

# CAL DISCOVERIES TRAVEL

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## CAL DISCOVERIES

PRESENTS

## THAILAND

A SPICY ADVENTURE IN THAI CUISINE

OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2012



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~FRIDAY~OCTOBER 26

#### SAN FRANCISCO/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your flight to Bangkok. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~SATURDAY~OCTOBER 27

#### BANGKOK

Your exciting Asian adventure begins today as you arrive in Bangkok where you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes specialist, and escorted to your hotel to freshen up before a brief orientation talk.

En route you will have your first taste of this frantic and steamy tropical city that offers surprises at every turn. Gleaming skyscrapers, glittering temples, colorful street markets, sophisticated shopping malls, bustling nightlife, and vibrancy reflect the incredible economic growth of the last few years. A booming, modern capital, Bangkok still manages to retain its unique Siamese heritage in the wonderful food, culture, exotic architecture, Buddhist tolerance and Thai hospitality. The new "Skytrain," a symbol of Bangkok's rapid development, provides not only a convenient way to get around the main areas, but also some great views over a capital in constant change.

Montien Riverside Hotel welcomes guests to a tranquil oasis on Bangkok's legendary River of Kings, the Chao Phraya. This 27-story luxury hotel offers easy access to the city's shopping and business areas. All 462 guest rooms and suites are beautifully decorated and command panoramic views over the river. Facilities include six restaurants and bars offering a taste of gracious Thai hospitality. Overnight at the MONTIEN RIVERSIDE HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)



### DAY

### 3~SUNDAY~OCTOBER 28

#### BANGKOK/GRAND PALACE/NAVY CLUB/JIM THOMPSON HOUSE

After a leisurely breakfast visit the Grand Palace. Probably the most important center of Thai culture, the Palace was once the royal abode, but today is used mainly for ceremonial functions. Tourists are allowed inside to see the Emerald Buddha, the displays of royal artifacts and memorabilia, and wall decorations. *Note: You will need to wear long pants and shoes which cover the heels to enter here. You must do this to pay respect to the Thai people.*

Lunch will be at the Royal Navy Club with local food before continuing to the famed Jim Thompson house, a work of art in itself and one of Bangkok's landmarks. Working first for the American CIA, Thompson became

an authority on an art, assembling a collection that attracted scholars from all over the world. He gained worldwide recognition for his success in rebuilding the silk industry and for generating international demand for Thai silk.

Overnight at the MONTIEN RIVERSIDE HOTEL. (B,L)

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#### DAY 4~MONDAY~OCTOBER 29

##### BANGKOK/COOKING CLASS

Your first cooking lesson in Thailand begins with a class at the Blue Elephant cooking school where you'll learn how to create a 4-course Central Thai Cuisine. The lesson is conducted in English and features a brief lecture, ingredient preparation, hands-on cooking demonstration (yes, you'll be participating!) and time for questions and discussion.

After enjoying the fruits of your success for lunch, return to your hotel where you spend the rest of the day exploring Bangkok at your leisure.

Overnight at the MONTIEN RIVERSIDE HOTEL. (B,L)



#### DAY 5~TUESDAY~OCTOBER 30

##### FLOWER MARKET/CHINA TOWN ~MEKHALA RIVERBOAT

Get set to visit the fragrant and colorful Pak Khlong Talat Flower Market. Every day as the bite of the hot sun dissipates, the roadside of Pak Khlong transforms into a kaleidoscope of color as vendors from across the country meet to trade. The floral feast is truly engaging for flower lovers. In addition to roses, daisies and chrysanthemums are other more fascinating blooms unique to tropical climates. Heliconias grow with copious numbers of different flowers and the orchids spill magenta, tangerine and canary tresses of bright color on to the street. Walk through Chinatown, a network of tight streets and alleys lined with shops.



