

The best of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, optionals Thailand with Bonnie – September – October 2023



The beauty of Vietnam – October 1- 08, 2023

ITINERARY

Day 1 – 01 Oct'23:	Arrive Hanoi
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Day 7 – 07 Oct'23:	Hoi An – Danang – Flight to Ho Chi Minh
Day 8 – 08 Oct'23:	Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi – Ho Chi Minh – Flight to Siem Reap or return

Day 1 – 01 Oct'23: Arrive Hanoi

Arrive Hanoi: Airport assistance with prepaid visa on arrival. After immigration and customs formalities, meet your English and Spanish speaking guide for transfer to the city of Hanoi (approximately one hour), when you will have the first impression of Hanoi a fusion of action with serenity. Check-in at hotel after 2:00 p.m.. Overnight Silk Path Boutique Hanoi hotel or similar.

Day 2 – 02 Oct'23: Hanoi - Visits (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast, start the visits of Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, only Asian city with avenues with trees, French colonial architecture, calm lakes and oriental temples.

The tour includes a visit to the Temple of Literature, the first university of the country, founded in 1070 and considered the symbol of Hanoi; continue on to the Museum of Ethnology with its interesting

collection of Vietnamese culture.

Lunch at a local restaurant (drinks not included).

After lunch, visit the outside of Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum from Ba dinh Square, then on to the One Pillar Pagoda, built in 1049 by Emperor Ly Thay Tong, who reigned from 1028 to 1054, built of Wood over one Stone pillar, resembling a lotus flower in honor of Buda. Visit Ngoc Son temple in the middle of Lake Hoan Kiem.

Finally, a panoramic cyclo tour through an old district of Hanoi also known as the 36 streets, known in the old days as the place the artisans would live and work.

Attend to a Water Puppet Show.

Dinner at a local restaurant (no drinks). Return to hotel for overnight.

Day 3 – 03 Oct'23: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B, L, D)

After breakfast depart by bus to Halong Bay (the Dragon who originates from the sea), and its emerald color waters according to the legend it was a dragon who built the islands in the bay. Take a wonderful cruise on Paradise Elegance or Paradise Grand. Lunch on board.

After lunch, continue navigating and discovering 1000s of islands of different sizes and formats - the Tortoise, Dog, Man's Head islands, etc. Due to its unique beauty, geology and biological richness, and important historical culture, Halong Bay has been designated National Heritage by UNESCO in 1994 and included among the 7 Nature wonders of the world since 2011.

Besides enjoying the scenery, free time for some optional activities like swimming in the bay, Kayak or join a cooking demonstration on the top deck.

Dinner and overnight on board.

Note: Itinerary subject to weather conditions.

Day 4 – 04 Oct'23: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – flight to Danang – Hoi An (Brunch and lunch)

Continue navigating by the bay to enjoy its unique scenery. At sunrise, those interested can take a Tai Chi class. This morning we will have a brunch before disembarking to transfer by bus to Hanoi Airport for flight to Danang. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Estimated flight: **VN183 HAN DAD 17:00 18:20** or similar

Arrive Danang, transfer to Hoy An (approximately 50 minutes), overnight at Allegro Hoy An hotel or similar.

Day 5 – 05 Oct'23: Hoi An – Visits (B, L)

After breakfast, start the visit of the city of Hoi An, an important commercial port of Asia during the 17th and 18th centuries, few changes were made during these past decades. We will take a boat ride on Thu Bon River, passing by small villages until the old district, when we will start our tour on foot through the center of old town to visit Phung Hung (old merchants' home), the Japanese covered bridge over 400 years old, the Phuc Kien room, the old Tan Ky House with its traditional architecture and the museum of the history of the city "Sa Huynh".

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Free afternoon to enjoy the beach, walk around the colorful market or do some shopping.

Evening, the wonderful performance Teh Dar – the incarnation of the Vietnamese tribes show.

Overnight in Hoy An.

Day 6 – 06 Oct'23: Hoi An – Golden Bridge (Ba Na Hill) – Hoi An (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart hotel towards Ba Na Hill. After about one hour drive, take the cable car. Arriving at the top we will see the view of Ba Na Hill, and the marvelous Golden Bridge which is part of the Sun World Amusement Park.

Here you can visit a replica of a French medieval city with gardens and old shops and bars, besides the Pagoda Linh Ung with a statue of Buda of 27m high. The second station of the cable car will give us a view of Da Nang, followed by a visit to the Golden Bridge.

Return to Hoy An for overnight.

Day 7 – 07 Oct’23: Hoi An – Danang –Flight to Ho Chi Minh (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Danang, visit the Marble Mountain and the Cham Museum – with over 1000 objects of which 500 are being exhibited. In 1915 the museum was built by the French compiling the relics and sculptures of the Champa kingdom. Transfer to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh.

VN123 DAD SGN 12:00 13:30 or similar

Arrive Ho Chi Minh, lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon, visit the city of Ho Chi Minh, also known as Saigon by many locals, where we will see: the Palace of the Reunification (outside only), the old Central Post Office, the Nguyễn Huệ Street and the City Hall. We recommend an ice-cream parlor or having an authentic Vietnamese “coffee” at the end the day. Transfer to hotel for overnight at New World Hotel Ho Chi Minh.

Day 8 – 08 Oct’23: Ho Chi Minh –Cuchi Tunnels – Departure flight from (B, L)

After breakfast, transfer to visit the Cu Chi tunnels, an impressive underground complex of tunnels used during the Vietnam war. Return to Ho Chi Minh city for lunch in a local restaurant.

