

Guided tour Road Bike Cycle

THAILAND



Tour Details 2020

Dates: Dec 8, 2019
Jan 12
Feb 16
Jun 7
Oct 4
Dec 6

Cost: US\$ 2300 per person

Single Supplement: US\$ 375

Bike Rental: US\$ 295 Standard road
US\$ 450 Carbon bike

Length: 11 days / 10 nights

Grade: Intermediate

Starts: Chiang Mai

Ends: Bangkok

Chiang Mai to Bangkok



Thailand is one of the largest and most varied countries in South East Asia, stretching 1500 km from north to south, and at its widest 870 km from east to west. Most people know of its beaches and nightlife, but far fewer of the rich culture and varied scenery. Thailand is a land of palaces and temples, of ruined cities, colourful markets and friendly and hospitable people. We visit the northern and central part of the country,

This tour is both a cultural exploration into the heartland of ancient Thailand and a brilliant bike ride. Your guides are experienced biking guides and have found some of the quieter roads in north and central Thailand.

You will find our crew to be flexible, helpful and knowledgeable. Whether you have never been to Thailand before or are an old Asia hand you will find this really is an amazing tour due to the fact we go off the beaten track and go places where few tourists go. This is a chance to visit provincial Thailand and to meet and interact with some of the friendliest people in South Eastern Asia.



Fast Facts

- Most meals and sightseeing tours as mentioned
- Lovely accommodations
- Support van and guide services
- **E-bike rental:** US\$ 595
- Limited supplies available, reservations upon booking recommended
- Giant Explore E+ 3 models



Day 1 Chiang Mai 50km
Arrive to hotel in Chiang Mai and meet the guide at 13:00. Assemble bikes and enjoy Chiang Mai or take an easy warm ride in the Chiang Mai area. **D**

Day 2 Chiang Mai - Lampang 120 Km
After we leave the Chiang Mai traffic we head towards Lampang on the old Chiang Mai - Lampang highway which is a tree lined boulevard and a real pleasure to ride along. There is some rolling terrain on the section of the ride and at just over halfway there is a longish climb that gets quite steep at the end. Lampang is called the cowboy town with horse-drawn carriages as a means of transport. On the way we'll visit one of the oldest and most religious Chedis in Thailand – Wat Phra That Hariphunchai built around 1044. **B L D**

Day 3 Lampang - Uttaradit 145 Km
Today's long ride is a very scenic day as we pass through the hills surrounding Chiang Mai. We have 3 sets of hills today and lots of undulating countryside – but the support vehicle is not far away. We pass through teak forest, past reclining Buddhas and some beautiful temples. We are now truly into provincial Thailand and see the country, where few tourists visit - a real Thailand experience! **B L D**

Day 4 Uttaradit - Sukothai 90 Km
We really head off the beaten track today as we ride on some of the most secluded and beautiful roads in Thailand as a canopy of palm trees provides with some natural protection from the hot Thai sun. We pass lush green paddy fields and many villages as we wind our way south to Sukhothai. We arrive in time to ride or have a gentle walk around the first capital of Thailand. **B L D**

Day 5 Sukothai 30 Km
A day to enjoy the original capital of Thailand by taking a ride round the historic park. One of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, the ruins are surrounded by 3 moats and bridged by 4 gateways. Bikes are the great way to enjoy this ancient city. Or simply have a day off the bike and enjoy Sukothai. **B L D**

Day 6 Sukothai - Khampeng Phet 85 Km
This is the "Diamond Wall City" and was used to help defend Sukothai from invading armies. Khampeng Phet, A UNESCO World Heritage Site, is an interesting town that is not well known, making it a pleasant place to visit due to the lack of tourists. The moss and flower covered ruins give it a quality that is not seen in its more popular neighbour, and we have plenty of time to visit the sites by foot or by bicycle. **B L D**

Day 7 Khampeng Phet - Nakorn Sawan 130 Km
We head into the heartland of Thailand today with our journey to Nakorn Sawan. This area has a lot of agriculture so we pass ubiquitous rice paddies, fruit orchards and other regional fruits. This is an area of Thailand which is not visited by many tourists, so you will pique the interest of the local communities and it is a good chance to stop and interact with these gentle and friendly people. **B L D**

Day 8 Nakorn Sawan - Singburi 145 Km
Today we really start to feel we are approaching Bangkok as we start to see signs of industrialisation, but there are still plenty of open spaces with agriculture and, small towns and villages along the way. The ride is again on minor roads that pass through many small towns. Look out for the 60 foot long reclining Buddha in Ang Thong. **B L D**

Day 9 Singburi - Ayutthaya 90 Km
Today we reach the old Siamese capitol of Ayutthaya lying along the Chao Phraya river – the centre of old Siam for over 400 years until it was sacked by the Burmese in 1767. Another UNESCO world heritage site; it boasts some spectacular temples and with some of the ruins within the ancient city walls it makes this a great place to explore by bike. **B L D**

Day 10 Visit Temples and Ride to Bang Pa-In - Bangkok 60 Km
Today on the last leg of our sojourn through Thailand, we will ride down to Bangkok – along minor roads that will take us past Bang Pa-In and the King's summer palace. We end our journey in North Bangkok and then transfer to our hotel in Central Bangkok. We meet in the evening for a celebratory dinner and bask in the glory of a job well done! **B L D**

Day 11 Departure Day
Tour ends after breakfast and free day to enjoy Bangkok. **B**



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

Northern and Central Thailand has a tropical climate with fairly high humidity. There are three seasons: from March to June it is hot and dry, with temperatures between 27 and 40°C, with night temperatures in the 20s. The rainy season is from July to October, but temperatures are slightly lower, because of the effect of the rain. During this time it will not rain continuously, but in sharp bursts, and the sun can come out quickly. The cooler season is from October to February, with average temperatures between 20 and 30C.

How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to be active between 4 to 7 hours daily, everything will be at a moderate level. This is a fully supported tour, so you will be able to opt out of an activity if you like. This is primarily on quiet back roads, and cycling experience would be useful.

How fit do I need to be?

Fitness, of course, will be a huge asset, as you will enjoy the holiday more. There are some climbs in the first few days, after that the route is predominantly flat all the way to Bangkok.

What are the hotels like?

We use a wide mixture of accommodation. Hotels and guesthouses are of charming and clean and have private facilities and hot water. In Chiang Mai and in Bangkok we use comfortable 3-4-star. Hotels. We have chosen them for their local flavor and charm, as well as location.

SAFETY:

Wearing a helmet is required on this biking adventure and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle.

Getting There

Fly into / from Bangkok Suvarnnabhumi Airport (BKK) via the east or west. From Bangkok flight connection to/from Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX).



How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.