

# EXCURSIONS

## AND HIGHLIGHTS



Bangkok Classic  
 Beautiful Emerald Buddha, Golden Buddha, Chedis of the Kings

- Be Amazed
- 3 Buddhist temples
  - Siamese court
  - incl. lunch
  - Fullday

This tour includes three of the most unusual Buddhist temples in Bangkok: Wat Trimitr with its invaluable Golden Buddha (5 1/2 tons of solid gold) - Wat Po, the most extensive temple in Bangkok, with its colossal Reclining Buddha and the Chedis of the Kings – Wat Phra Keo, which houses the beautiful Emerald Buddha. Afterwards, visit the Grand Palace, one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese court. It used to be the residence of the Kings of Bangkok. Here you will see palaces which were used for different occasions: the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall and the Royal Guest House. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon cruise along the Chao Phraya River - the city's lifeblood - and the canals of Thonburi on the east side of the river reveals scenes at odds with the bustling, modern inner city. Visitors get a glimpse of the serene and simple lifestyle of riverbank dwellers. This picturesque view is what earned Bangkok the title of "Venice of the East." En route, stop at Wat Arun, Temple of Dawn, one of the most attractive temples in Thailand.



Floating Market and Thai Village Show  
 Damnoen Saduak's floating market, Phra Pathom Chedi, Show

- Enjoy
- Boat ride
  - Largest pagoda in South East Asia
  - incl. Lunch
  - Fullday

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The tour includes a boat-ride along the floating market that gives an impression of traditional rural life along Thailand's waterways as well as a visit to Nakorn Pathom; site of the highest Chedi in Thailand called "Phra Pathom Chedi" which is the largest pagoda in South-east Asia. Lunch will be served at the picturesque Sampran Riverside (Rose Garden). Afterwards you will attend the Thai village show which gives you an introduction into Thai life. You will witness ordination into monk hood, fingernail dance, Thai boxing, hilltribe dance, sword-fighting, elephants at work and folk dancing.



### Biking Trip "Bangkok Jungle"

Cycle along paths, minor roads to extraordinary places

#### Explore

- Cycling
- Wilderness
- Ferry
- Villages
- Temples

Across the Chao Phraya river from metropolitan Bangkok is an undeveloped wilderness of waterways and jungle that is like a time trip to the Bangkok of old. Starting downtown, we ride to the ferry and cross the river and cycle along paths, minor roads and walkways through this extraordinary tranquil place, passing through villages, temples and schools en route. We visit a 250-year-old Ayutthaya period temple with a sweeping teak roof. On weekends we also visit a quaint floating market. The trip ends back in town at our starting point.



### Floating Market

Damnoen Saduak's floating market, Phra Pathom Chedi

#### Have Fun

- Boat ride
- Largest pagoda in South East Asia
- Halfday

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### Ayutthaya Cruise Tour & Temples

Bang-Pa-In, the old summer residence, Ayutthaya, Wat Mongkol Borphit

#### Luxury

- Old summer residence
- 3 pagodas
- Incl. lunch
- Fullday

Drive by van or coach to Bang-Pa-In, the old royal summer residence. Continue to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Thailand, to visit Wat Mongkol Borphit, the three ancient pagodas at Wat Srisanpetch and Wat Maha Dhat. Then board the luxurious river boat for lunch and leisurely cruise along the fabled Chao Phya River back to Bangkok.