Transfer to airport for flight to Siem Reap: **VN813 08OCT SGN REP 16:15 17:30** or similar.

HOTELS / CRUISE

Ciudad	Hoteles 5*	Noches
HANOI	SILK PATH BOUTIQUE HANOI Deluxe room or similar	02
HALONG	PARADISE ELEGANCE o PARADISE GRAND Deluxe Balcony or Grand Balcony or similar	01
HOI AN	ALLEGRO Junior Suite or similar	03
HO CHI MINH	NEW WORLD Deluxe or similar	01
TOTAL NIGHTS		07

Note:

* Hotel classification according to local authorities.

* **Check-in:** 14:00, **Check-out:** 11:00

VIETNAM PRICE PER PERSON TWIN / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY USD2420.00;
single supplement USD676.00

FLIGHTS CONFIRMED

VN183 04OCT HAN DAD 17:00 18:20

VN123 07OCT DAD SGN 12:00 13:30

VN813 08OCT SGN REP 16:15 17:30

SERVICES INCLUDED

- 6 nights hotel with breakfast, one night cruise with lunch, dinner and brunch,
- 1 dinner and 5 lunches at local restaurants with no drinks.

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- English and Spanish speaking guide.
- Air-conditioned bus.
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned.
- Ciclo pousse, tuk tuk ride.
- Halong Bay Cruise
- A bottle of water per day of tour.
- Domestic flights Hanoi / Danang / Saigon (USD340) including taxes
- International flight: Saigon / Siem Reap (USD310) including taxes
- Tips to driver and guide
- Vietnam visa with VIP handling on arrival

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- Drink during meals; personal expenses; any other items not mentioned in included.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

- 61 days prior to arrival except flights and cruises and visa fees no penalty
- 60-45 days prior – 40 percent of total Price
- 45-30 days prior – 50 percent of total Price
- 30-15 days prior – 75 percent of total Price
- Less than 15 days or no show – 100 percent of total Price

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please purchase travel insurance – Braga Travel can offer ARCH Travel Insurance https://www.chinalife.com/travel_insurance.htm
- Please send copy of Passports 90 days in advance for visa invitation letter.
- Carry 3 photos with you for visas on arrival with VIP handling in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Payments can be made until August 20, a deposit of 20 percent is required at time of booking to purchase the tickets and handle the visa by April 30, 2023.

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THE BEST OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS – OCTOBER 8-14 2023

DAY	ITINERARY	MEALS
Day 1/08.Oct	ARRIVAL – SIEM REAP	
Day 2/09.Oct	SIEM REAP – TEMPLES TOURS	BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER
Day 3/10.Oct	SIEM REAP – TEMPLES TOURS	BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER
Day 4/11.Oct	SIEM REAP – LUONG PRABANG	BREAKFAST/LUNCH
Day 5/12.Oct	LUONG PRABANG	BREAKFAST/LUNCH
Day 6/13.Oct	LUONG PRABANG	BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER
Day 7/14.Oct	LUONG PRABANG – DEPARTURE	BREAKFAST

Day 1 – October 8, 2023 Arrival- Siem Reap

Arrive Siem Reap International Airport by flight from Saigon, after immigration and customs formalities, welcome by local English and Spanish speaking guide to transfer to hotel Sofitel or similar for check in.

Dinner at leisure on your own. Overnight in the hotel

Day 2 – October 9, 2023 : Siem Reap (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

We start this day with a tour of **Angkor Thom**, an epic collection of striking structures encompassed in quadrangle area. The walkway leads us to the **Royal Enclosure** where some

mysterious ruins remain, including the **Royal Palace, Phimeanakas** Temple, and Royal **Terraces**. These structures built from perishable materials have long vanished. The memorable climax of our visit is the **Bayon Temple** built in the center of **Angkor Thom**. This enigmatic complex contains 54 towers, each topped off with the four faces of Compassion Buddha. Upon leaving Angkor Thom Area, we take a short drive to the architectural masterpiece of **Angkor Wat** - one of the modern wonders of the world. Be amazed by the sheer size of the temple and learn how the Khmer Empire prospered between the 9th and 13th Century, around the time when the temple was built. Lunch at local restaurant.

We round out the day tour with a walk up the Pre Rup Temple to enjoy the spectacular sunset over these sandstone monuments. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in the hotel

Day 3 – October 10, 2023- Siem Reap (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

In the morning, head out of town on a newly paved road to the temple of Banteay Srei, known as “**the temple of women**”, was built in the 10th century and is located about 25 km north of the temple group.

The **Banteay Srei temple** is a wonderful picture of the art of carving on laterite and red stone, famous for its skill in carving every little detail.

You will continue today’s excursion with a visit to **Banteay Samre** Temple. One of the smallest temples in Angkor, Banteay Samre is named after the Samre people who inhabited the area. The temple is decorated with very intricate and well-preserved carvings of Hindu mythological stories and Buddhist depictions.

Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will explore the jungle-covered **Ta Prohm** temple, where scenes from the movie Tomb Raider were filmed. There are huge fig trees and giant vines hugging the structure's stone foundation, giving the impression that man’s creation was reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature.

You will then visit the great circuit with the temples of **Preah Khan, Kravan, Neak Pean, Krol Ko, Ta Som, East Mebon and Pre Rup**, where you can watch the sunset at the end of the day.

Continue to visit **Les Artisans d'Angkor**: A complete visit of the arts and crafts school will take you through the various training and production workshops of the les Artisans d' Angkor. Discover

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the traditional techniques used for wood sculpting, stone carving, lacquer work, polychrome and stone patina work.

<http://www.artisansdangkor.com/>

Return to the hotel, free time to relax or take a walk in the pub streets and night market.

