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THAILAND 2027

Beyond *the postcard*



A kingdom that was never colonised, still keeping its own time. Journeys built around you.

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WELCOME

Thailand with the *volume turned down*

Most visitors meet Thailand in a week: a palace, a beach, a night market. All wonderful. None of it the whole story.

This is a country with a thousand years of kingdoms written in stone, from Dvaravati boundary markers in Isan fields to a Khmer sanctuary on an extinct volcano. It is also a living present: indigo vats fed like children, shadow puppets in the south, ghost masks in Loei, lanterns released on a full-moon night.

Voyjing exists to take you there. Every itinerary is built around the traveller, not a template: your pace, your curiosity, your people. Then we add what a guidebook cannot, an introduction to a weaver, a boatman or a village cook.

Sourav
Founder, Voyjing

THE VOYJING WAY

VOYJING

Three promises, *one journey*

01 Customised, always
The five journeys in this brochure are starting points. Swap a town, stretch a day, add a festival. We rebuild each one around you.

02 Culture you take part in
Dye, cook, listen, taste. We choose experiences where you meet the makers and keepers of a tradition, not only its monument.

03 Off the main road
Nan, Si Thep, Phu Phrabat, Koh Mook. Places that reward curiosity and stay quiet: fewer crowds, longer conversations.

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THAILAND AT A GLANCE

Six regions, *six different countries*

Thailand stretches roughly 1,600 km from the misty Burmese border to the Malaysian frontier. The north was a kingdom called Lanna. The northeast, Isan, answers to the Mekong. The central plains grew rich on rice and rivers. The east is a fruit-orchard coast of gem towns and islands, and the west a border of rivers and rainforest. The south faces two seas. Each has its own food, dialect, festivals and architecture.

CAPITAL	CURRENCY	TIME ZONE
Bangkok	Thai baht (THB)	UTC+7, all year
WORLD HERITAGE	**VISITORS, 2025**	**EMERGENCY LINES**
9 inscribed sites	32.97 million	191 · 1669 · 1155

The North · Lanna

Teak temples, hill towns, cool-season mist and a culture shaped by Shan and Burmese neighbours. Chiang Mai is the capital; Nan, Lampang and Chiang Dao are the quiet chapters.

The Northeast · Isan

Thailand's largest and least-visited region: Khmer sanctuaries, Bronze Age Ban Chiang, Mekong river towns, and a bold cuisine and music tradition all its own.

The Centre · River plains

Where Ayutthaya ruled and Bangkok rose. Canals, orchards and old royal capitals, with Sukhothai, the birthplace of the Thai kingdom, at the northern edge.

The South · Two seas

Limestone karsts, rainforest lakes, fishing islands and ancient Buddhist and Chinese-Thai towns. Shadow puppets, spice and seafood. Different dialect, different rhythm.

The East · Orchard coast

Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat: seafood quays, fruit orchards, a gem-trading town with a French-built quarter, and the islands of Koh Chang and Koh Kood.

The West · River and forest

Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, Phetchaburi and the Burmese border: the River Kwai valley, Erawan's waterfalls and two vast World Heritage forests, Thungyai–Huai Kha Khaeng and Kaeng Krachan.

WHERE WE GO

Five journeys, *one kingdom*



Schematic map: stops are plotted by latitude and longitude; routes are indicative, not road lines. Grey circles are festival and add-on stops.



A KINGDOM IN TIME

Three thousand years, *never colonised*

Bangkok is young. Thailand's story is carved into hill-top sanctuaries, moated towns and sandstone boundary markers far from the capital. Read it in the order it was written.

3,000+ years ago — Ban Chiang
Bronze Age farmers in Udon Thani cast metal, paint pottery with red spirals and bury their dead with offerings. One of Southeast Asia's great prehistoric settlements. UNESCO-listed 1992.

6th–11th century — Dvaravati
Buddhist city-states across the central plains and Isan. Si Thep (UNESCO 2023) and Phu Phrabat (UNESCO 2024) keep moated towns and carved sima stones that marked sacred ground.

10th–13th century — The Khmer reach Isan
Khmer builders raise Phimai and, on an extinct volcano, Phanom Rung, with Muang Tam at its foot. On certain days of the year the sunrise lines up through the sanctuary's doorways.

1238 — Sukhothai, the dawn of happiness
The first great Thai kingdom. King Ramkhamhaeng is credited with the Thai script, and legend sets the first Loy Krathong on its waters. UNESCO-listed 1991.

THE STORY CONTINUES

1296 — Lanna
King Mangrai founds Chiang Mai as capital of the "Kingdom of a Million Rice Fields". Teak temples, lacquer and a manuscript culture still define the north.

