

Thailand - Ancient Capitals & Countryside

February 24 - March 9, 2010 • 14 Days, 27 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 8 Dinners

Per Person Rates: Double \$3,379 • Single \$3,979 • Triple \$3,349

Deposit due date is 09/24/09. Please call for availability after that date.

***Includes:** Round Trip Air from Kansas City Intl Airport, Hotel Transfers and Departure Taxes and fees of \$400 (subject to increase until paid in full), luggage handling, most meals, complimentary parking while on tour and a post trip reunion luncheon. There is always a Collette Tour Director as well as a 50 Plus Program escort when there are 15 or more travelers.

Not Included: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200 per person, gratuities for Collette Tour Director, local guides and drivers

Highlights... Bangkok • Ayutthaya • Sukhothai • Golden Triangle • Laos • Hall of Opium • Chiang Mai • Elephant Camp • Night Market

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Experience a dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok.
- ★ Spend one night relaxing in a river lodge located on the banks of Wang River, a hideaway for nature lovers.
- ★ Visit the famous Bridge on the River Kwai.
- ★ Breathe in the scent of paradise at a visit to an orchid farm.



Day 1: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Thailand.

Day 2: Thursday, February 25, 2010

Arrive Bangkok, Thailand - Tour Begins

You arrive in Bangkok, located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

Day 3: Friday, February 26, 2010

Bangkok

A vibrant city, today Bangkok is a central economic hub for Southeast Asia. Blending with its modern-day might is a captivating history that more than 10 million inhabitants call their own. A city tour of Bangkok provides you with insight into the fascinating religious composition of this area during visits to two of Bangkok's famous temples: The Golden Buddha, clad in plaster centuries ago to hide its value from marauders, was rediscovered by a fortunate accident in 1957; The Reclining Buddha is about 150' long and is clad in pure gold. Visit the

Grand Palace, an ornate royal residence built in 1782. ★Tonight you will be treated to a dinner cruise on a rice barge along the Chao Phraya River.★

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 4: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Bangkok

★Travel to the colorful and bustling floating market of Damnoen Saduak and take an exciting long tail boat cruise through the legendary canals, known as Klongs.★ Later, you travel to Kanchanaburi to visit the famous Bridge on the River Kwai. The original bridge inspired the movie about its construction by Allied prisoners of war during WWII who were coerced into building it by Japanese troops. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 5: Sunday, February 28, 2010

Bangkok - Ayutthaya - Phitsanulok

A trip through the countryside brings you to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Thailand. Founded in 1350 by King U-Thong, Ayutthaya's Golden Age of over 400 years of prosperity came to



an abrupt end when the Burmese invaded and ravaged it before abandoning the city for the jungle. The Ayutthaya Historical Park, located on the ruins of the ancient city, is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and holds spectacular ruins dating from the 14th century. After a moving visit, continue to Phitsanulok for the evening.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Monday, March 1, 2010

Phitsanulok - Sukhothai - Lampang

Journeying north to Sukhothai, which presided as Thailand's capital from 1238-1376, you'll explore this walled city that created a legacy of a unified nation of Thai people and has a phenomenal artistic heritage. The impressive assembly of elegant ruins is one of the most visited ancient sites in Thailand. Later, arrive in Lampang, the north's second largest town and an important center for the teak industry. Lampang is located in a picturesque valley surrounded by mountains. Relax this evening at your hotel located on the banks of the Wang River, a popular hideaway for nature lovers. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Lampang - Chiang Rai

Travel through the countryside to Chiang Rai in the heart of the Golden Triangle. Founded in 1262 by King Meng Rai, Chiang Rai was the first capital of Lanna Thai, the "Kingdom of One Million Rice Fields." Upon arrival, enjoy some leisure time at your hotel situated on an island in the Mae Kok River.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 8: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Chiang Rai - Doi Tung - Chiang Rai

This morning, travel to the highest peak on the Thai-Myanmar border. En route you have the opportunity to view many different Lahu and Akha Hill Tribe villages as well as picturesque terraced farming areas. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Mother of Thailand, realized that education was critical in the reduction of opium cultivation. Learn about her efforts at the Doi Tung "Flag Mountain" Development Project, created to help improve the lives of the local villagers by offering alternatives to opium agriculture

and use. ★Next, take a leisurely stroll through the spectacular Mae Fah Luang Foundation, "Mother to Us All Garden," inspired by the much-loved Princess Mother's living in Switzerland.★

Learn about many traditional local crafts at the Cottage Industries Center and Outlets, where you will find woven textiles, hand-made mulberry bark paper and mountain-grown coffee beans.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Thursday, March 4, 2010

Chiang Rai - Laos - Chiang Rai

A visit to the Hall of Opium takes you on a journey into this mysterious world. Using state-of-the-art multimedia, the exhibition depicts more than 5,000 years of use and abuse of opiates, its spread throughout the world, and international efforts to control it. Next, enjoy the picturesque landscape along the Mekong River area in the most relaxing way - by long tail boat. Cross the river on this unique vessel to Laos. You will have time to wander through a small village town, send a postcard, get your passport stamped or do some shopping. Return to Chiang Rai for an afternoon at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Friday, March 5, 2010

Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Begin the day traveling south to Chiang Mai, known as the "Rose of the North". This city is famous for diverse cuisine, dialects and architecture, as well as the celebration of many festivals. Tour the cottage industries area and see the local artisans at work. You may shop there for silk, silver, celadon (the distinctive Thai green stoneware) and lacquer at bargain prices.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 11: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Chiang Mai

