

Thailand

On the bamboo road to Phuket

The ultimate jungle experience: the croaking of frogs fills the air, mysterious bird calls emerge from the thicket – the nights in our floating hotel are a true adventure, and the buzzing megacity of Bangkok is a world away. We rattle along the River Kwai on the Death Railway and glide through the rainforest on bamboo rafts or SUP boards. An extra dose of excitement awaits us at our nature resort in Khao Sok National Park: accompanied by a ranger, we wander through the wild, with monkeys swinging overhead underneath the jungle canopy. And to round things off, we spend a few relaxing days on the beach island of Phuket – the perfect holiday mix.

- Temples and dream beaches
- The mega metropolis Bangkok
- Rafting on the River Kwai
- Jungle trekking in Khao Sok National Park

13 days

2 Mar. - 14 Mar. 2025

from €2799



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Day 1, Sun, 02.03.2025: Skytrain tour

We land in Bangkok in the morning (flights not included in this Marco Polo tour). Our Marco Polo guide is awaiting our arrival and accompanies us to the hotel. Take a shower, change, rest – then we're off on our first discovery tour. Just like the locals, we take the Skytrain right into the city centre. Hungry? Thailand welcomes us with an array of culinary delights at a traditional restaurant. Later, if you're still feeling energised, come along to the rooftop bar Above Eleven and enjoy the breathtaking view from the 33rd floor while sipping on a cocktail... B/D

Day 2, Mon, 03.03.2025: City of angels

Early risers head to Lumphini Park where the Bangkok locals start the day with tai chi and yoga. After breakfast, we set off on a city tour: first via the Skytrain and by long-tail boat to Khlong Bang Luang, and then by express boat across the Chao Phraya River to Wat Pho with its temple towers, the Royal Palace, and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. We then take the express boat back down the river and still have plenty of time to visit the many "shopping temples" in the city: Siam Paragon, MBK Centre or Terminal 21 close to the hotel – each one has its own unique flair. In the evening, we treat ourselves to a boat trip on the city's numerous canals. B/D

Day 3, Tue, 04.03.2025: Ayutthaya

Excursion to the temple ruins of the former capital city Ayutthaya. Up for a night on the town afterwards? Of course – we're in Bangkok after all! Everything is possible here – from eating street food dinners in the alleyways of Chinatown to clubbing in Southeast Asia's hippest venues. B

Day 4, Wed, 05.03.2025: The call of the jungle

Depart for the long overland trip to the south. Shortly after leaving Bangkok, you're in the countryside. In Samut Songkhram, the market is held on the railway tracks — when a train isn't rattling through, of course... We weave through the bustling floating market on long-tailed boats and afterwards attend a traditional shadow puppet play at Khanon Temple. And then onwards by bus and boat to experience the absolute contrast programme: two nights in a floating hotel. River water showers, candlelight and jungle sounds all included — rainforest romance! B/D

Day 5, Thu, 06.03.2025: On the River Kwai



Spend the morning at your leisure before we explore the River Kwai on bamboo rafts or SUP boards. We enjoy another cosy evening by the warm light of the oil lamps in our atmospheric floating hotel. B/D

Day 6, Fri, 07.03.2025: Travelling on the Death Railway

By boat and bus to Kanchanaburi in the morning. Continue with the Death Railway: the train jolts along the River Kwai, and Thewin tells us the tragic story of this unique railway line. Make sure not to eat too much at breakfast, because when we arrive, we'll be cooking Thai food! Together with our hostess Noi and her team, we chop and sauté the ingredients for our dinner. Make sure you remember the recipe so that you can cook the same dish back home – after today, you'll never need to go to your local Thai restaurant again... B/D

Day 7, Sat, 08.03.2025: Cinematic bridge on the River Kwai

Today, we visit the legendary bridge on the River Kwai and the Death Railway Museum. We then continue to Pranburi. What could be nicer than a sundowner on the nearby tropical beach? B/L