1351–1767 — Ayutthaya
For more than four centuries a cosmopolitan river port trading with Persia, China, Japan and Europe, until Burmese forces sacked it in 1767. UNESCO-listed 1991.

1782 — Bangkok
After General Taksin's brief rule at Thonburi, Rama I moves the capital across the river and founds the Chakri dynasty, which still reigns.

1855–1939 — Siam holds its own
Kings Mongkut and Chulalongkorn modernise and negotiate through the colonial age. A constitutional monarchy follows in 1932, and in 1939 Siam becomes Thailand, "land of the free".

2026 — The south joins the list
Wat Phra Mahathat Woramahawihan in Nakhon Si Thammarat is inscribed on the World Heritage list, Thailand's ninth site.

> *"Thailand is the only Southeast Asian nation never colonised by a European power. You can feel it in the way tradition is worn, not displayed."*
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> WHY WE START WITH HISTORY

Voyjing tip: Chronology makes a better route than geography. Our Empires of Stone journey (p.18) walks the timeline from Ayutthaya to the Khmer plateau and the Dvaravati hills.

LIVING CULTURE

Tradition you can *take part in*

In Thailand, heritage is not behind glass. It is brewed in a vat, drummed on a hide, worn as a mask. These are the encounters we weave into our journeys.

ISAN · SAKON NAKHON

A living dye

Indigo vats, called *Mor Kram*, are fed with tamarind paste and tended like a child. Dye your own cloth at Ban Kham Pramong, then browse Indigo Street on Phakram Road, Saturdays and Sundays, 16:00–20:00.

ISAN · LOEI

Phi Ta Khon, the ghost festival

In Dan Sai, dancers wear masks made from giant sticky-rice steamers to honour the Vessantara Jataka, the Buddha's last life before enlightenment. The village spirit medium sets the date each year.

NORTH · NAN

Murals of everyday life

Wat Phumin's 19th-century wall paintings show how Nan's people dressed, traded and loved. Cycle the small old town between temples, then eat beside the Nan River.

SOUTH · NAKHON SI THAMMARAT

Shadow puppets, *Nang Talung*

Leather puppets, lit from behind, tell epic and comic tales in southern dialect. Watch a performance at Ban Nang Talung, the village that keeps the craft.

SOUTH · TRANG

A town that lives to eat

Trang is known for its crisp grilled pork, morning dim sum and seafood. Eat the way locals do, at tables on the pavement, before heading to the islands.

ANDAMAN · SURIN ISLANDS

Sea nomads of the Moken

A Moken village lives within the Surin Islands National Park, which is open only from 15 October to 15 May. We visit with a respectful, small-scale approach.

ON UNESCO'S INTANGIBLE HERITAGE LISTS

Khon
Masked classical dance-drama, 2018

Nora
Southern dance-drama, 2021

Thai massage
Traditional healing art, 2019

Songkran
Thai New Year, 2023

AT THE TABLE

Six regions, *six kitchens*

North

Khao soi curry noodles, herb-flecked *sai oua* sausage and chilli dips served with sticky rice and vegetables.

Isan

Smoky grilled chicken, *som tam* pounded in a mortar, *larb* and sticky rice rolled in the hand.

Centre

Boat noodles, river fish and the balanced curries of the plains.

South

Fiery yellow sour curry, *khao yam* herb rice salad, roti with curry, and seafood landed that morning.

East

Seafood on the quay, Chanthaburi's rice noodles, and orchards of durian, rambutan and mangosteen in season.

West

Ratchaburi's egg noodles, which each shop makes its own way, and river-valley dishes along the Kwai.

Travelling well

Small gestures that open doors.

The wai	Palms together, a slight bow. Return it, and smile.
Shoes	Off at temples and in homes. Follow your host.
Temple dress	Cover shoulders and knees. We tell you before each visit.
Head and feet	The head is high, the feet are low. Never point feet at a Buddha image or a person.
Monks	Women should not touch monks or hand things directly to them. Your guide will show you.
The monarchy	Treated with deep respect. Insults to the royal family are a serious offence under Thai law.

Add a hands-on encounter to any journey: indigo dyeing, shadow-puppet craft, a home-cooked Isan lunch, or a quiet morning at the temple. Just ask.



FESTIVAL CALENDAR 2027

Time your trip to *the moon*

Many festivals follow the lunar calendar. **SET** dates are published; **TBC** dates are announced locally closer to the time.

FEB
5–7 Feb

Chiang Mai Flower Festival SET

CHIANG MAI

Flower-decked floats and arrangements along Nimman Road and through the Old City, at the height of the cool season.

FEB
6–7 Feb

Chinese New Year SET

BANGKOK YAOWARAT · PHUKET OLD TOWN

Lion and dragon dances, firecrackers and street food as Thailand's Thai-Chinese communities welcome the lunar year.