★A scenic drive to the hills of Chiang Mai brings you to the heart of the Teak Forest where you will witness elephants at work & play at Maesa Elephant Camp.★ Your next stop is a beautiful orchid farm to see many varieties of the national flower of Thailand. Tonight, enjoy a Hill Tribe cultural show and witness the traditions and dance of the Hill Tribe people. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Sunday, March 7, 2010

Chiang Mai

This morning you will visit one of the most interesting temples in Chiang Mai, Wat Phrathat Dio Suthep, which is situated 3,520 feet above sea level. This temple is said to have been founded in 1383 and is a sacred site to many Thai people. Visit a jade actory and learn the history of this luminescent stone. A short film explains the basics of the process of turning jade into jewelry and other products before you watch the craftsmen at work and learn how to tell jade from its imitations. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy strolling, shopping and bargaining at the Night Market. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Monday, March 8, 2010

Chiang Mai - Bangkok

A short flight* brings you back to Bangkok. Today you may wish to take an optional tour of legendary American businessman Jim Thompson's house. This magnificent Thai-styled home contains an extensive collection of art objects and antiques. Thompson single-handedly revived the Thai silk industry after WWII and then mysteriously disappeared. This evening, join your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 14: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Bangkok - Tour Ends

Today your tour concludes in the city of Bangkok.

Today breakfast will be included.

Experience It! Maesa Elephant Camp

Welcome to Maesa, the largest elephant camp in Thailand. Many local families work at the camp to train and tend to the world's largest land animal. And work is what it takes to care for and feed 75 elephants! Each adult elephant eats approximately 550 pounds of food a day, which is why they need to eat continuously. Camps like Maesa cultivate "nepia" grass to offset the enormous financial burden incurred by the huge amounts of food elephants consume daily. Aside from eating, an elephant's morning ritual begins with bath time followed by a talent showcase in which the audience will see first-hand an elephant's amazing feats of skill and strength. A ride on an elephant "taxi" is not to be missed nor is a visit to the camp's nursery where adorable baby elephants will amaze you with their skills in painting, dancing and instrument playing! The Maesa Elephant Camp is entertaining. More impressive, however, is their goal of protecting the endangered Thai Asian elephant through a breeding-in-captivity program, which began in earnest in 1995.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2 - 4	Amari Atrium Hotel, Bangkok
Day 5	Amarin Lagoon Hotel, Phitsanuloke
Day 6	Lampang River Lodge, Lampang
Day 7 - 9	Dusit Island Resort, Chiang Rai
Day 10 - 12	dusitD2 Hotel, Chiang Mai
Day 13	Amari Atrium Hotel, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your vacation. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your vacation if you purchase air through Collette Vacations. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**For more information contact
50 Plus Travel
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913-236-1246**

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

Consumer Protection Plans: Collette Travel Service holds membership in the following highly reputable industry organizations: the United States Tour Operators Association and the American Society of Travel Agents. Each



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Payment of a per person waiver insurance fee guarantees **full refund** on all payments (including deposit), **except the waiver fee itself**, made to Collette Vacations for tour service in case of cancellation for any reason prior to the day of departure. Air inclusive waiver insurance may be purchased only if you purchase your airline tickets from Collette Vacations.

Once on tour, if a passenger has to return home early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, (physician's statement required), payment of the waiver fee to Collette Vacations guarantees full refund for any unused land services after departure from the tour. Payment of the air inclusive waiver guarantees your return transportation, with no additional supplement, utilizing your original airline tickets. In the event you have purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the air waiver does not apply.

The waiver insurance fees are **fully refundable up to 9/24/2009**. Waiver insurance is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. **Waiver Insurance must be purchased at time of first deposit.**

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The waiver insurance fees do not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. The waiver covers cancellation of your trip and does not cover cancellation of the airline portion only.

The waiver insurance fees cover lost, damaged or delayed baggage as well as medical expenses, emergency medical attention and worldwide travelers' assistance. See your booking agent for details.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 340780
DEPARTURE DATE: February 24, 2010

TOUR: Thailand - Ancient Capitals & Countryside
GROUP NAME: Johnson County Park & Recreation
District

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Bangkok

Jim Thompson's House & King Rama V Palace

\$35 USD

Visit the private Thai-style house of Jim Thompson, the "father" of the famous silk industry. This remarkable house was the work of Mr. Thompson, an American who came to Thailand at the end of the Second World War and revived the Thai silk industry. His later disappearance in the Malaysian jungle remains a mystery to this day. The house, now a museum, houses a large collection of Asian art and antiques. Also included is a visit to King Rama V Palace...built in the early 1900's, it is the world's largest building made entirely of golden teak wood, and contains over 80 rooms, halls and ante-chambers. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of passengers is required. Transportation is included.

SPA TREATMENT

\$45 USD

After a long day sightseeing in Bangkok, take some time to relax and be pampered in a traditional Thai spa. Enjoy a wonderful foot, back and shoulder massage to help you unwind from a busy day. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Prepaid Options

Simply check the space provided for the options you would like to purchase and we will include it in your tour documents.

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Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

(Please submit a separate form for each Passenger.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person
✓	Jim Thompson's House & King Rama V Palace	\$35.00 USD
	SPA TREATMENT	\$45.00 USD