Dinner with Apsara dancing show at local restaurant. Overnight stay in Siem Reap.

Day 4 – October 11, 2023 - Siem Reap – Luong Prabang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning visit the **Tonle Sap Lake**, the largest lake in Southeast Asia. We embark on a traditional boat to discover the floating villages of this legendary lake.

Lunch at local restaurant.

If time permits some shopping in main street before transfer to Siem Reap international airport for take the **flight to Luang Prabang**. Welcome to Luang Prabang! Upon arrival, our guide will meet you at the airport and then escort you to your hotel for check-in.

Depending on arrival time or after dinner, we will explore the **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by the hill tribe and local people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Dinner at Le Calao Restaurant.

Overnight in Luang Prabang hotel Pullman Luang Prabang or similar.

Day 5 – October 12, 2023 - Luong Prabang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

You have the option to wake up before dawn to witness and participate in offering alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks – an awe-inspiring sight. Please tell your guide a day in advance if you wish to make an offering so he/she can prepare some food for you to hand over to the monks. This early morning ritual dates back generations in Laos. Watch the town come to life in the morning then return to the hotel for breakfast or join the locals for a bowl of delicious noodle soup after the alms giving ritual. (If you do not wish to make an offering, please keep an appropriate distance and observe the ritual in silence. **Dress appropriately – shoulders, chest and legs should be covered**).

We then visit the **Morning Market**, where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings.

After breakfast at hotel, we visit the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. We then **board a cruise upstream on the Mekong River**, which also gives us a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we will make a stop at **Ban Xang Hai village where** rice wine is distilled. We will visit the **caves of Tham Ting and Tham Phoum which house hundreds of Buddha statues**.

Lunch at local restaurant **Namthip in Pak Ou area (no drinks)**

We return to Luang Prabang in the afternoon, continue to visit **Ban Xang Khong, a village** well known for silk hand-weaving and traditional Saa paper-making.

Late afternoon, we will climb up 328 steps of **Mount Phousi** for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a beautiful sunset view of the city and the Mekong River.

Dinner at L'Elephant Restaurant (no drinks)

Overnight in Luang Prabang

Day 6 – October 13, 2023 - Luong Prabang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

We visit the **Ock Pop Tock weaving centre**, an organization that is offering the weavers in the area the chance to earn a decent income through their weaving skills, then drive our way to **Khouang Si waterfall**. On the way, you can visit to the **Lao ethnic minority group at Ban Na Ouane Village, H'Mong Village and also visit Buffalo Dairy Farm** where you will have chance to join a scheduled tour of the farm, cuddle up to the beautiful Buffalos, hands on milking demonstration, feeding them and also trying some tasty ice-cream and cheese. Once at the

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waterfalls, take a leisurely hike through the national park towards the Khouang Si waterfalls and pass by the Asian bear rescue center. You will enjoy feeling the mist of the cool, turquoise waters of the different waterfalls. Swimming in the refreshing waters is possible. Have lunch nearby the falls **at Carpe Diem Restaurant in Khouangsi area**, then you will be transferred back to the town in the afternoon. We also have chance to visit the **Butterfly Park nearby**.

This early evening, we'll take part in the traditional **Baci ceremony and farewell dinner**.

Baci is a traditional Lao ceremony of well wishing, dating back to the times before Buddhism was widely accepted as the main religion of Lao people. It is celebrated on many occasions; for example to please the house spirit, to thank the spirits after a family member recovered from illness, after a woman gave birth to a child and also before one of the family members leaving for a long journey, to marry, to welcome honorable visitor, to farewell visitors, to pay respect to senior age or parents. The Baci is mostly held within the family or in public.

During the ceremony all members of the family as well as invited relatives and friends are sitting around the "Pha Khouan", a traditional bouquet of flowers. An older man of the village is conducting the ceremony by leading preaches and good wishes for health, prosperity, safe travel or whatever may seem important.

To convey the wishes to you, the white cotton threads are bound around your wrists, called in Lao "Soukhouan". This tradition comes from the old belief that 32 souls are living in the people's body. Wishing all bad souls or bad influences leaving and all 32 good souls staying in the body is accompanying the binding which finally mean to not let the souls leave the body. The threads should be worn for at least 3days. **The ceremony will be followed by Lao traditional dancing performance.**

Dinner at Lao Derm Restaurant. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 7 – October 14, 2023 - Luong Prabang - Departure (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast at hotel, we enjoy a short-guided tour visit the **National Museum at the former Royal Palace displays** a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. After that, we will visit the **Traditional Arts and Ethnology Center** where you are able to observe valuable artifacts and traditional clothing and implements from each of the 20 ethnic minority groups which inhabit the Luang Prabang area. Next, we will visit **Wat Visoun**, the holiest temple of the city, which was entirely rebuilt in 1887 after being destroyed by the invading Black Flags from Southern China. Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for your departure
END SERVICES.

CAMBODIA & LAOS		
HOTELS	Cambodia – Siem Reap	Sofitel Angkor hotel – Superior room https://www.sofitel-angkor-phokeethra.com/
	Laos – Luong Prabang	Pullman Luang Prabang Hotel – Deluxe room https://www.pullman-luangprabang.com/

CAMBODIA and LAOS Package price per person based on twin or double sharing room USD2080.00, SINGLE SUPPLEMENT USD498.00

Package price includes:

- Accommodation based on twin or double sharing room 6 hotel nights with daily breakfast, 5 lunches and dinners with no drinks, in Siem Reap and Luang Prabang; transfer & tour in private basis with local English and Spanish-speaking guide and air-conditioned bus
- All entrance fees associated with per program mention.
- Meal as per above mentioned.
- Fresh water and cold towel for whole trip.
- Tips for drivers and guides.