FEB
21 Feb

Makha Bucha SET

NATIONWIDE

A full-moon Buddhist holy day, observed with candlelit processions around temples at dusk.

APR
13–15 Apr

Songkran, Thai New Year SET

NATIONWIDE

Begins as gentle water-pouring over elders' hands and Buddha images. Chiang Mai's moat is the most photogenic; Bangkok's Silom the wildest.

MAY
Mid-May

Bun Bang Fai, the Rocket Festival TBC

YASOTHON · ISAN

Villages launch bamboo rockets to call the rains, a pre-Buddhist tradition. Teams whose rockets fail are thrown in the mud.

MAY
20 May

Visakha Bucha SET

NATIONWIDE

Marks the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing. Merit-making, quiet temples and lantern processions.

JUN–JUL
Mid-Jun

Phi Ta Khon, the Ghost Festival TBC

DAN SAI · LOEI

Masked dancers parade through a small Isan town. The village spirit medium chooses the date, so book flexibly.

THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR

JUL
17–19 Jul

Ubon Candle Festival EXPECTED

UBON RATCHATHANI · ISAN

Giant carved beeswax candles, some several metres tall, parade at the start of Buddhist Lent. Asalha Bucha falls on 18 July, Khao Phansa on 19 July.

SEP–OCT
30 Sep–8 Oct

Phuket Vegetarian Festival SET

PHUKET TOWN

Nine days of Chinese Taoist ritual honouring the Nine Emperor Gods, begun in 1825 by tin miners in Kathu. Poles are raised on 29 September; the gods are sent off on the night of 8 October.

OCT
15 Oct

Naga Fireballs SET

PHON PHISAI · NONG KHAI

On the night Buddhist Lent ends, reddish orbs rise from the Mekong. Their cause is officially unexplained. Tens of thousands gather on the riverbank.

NOV
14 Nov

Loy Krathong and Yi Peng SET

SUKHOTHAI · CHIANG MAI · NATIONWIDE

On the full moon of the twelfth lunar month, krathong of banana leaf and flowers float on rivers, thanking the water spirit. In Chiang Mai, Yi Peng sky lanterns rise at ticketed sites outside the old city. Chiang Mai dates to be reconfirmed.

NOV
Mid-Nov

Surin Elephant Round-Up TBC

SURIN · ISAN

More than 200 elephants parade through town, with mock battles and a vast feast. In 2026 it ran 14–25 November.

NOV
Late Nov

Monkey Buffet Festival TBC

LOPBURI

Some 4,000 kg of fruit laid out for about 2,000 macaques at Prang Sam Yod temple. In 2026 it fell on 29 November.

Build a journey around a festival

Loy Krathong: Festival of Lights, 9–16 Nov 2027, p.20. **Naga Fireballs:** Empires of Stone, 8 Oct departure, p.18. For Phi Ta Khon, Ubon candles or the Phuket festival we design a custom add-on.

SEASONS AND WEATHER

Three seasons, *many climates*

Daytime highs sit between 29 and 37°C every month. What changes is rain and humidity, and the two coasts run on opposite calendars. Pick the season by region, not by country.

NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

Cool and dry

Highs of about 29–34°C and the lowest humidity of the year. Northern nights fall to 16–17°C in December and January. Skies are clear, temples are golden, and the festival calendar peaks with Loy Krathong. Book early: January is the most popular month.

MARCH TO MAY

Hot

April is the hottest month, with Bangkok's average high near 36°C and feels-like temperatures often above 40°C. Burning-season haze settles over the north from February to April and peaks in March. Head for the Gulf coast, high ground or the water. Songkran, 13–15 April, makes the heat a party.

MID-MAY TO OCTOBER

Green season

The southwest monsoon arrives as short, heavy afternoon downpours rather than all-day grey. Rice fields glow, waterfalls run full and the crowds thin. The Andaman coast is wettest; the Gulf islands enjoy their sunniest spells from June to September.

WHEN TO GO, WHERE

The best months, *region by region*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
North Chiang Mai · Nan	●	●	×	×	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
Centre Bangkok · Ayutthaya	●	●	×	×	×	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
Isan Khmer trail · Mekong	●	●	×	×	×	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
Andaman Phuket · Trang · Khao Sok	●	●	●	○	×	×	×	×	×	○	●	●
Gulf Samui · Khanom	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	×	×	○
West Kanchanaburi · Kaeng Krachan	●	●	×	×	×	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
East coast Trat · Koh Kood	●	●	●	●	○	×	×	×	×	×	●	●

● Best ○ Good, with caveats × Hot, hazy or very wet

Editorial guide drawn from regional rainfall and temperature patterns. Conditions vary year to year.