Lunch is at a local restaurant before transferring to the pier to board the Mekhala Cruise. Enjoy the rest of the day cruising, Mekhala is a collection of three restored rice barges that provide the setting for daily journeys between Bangkok and Ayuthaya, retracing the paths of former royal processions. Their journey is a fascinating insight into how life on the river has changed over this time. The magic of this voyage is its unhurried pace that captures the subtle colours and moods of life on the river over a 24-hour period. A

couple of hours into the journey, the bustle of the city is replaced by the tranquillity of the countryside. Along densely wooded river banks, tin and timber homes nestle in the hyacinth-clogged shallows housing families whose lives are still bound by the ancient waterway. Just after the sunset, dock at Wat Kai Tia, a Thai temple set in a tranquil rural village. An exquisite candlelit dinner of mouth-watering Thai cuisine is served on the deck.

Your stateroom, one of four on each rice barge, is fully air-conditioned with private facilities and deluxe amenities, beautifully furnished with teak and rare woods, Thai fabrics, antiques, art and Oriental carpets. Overnight aboard the MEKHALA RIVER BOAT. (B,L,D)



**DAY 6~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 31**

**MEKHALA RIVERBOAT/AYUTTHAYA RUINS/KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK**



Disembark after breakfast in Bang Pa In and drive to Ayutthaya to explore the ruins of the once magnificent capital of the Thais, praised by foreign emissaries as the finest city they had ever seen. Surrounded by rivers and a canal, it flourished under 33 Siamese kings from 1350 until the Burmese destroyed it in 1767. Visit the notable temple remains of Phra Sri Sanphet, Chai Wattanaram and Yai Chai Mongkol, the latter home to a large, white Buddha built by King Naresuan.

Continue to Khao Yai, Thailand's oldest and most revered national park. Considered one of the best preserved national park tracts of evergreen forest in all of Indochina, and noted for its larger forest birds and spanning four provinces, Khao Yai National Park has a variety of terrains from deciduous forest to savannah and houses some 3,000 species of plant. Wildlife in the park is as varied as its terrain and it is home to more than 70 mammal species including elephants, white handed gibbon, gaur, Asiatic black bear and wild dog, and a major bird population - over 350 species - including a wide variety of hornbills. The entire area is criss-crossed by hiking trails, ranging in length from one to five miles. There are also many waterfalls, the tallest and most spectacular of which is Haew Narok at 260-ft. This evening set out on a night safari in search of the resident wildlife.

Your beautiful home for the evening, Kirimaya, is nestled at the edge of the park and overlooks glorious evergreen hills and grasslands. Some of the wonderful amenities on offer include wellness spas, culinary adventures and the exhilarating challenge of mastering an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus. Overnight at KIRIMAYA. (B,L)

**DAY 7~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 1**

**KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK/WINERY TASTING /CHIANG RAI**

This morning embark on another safari drive in search of all the wonderful species of animals that call this area home. The beautifully forested hills, rivers and waterfalls will offer wonderful photographic opportunities as well.

Continue on to Gran Monte Winery, where you'll have the chance to meet the Winemaker, Ms. Nikki, who loves to share her knowledge and passion about wine. On an exclusive tour, you'll learn the various processes she uses in creating her wines and have ample time for Q&A. Enjoy a late Italian lunch and tasting with Nikki before heading to Bangkok and boarding your flight to Chiang Rai, where you will be escorted to your hotel.



The Legend Chiang Rai is situated on the banks of the Mae Kok River, away from the city yet within walking distance of the city center. The quiet surroundings and the large area of the resort make the Legend a great retreat to relax enjoying the views of the river and surrounding mountains. Each villa offers a space of privacy and the spa lets you indulge in heavenly Asian health treatments. Emphasis is given to the landscape, which is a combination of small "klongs" and ponds together with trees and colorful tropical flowers and plants. In the evening, lighting which enhances the natural

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beauty of the development. The Legend Chiang Rai has fully features modern rooms decorated in Northern Thai style. The rooms are equipped with all modern amenities.  
Overnight at THE LEGEND CHIANG RAI RESORT (B,L)

**DAY 8~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 2**  
**CHIANG RAI/PDA & HILL TRIBE MUSEUM/AKHA**  
**VILLAGE/GOLDEN TRIANGLE**

This morning visit the Hill Tribe Museum for a briefing from the head of the Population and Community Development Association on the various hill tribes in the region. You will then continue to Baan Lorcha and visit one of the villages. Learn about the women wearing the famous brass rings around their necks at the Karen Long Neck Village, or the elaborate, colorful dresses of the Lisu at Ban Bangjars or visit the only Hill Tribe to have a written language, the Yao at Ban Pong Takham. For many visitors to Thailand, visits to these small mountain villages surrounded by great natural beauty in the north of the country remain one of their most unforgettable experiences.