Air fare Siem Reap / Luang Prabang – USD310.00 on December 13, 2022

- Visa fee for Cambodia and vip assistance on arrival

Package price excludes :

- Travel insurance of all kinds.
- Visa fees for Luang Prabang – USD45.00 approximately to be paid personally on arrival in USD.
- Laundry, drinks during meals, personal expenses, optional tours and so on
- Meals not mentioned in the program.
- Other optional tours if any

SUMMARY OF COSTS:

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**THAILAND 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS –
ITINERARY**



Note: The following is a guideline and subject to change due to local conditions, etc.

Day 01- September 24 or October 14, 2023 – Arrive Bangkok (B, D – local street food)

After collecting your luggage, proceed to Gate B (Door 3) in the Arrival Hall (Second Floor), where you will be met by your guide and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to your hotel. Your guide will be holding a sign with your names. Transfer to your hotel.

The regular check in time is at 14:00, early check in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Private tour (Afternoon)

Meeting Point: Hotel Lobby – Grand Palace & Royal Chapel

Welcome to The Grand Palace, Thailand's most important landmark, where you will be awed by the grandeur and majesty of the building and its throne halls. Note the detailed ornamentation. The Royal Chapel is Thailand's most important and sacred Wat.

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Longtail Boat Ride on the Chao Phraya River

Board a long-tail boat and travel along the Chao Phraya River. Observe the Thai lifestyle the contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the River.

Wat Arun

Visit Wat Arun, 'Temple of Dawn'. This monumental 86-meter Khmer-style prang, one of the largest religious monuments in the country, towers above the Chao Phraya to form Bangkok's most impressive and famous landmark. Wat Arun symbolically represents the Buddhist universe, with its trident-capped central tower indicating Mount Meru and the four smaller towers depicting the four worldly oceans. Reflective beauty comes from thousands of multi-glazed Chinese porcelains embedded into the structure by Buddhist devotees

Evening – Tuk Tuk Food tour – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Duration 4 hours

Enjoy a night spent exploring Bangkok via Tuk-Tuk, so named for the sound emitted from its small capacity, two-cycle engine.

Your evening of adventure begins as you embark upon your 4 hour open-air journey that will take you past bustling markets, ancient temples and savory street food as you witness the city come alive under a glistening stream of vibrant night lights. Continue to Wat Prayoon, standing out from the rest of the city's temples thanks in part to its iconic red fence, fashioned out of ancient lances, swords and axes. The temple was built during the reign of King Rama III and features a low-rise Turtle Mountain housing spirits dedicated to the deceased.

From there, pass by the Memorial Bridge, stretching over the Chao Phraya River.

At the Giant Swing, learn about the prior influence of Brahmanism in Thailand. The nearly 70-foot swing was originally built in 1784 to serve as an integral part of Brahmin ceremonies.

Enjoy a visit to the Flower Market, where you will see numerous varieties of exotic orchids and sweet smelling flowers. The buzz in this market is best experienced at night during which busy vendors load their wares up and down their mopeds.

Travel to Yaowarat Road, home to Bangkok's thriving Chinatown District. Here you will find an array of gold shops, exotic markets, historic buildings and colorful snacks. Visit a local restaurant where you can sample mango sticky rice. Return to your hotel for overnight.

Day 02 – September 25 or October 15, 2023 : Bangkok (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day private tour:

Mahachai Market & Maeklong Railway Market

Visit Mahachai Market, a lively local market perfect for gaining a glimpse of the daily Thai lifestyle. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the infamous Railway Market.

The Maeklong Railway Market first opened in the early 20th Century as a way for local fishermen to sell their daily catch from the Gulf of Thailand; as operations expanded, a railway was later built to allow the fishermen to deliver their goods to provinces throughout the country with a level of efficiency never before possible.

While the addition of the railway afforded the fishermen new business opportunities, one drawback was the fact that the new tracks cut directly through the existing market; undeterred, vendors continued to line their wares alongside both of the tracks, a tradition which remains today.

As you stroll through the market, you will quickly realize why the market is also known as the Umbrella Pulldown Market - as the horn of an approaching train goes off, merchants quickly pull back their overhead tents in unison while at the same time making sure to clear the tracks of any remaining wares.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

Afterward, enjoy a visit to the famous Damnoen Saduak Market.

Upon arrival, explore the local floating market where farmers congregate on canals each morning in produce-laden boats. This is Thailand's most authentic floating market.

While here, wander alongside the winding canals lined with remote villages, gardens, and plantations in search of mouth-watering Thai food, clothing stalls, and so much more.

Return back to Bangkok. Arrive Bangkok and visit

Wat Pho. Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha)

Wat Pho is the oldest and biggest temple with the largest number of pagodas (95 in all) in the city. Also, it was the first open university of Thailand which offered courses in several branches of knowledge like literature, astrology, medicine and massage.

Return to your hotel. **Overnight in Bangkok**

Day 03 – September 26 or October 16, 2023 : Bangkok - Mae Hong Son (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Mae Hong Son.

After collecting your luggage, you will be met outside the baggage claim area by your guide and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to your hotel. Your guide will be holding a sign with your names

Explore the Resort's Walking Trails

After checking in at the resort, spend the afternoon exploring the walking trails that surround you.

Tucked away close to the Burmese border and hemmed in by the mountains surrounding the Pai River Valley, Mae Hong Son is a sleepy little town. It is a setting fit for Shangri-La, complete with swiftly flowing rivers and waterfalls, exotic hill tribes that contribute to the local culture, color and ambiance, fertile valleys edged with rice terraces, and exhilarating crisp mountain scenery.

