

Thailand: Treasures and Tribes
June 10, 2008 – June 23, 2008

Day 1 Monday, June 10, 2008

Depart from the United States.

Day 2 Tuesday, June 11, 2008 Overnight: Bangkok

Welcome to the Kingdom of Thailand. After time to unpack and relax, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3 Wednesday, June 12, 2008 Overnight: Bangkok

Discover Bangkok today with a visit to the Buddhist temples of Wat Arun, Wat Phra Kaew, the most important of Thailand's temples, and the Grand Palace. Continue your travels by *tuktuk*, a three-wheeled taxi, along the Chao Phraya River to Chinatown, where the streets are full of vendors selling gold, textiles, and souvenirs.

Day 4 Thursday, June 13, 2008 Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Depart for Kanchanaburi today. After a tour of the Don Rak War Cemetery and JEATH War Museum, ride the infamous River Kwai Railway and reflect upon the experiences of the Asian and Allied laborers that built it. After a visit to a Mon Village and school this afternoon, experience a traditional Mon folk dance performance as you enjoy dinner.

Day 5 Friday, June 14, 2008 Overnight: Chiang Mai

Return to Bangkok for a flight to Chiang Mai. This afternoon, tour the Doi Suthep Temple. Built on a 3,500-foot-high hill, it provides visitors with dramatic views of Chiang Mai and the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a *Kantoke* dinner tonight and be entertained by a Northern Thai Dance.

Day 6 Saturday, June 15, 2008 Overnight: Chiang Mai

Travel to the village of Baan Tawai today and hike to the Mae Klang and Vachiratharn Waterfalls. After lunch, visit the Napa-Maytineedon and Napapon-Phummisiri pagodas. Then travel to the traditional Meo Hill tribal village. On the return journey to Chiang Mai, stop to visit a primitive Karen Hill Tribe Village.

Day 7 Sunday, June 16, 2008 Overnight: Mae Hong Son

Fly to Mae Hong Son, the capital of the Mae Hong Son province. The strong Burmese influence in this town is seen as you visit the temples of Wat Jongklang, Wat Doi Kong Moo, and the Buddha image of Wat Hao Wieng.

Day 8 Monday, June 17, 2008 Overnight: Mae Hong Son

This morning, you'll travel by boat along the Pai River to the village of the Pa Dong Long-Necked Tribe, where female tribe members lengthen their necks through the use of metal rings. This afternoon and evening are free for you to enjoy in Mae Hong Son.

Day 9 Tuesday, June 18, 2008 Overnight: Pai

Drive to the huge cave complex of Tham Lod and see the prehistoric coffins and cave formations. Then visit the unique fish caves, before continuing on to Pai. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant along the way.

Day 10 Wednesday, June 19, 2008 Overnight: Thaton

Travel to Mae Malai today. After lunch, get a different perspective of the countryside on an elephant ride. This afternoon board jungle rafts for a view of Thailand from the water.

Day 11 Thursday, June 20, 2008 Overnight: Chiang Rai

This morning, enjoy a boat ride on the Kok River and visit Baan Mai and a Hill Tribe village along the way. Drive to Yao and the Akha Hill Tribe villages. This afternoon continue to Chiang Rai where the evening is free.

Day 12 Friday, June 21, 2008 Overnight: Chiang Rai

Travel to Mae Sai and then to the fabled Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Burma, and Laos meet. After lunch, continue to Chiang Saen, the first capital of the Lanna Kingdom. Return to Chiang Rai for dinner.

Day 13 Saturday, June 22, 2008 Overnight: Bangkok

After breakfast depart for the airport and fly back to Bangkok. Your final day in Bangkok is free for last-minute souvenir shopping or perhaps a visit to the National Museum.

Day 14 Sunday, June 23, 2008

Depart for the United States.