

From the bustling metropolis of Bangkok to the serenity of Saiyoke National Park, you will gain a broad understanding of this spectacular kingdom. Navigate the Chao Phraya River canals and battle for bargains at busy markets. Experience the warmth of the Thai people and test your spice threshold with their flavorful cuisine.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide; 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director



Entrances: Boat tour of Chao Phraya River and Klongs; Grand Palace; Summer Palace of King Rama IV; Mae Taeng Valley and Elephant Nature Park; Hill-tribe villages; Wat Phra That Doi Suthep; Sukhothai Historical Park; Saiyoke Yai Waterfall and National Park; Wat Pa Lelai Monastery; "Death Railway" train ride; JEATH Museum; Damnoen Saduak floating market



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 9 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (12 with extension); Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily





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# **YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.**

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, weShare, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

- MELISSA, TRAVELER

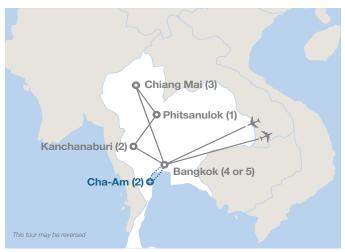




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## What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly to Thailand

#### Day 2: Bangkok

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Bangkok, home of gleaming silver skyscrapers, ancient jewelbox temples and serene Buddhist monasteries. While here, you'll see how ancient traditions govern the behavior of a modern people, and how the timeless merges with the contemporary. Experience this enduring and spirited culture on a boat ride along the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi klongs (canals), where ornate homes and gilded temples once earned Bangkok the name the "Venice of the East." Visit the Grand Palace, an enormous royal compound from commoners. Gaze upward at the golden spires of this architectural masterpiece, and enter the Royal Chapel (Wat Phra Kaew) that houses the most sacred Emerald Buddha.

#### Day 3: Bangkok

- Take an expertly guided tour of Bangkok
- Take a boat tour of the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi klongs
- See the Temple of Dawn
- Visit the Grand Palace
- See the Temple of the Emerald Buddha
- Enjoy a Thai dinner with classical dances

#### Day 4: Ayutthaya | Bangkok

- Tour Ayutthaya
- Visit the Summer Palace of King Rama IV
- Return to Bangkok by boat

#### Day 5: Ratchaburi | Kanchanaburi

- Travel to Ratchaburi
- Visit the Damnoen Saduak floating market
- Travel to Kanchanaburi
- Visit the JEATH Museum and World War II Cemetery, dedicated to the victims of the Death Railway Bridge. The museum houses photographic exhibits, memorabilia and paintings. After visiting the World War II Cemetery, head over the bridge over the River Kwai. The current bridge is a reconstruction of the original Death Railway Bridge, built under torturous conditions by World War II prisoners to connect segments of the Japanese empire. One of Thailand's most beautiful treasures-Saiyoke Yai Waterfall—is also found in this province. Naturalists love the deep, bluewinged pittas, limestone wren-babblers, wild pigs and tiny Kitti hog-nosed bats that inhabit the dense deciduous forest around the waterfall.

#### Day 6: Kanchanaburi

- Travel to the Saiyoke Yai Waterfall and National Park
- Stop at the Hell Fire Pass Memorial in Burma
- Experience a train ride on the "Death Railway"

#### Day 7: Kanchanaburi | Phitsanulok

- Travel via Suphanburi to Nakhon Sawan
- Visit the Wat Pa Lelai Monastery
- Travel to Phitsanulok

#### Day 8: Sukhothai | Chiang Mai

- Visit the Sukhothai Historical Park
- Travel to Chiang Mai
- Visit San Kamphaeng and Bor Sang

#### Day 9: Mae Taeng Valley | Chiang Mai

 Visit the Mae Taeng Valley to visit the Elephant Nature Park

#### Day 10: Chiang Mai | Bangkok

- Visit Baan Tong Luang to meet several hill tribe groups
- Visit the Wat Phra That Doi Suthep temple
- Fly back to Bangkok

Day 11: Depart for home

#### **9 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION**

#### Days 11-12: Cha-Am

- Travel to Cha-Am
- Enjoy free time on the beach

#### Day 13: Cha-Am | Bangkok

- Time to explore on your own
- Return to Bangkok

Day 14: Depart for home

The diversity of the experience is what gives this tour its value. I have been blessed to travel quite extensively around the world and this is one of the best trips I have ever done. I am happy that 11 students were with me to share in that experience.

– DAVID, GROUP LEADER



My son had a wonderful trip with so many opportunities that he grew from. I believe he came back so much more appreciative of what he has. He is hopeful to study abroad in Thailand in two years.

- MARY, PARENT OF TRAVELER



## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan and knowledgeable tour guides.

-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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