

## THAILAND

# Revel in the Riches of Thailand

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

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### DAY 1

#### *Travel Time*

- \* Travel day.

### DAY 2

#### *Sawasdee Thailand*

- \* Arrive late night in the city of Bangkok. Meet our local staff and transfer to the hotel. Make no mistake, Bangkok is a great city but we want to show places in our short time that jump off the page. It's an early start tomorrow but by all means grab a great meal tonight around the hotel.



### DAY 3

#### *Chiangmai*

- \* Morning transfer to the airport for a short flight to Chiangmai. The former capital of northern Thailand, Chiangmai is home to 300 temples but also a modern and booming city. Upon arrival, we head out to explore the city.
- \* Tonight we head up to Wat Doi Suthep or the temple on the mountain. One of the most significant temples in all of Thailand, we visit on sunset which allows us amazing views of the city. We will observe the monks in evening meditation as their chanting echoes throughout the temple. We leave the mountain and head to a fabulous northern Thai dinner and traditional dance ceremony. After dinner, feel free to explore much of the nightlife or the extensive night markets.

### DAY 4

#### *Chiangmai*

- \* The symbol of Thailand is the elephant and today you get to spend a number of hours with these amazing animals at one of the leading elephant conservation parks. The park specializes in rescued elephants from shows and tourist operations. You'll learn all about the Asian elephant and their plight and how Thailand is working to protect the remaining numbers in the wild.
- \* After our group dinner you have free time to grab a traditional Thai massage, attend the local Muay Thai exhibition (Thai Boxing) hit up the markets, visit a temple or simply explore the nightlife.

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## DAY 5

### *Railey Bay, Krabi*

- \* Morning flight to the province of Krabi and a short bus ride on arrival to a local wharf. We board Thai longboats and head to the spectacular cliffs of Railey Bay. You will be mesmerized by the landscape, soaring limestone cliffs rise from palm tree lined beaches while monkeys hang from the trees. This might be the ultimate spring break destination. Our dinner tonight is on the beach under the stars. Welcome to paradise.

## DAY 6

### *Railey Bay, Krabi*

- \* Today is a free day to spend on one of beaches (that are all walking distance from your room) or unwind by one of the resort pools. Hiking trails among the limestone cliffs lead to many caves and local instructors will take you rock climbing if you need to satisfy those adrenaline urges. Join the locals for a game of beach volleyball or soccer or just chill. Today is yours to just enjoy. Don't miss the sunset. They are legendary.

## DAY 7

### *Phi Phi Island*

- \* Time to go island hopping. We pack up for a mid-morning departure and board our private speedboats to the Phi Phi islands. This is a great ride in itself. Our speed boats are the only way to travel. We'll stop at a small island for a swim and maybe some snorkeling should conditions allow.
- \* Upon arrival we will check-in to our hotel, head to dinner and then a fire show on the beach.

## DAY 8

### *Phuket*

- \* A morning speedboat ride to Phuket for an afternoon of shopping or beach time. Tonight we gather for a farewell dinner and a final night to explore the crazy nightlife of Phuket.

## DAY 9

### *Departure*

- \* A morning to explore and then our bus takes us to the airport to board our flights home to conclude a whirlwind introduction to this amazing country.





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## INCLUSIONS

- \* Transportation to and from airport
- \* Activities listed in itinerary
- \* Daily breakfasts at hotel and select other meals
- \* A full-time professional WorldStrides Tour Director
- \* Hotels as noted, double occupancy
- \* Transportation between locations

## EXCLUSIONS

- \* Airfare to and from country
- \* Any activity or meal not specified in itinerary

## PRICE (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

- \* \$2,495