Day 8, Sun, 09.03.2025: Sam Roi Yot

We accompany our guide to the Sam Roi Yot National Park. We pass the fishing village of Bang Pu by boat, then dock at the beaches of the national park for a tour on land. On foot, we climb up a steep slope (approximately 450 metres in altitude) to the spectacular Phraya Nakhon Cave with its cave temple – quite a sweat-inducing climb. The view is definitely worth the effort – especially since the sea is waiting for us afterwards... B/L

Day 9, Mon. 10.03.2025: On the Gulf of Siam

Continue south: en route, we stop at the teak temple of Ao Noi and Chong Krajok Mountain, which is home to countless monkeys. In the afternoon, we head to Prachuap Khiri Khan. The Wat Thang Sai temple complex sits atop Thong Chai Mountain – a magnificent view over the coast awaits you from up here. Then on to our accommodation for the night – once again close to the beach. Fantastic! B

Day 10, Tue, 11.03.2025: Beach tour

We travel parallel to the coastline to the "real" south of the country. The dream beach of Thung Wua Laen beckons us to take a refreshing dip in the sea. Continue to Chumphon. On the Khao Matsee viewing platform, we get a good view of the landscape and capture some amazing shots with our cameras. How about another stop with a holiday feel? Chumphon's beach is only a short drive away in a typical pick-up taxi – if the weather is good, a snorkelling trip to the offshore islands is a perfect way to pass the time. In the evening, the night market attracts visitors with an array of delicacies. B

Day 11, Wed, 12.03.2025: Moving into the great outdoors $\ensuremath{\mathsf{N}}$

Change of scenery: densely forested limestone mountains, deeply carved valleys, mysterious lakes and rivers – Khao Sok National Park is one of the most beautiful places in Thailand. On a canoe tour, we glide through the magical landscape, keeping an eye out for gibbons and magnificent tropical birds in the treetops. In the afternoon, things get really cosy when we settle into our chalets right by the river for two nights. The sounds of tropical wildlife surround us deep into the night... B

Day 12, Thu, 13.03.2025: On foot through the jungle Together with a ranger, we explore the rainforest today. On foot, we follow the jungle expert through the lush plant life. Hear a rustling sound above us? High above our heads, monkeys swing beneath the jungle canopy... So many activities to choose on your free afternoon: tubing on the river or a visit to a jungle village? And a night safari in the evening? At dinner, we have another great time together – Bai bai, Thailand! B/D

Day 13, Fri, 14.03.2025: Lah kon!

Before heading to the airport, we enjoy the sun and natural beauty of the Andaman Sea once again. Transfer to the airport and return home. Don't worry if your return flight doesn't depart until the following day – the first night in Phuket is included in the price of your holiday! B

Phuket extension

Day 13, Fri, 14.03.2025: To the island

Those who have booked the extension can enjoy ultimate relaxation under the sun and on the beaches of Phuket. B

Day 14, Sat, 15.03.2024: Beach life

Enjoy the amenities of the hotel and spend the day at your leisure. B

Day 15, Sun, 16.03.2025: Return journey

Transfer to the airport for your return flight (not included in this Marco Polo tour). B

Flights

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price.

Hotels change		Subject to	
Place	Nights	Hotel Local r	ating
Bangkok	3	Galleria 10	* * *
Kanchanabur	i 2	River Kwai Jungle Rafts	* *
	1	Royal River Kwai	* * *
Hua Hin	2	City Beach Resort	* * *
Chumphon	1	A-Te Chumphon	* * *
Khao Sok	2	The Cliff and River	* * *
Phuket	1	Chanalai Garden	* * *

Hotel (extension)

Phuket 2 Chanalai Garden ***

Travel documents and vaccinations

German nationals require a passport valid for at least six months after the end of their journey for a single entry into Thailand. Up-to-date information on entry requirements and immunisation regulations can be found on the internet.

Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in good local coaches
- Accommodation in a single room or double room for single use in the hotels and resorts specified
- 13 x breakfast, 2 x lunch, 6 x dinner
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide
- Entrance fees according to the itinerary

Included in the tour price (Phuket extension)

- Airport transfers
- 2 nights in a single room with Superior Sea View
- Breakfast

Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon neutral thanks to CO₂e offsetting (www.agb-mp.com/co2).

Price per person from €

14.03. - 16.03.

13 days		
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