chiang Rai

Cross border into Myanmar
 Visit a Buddhist nunnery to hear them chant morning prayers
 Stroll through the Tachileik street market
 Visit the Scwe Dagon Pagoda
Have lunch at a local farm in northern Thailand
Boat ride along the Mekong River to Don Sao Island in Laos to shop
Explore the Golden Triangle
 Visit Hall of Opium Museum
Swim in hotel pool
Have dinner in the hotel dining room
Stay at Le Meridien Chaing Rai Resort

Thursday, March 22 – Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai (120 miles; 3 hours)

Stop along the way at Mae Salong, the village of the Karen Long Neck tribe
Check into our hotel – Le Meridien Chiang Mai
Swim in the Hotel pool
Have dinner at Lemongrass, a nearby restaurant
Stroll through the famous night bazaar
Stay at Le Meridien Chiang Mai

Friday, March 23 – Chiang Mai

Visit Elephant Kingdom – wash, feed, and ride elephants
Swim in the Hotel pool
Have dinner at Lemongrass, a nearby restaurant
Stroll through the famous night bazaar
Stay at Le Meridien Chiang Mai

Saturday, March 24 – Chiang Mai

Tour the Wat Suan Dok
Tour the Wat Phra That Doi Suthep
Tour the Orchid Jade factory
Dine at the home of a local Chiang Mai family
Stay at Le Meridien Chiang Mai

Sunday, March 25 – Chiang Mai to Phuket Island

Fly with Gate1 from Chiang Mai to Bangkok

Fly from Bangkok to Phuket (on our own)

Take a stroll on Patong Beach

Stay at The Charm Resort Phuket

Monday, March 26 – Patong Beach, Phuket Island

Spend the day relaxing on the beach

Hang out at the hotel's rooftop pool – cocktails in pool

Have dinner at No. 9

Stroll along Bangla Road, Patong's infamous nightlife district

Stay at The Charm Resort Phuket

Tuesday, March 27 – Patong Beach, Phuket Island

Go on our James Bond Island and Cave Kayaking Tour

Stay at The Charm Resort Phuket

Wednesday, March 28 – Phuket to Suvarnabhumi (near Bangkok airport)

Fly from Phuket Island to Bangkok

Check into Golden Jade in Suvarnabhumi

Stroll through Suvarnabhumi Outdoor Market

Have an early dinner at Scoozi Pizza, an upscale Italian restaurant\

Have a drink at an outdoor bar in the market

Stay at Golden Jade.

Thursday, March 29 – Fly Home

15 hours of flying back to San Francisco