Originating in different parts of Southeast Asia, mostly southern China, and resisting persecution by other cultures, the villagers have migrated into Thailand in a quest for freedom and security. There are six large minority ethnic groups in the north of Thailand, and several smaller ones. Each tribe has its own unique characteristics and identity expressed through distinctive costumes, ornaments, musical instruments, weaving products, weapons, and location of the village. The two most prominent hill tribes are the Lisu and Akha.

The Akha people are famous for their very exotic and beautiful costumes, and can be seen in many towns in northern Thailand selling their unique handicrafts. They are not known for their shyness, and one can easily find oneself engaged in an animated bargaining session with these gregarious salespeople. Lunch will be at a local restaurant.



Next stop is the infamous Golden Triangle, known for centuries as the center of the opium trade. Here, the illicit crops have long since been replaced by the small tourist village of Sob Ruak and the only opium found is in the Golden Triangle museums. Enjoy a scenic boat ride along the Mekong to the provincial riverside town of Chiang Saen. Return to Chiang Rai in the evening.

Overnight at THE LEGEND CHIANG RAI RESORT. (B,L)

**DAY 9~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 3**  
**CHIANG RAI/"LANA COOKING"/HERBAL**  
**MEDICINE/REFORESTATION PROJECT/CHIANG MAI**

You now begin your drive to Chiang Mai. En route, visit Phrao and the lovely wooden house where you will learn to create a "Lanna" Northern Thai 4-course meal. The lesson is conducted in English and features a brief lecture, ingredient preparation, hands-on cooking demonstration and time for questions and discussion. After enjoying the fruits of your labor, ride pushbikes to a nearby village to meet a local elder and learn how herbs have been used for centuries in medicine and holistic healing.



Next stop is at the Himmapaan Re-Forestation Foundation who works to encourage collaboration among local communities, associate partners, organizations and specialists in the field to find the best possible sustainable solutions for areas affected by tourism.

De Naga hotel is a new luxury boutique hotel designed in Northern Thai style, conveniently located next to Tha Pae Gate in the old city where shopping and cultural attractions are within walking distance. De Naga's low-rise architectural style is distinctly Northern Thai or "Lanna" style, with a resort feel, and features a view of the imposing Doi Suthep Mountain Temple. As you enter De Naga through the lobby, past the open areas, the mood gently evolves from traditional Lanna feel to a pleasant, but more contemporary style with touches of typical Chiang Mai. Each of the 55 rooms is grouped around the courtyard swimming pool and is air conditioned with en suite bathrooms. Overnight at the DE NAGA HOTEL. (B,L)



#### DAY 10~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 4

##### CHIANG MAI~ALMS GIVING/DOI SUTHEP/ELEPHANT CAMP & BAMBOO RAFT

No trip to Chiang Mai would be complete without visiting Wat Phra Thart Doi Suthep; the spectacular Buddhist temple that can be seen, from wherever you happen to be in the city, clinging to the mountainside near the summit of Doi Suthep Hill. This hill has been seen as a holy place for more than twelve hundred years. The original inhabitants, the Lua, believed that the souls of their ancestors resided on the hilltop. When Buddhism was embraced by the Siamese people, the hill became the epicenter of the universe, and the centre of Buddhism in Lanna. The temple was built in the late 14th century under King Geu Na, and attracts many pilgrims and tourists, both local and international, throughout the year. Learn from your guide how local people 'make merit' by offering flowers

and burning incense, and how to correctly give offerings to Buddhist Monks.

