

a journey through thai artistic traditions: an immersive 9-day tour

9 Days

Bangkok – Chiang Mai

Immerse yourself in Thailand's rich artistic legacy, exploring the vibrant cities of Bangkok and Chiang Mai. Engage with master artisans, art historians, and experience hands-on workshops that reveal the beauty of Thai art and craftsmanship.



Day 3: Bangkok | Uncover Urban Art and Learn Thai Painting Techniques

Spend the day discovering Bangkok's hidden gems with an art historian as your guide. Stroll through the city's narrow alleyways, admiring urban murals that depict everything from royal customs to daily life in bygone eras. Later, visit Khlong Bang Luang Artist House, a creative hub nestled in a restored 200-year-old wooden building. Learn the fundamentals of traditional Thai painting from a skilled artist and take part in a hands-on workshop where you'll try your hand at Thai-style drawing patterns.



Day 1-2: Arrival in Bangkok | Unveiling the Grandeur of the Grand Palace and Jim Thompson House

Upon arrival in Thailand's bustling capital, enjoy leisure time to acclimate and explore the vibrant city on your own. The following day, dive into Bangkok's artistic and historical heritage with visits to two of its most significant landmarks. Start at the Grand Palace, Thailand's most opulent monument, where the Royal Residence and the sacred Wat Phra Kaew house the revered Emerald Buddha. Continue your journey to the canal-side Jim Thompson House, a museum dedicated to the man who revitalized the Thai silk industry. Meet one of the last artisan families still practicing Thompson's silk-making traditions today.



Day 4: Bangkok | A Serene Escape to Koh Kred Island

Venture to the peaceful island of Koh Kred, located in the middle of the Chao Phraya River, where time seems to stand still. This car-free island is famous for its traditional Mon pottery and laid-back rural atmosphere. After browsing the local market and sampling traditional Thai snacks, visit a pottery workshop to admire intricate Mon ceramics. End the day at a family home, learning to make "kanom krok," a coconut-based snack prepared on a traditional terracotta stove.



Day 7: Chiang Mai | Craft Villages and Textile Museum Exploration

Explore the region's rich artisanal heritage by visiting several craft villages around Chiang Mai. Observe the intricate silk weaving techniques in San Kamphaeng, marvel at hand-painted paper umbrellas in Bor Sang, and discover centuries-old ceramic production in a local workshop. Conclude the day at Pa-Da Cotton Textile Museum, where traditional cotton dyeing and hand-weaving methods are still practiced by local artisans. The museum itself is housed in the former summer residence of a Chiang Mai ruler.

Day 8: Chiang Mai | Private Museum Tour and Thai Cooking Class

Start your day with an exclusive private tour of the Chiang Mai National Museum, led by Emeritus Professor Pongdej Chaiyakut. Gain deep insights into the region's ancient Lanna art and history, from ancient artifacts to modern artistic movements. In the afternoon, join a traditional Thai cooking class at Boonpratana House, where you'll learn how to prepare classic Thai dishes using techniques passed down through generations.

Day 5: Bangkok to Chiang Mai | Culinary Exploration and Night Food Tour

Fly north to Chiang Mai, a city known for its ancient Lanna heritage and thriving arts scene. Chiang Mai is also a renowned food paradise, and as dusk falls, you'll embark on a guided street food tour. Taste a variety of regional delicacies from local food stalls near the iconic Three Kings Monument, a bustling square where locals gather after dark for food, conversation, and relaxation.

Day 6: Chiang Mai | Hands-On Natural Dyeing Workshop

Chiang Mai's long history of traditional craftsmanship is exemplified by its vibrant arts community. Attend a full-day workshop at the studio of Patricia Cheesman, a leading expert on Lao and Thai textiles. Begin the day with an introduction to the history of hand-made textiles before learning natural dyeing techniques, including the intricate Japanese Shibori method. Create your own hand-dyed textile as a personal keepsake from this creative experience.



Day 9: Departure | Farewell to the Arts of Thailand

Bid farewell to Chiang Mai as you prepare for your departure. Enjoy your final moments in the city before heading to the airport for your onward flight, carrying with you the memories and creative inspiration from Thailand's rich artistic heritage.