November

Our favourite month. Green after the rains, cool in the north, Loy Krathong on 14 November.

January to February

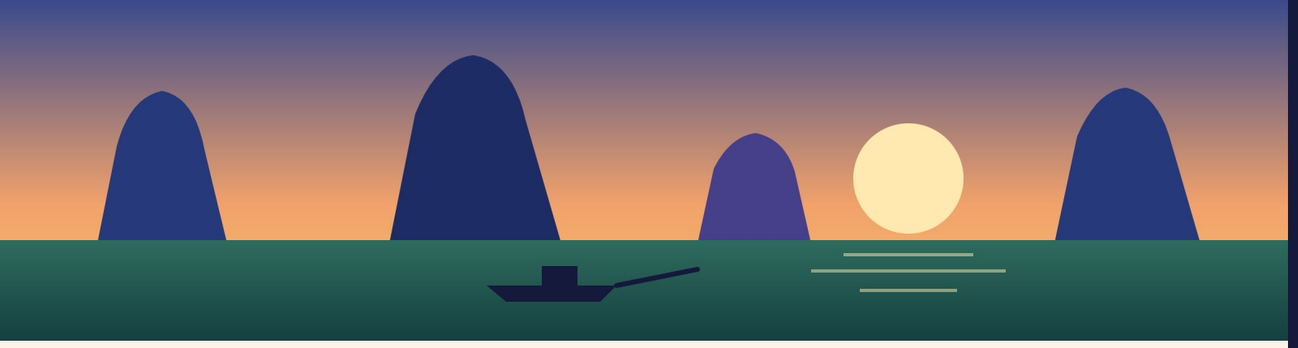
The clearest skies for Khmer ruins and Andaman islands. Northern nights are crisp.

June to September

Gulf coast sunshine, lush Isan, and the Phi Ta Khon and Ubon candle festivals.

Watch out

Trat and Koh Chang are the country's wettest in July. Koh Samui is wettest from October to early December.



BEYOND THE POSTCARD

Eight places *worth the longer drive*

Nan
NORTH · NOV–JAN

A small Lanna old town with Wat Phumin's murals, the Bo Kluea salt wells and the fog-filled Sapan valley. Mostly Thai visitors.

Chiang Dao
NORTH · NOV–FEB

A valley under Thailand's third-highest peak, with a lantern-lit cave temple, a forest monastery up 510 steps and hot springs.

Mae Kampong
NORTH · NOV–FEB

A wooden village at about 1,300 m run as community tourism since the late 1990s. Homestays, oolong tea and a sea of clouds at dawn.

Si Thep
CENTRE · NOV–FEB

A moated Dvaravati town in Phetchabun, a World Heritage Site since 2023, and still far quieter than Ayutthaya or Sukhothai.

Phu Phrabat
ISAN · NOV–FEB

Natural rock outcrops and sacred boundary stones, or sima, set by Dvaravati Buddhists. Inscribed by UNESCO in 2024 as a testimony to that tradition.

Phanom Rung and Muang Tam
ISAN · NOV–FEB

A Khmer sanctuary on an extinct volcano in Buriram, with the lotus-pond temple of Muang Tam at its base.

Koh Mook and Koh Kradan
TRANG · NOV–APR

Swim 80 m into the Emerald Cave on Mook; stay on car-free Kradan, with no village, roads or ATM. Kayak at 07:00, before day boats arrive.

Surin Islands
ANDAMAN · 15 OCT–15 MAY

Five jungle islands in a national park with shallow reefs and a Moken sea-nomad village. Park bungalows and tents are the only beds.

Also worth the detour: Lampang's thousand-year-old Wat Phra That Lampang Luang · Khao Sok's floating bungalows on Cheow Lan Lake · Chanthaburi's stilt village of Rai Phan Din · Kanchanaburi's Erawan waterfalls and River Kwai valley · Khanom's pink dolphins · Bangkok's Bang Krachao green lung.

UNESCO IN THAILAND

Nine World Heritage sites, *seven on our routes*

1991	**Historic Town of Sukhothai and Associated Historic Towns** ■ Cultural · Sukhothai, Kamphaeng Phet	Journey 3
1991	**Historic City of Ayutthaya** ■ Cultural · Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya	Journeys 2, 3
1991	**Thungyai–Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuaries** ▲ Natural · Kanchanaburi, Tak, Uthai Thani	Custom add-on
1992	**Ban Chiang Archaeological Site** ■ Cultural · Udon Thani	Journey 2
2005	**Dong Phayayen–Khao Yai Forest Complex** ▲ Natural · six provinces	Custom add-on
2021	**Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex** ▲ Natural · Ratchaburi, Phetchaburi, Prachuap Khiri Khan	Journey 5
2023	**Ancient Town of Si Thep and its Dvaravati Monuments** ■ Cultural · Phetchabun	Journey 2
2024	**Phu Phrabat, Sima stone tradition of the Dvaravati period** ■ Cultural · Udon Thani	Journey 2
2026	**Wat Phra Mahathat Woramahawihan, Nakhon Si Thammarat** ■ Cultural · Nakhon Si Thammarat	Journey 4