Return to your hotel for breakfast, before heading off to an elephant conservation camp to learn about these magnificent creatures. Take a ride on elephant-back; then prepare to get wet! Ride a bamboo raft down a jungle river. Return to Chiang Mai after lunch, and spend the rest of the day exploring on your own - known for its eclectic cultures, scenic beauty and historic architecture, the city of Chiang Mai has more than 100 temples and



other attractions, and the shopping is superb. Overnight at the DE NAGA HOTEL. (B,L)

#### DAY 11~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 5

##### CHIANG MAI/COOKING NORTH THAI

This morning you will be taken to visit the local market to learn about the different vegetables, herbs, roots and spices being sold, so you can actually see what these raw products look like before they are cooked. Return to your cooking school to help prepare and devour a four-course lunch, using some of the ingredients found during your market trip. In the afternoon, learn to create and enjoy two traditional Thai desserts. Late afternoon visit to the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar where you can hone up on your bargaining skills and get a glimpse of local culture. The Night Bazaar is a



shopping haven where one can find handmade products and souvenirs from many Chiang Mai villages and hill tribes. Overnight at the DE NAGA HOTEL. (B,L)

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**DAY 12~TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 6**

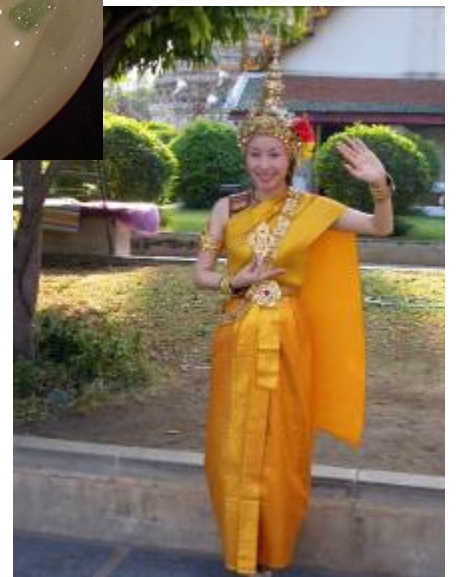
**CHIANG MAI/BANGKOK**

You have some leisure time to explore more of Chiang Mai or just relax at your hotel before boarding your flight to Bangkok, where you're transferred to your hotel near the airport. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight at the NOVOTEL SUVARNABHUMI. (B)

**DAY 13~WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 7**

**BANGKOK/SAN FRANCISCO**

Early this morning, return to the airport for your United Airlines flight to the USA, arriving with incredible memories of wonderful ancient ruins and incredible people. (Meals Aloft)



## 4-DAY OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO SIEM REAP AND ANGKOR WAT

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### DAY 12~TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 6

#### CHIANG MAI/BANGKOK/SIEM REAP

You have some leisure time to explore more of Chiang Mai or just relax at your hotel before boarding your flight to Siem Reap, via Bangkok, where you embark on a new adventure. Upon arrival you will be met and escorted to your small boutique hotel.

Your home for the next three nights offers unrivaled comfort and authentic rustic charm. The verdant gardens flanking Angkor Village are immediately striking. Beautiful shades of lush greens in pleasing stands are punctuated with clusters of crimson ginger flowers, white lilies and clutches of orchids. Large trees front the cottage style room pavilions screen balconies and terraces, cocooning rooms in a lush, hushed privacy. In the early morning and evenings the chorus of frogs and geckos is proof of the thriving environment. When the birdsong starts with the sunrise within the jungle-picturesque gardens, it is hard not to feel perfectly relaxed and miles from an urban lifestyle. The staff is very welcoming. The pool is small but picturesque in a lush courtyard at the rear. The Auberge de Temples Restaurant is on a small island in the central pond and serves fine French and Khmer cuisines. The hotel's Apsara Theater Restaurant, just outside the gate, has Khmer-style banquet dining and performances of Khmer Apsara dancing nightly. Rooms are rustic with high bamboo ceilings, wood beams, built-



in cabinetry, comfortable beds, and decorative touches like traditional Khmer shadow puppets and statuary. The central lobby is a series of platforms and private sitting areas, a good place to rest after a day at the temples. The restaurant offers refined Indochinese cuisine to tempt your palate.