Overnight in Mae Hong Son

Day 4 – September 27 or October 17, 2023 – Mae Hong Kong Son (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

08.00 am Meet your guide at hotel lobby.

Tiger Bean Hands-on Experience

This morning, learn about the Tiger Bean, a famous specialty product grown right here in Mae Hong Son. Adorned with a one-of-a-kind tiger pattern, the beans grown here have a sweet, mouth-watering taste like no other.

Pause for lunch at a Rice Field Garden Restaurant (on your own); the cost of lunch is payable directly to the restaurant.

Padaung Village

A scenic boat ride along the Pai River will bring you to one of the region most colorful hill tribe villages, Padaung Village, **the home of the long-neck Karens**. This **small refugee camp is only 3 miles away from the Burmese border, populated primarily by the Kayan and Kayaw ethnic subgroups**.

Commonly referred to as the “long-neck” women, the villagers here were originally Karen refugees from Burma (**Myanmar**); most of the women wear beautiful brass spirals around their neck and legs, which were a sign of wealth in the old days.

After your visit to the village, enjoy a visit to **Wat Jong Klang** before you head back to your hotel. Return to your hotel

Overnight in Mae Hong Son

Day 05 – September 28 or October 18, 2023 - Mae Hong Son- Chiang Mai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

8.00 AM: Meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby.

Phu Klun Mud Spa

This morning, kick off your day with a visit to the Phu Klun Mud Spa, one of the best mud spas in all of Thailand. While here, enjoy a 30-minute Mud Facial Treatment.

Enjoy Lunch at the Phu Klun Restaurant

Tham Lod Cave & Overland Transfer to Chiang Mai

Enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Thailand with some fascinating stops enroute; the road winds through incredible scenery, where something wonderful waits around every corner. The drive will take approximately 3 1/2 hours

Along the way, enjoy a visit to **Tham Lod**, a spectacular cave complex through which the **Nam Lod Creek** flows; while here, you can **explore the cave by bamboo raft**.

Visit **Bi-orchird farm**, visit Orchird nursery then continue to Chiang Mai
Arrive Chiang Mai transfer to your hotel.
Overnight in Chiang Mai

Day 06 – September 29 or October 19, 2023) Chiang Mai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

Tuk Tuk Driver for the day with elephant experience (Private Tour)

08:30 AM: Pick you up from your hotel in Chiang Mai and you'll then transfer by private minivan to The Tuk Tuk Club's base, nestled in the Mae Wang valley, around 45-60 minutes from the city.

09:00 – 09:30 AM (APPROXIMATELY)

On arrival in **Mae Wang**, our team will introduce you to your Tuk Tuk for the day. All our **Tuk Tuks** have been specially modified to cope perfectly with the lovely mountain roads and to give you extra comfort and leg room (there is even a sunroof if you'd like!) to get the most out of your day. There's no air-conditioning but the breezes in the back seat are perfect and keep you right in the heart of everywhere you visit.

You will then head off in a convoy of wonderful bright orange Tuk Tuks through the Mae Wang valley. Passing through small farming villages and along twisty roads your first stop is the remote and rarely visited **temple of Wat Doi Sapanyoo**. Huge Buddha statues and stunning 360 degree views await.

Then it's back into the Tuk Tuks and more rural villages where visitors are still a novel rarity giving a great opportunity to see life well off the beaten track as we head North up the valley towards **Mae Sapok**, a stunning 'picture postcard' valley with rice terraces, water buffalo and often elephants hanging out by the local stream. You'll take a short walk through the forest to a forest waterfall where, depending on the water levels, you can even sit in the pools to cool down!

12:30 PM (APPROXIMATELY)

By around 12:30pm you'll arrive in your Tuk Tuks at a small, private elephant home where you'll have a filling and tasty Thai lunch to make sure you have the energy for afternoon's adventures.

At the elephant home you'll learn about the **history of the Thai elephant** and also about the moves people are making to create better and better futures for them.

Once you've been introduced to the elephants – who have been taken out of a life of **trekking and** can no relax and enjoy their time more naturally – you'll be able to **help the mahouts feed them** and then **walk with the mahouts and their elephants (NOTE: No elephant riding is allowed)** through the local countryside to the river where you'll help the mahouts wash the elephants – a fantastic experience for you and the elephants!

Now it's time to enjoy travel of a slightly different kind **as you float lazily along the local river on a traditional bamboo raft**. Don't worry, there are no big rapids along the way! Rather this is a great way to see the local surroundings from a different angle and have a huge amount of fun negotiating the twists and turns of the river as your expert rafter guides you downstream.

Once you've finished your bamboo rafting it's time to jump back into the back seat of your Tuk Tuk and wind your way back down the valley perhaps enjoying a well deserved cold beer as you travel along the beautiful curving roads sweeping gently down the valley – and keep your camera handy to catch the surprise of local communities seeing a convoy of Tuk Tuks in this out of the way location.

4:45 PM (APPROXIMATELY)

By around 4:45PM you'll arrive back at The Tuk Tuk Club base in Mae Wang, say goodbye to your trusty vehicle and transfer back to your hotel in Chiang Mai arriving between 5:30 and 6:00PM giving you plenty of time in the evening to reflect on the incredible day you've had and the fact that you're now a member of The Tuk Tuk Club!