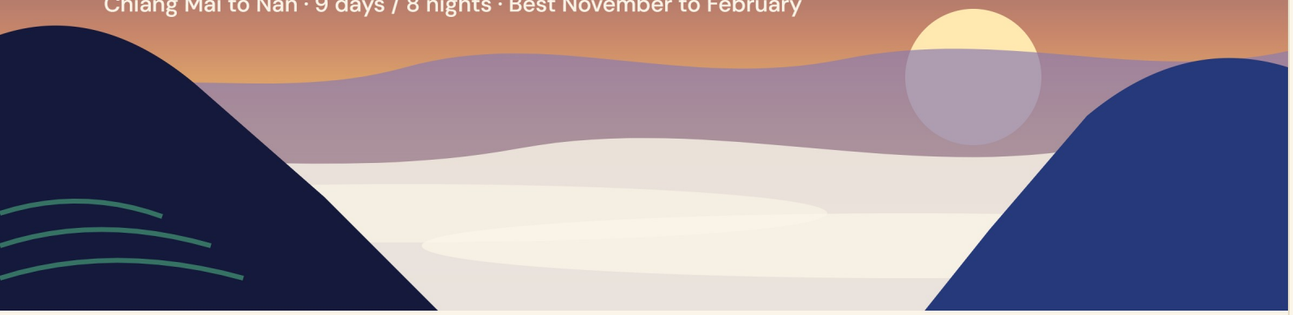
On the tentative list

Chiang Mai, capital of Lanna · Phra That Phanom · the Phanom Rung, Muang Tam and Plai Bat ensemble · Andaman Sea nature reserves · Songkhla and its lagoon settlements · Wat Arun. See them before the crowds arrive.

JOURNEY 1 · LN9

The Lanna *slow road*

Chiang Mai to Nan · 9 days / 8 nights · Best November to February



Follow the old Lanna kingdom north and east, from a walled capital to a mountain valley where the road narrows and the murals begin.

Signature experiences

- Walk Chiang Mai's old city with a heritage guide, then spend an afternoon with a local craftsperson.
- Enter Chiang Dao's lantern-lit cave temple and climb 510 steps to a forest monastery.
- Wake at Mae Kampong, around 1,300 m, to a sea of clouds. Learn about oolong tea from a village family.
- Visit Wat Phra That Lampang Luang, a thousand-year-old temple outside Lampang.
- Read the 19th-century murals of Wat Phumin in Nan, then cycle the old town.
- Drive up to Doi Phu Kha and the Bo Kluea salt wells, above the fog of the Sapan valley.

Designed in

- Eight nights in boutique, heritage and homestay lodgings
- Private vehicle with local driver and English-speaking guides
- Daily breakfast and home-cooked village meals
- Domestic flight from Nan to Bangkok, subject to schedule
- A Voyjing trip designer before you go

Make it yours

Add the 600 km Mae Hong Son Loop with its Shan-influenced towns (four to five extra days). Time the start for the Chiang Mai Flower Festival, 5–7 February. Or swap a night for a hill-top temple stay.

ITINERARY

DAY 01
Arrive Chiang Mai
Meet your host and settle in. An evening walk through the old city's temple lanes ends with a Lanna khantoke dinner.

DAY 02
Chiang Mai
Teak temples and Lanna history with a heritage guide. In the afternoon, a hands-on session with a local craftsperson.

DAY 03
Chiang Dao
Drive north to the valley beneath Doi Luang Chiang Dao. Explore the cave temple, climb to the forest monastery, soak in hot springs. Sleep in a rice-field bungalow.

DAY 04
Mae Kampong
Wind up to a wooden village of family homestays. Walk the tea terraces, taste oolong, and share dinner with your hosts.

DAY 05
Lampang
Dawn over the cloud sea, then south to Lampang. Wat Phra That Lampang Luang, the old town and the Ratsadapisek bridge over the Wang River.

DAY 06
Nan
A mountain road east to Nan. At dusk, step inside Wat Phumin to read its murals of Nan's everyday life.

DAY 07
Nan
Cycle the old town between temples, visit a village weaving workshop, and dine beside the Nan River.

DAY 08
Doi Phu Kha and Bo Kluea
Mountain scenery, the salt wells of Bo Kluea and the fog-filled Sapan valley. Doi Phu Kha is closed June to September, so we travel in the cool season.