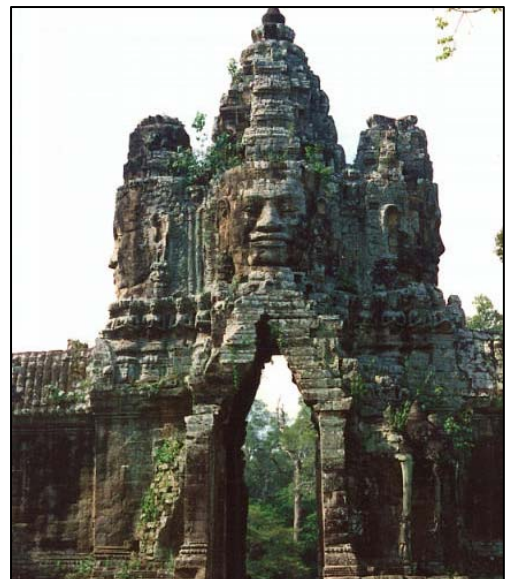
Overnight at ANGKOR VILLAGE RESORT. (B)

### DAY 13~WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 7

#### SIEM REAP/ANGKOR THOM & ANGKOR WAT

This morning, begin your exploration of the Angkor complex with the magnificent and monumental Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, surrounded by a quadrangle of defensive walls totaling over seven miles. Awaiting within, you will find the stunning Bayon temple – a 12<sup>th</sup> century masterpiece with over 200 bas-relief ‘faces’ peering out from its walls. The afternoon is filled with the sights and sounds of the temples of Thommanon, Chao Say Tevoda and Ta Keo. See how the roots of the giant fig and kapok trees have spread like tentacles throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> century Ta Prohm temple, which has been left largely in its natural state since its “re-discovery” by French explorers.

This afternoon, visit Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world conceived by Suryavarman II and generally believed to have been his funeral temple. The temple is the epitome of the high classical style of Khmer architecture. It has become a symbol of Cambodia, appearing on its national flag, and it is



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the country's prime attraction for visitors. Angkor Wat combines two basic plans of Khmer temple architecture: the temple mountain and the later galleried temples. It is designed to represent Mount Meru, home of the gods in Hindu mythology. Within a moat and an outer wall 2.2 miles long are three rectangular galleries, each raised above the next. At the center of the temple stands a quincunx of towers. Unlike most Angkorian temples, Angkor Wat is orientated to the west; scholars are divided as to the significance of this. As well as for the grandeur and harmony of the architecture, the temple is admired for its extensive bas-reliefs and for the numerous devas adorning its walls. Since the decline of the Khmer Watch the exotic colors of the sun set over its galleries this evening. Overnight at ANGKOR VILLAGE RESORT. (B,L)



**DAY 14~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 8**  
**SIEM REAP/TONLE SAP LAKE/FLOATING VILLAGE/LES ARTISAN D'ANGKOR**

After breakfast, board a small shaded boat to traverse the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia, Tonle Sap Lake. Navigate between floating homes and small fish farms to experience a centuries-old way of life and culture.

Return to Siem Reap and visit a development project that teaches young adults stone and wood carving skills, as well as lacquer application. Les Artisans d' Angkor is a heartwarming reminder that progress in Cambodia can go hand in hand with traditional crafts.

Overnights at ANGKOR VILLAGE RESORT. (B,L)



**DAY 15~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 9**  
**SIEM REAP/BANGKOK**

Spend the day exploring Siem Reap town where you will have some time at leisure to shop in the local markets. This afternoon, return to Siem Reap's airport and board your flight to Bangkok where you'll transfer to your airport hotel.

Overnight at the NOVOTEL SUVARNABHUMI. (B)

**DAY 16~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 10**  
**BANGKOK/SAN FRANCISCO**

Early this morning, return to the airport for your flight to the USA, arriving with incredible memories of wonderful ancient ruins and incredible people. (Meals Aloft)



## INCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Bangkok and Chiang Rai.
- Flight between Chiang Mai and Bangkok.
- Flight between Bangkok and Siem Reap on the extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels and lodges listed in the itinerary, or similar.
- Breakfasts daily, all other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Enrichment lecturer will escort the tour with a minimum of 15 travelers.
- All touring via air-conditioned motorcoach.
- All tips to drivers and guides.
- All applicable hotel gratuities and taxes.
- All park, reserves, and attractions entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- International Airfare from San Francisco (quoted separately).
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for Thailand for US citizens.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
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## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

