SIGNATURE JOURNEYS
THAI LUXE EXPERIENCE
LADIES ONLY - COOKING, DINING, SHOPPING
17 July 2017
Small Group Departure
Thai Luxe Experience
6 Days | Bangkok

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:
- Signature Journeys experienced Tour Host
- Return international economy flights from Sydney to Bangkok with Thai Airways
- All transfers as per itinerary
- 5 nights Five Star accommodation at Eastin Grand Sathorn
- Private charter on Rice Barge including Champagne Breakfast
- 4 Sumptuous Breakfasts at hotel
- 5 Dinners at amazing restaurants
- 3 Lunches as per itinerary
- 2 Cooking classes at the exclusive Blue Elephant Cooking School
- Boat Tour of Damnern Saduak Floating market
- Sampran Riverside Farm visit including Cooking Class
- Spa treatment
- Outstanding shopping opportunities including night shopping
- Suitable for single travellers
- Gratuities and porterage for drivers and guides
- Taxes and handling fees

Day 1: Monday 17th July, 2017
Sydney/Bangkok
Welcome to Bangkok where we will be met by our local hosts and transferred to our hotel. The Eastin Grand Sathorn is a deluxe property with its own direct access to the BTS Sky Train station and overlooks the Majestic Chao Praya River. Evening welcome dinner at Naj Thai Restaurant. When it comes to fine dining, Naj is definitely at or near the top of the list. The restaurant is located in a house which once belonged to the aristocratic family, dating back to the King Rama V’s era. With its’ history and exquisite Thai cuisine Naj emerges as the most remarkable and charming restaurant in Bangkok.

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Day 2: Tuesday 18th July, 2017
Bangkok
Celebrate the first morning in Bangkok with a Champagne Breakfast on a rice barge! Journey back in time and discover the Chao Phraya River’s majestic wonders. Step aboard “Manorah Cruise” one of the exquisite 100 year old rice barges, both painstakingly rebuilt from shining teak and lavishly converted to their present splendour to pamper you with luxurious modern comforts. Disembark to visit Pak Klong Talad, big flower, fruits and vegetables market before arriving at the Blue Elephant Cooking School for session one of our Thai Cooking School experience. The classes offered at this classy restaurant are very hands-on yet easy to follow. Equipped with apron, knives and wok, each student works at a personal cooking station in a spacious kitchen led by informative demonstrations. Each session includes four innovative dishes and lunch consists of your own cooking plus additional dishes. Afternoon at leisure, try shopping by sky train from hotel to Siam Square or Panunam Market. Dinner tonight is at Sala Rattanakosin, overlooking Chao Phraya River “The River of Kings” and Temple of Dawn the landmark of Bangkok. On our return to the hotel we will stop at “Khao Sarn” Night Market.

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Day 3: Wednesday 19th July, 2017
Bangkok
Blue Elephant Cooking School session two. This morning class starts with a visit to the Bang Rak market with the chef, where you’re shown the ingredients you’ll use later and lunch consists of your own cooking plus additional dishes. After lunch we will visit the home of Jim Thompson, the American businessman largely responsible for the global popularity of hand-woven Thai silk. Jim Thompson is best known today as a “brand” of luxury Thai fabric, but the man himself has a fascinating story. An American entrepreneur, he
Travel with Signature Journeys to Bangkok on this exclusive – Ladies Only – Cooking, Dining and Shopping experience. Bangkok is the travel “Hot Spot” of Southeast Asia with funky markets, up-market malls, a vibrant dining culture and a riverside full of surprises. Thai food is one of the world’s favourite cuisines and it is not hard to understand why the country is dubbed the “Kitchen of the World”. It is a marriage of the cuisines of India, China, Malaysia and other neighboring countries, which is harmoniously combined into something uniquely Thai. Experience a combination of everything Thai on this exciting 6 day program.