DAY 09
Depart Nan
Transfer to Nan airport for your flight to Bangkok and onward connections.

WHERE YOU SLEEP

Chiang Mai 2 · Chiang Dao 1 · Mae Kampong 1 · Lampang 1 · Nan 3

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JOURNEY 2 · ES11

Empires *of stone*

Bangkok to Isan and back · 11 days / 10 nights · 8 Oct 2027 or Nov–Feb

Walk the timeline backwards: from Siam's river capitals to the Khmer plateau and the Buddhist hill-towns that came before.

Signature experiences

- Cycle Ayutthaya's ruins, then see them from the river at dusk.
- Stop at Prang Sam Yod in Lopburi, then explore moated Si Thep, a World Heritage Site since 2023.
- Climb the processional way to Phanom Rung on its extinct volcano, and see the lotus ponds of Muang Tam.
- Visit the Khmer sanctuary at Phimai in golden light.
- See Ban Chiang's painted Bronze Age pottery and walk the sima stones of Phu Phrabat.
- Dye your own cloth in a Sakon Nakhon indigo vat.
- On the 8 October departure: the Naga Fireballs rise from the Mekong at Phon Phisai.

Designed in

- Ten nights in boutique and heritage stays
- Private vehicle and driver; history-minded local guides
- Daily breakfast and Isan meals with local families where possible
- Flight from Udon Thani to Bangkok
- A Voyjing trip designer before you go

Make it yours

Add two nights in Khao Yai's World Heritage forest. Time it for the Surin Elephant Round-Up in November (dates to be confirmed) or the Ubon Candle Festival in July (17–19 July expected).

ITINERARY

DAY 01
Arrive Bangkok
Meet your host and ease in with an evening on the Chao Phraya.

DAY 02
Ayutthaya
Drive to the old capital. Cycle among the ruined prangs by day, and watch the river turn gold at dusk.

DAY 03
Lopburi and Si Thep
A stop at Khmer-era Prang Sam Yod, then on to Si Thep, a moated Dvaravati town of brick and laterite monuments.

DAY 04
Phimai
Cross into Isan. Late-day light on the Khmer sanctuary of Phimai, and an evening stroll in the town.

DAY 05
Buriram
Phanom Rung on its extinct volcano, then Muang Tam with its lotus ponds. Dinner with a local cook.

DAY 06
Across the plateau
A long road north through village Isan, with a stop to meet silk weavers. Overnight Udon Thani.

DAY 07
Ban Chiang
The museum and excavation pits of a Bronze Age settlement, and a talk on its painted pottery. UNESCO-listed 1992.

DAY 08
Phu Phrabat and Nong Khai
Walk among rock shelters and sima stones, then drive to the Mekong. On the 8 October departure, tonight is Ok Phansa: watch for the Naga Fireballs at Phon Phisai.

DAY 09
Sakon Nakhon
A morning at the indigo vats of Ban Kham Pramong. On Saturdays and Sundays, Indigo Street comes alive from 16:00.

DAY 10
Udon Thani to Bangkok
Drive to Udon Thani (about three hours), then fly to Bangkok for a farewell dinner.

DAY 11
Depart Bangkok
Transfer to the airport.

WHERE YOU SLEEP

Bangkok 2 · Ayutthaya 1 · Si Thep 1 · Phimai 1 · Buriram 1 · Udon Thani 2 · Nong Khai 1 · Sakon Nakhon 1

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JOURNEY 3 · FL8 · FIXED DEPARTURE

Festival *of lights*

Bangkok to Chiang Mai · 8 days / 7 nights · 9–16 November 2027

Follow the full moon from the old kingdoms where Loy Krathong began to the lantern skies of Chiang Mai, with the festival night on 14 November.

Signature experiences

- See Ayutthaya's temples from the water at dusk.
- Ride through Sukhothai Historic Park at dawn among its serene Buddhas, and hear the legend of Nang Noppamas, who is said to have made the first krathong.
- Visit Wat Phra That Lampang Luang, a thousand-year-old temple, on the road north.
- Make your own krathong with a local craftsperson, and float it on the night of the full moon.
- Release a Yi Peng lantern at a ticketed site outside Chiang Mai, as releases are not allowed in the city itself.

Designed in

- Seven nights in boutique and heritage stays
- Private vehicle, driver and local guides
- Daily breakfast and a festival-night dinner
- Reserved lantern-release tickets, subject to organiser confirmation
- A Voyjing trip designer before you go

Make it yours

Add Bangkok's riverside, Lopburi's Monkey Buffet (late November, dates to be confirmed) or Surin's Elephant Round-Up (mid-November, dates to be confirmed). Extend north into Nan with Journey 1.