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- We recommend lightweight cool clothes (shorts and t-shirts are perfect) for the trip. You may also like to bring an extra pair of shorts / t-shirt to change into after you've been bathing the elephants and rafting.
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- Passionate, professional Tour Guides with you every step of the way
- An experienced Tuk Tuk driver meaning you can sit back, relax and enjoy the views
- A genuine rural Thailand experience as you meander through small farming communities and villages
- A visit to a local elephant home where you'll learn about, feed and walk with the elephants and then help their mahouts bathe them in the local river. *NOTE: No riding is allowed at this home*
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- Bamboo rafting along the local river
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- The best 1 Day Adventure in Chiang Mai!

Overnight in Chiang Mai

Day 07 – September 30 or October 20, 2023: Chiang Mai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

07:30 a.m. – Pick up from the hotel for a half-day Colours of Chiang Mai by van or by bike

Our Colors of Chiang Mai tour is a 4-5 hour amazing **bike or van (please advise which you prefer)** adventure through the southern part of Chiang Mai. The northern city Chiang Mai, known as the 'Rose of the North', maintains the allure it has held for travelers for centuries.

During the trip participants will learn and see parts of the rich cultural background of Chiang Mai.

The route takes us on quiet and green land roads, **passing the historic settlement Wiang Kum Kam**, founded in 1286 by King Mengrai. It was the capital of the Lanna empire for a period of only 10 years. We will see temples and ruins dating back hundreds of years.

We make a stop at a local temple enroute. The guide can tell you everything about this temple and about Buddhism in general.

Furthermore, we visit the **McKean rehabilitation center**; a former leper colony, once cut off from the outside world. Nowadays it is a rehabilitation center for people with many kinds of physical disabilities.

We continue our Chiang Mai bike or van tour and stop at an **elementary school mostly attended by hilltribe children**.

The ancient Lanna empire produced some of the finest ceramics ever to have been made. These days the northern region still is the major center of Thailand's pottery industry. **At a small pottery** we watch the craftsmen make different shapes of pottery by hand.

Riding along the **Ping River** we breathe in the local atmosphere that makes Chiang Mai so special.

We stop at a local bakery where we have a delicious sweet bun while watching them produce many other different products.

At the **market** we see the same products back in small traditional shops; and here you have the opportunity to sample some of the most delicious and exotic fruits and other snacks.

During the Colors of Chiang Mai bicycle or van tour we stop every hour for a short rest and provide you with drinking water or a soft drink. Halfway through the trip we provide a small Thai meal (Khao Soy Kai) in a local restaurant.

Discover the hidden places of Chiang Mai through this recreational, cultural and educational half day Chiang Mai bicycle or van tour. Join this adventure to the unbeaten paths and to sites where old traditions continue to live on.

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Day 08: October 01 or October 21, 2023 - Chiang Mai - Phuket or Chiang Mai / Return or Chiang Mai – Hanoi if you start before Vietnam (this airfare is not included)

Transfer to Chiang Mai Airport.

*** End of services ***

Package Pricing for Thailand itinerary 1

Rates are quoted in Thai Baht (THB) per person (Half twin / double sharing room) converted in USD exchange rate on April 4, 2023

Period: September – October 2023

Minimum 6 persons

Price per person double / twin occupancy: USD2370.00

Accommodations:

Bangkok – The Peninsula Bangkok – Deluxe room or similar

Mae Hong Son – Fern Resort – suite room or similar

Chiang Mai – Anantara Chiang Mai Resort – Deluxe river room or similar

*Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternative accommodation will be offered *

NOTES: Tour price is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories. Price is subject to change due to availability and increase of fuel cost

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Tours, Transfers with English speaking guide (different tour guide in each station)
- Accommodation in Double & Twin sharing room with daily breakfast for 7 nights, 5 local lunches and 1 street food dinner no drinks.
- All admission fees on the above tour mentioned
- Service charge and current government tax
- Tips to local guides and drivers

SERVICES EXCLUDED

- Thailand Visa
- Airport assistance service
- International and Domestic air-tickets
- Early check in & late check out at hotels
- Single room supplement & supplement surcharge
- Expenditure of a personal nature i.e. laundry, telephone bills, drinks, souvenirs etc.
- Other meals and all beverages & drinks
- Supplement charge for festivals and special events upon arrival
- No guide and driver standby on free day
- Optional tours
- tips to elephant keepers

CONDITIONS:

Service Cancellation Free cancellation 30 days in advance.
Less than 30 days 50% charge total package price
Less than 7 days 100% charge

Deposit Requirement Full prepayment 30 days before arrival

NOTE:

- Tour price could be subject to change if increase of fuel cost
- Program could be subject to change due to local conditions
- Non-refundable for unused services, splitting of package is not allowed
- Normal check-in time at hotel is 14:00hrs & check-out time at hotel is 12:00hrs noon

NO REFUNDS:

Please note that no refunds will be made for any services provided in the package that your clients do not use.

NOTES FOR POLITE DRESS:

For visiting temples and cultural sites, ladies should wear short-sleeved top with full-length trousers or knee-length skirts. Gentlemen should wear trousers and short-sleeved shirts for religious reasons. No sandals or flip-flops are allowed.

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10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS – THAILAND PROGRAM 2
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Note: The following is a guideline and subject to change due to local conditions, etc.

Day 01- September 24 or October 14, 2023 – Arrive Bangkok (B, D – local street food)

After collecting your luggage, proceed to Gate B (Door 3) in the Arrival Hall (Second Floor), where you will be met by your guide and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to your hotel. Your guide will be holding a sign with your names. Transfer to your hotel.

