

Cambodia & Southern Thailand Family Adventure

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CAMBODIA & SOUTHERN THAILAND FAMILY ADVENTURE

Are you looking for a family holiday that's a bit different?

Our family trips are carefully designed to introduce younger travellers to new cultures and local experiences, with plenty of pockets of relaxation along the way. The best part for the adults: everything is taken care of for you! Family tours are suitable for school aged children, parents and grandparents. With fascinating ancient history, abundant outdoor activities and warm, friendly people, Cambodia and Thailand are the perfect match for a travelling family.

The gentle and resilient country of Cambodia has a fascinating history and is rich with cultural experiences for your family. You'll feel as though you've stepped into a movie as you explore World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat. With a 4 night stay in Siem Reap, you'll have time to explore and find your favourite local spots and our local guide will show you theirs, exploring the Cambodian countryside by horseback and the wonderful Tonle Lake by boat.

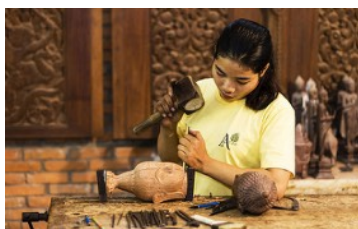
There is more to Thailand than package holidays, and we'll help you discover its hidden gems. Adults and kids alike will have a blast exploring Bangkok like a local on tuk tuks and cycle rickshaws. The food in Thailand is a treat, and the National Parks of Southern Thailand are alive with cheeky animals and spectacular scenery. We'll wrap it all up with some well-earned beach time on Thailand's spectacular South Coast, away from the tourist crowds.

With just the right mix of adventure and relaxation, this is the ideal holiday the whole family will absolutely love.



Day 1, Monday 7th July Departure

Fly from Australia to Siem Reap. (Flight to be advised, and we will provide you with a suggested flight schedule.) We'll meet at the hotel for dinner and a brief welcome meeting for the group. **D**



Day 2, Tuesday 8th July Siem Reap

Welcome to Siem Reap, the cultural centre of Cambodia. Our morning is free to relax and recover from the flight. Enjoy a swim in the pool or a walk with your family, and we

will meet after lunch to travel to the floating village of Chong Khneas, 10km outside the city. We'll travel by traditional wooden boat on Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia's "Great Lake". More than just a body of water, the lake is alive in everyday life, from houses to markets and vegetable gardens. A very different view to what our kids are accustomed to at home. Afterwards, we'll visit the handicraft centre of Artisans D'Angkor, which creates job opportunities for young people from nearby rural areas. In the evening, we'll have dinner at a local restaurant with an Apsara dance performance; the traditional style of Cambodia. **B/D**



Day 3, Wednesday 9th July

Siem Reap - Temples of Angkor

We'll be up early this morning to experience the bucket list experience of a sunrise over the Angkor Temple. Then, later (after an obligatory coffee), we'll explore the greater ruins, beginning with the Bayon temple, adorned with enigmatic faces that appear to look in every direction. We'll visit the Ta Prohm temple, where the magnificent tree roots have merged over the centuries to create a 'forgotten city' feeling. We'll have a break in the middle of the day and in the afternoon, arrive at Angkor Wat, one of the world's modern wonders. Stroll through the intricately carved hallways that wonder hundreds of fine carvings and discover small shrines still used by local people today. After a fabulous day of exploration, we'll relax at our hotel with dinner and an ice-cold drink. **B/D**



Day 4, Thursday 10th July

Siem Reap

This morning, we'll make our way to the intricately carved temple of Banteay Srei. Many consider Banteay Srei the crown of Angkor art, Banteay Srei is cut from stone of a pinkish hue and includes some of the finest stone carvings



anywhere on Earth. After we finish our morning's exploration you can gauge your family's energy levels and join one of two optional activities or return to relax at the hotel. On the way back to our hotel is a zip-line eco park, where you and your kids can soar through the forest canopy enjoying amazing jungle views as you go. Or a short drive out of town is the Happy Ranch Horse Farm, which offers horseback riding through beautiful Cambodian scenery, passing through rural villages and local life. In the evening have some fun at the innovative Cambodia Circus Show, where performers combine music, dance and modern circus arts into a show that has entertained audiences worldwide. **B/D**