Day 4: Thursday 20th July, 2017
Bangkok
This Morning we will visit the Damern Saduak floating market by boat followed by a fascinating day at the Organic Farm at Sampran Riverside. The Organic Farm project is a collaboration of the local farmers of Nakhon Pathom who have continued or returned back to traditional agriculture practices and come together with the common goal to promote and create awareness on organic farming methods. We will start our visit with an authentic Thai Lunch at In-Chan restaurant and then take a short traditional boat ride to visit the farm to sample fresh organic vegetables and fruits in season. We can also try homemade herbal teas and experience the livelihood of Thai farmers. We will then bring back some of the homegrown vegetables and herbs for a cooking class back at Sampran. This evening we will dine at Issariya restaurant. Issariya is in a carefully restored 100 year old house with cool tiled floors and fascinating photographs adorning the walls. French & Thai cuisine share equal billing at this fascinating restaurant.
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Day 5: Friday 21st July, 2017
Bangkok
Morning at leisure to enjoy shopping or relaxing. We suggest a visit to the Grand Palace and the temple of the Emerald Buddha, shopping at Siam Square or Pratunum Market. This afternoon we will reward ourselves with an authentic Thai massage or optional Spa Treatment. A visit to Bangkok is not complete without the world famous Thai massage technique, famous the world over. For our farewell dinner tonight, we will dine at OSHA which is listed as one of Bangkok’s best restaurants, OSHA is a luxurious Thai restaurant providing a stimulating and unique experience in Bangkok.
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Day 6: Saturday 22nd July, 2017
Bangkok-Sydney
Optional: Morning visit to Jatujak open air market followed by MBK shopping mall. Originally a flea market, Jatujak weekend market has over 9,000 stalls selling everything imaginable. MBK is market-style, however it is in air conditioned comfort and is famous for electronic products.

Check out of hotel. Afternoon transfer to the airport for overnight return flight to Sydney.

6 DAY THAI LUXE EXPERIENCE

From $4,390* per person, twin share
Single Supplement from $500* per person
Departs 17th July 2017
Price includes return international flights including taxes *Taxes subject to change

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Prices:
We reserve the right to adjust prices whether or not you have already made full payment. We will do everything within our control not to adjust prices and will generally only amend prices in the event of market fluctuations in exchange rates, fuel costs and other operating costs on which prices are based. The tour price is also subject to minimum numbers.

Deposit / Final balance:
A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of $500 per person is required within 7 days of confirmation. If deposit is not received by the due date, the booking will be cancelled without notification. Final balance payment will be due no later than 15 May 2017. If the final balance payment is not received by the due date, your booking will be cancelled and initial deposit forfeited.

Cancellations:
For cancellations made after 15 May 2017, 100% of your tour payment will be forfeited. Cancellations must be received in writing and are not effective until this notification has been received.

Group conditions:
A minimum number of passengers are required to operate this tour. Should minimum passenger numbers not be met we will review the operation of this tour, and additional costs may apply. Host attendance is subject to minimum numbers.

Amendments:
Changes made after deposit has been paid will incur a $250 per person amendment fee. In addition, a cancellation fee may be payable.

*Airfares and Transfers:
International flights are ex SYDNEY and are included in the published price. Price includes taxes and subject to change. Flights are with Thai Airways, based on a group airfare and subject to minimum numbers.

Tour itinerary adjustments:
We reserve the right to alter the itinerary including sight-seeing, schedules, hotels, and other tour inclusions to accommodate unforeseen circumstances or events beyond our control.

Single Rooms:
A limited number of rooms are available at the single supplement price. If you are willing to share with another person of the same gender, we will do all possible to match you up. Single supplement will apply unless we are successful in finding another passenger to share. Once on tour, should either passenger decide they no longer wish to share, additional cost will apply to secure single rooms, and will be subject to availability.

Passports/Visas:
All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure.

Travel Insurance:
Travel insurance is compulsory for all Signature Journeys. Please ensure you arrange this prior to departure. Travel insurance is not included in the tour cost and is at an additional expense.

Tipping and gratuities:
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