ITINERARY

DAY 01 · 9 NOV

Arrive Bangkok

Meet your host and settle in on the river.

DAY 02 · 10 NOV

Ayutthaya

Drive to the old capital. Explore its ruins, then board a boat for sunset over the temples.

DAY 03 · 11 NOV

Sukhothai

A day on the road north with a lunch stop in a village. Arrive in Sukhothai for dinner by the old city wall.

DAY 04 · 12 NOV

Sukhothai and Lampang

Dawn bicycle ride through the historic park. Drive to Lampang for a quiet evening in its old town.

DAY 05 · 13 NOV

Lampang to Chiang Mai

Wat Phra That Lampang Luang in morning light, then on to Chiang Mai. Evening free to wander the old city.

DAY 06 · 14 NOV

Loy Krathong and Yi Peng

A krathong workshop in the afternoon. At night, the river fills with floating lights and lanterns rise into the sky.

DAY 07 · 15 NOV

Chiang Mai

A slow morning, then a hill-temple visit. A second festival evening if the organisers schedule one.

DAY 08 · 16 NOV

Depart Chiang Mai

Transfer to the airport.

WHERE YOU SLEEP

Bangkok 1 · Ayutthaya 1 · Sukhothai 1 · Lampang 1 · Chiang Mai 3

About the dates

Loy Krathong falls on 14 November 2027, the full moon of the twelfth lunar month. Chiang Mai's Yi Peng coincides with it, but organisers announce their own programmes and ticketed lantern nights closer to the time. We reconfirm before you book.

FIXED DEPARTURE

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JOURNEY 4 · AS10

Andaman *slow*

Khao Sok to Trang · 10 days / 9 nights · Best December to April

Lake, lagoon and limestone, with a newly listed temple, shadow puppets and a town that lives to eat.

Signature experiences

- Sleep on a floating raft house under karst cliffs on Cheow Lan Lake, Khao Sok.
- Stand before the great chedi of Wat Phra Mahathat in Nakhon Si Thammarat, a World Heritage Site since 2026.
- Watch Nang Talung shadow puppets at Ban Nang Talung.
- Eat Trang's grilled pork and morning dim sum with locals.
- Kayak at 07:00 and swim 80 m into the Emerald Cave on Koh Mook.
- Two nights on car-free Koh Kradan, with no village, roads or ATM.

Designed in

- Nine nights in raft house, boutique and island stays
- Private vehicle, driver and local guides
- Daily breakfast, longtail and speedboat transfers
- A Voyjing trip designer before you go

Make it yours

Add the Surin Islands and their Moken village (park open 15 October to 15 May), Khanom's pink dolphins (February to September), or Songkhla's old town.

ITINERARY

DAY 01
Arrive Surat Thani
Meet your driver and travel into the rainforest of Khao Sok. Settle in by the river.

DAY 02
Cheow Lan Lake
A longtail across the lake to your floating bungalow. Kayak, swim and watch the cliffs change colour at dusk. Floating bungalows suit December to April.

DAY 03
Nakhon Si Thammarat
Drive across the peninsula to the old southern capital for an evening in its lanes.

DAY 04
The sacred south
Wat Phra Mahathat in the morning. Evening Nang Talung at Ban Nang Talung, where the puppets are made.

DAY 05
Trang
Optionally stop at Khanom or Pak Phanang's market en route. Arrive in Trang for a street-food evening.

DAY 06
Koh Mook
Dim sum at breakfast, then a boat to the island. Kayak into the Emerald Cave at 07:00 the next morning before day boats arrive.

DAY 07
Koh Kradan
A short hop to a car-free island. Snorkel the reef and walk the beach.

DAY 08
Koh Kradan
Free day. Swim, read or paddle. Dinner on the sand.

DAY 09
Back to Trang
Boat to the mainland and a farewell dinner in town.

DAY 10
Depart Trang
Transfer to Trang airport for your flight onward.

WHERE YOU SLEEP

Khao Sok 2 · Nakhon Si Thammarat 2 · Trang 1 · Koh Mook 1 · Koh Kradan 2 · Trang 1