The regular check in time is at 14:00, early check in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Private tour (Afternoon)

Meeting Point: Hotel Lobby – Grand Palace & Royal Chapel

Welcome to The Grand Palace, Thailand's most important landmark, where you will be awed by the grandeur and majesty of the building and its throne halls. Note the detailed ornamentation. The Royal Chapel is Thailand's most important and sacred Wat.

Longtail Boat Ride on the Chao Phraya River

Board a long-tail boat and travel along the Chao Phraya River. Observe the Thai lifestyle the contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the River.

Wat Arun

Visit Wat Arun, 'Temple of Dawn'. This monumental 86-meter Khmer-style prang, one of the largest religious monuments in the country, towers above the Chao Phraya to form Bangkok's most impressive and famous landmark. Wat Arun symbolically represents the Buddhist universe, with its trident-capped central tower indicating Mount Meru and the four smaller towers depicting the four worldly oceans. Reflective beauty comes from thousands of multi-glazed Chinese porcelains embedded into the structure by Buddhist devotees

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Evening – Tuk Tuk Food tour – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Duration 4 hours

Enjoy a night spent exploring Bangkok via Tuk-Tuk, so named for the sound emitted from its small capacity, two- cycle engine.

Your evening of adventure begins as you embark upon your 4 hour open-air journey that will take you past bustling markets, ancient temples and savory street food as you witness the city come alive under a glistening stream of vibrant night lights. Continue to Wat Prayoon, standing out from the rest of the city's temples thanks in part to its iconic red fence, fashioned out of ancient lances, swords and axes. The temple was built during the reign of King Rama III and features a low-rise Turtle Mountain housing spirits dedicated to the deceased.

From there, pass by the Memorial Bridge, stretching over the Chao Phraya River.

At the Giant Swing, learn about the prior influence of Brahmanism in Thailand. The nearly 70-foot swing was originally built in 1784 to serve as an integral part of Brahmin ceremonies.

Enjoy a visit to the Flower Market, where you will see numerous varieties of exotic orchids and sweet smelling flowers. The buzz in this market is best experienced at night during which busy vendors load their wares up and down their mopeds.

Travel to Yaowarat Road, home to Bangkok's thriving Chinatown District. Here you will find an array of gold shops, exotic markets, historic buildings and colorful snacks. Visit a local restaurant where you can sample mango sticky rice. Return to your hotel for overnight.

Day 02 – September 25 or October 15, 2023 : Bangkok (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day private tour:

Mahachai Market & Maeklong Railway Market

Visit Mahachai Market, a lively local market perfect for gaining a glimpse of the daily Thai lifestyle. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the infamous Railway Market.

The Maeklong Railway Market first opened in the early 20th Century as a way for local fishermen to sell their daily catch from the Gulf of Thailand; as operations expanded, a railway was later built to allow the fishermen to deliver their goods to provinces throughout the country with a level of efficiency never before possible.

While the addition of the railway afforded the fishermen new business opportunities, one drawback was the fact that the new tracks cut directly through the existing market; undeterred, vendors continued to line their wares alongside both of the tracks, a tradition which remains today.

As you stroll through the market, you will quickly realize why the market is also known as the Umbrella Pulldown Market - as the horn of an approaching train goes off, merchants quickly pull back their overhead tents in unison while at the same time making sure to clear the tracks of any remaining wares.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

Afterward, enjoy a visit to the famous Damnoen Saduak Market.

Upon arrival, explore the local floating market where farmers congregate on canals each morning in produce-laden boats. This is Thailand's most authentic floating market.

While here, wander alongside the winding canals lined with remote villages, gardens, and plantations in search of mouth-watering Thai food, clothing stalls, and so much more.

Return back to Bangkok. Arrive Bangkok and visit

Wat Pho. Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha)

Wat Pho is the oldest and biggest temple with the largest number of pagodas (95 in all) in the city. Also, it was the first open university of Thailand which offered courses in several branches of knowledge like literature, astrology, medicine and massage.

Return to your hotel. **Overnight in Bangkok**

Day 03 – September 26 or October 16, 2023 : Bangkok - Mae Hong Son (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Mae Hong Son.

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Explore the Resort's Walking Trails

After checking in at the resort, spend the afternoon exploring the walking trails that surround you. Tucked away close to the Burmese border and hemmed in by the mountains surrounding the Pai River Valley, Mae Hong Son is a sleepy little town. It is a setting fit for Shangri-La, complete with swiftly flowing rivers and waterfalls, exotic hill tribes that contribute to the local culture, color and ambiance, fertile valleys edged with rice terraces, and exhilarating crisp mountain scenery.

Overnight in Mae Hong Son

Day 4 – September 27 or October 17, 2023 – Mae Hong Kong Son (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

08.00 am Meet your guide at hotel lobby.

Tiger Bean Hands-on Experience

This morning, learn about the Tiger Bean, a famous specialty product grown right here in Mae Hong Son. Adorned with a one- of-a-kind tiger pattern, the beans grown here have a sweet, mouth-watering taste like no other.

Pause for lunch at a Rice Field Garden Restaurant (on your own); the cost of lunch is payable directly to the restaurant.

Padaung Village

A scenic boat ride along the Pai River will bring you to one of the region most colorful hill tribe villages, Padaung Village, **the home of the long-neck Karens**. This **small refugee camp is only 3 miles away from the Burmese border, populated primarily by the Kayan and Kayaw ethnic subgroups**.

Commonly referred to as the “long-neck” women, the villagers here were originally Karen refugees from Burma (**Myanmar**); most of the women wear beautiful brass spirals around their neck and legs, which were a sign of wealth in the old days.

