



THAILAND & CAMBODIA 2024

NOVEMBER 10 - 23

The best of Cambodia and Thailand! Participate in Loi Krathong Festival. Take care of your own elephants in Chiang Mai. Ride along the klongs in Bangkok, once known as the Venice of East. Be awed by the Khmer masterpiece at Angkor Wat. The sombering feeling at Choeung Ek Killing Fields at Phnom Penh.

DAY 1 • • • •

Arrival into Chiang Mai. Meet your deaf guide at the airport and check into your hotel. Welcome dinner. Stay in Chiang Mai for 4 nights. [D](#)

DAY 2 • • • •

Each of us would be spending all day at a rescue sanctuary dressed up in mahout outfits and learning how to take care of our own elephants, including doing a physical examination, feeding, brushing and bathing. Walk with your elephant up a hill for a picnic lunch by the waterfall, and a swim with your elephant afterwards. Do some shopping at the Chang Klan Night Bazaar after dinner. [B,L](#)

DAY 3 • • • •

In the morning, we head up to Doi Suthep, high in the mountain with a beautiful view of Chiang Mai. Free time in the afternoon. Participate in the Yee Peng Sky Lantern Festival, which starts at 4:00 pm. [B,L](#)

DAY 4 • • • •

All day excursion to visit the Wat Rong Seur Ten (Blue Temple) and Wat Rong Khun (White Temple) in Chiang Rai. Participate in the Loi Krathong Festival in the evening. [B](#)

DAY 5 • • • •

In the morning, we fly from Chiang Mai to Bangkok. After being picked up by a deaf van driver, we check into a hotel. Free time in the afternoon to do some shopping at Siam Square (with 5 malls next to each other) or to visit Jim Thompson House. Evening cocktails at a sky bar. Stay in Bangkok for 4 nights. [B](#)

DAY 6 • • • •

In the morning, we visit the splendid Grand Palace, glittering Wat Phra Kaew and Wat Pho, where a 160 foot long Reclining Buddha reside. Then we take a boat tour across Chao Phraya River to Thonburi where we will go through the klongs (canals) with 2 stops at Wat Arun and for lunch. Afterwards, we take the Skytrain back to Siam Square for dinner. [L](#)

DAY 7

Short visit at Setsatian School for the Deaf. Head up to Ayutthaya to see the majestic capital ruins of the Second Kingdom (as Bangkok is the capital of the Third Kingdom). Learn how Ayutthaya rose to prominence after Sukkothai, the capital of the First Kingdom, fell. Return to Bangkok in late afternoon. [L](#)

DAY 8

We head out to Ratchaburi to see the interesting Mae Klong train market, as well as Damnoen Saduak floating market. Return to Bangkok by mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. [L](#)

DAY 9

In the morning, we fly to Siem Reap. Free time in the afternoon. Go swimming in the pool. Enjoy the pub street and night market. Stay in Siem Reap for 3 nights. [D](#)

DAY 10

In the morning, we see deaf as well as “differently abled” craftspeople (artists, painters, embroiderers and sculptors) at Les Artisans D’Angkor. Then the rest of the day will be exploring Angkor Complex sites including Bantey Srey, Bayon Temple, Elephant Terrace and Ta Prohm. [B,L,D](#)

Day 11

We head out to ride on a boat at Tonle Sap Lake, where you get a glimpse of daily life on floating villages, complete with schools, restaurants and hospitals. After lunch, we visit Angkor Wat, including its spectacular sunset view. Humans only circus show in the evening. [B,D](#)

DAY 12

5-hour drive from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh with a lunch stop enroute. Free time in the afternoon, including the option to go swimming or visiting the National Museum and/or the Russian Market. Stay in Phnom Penh for 2 nights. [B,L](#)

DAY 13

Visit Wat Phnom, Lady Penh and Royal Palace. Lunch at a café for good cause, then visit Tuol Sleong Genocide Museum and Choeung Ek Killing Fields. Farewell dinner. [B,D](#)

Day 14

Transfer to the airport for your flight. [B](#)

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\$800 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

\$ TBA
per person /double occupancy

14 DAYS

SMALL GROUP 8 - 14

TOUR LEADER: Dan Brubaker • dan@handson.travel

WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 13 nights in 3-star or 4-star accommodations.
- 21 meals: Breakfast (9), Lunch (7), Dinner (5)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Single entry e-Visa for Cambodia. No visa needed for Thailand.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Domestic and/or international airfares.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- EXTRA COSTS which will be added to the invoice.
 - \$220 for 2 domestic flights (Chiang Mai > Bangkok > Siem Reap)
- Tour begins in Chiang Mai, Thailand and ends in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- There will be limited airport pick up and drop off windows at the start and end of the tour. Early/late arrivals and early/late departures outside of pick up or drop off windows are not included.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms/>
- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel insurance plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. To learn more, please view the following link:

<https://handson.travel/resources/protection/>

- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.