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# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** BANGKOK, AYUTTHAYA, KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK, CHIANG RAI, GOLDEN TRIANGLE, CHIANG MAI  
EXTENSION INCLUDES SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA, ANGKOR THOM, ANGKOR WAT & TONLE SAP LAKE

**ESCORTED BY:** AN ENRICHMENT LECTURER FROM CAL DISCOVERIES

**DATES:** OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2012

**COSTS:**

BASED ON LUXURY HOTELS -DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST & ALL INTERNAL AIR	\$4,695 PER PERSON	\$1,795 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$995 PER PERSON	\$595 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM SAN FRANCISCO, ECONOMY INCLUDING DEPARTURE TAXES	\$1,600 PER PERSON	N/A

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

**DEPARTURE CITY:** SAN FRANCISCO  
(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



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# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Cal Discoveries, California Alumni Association, #1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension. Deposit checks are to be made out to CLASSIC ESCAPES. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your program. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (July 23, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from San Francisco via CATHAY PACIFIC and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For Cathay Pacific, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** At time of publication, Cathay Pacific is a partner with Aer Lingus, Air China, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, British Airways, China Eastern Airlines, Finnair Plus, Iberia Plus, Japan Airlines, Jet Airways, LAN, Malev Duna Club, Mexicana, Qanatas, Royal Jordanian and S7 Airlines. You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, all other meals as specified in itinerary.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of passengers between airports and hotels are included in the tour, except in Europe.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are also not included. Tips to driver/guides and naturalist on both main trip and extension are also included.

**INOCULATIONS:** We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Thailand. Water is NOT safe to drink throughout and it is always advisable to drink bottled water which will be provided for you free of charge in the vehicles.

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 29, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers, not including organization escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. The minimum on the extension is 10 passengers. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

**ESCORT:** Group will be accompanied by enrichment lecturer with a minimum of 15 passengers on the main program and 10 on the extension.

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**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately three months prior to departure. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (July 23, 2012).

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted with each application, plus an additional deposit of \$250 per person if you wish to take the extension. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (July 23, 2012).

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250.00 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, less \$750.00, plus \$250 for the extension.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

**DEVIATIONS:** Should additional reservations be required, including extensions to other parts of the world, we will be happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**LATE BOOKING FEE:** Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program's departure date. This fee is \$250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on tours as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



**REFUNDS:** While the company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**INSURANCE:** It is highly recommended, that guests carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Information will be sent to you from the Cal Discoveries office upon receipt of reservation form.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies.

To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

The goal of the Cal Discoveries Travel Program is to provide exciting combinations of discovery, adventure, and educationally oriented travel opportunities for a unique community drawn together by the University of California. The tours are designed for those who have the University in common and who are lively, inquisitive, and eager to broaden their cultural and intellectual horizons. All tour members are expected to enjoy traveling as part of a group and also to be tolerant of the occasional changes, delays, or minor mishaps that are part of any kind of travel.

To enjoy your Cal Discoveries experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health, and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Program participants requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance. To help you choose the trip best suited for you and to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of our trip, we describe this trip as: **Moderately Active:** Involves long distances and/or extensive movement, walking, and/or stair-climbing.



Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 Per Person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Culinary Thailand trip departing on October 26, 2012. Cost is \$4,695 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from San Francisco is \$1,600 including departure taxes. (As of March 29, 2011 - subject to change)

Final payment due date is: July 23, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES OR Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover (Attached Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to the Cal Discoveries office via mail)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Cal Discoveries or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount of \$995. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:  
 \$995 for the main trip  \$595 for Angkor Wat post-extension

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from San Francisco via Cathay Pacific.
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
- Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)

Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*

- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

- I/We wish to participate in the optional excursion(s) at an additional per person cost of:  
 \$1,795 for Angkor Wat post-extension

Travelers, whether alumni or friends, must be current CAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION members to participate in Cal Discoveries travel offerings. A payment of \$50 for seniors 65 years and over, and \$60 for those who are 64 years and under establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. A married couple and their children under 21 years may travel on one membership; memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable. **Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express number with expiration date for payment.**

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CAL DISCOVERIES  
 CAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
 #1 Alumni House  
 Berkeley, California 94720-7520

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 29, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250.00 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, less \$750.00, plus \$250 for the extension.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.