After your visit to the village, enjoy a visit to **Wat Jong Klang** before you head back to your hotel. Return to your hotel

Overnight in Mae Hong Son

Day 05 – September 28 or October 18, 2023 - Mae Hong Son- Chiang Mai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

8.00 AM: Meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby.

Phu Klon Mud Spa

This morning, kick off your day with a visit to the Phu Klon Mud Spa, one of the best mud spas in all of Thailand. While here, enjoy a 30-minute Mud Facial Treatment.

Enjoy Lunch at the Phu Klon Restaurant

Tham Lod Cave & Overland Transfer to Chiang Mai

Enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Thailand with some fascinating stops enroute; the road winds through incredible scenery, where something wonderful waits around every corner. The drive will take approximately 3 1/2 hours

Along the way, enjoy a visit to **Tham Lod**, a spectacular cave complex through which the **Nam Lod Creek** flows; while here, you can **explore the cave by bamboo raft**.

Visit **Bi-orchird farm** , visit Orchird nursery then continue to Chiang Mai

Arrive Chiang Mai transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Chiang Mai

Day 06 – September 29 or October 19, 2023) Chiang Mai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel.

Tuk Tuk Driver for the day with elephant experience (Private Tour)

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08:30 AM: Pick you up from your hotel in Chiang Mai and you'll then transfer by private minivan to The Tuk Tuk Club's base, nestled in the Mae Wang valley, around 45-60 minutes from the city.

09:00 – 09:30 AM (APPROXIMATELY)

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Day 08: Chiang Mai - Phuket

CNX-HKT WE 209 13:00 - 14:30 (own arrangement)

Transfer to the Chiang Mai Airport.

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Transfer to hotel

**Meal: Breakfast
 Overnight in
 Phuket**

Day 09: Phuket - Phi Phi island tour (Join in activities & Private transfer)

Visit Phi Phi Islands and all their highlights with an early tour to guarantee the best day experience! Start your day exploring Maya Bay, the location of the movie "The Beach", finally open after 3 years.

Swim in Pileh Lagoon as seen in the movie, climb to the unforgettable Phi Phi Island viewpoint, discover the Phi Phi Islands underwater world as we will stop 2 times for snorkeling and enjoy a nice picnic lunch on the white sandy beach in Bamboo island.

This is absolutely the best and better tour of the Phi Phi Islands that you're looking for your holiday: it's all inclusive service, full day program with different activities and you'll meet your experienced, friendly and multi-language tour guides that will show you the most amazing places of this beautiful archipelago of the Andaman Sea.

Drop off: 15.30 – 15.45 Hrs. back to the pier in Phuket, private land transfer back to hotel

**Meal: Breakfast/
 Lunch Overnight in
 Phuket**

Day 10: Phuket departure

Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

*** End of services ***

**Package Pricing – valid September – October 2023 minimum 6 persons
 Rates are quoted in Thai Baht (THB) converted to USD on April 4, 2023 per person (Half twin sharing room)
 Hotel Var A – USD2735.00**

Destinations	Hotel Var A	
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Phuket	Katathani Phuket Beach Resort - Grand Deluxe	

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NOTES:

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- Tips to tour guide and drivers

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Less than 30 days 50% charge

Less than 7 days 100% charge

Not included in package tour

Bangkok / Chiang Mai

PG/BKK – CNX **AIRFARE N=USD184.00/ per ticket

INCL TAXES//CHANGE PERMITTED/NO SHOW CHARGE/REFUND WITH FEE/BAGGAGE 30 KG

Chiang Mai / Phuket

PG/CNX - HKT **AIRFARE N=USD298.00/ per ticket

INCL TAXES//CHANGE PERMITTED/NO SHOW CHARGE/REFUND WITH FEE / BAGGAGE 30 KG

Phuket / Bangkok

PG/HKT - BKK **AIRFARE N=USD199.00/ per ticket

INCL TAXES//CHANGE PERMITTED/NO SHOW CHARGE/REFUND WITH FEE / BAGGAGE 30

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PASSAPORTE ATE 30 DE JUNHO**

LAOS VISA ON ARRIVAL IN LUANG PRABANG – VISTO DE LAOS NA CHEGADA
(APROXIMADAMENTE
USD30.00-4500 _____

TRAVEL DATES – FLIGHTS CONFIRMED -/ DATA DE VIAGEM VOOS _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE – SEGURO DE VIAGEM _____

ROTEIRO / ITINERARY _____

PAYMENT / FORMA DE PAGAMENTO VISA ____ MASTERCARD ____ CHECK / DEPOSIT _____

I agree with the conditions of the program

Sign and date

Note:

Braga Travel acts as an intermediary between transportation and airline companies, hotels, tourist offices and all other contractors providing services for tourists. Additional expenses incurred due to delays, accidents, natural disaster, political action and unrest must be borne by the clients. Programs and tours prices are based on the situation at the time of printing this proposal and could be subject to change due to local conditions. Participation in our tour programs implies the client's agreement to the above. We reserve the right to amend or alter any of the conditions herein without notice from time to time and at its sole discretion.



Credit Card Authorization Form

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

I authorize Braga Training Consultants / Braga Travel Consulting / CHINALIFE, Miami,
Florida to charge the BTC package tour _____

Charges incurred in the amount of US\$ _____

Please circle one type:

VISA [] MASTERCARD []

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name Reservation Booked Under: _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Name (As appears on Card) _____

Billing Address _____

City, State, Postal Code, Country _____

Phone: _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Email address: _____

PLEASE EMAIL A COPY OF THE FRONT AND BACK OF CREDIT CARD AS WELL

AS A COPY OF THE CARDHOLDER'S PASSPORT TO bonniebraga@msn.com. Thank you.