Day 5, Friday 11th July

Siem Reap – Bangkok

This morning we'll take a short flight to Bangkok, arriving at our hotel around lunchtime. The chaotic city of Bangkok is a mix of both

familiar and exotic and always has something to marvel at. This afternoon, it will be the epic Grand Palace, a huge architectural complex over two sq. kilometres in size. The notable Wat Phra Kaew pagoda is a highlight with its unique Buddhist architecture and jade Buddha statue, and the complex is like walking through an outdoor gallery with its murals and carvings. We'll visit nearby Wat Pho, with more than 1000 Buddha statues including a 46m long gold statue. Bangkok is known for its fantastic food, and we'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight. **B/D**

Day 6, Saturday 12th July Bangkok

No visit to Bangkok is complete without a Tuk Tuk ride, and your kids will love the trip down to Chao Praya River, where we'll board a local longtail boat for the trip to the Bang Krachao peninsula. It's a scenic spot to view the city, and we'll meet our local Samlor drivers here. (A Samlor is a traditional Thai bicycle rickshaw and a popular mode of transportation for locals in Bangkok.) They'll take us on a ride through the neighbourhood, passing temples and markets, to see the city from a different perspective. Top it all off with a delicious Thai lunch at a local restaurant, then return to the hotel for a swim and a free afternoon. **B/L**



Day 7, Sunday 13th July

Bangkok – Surat Thani - Khao Sok National Park

We'll have a couple of hours this morning to explore Bangkok, shop, or check out the local markets

before heading to the airport for our flight to Surat Thani. It's approx 2 hours drive to Khao Sok National Park, the wettest spot in Thailand with some of the oldest jungles in the world. As we travel into the park, keep your eyes out for gibbons and other cheeky monkeys who call the park home. Our accommodation for the next two nights is a treehouse-style eco-lodge, which is an experience. Now's the time to relax, slow the pace and soak in the truly special surroundings. As the sun sets over Khao Sok, the jungle symphony begins, and it feels like the jungle comes alive. Our local guide will navigate us on a night safari,

introducing us to the amazing animals. From bats to insects, frogs, deer, and even the elusive jungle cat. Your flashlight will light the way on this exploratory journey. **B/D**

Day 8, Monday 14th July Khao Sok National Park and Chiew Larn Lake

Wake up to the sounds of the rainforest and the mist drifting along the lake. Today we'll explore Chiew Larn Lake by local long-tail boat, taking in the majestic scenery of striking white limestone cliffs surrounded by emerald green waters. Experience the warm hospitality at a local raft house, where we'll stop for swimming, canoeing and to enjoy a traditional homestyle lunch. In the afternoon we'll continue our jungle exploration with either a visit to the Coral Cave or a hike, depending on the weather. **B/L/D**

Day 9, Tuesday 15th July Khao Sok – Natai Beach

We'll say goodbye to the jungle this morning and travel West towards the stunning Andaman Sea. En route, we will visit the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre, which works to allow previously captive gibbons to return to freedom and provide educational sessions for students. The gibbons can't help but put a smile on your face. Whilst Thailand has long been known as a resort destination, pockets of white sandy beaches feel a million miles from the tourist hubs. We'll spend the next three nights enjoying our beautiful beachside location, and dinner is included at the hotel tonight. **B/D**



**Day 10, Wednesday 16th July
Natai Beach - Phuket Elephant Sanctuary**

Today, we'll visit one of Thailand's best-respected elephant sanctuaries in Phuket. This ethical centre rescues sick, injured and old elephants and is endorsed by National Geographic and World Animal Protection. After an educational documentary about elephant protection, we will have the opportunity to feed the elephants. Then, we'll take a guided walk to locate the elephants and observe them foraging and bathing freely in their natural environment. We'll have lunch at the sanctuary, then return to Natai Beach in the afternoon. After a week of adventurous travel, it's time to relax by the beach and enjoy some downtime with your family. **B/L**

Day 11, Thursday 17th July Natai Beach

Your day is free to enjoy a massage, swim in the pool, or relax at the beach. For those interested in a little more shopping before you leave, it's an easy 45 drive to Phuket. Or, if you would like more beach time before heading home, we can add a few more days to your stay. The choice is yours. We'll meet in the early evening for our farewell dinner, where we can share some photos and stories and reflect on the fantastic journey. **B/D**

Day 12, Friday 18th July Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Phuket International Airport for your flight home. **B**



Icon indicates a day where there is **moderate physical exertion**. A basic level of fitness is required: eg. A trek over 'mostly flat' terrain or climbing several flights of steps without the support of handrails or elevators.



Icon indicates a day where there is a **particularly active section**. A good level of fitness is required: eg. A longer trek over non-groomed, uneven terrain, or ascending to reach a panorama. May also include exposure to higher altitude. **An alternate activity may be offered if you choose to sit out an active section.** Please call - we are happy to discuss each tour in more detail.