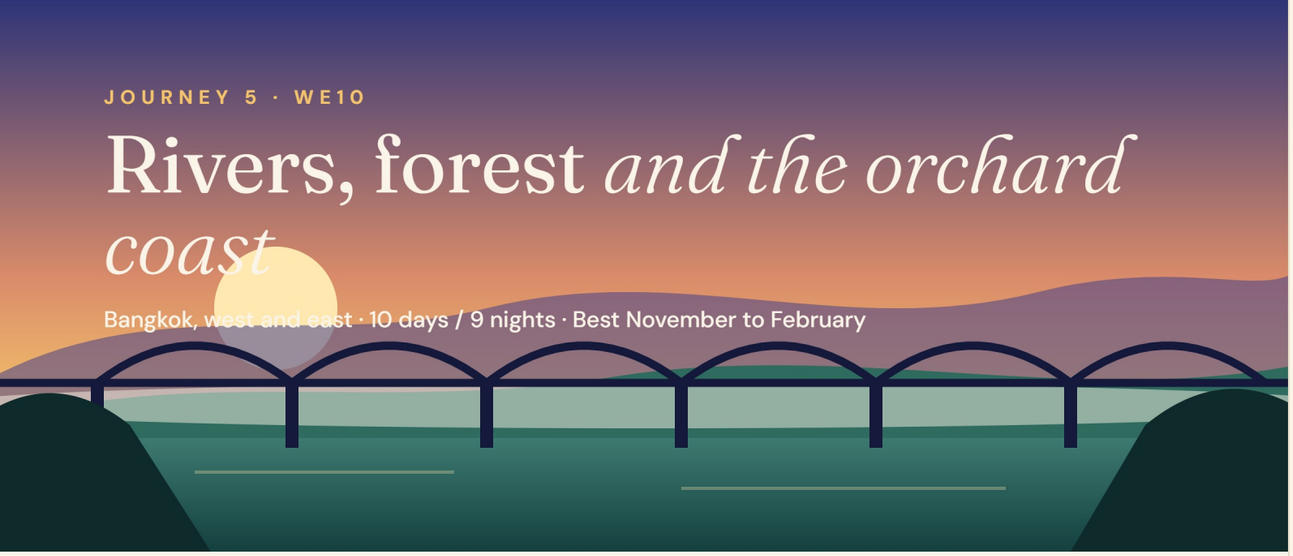
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JOURNEY 5 · WE10

Rivers, forest *and the orchard coast*

Bangkok, west and east · 10 days / 9 nights · Best November to February

From the River Kwai valley and a World Heritage forest to a gem-trading town and the quiet island of Koh Kood: the Thailand that sits just beyond Bangkok.

Signature experiences

- Follow the Death Railway along the River Kwai with a historian guide, and visit the Hellfire Pass Memorial.
- Swim and walk up Erawan's seven-tiered waterfall in the national park.
- Climb to Phra Nakhon Khiri, the hilltop palace above Phetchaburi's old town.
- Spend a day in the Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex, a World Heritage Site since 2021.
- Walk Chanthaburi's riverside old quarter, its cathedral and its gem market.
- Two slow nights on Koh Kood: waterfalls, mangrove kayaking and quiet beaches.

Designed in

- Nine nights in riverside, forest and island stays
- Private vehicle, driver and local guides
- Daily breakfast and local meals
- Ferry to Koh Kood and a flight or road return
- A Voyjing trip designer before you go

Make it yours

Time it for River Kwai Bridge Week in late November or early December (dates to be confirmed). Add Chanthaburi's orchard season, from April to June, or extend into Thungyai–Huai Kha Khaeng's wild forest.

ITINERARY

DAY 01
Arrive Bangkok
Meet your host and ease in with a river evening.

DAY 02
Kanchanaburi
Drive west to the River Kwai. Walk the bridge, then travel the Death Railway line with a guide who knows its history.

DAY 03
Erawan and Hellfire Pass
Climb Erawan's falls in the morning. In the afternoon, the Hellfire Pass Memorial and its walking track.

DAY 04
Phetchaburi
Cross to the old coastal town. Climb Phra Nakhon Khiri at golden hour and explore the old quarter.

DAY 05
Kaeng Krachan
A day in the forest with a park ranger or guide. Wildlife viewing is seasonal and access can vary, so we confirm before you travel.

DAY 06
Return to Bangkok
Drive back to the capital for an easy evening before heading east.

DAY 07
Chanthaburi
Drive east. Walk the riverside quarter and cathedral. If your dates fall between Friday and Sunday, visit the gem market.

DAY 08
Trat and Koh Kood
Road to the Trat coast, then a ferry to Koh Kood and a beach afternoon.

DAY 09
Koh Kood
Waterfalls, mangrove kayaking and a long, slow lunch. A free evening on the sand.

DAY 10
Depart
Ferry to the mainland and transfer to Trat airport or return to Bangkok.

WHERE YOU SLEEP

Bangkok 1 · Kanchanaburi 2 · Phetchaburi 1 · Kaeng Krachan 1 · Bangkok 1 · Chanthaburi 1 · Koh Kood 2

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Arrival card	Complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card online before you travel.
Money	Thai baht. Cards work in cities; carry cash for villages, markets and islands.
Power	220 V, 50 Hz. Bring a universal adaptor.
Insurance	Travel insurance with medical cover is strongly advised.

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