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## South Thailand - Overland Bangkok To Phuket

6 Nights/7 Days

### Tour Highlights:-

- Experience a local floating market
- Visit the Maruekhathaiyawan Palace by the sea
- Climb 395 steps to the 'Mirror Tunnel Mountain'
- Marvel at the golden Phra Borommathat Chaiya
- Visit Susan Hoi Shell Cemetery
- Sail to 'James Bond Island' in Phang Nga Bay

**From £1499 per person**

### Overview:

Take advantage of an opportunity to explore the incredible city of Bangkok. Enjoy scenic views from your hotel's pool terrace and also experience the capital's night scene. Then take part in a spectacular road trip to the south of Thailand, passing through scenic coastal towns all the way to Phuket, Thailand's beach paradise. Witness a famous floating market by day and stroll through the Hua Hun Market by night; you can even have a go at haggling with the locals for a bargain. Experience the limestone cliffs of Krabi and embark on optional boat trips to famous islands, taking in the striking scenery of Southern Thailand. Be intrigued by the distinct temples, palaces and small local villages here, as well as the breath taking caves, beaches and bays. Stay by the sea every night and have the opportunity to sample local sea foods from one of the world's best cuisines. Thoroughly immerse yourself in the beautiful and cultural environment of South Thailand.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Bangkok

Upon your arrival in Bangkok, check in to the 4-star Furama Silom Bangkok for one night at leisure. Silom is home to Bangkok's night scene, so why not take a walk around town and experience the night life for yourself. There are also plenty of shops and restaurants nearby, so you can definitely do a bit of both - eating and shopping! Or why not witness some sensational city views from the Furama Silom's pool terrace? You can even sit back and watch the golden sunset over Bangkok City. Alternatively, ask us about optional tours in Bangkok.

#### Day 2: Bangkok – Hua Hin (Breakfast & Lunch)

Around 7:00am, we will begin our first journey to Thonburi, crossing the Chao Phraya River passing salt farms on the way. Home to the famous Temple of the Dawn (Wat Arun), Thonburi is Thailand's former capital. This city boasts traditional, hidden structures, as well as small waterways which blend past the neighbourhood tuk tuks and temples. Continue on to Damnern Saduak, which homes one of the famous

floating markets. Village people have long-tailed boats as stalls here, selling fruit, spices, cooked street food and many more local products. We will then head to Phetchaburi for some lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, the drive continues towards Cha Am, and en route we will stop over at Phra Nakhon Khiri Palace. This palace has a superior presence as it is perched on a high hill. It can be seen from afar as travellers approach the city. Also visit the Maruekhathaiyawan Palace by the sea which was built in 1923 of golden teak wood by King Vajiravudh (Rama VI) and used as a summer retreat. Afterwards you will be taken to the City Beach Resort, Hua Hin (deluxe room) for an afternoon at leisure. This resort is conveniently located close to many attractions, including the Hua Hin Shopping Mall, Thailand's oldest golf course, the gorgeous Hua Hin beach and many restaurants and bars, so you can go and explore if you wish, or alternatively, sit back and relax at the hotel's pool side. Optional : During your free time you are also welcome to visit the Hua Hin Night Market with a pedicab ride (trishaw). This is a fantastic experience to soak up the cultural atmosphere.

### **Day 3: Hua Hin – Chumphon (Breakfast & Lunch)**

Today we will depart Cha Am and drive to Hua Hin, which boasts bustling markets, tasty street food, gorgeous beaches and an overall cosmopolitan environment. We will also be visiting Pran Buri, a quiet fishing village and beach town with long, tranquil stretches of beautiful beach. We will also be climbing 395 steps right to the top of Khao Chong Krajok, also known as the 'Mirror Mountain' where you can catch phenomenal views of the coastline. We will stop for some lunch at a restaurant by the seaside. After, we will continue our drive southwards, perhaps stopping for some fresh and tasty pineapples before we arrive at Chumphon. You will check in to the Chumphon Cabana Resort, Chumphon (superior bungalow garden view room) for dinner and an overnight stay.

### **Day 4: Chumphon - Krabi (Breakfast & Lunch)**

After some breakfast, we will head to Surat Thani, also known as 'The City of Good People'. Here you will come across many colourful and vibrant Chinese temples. We will then visit the golden Phra Borommathat Chaiya. This is considered as one of the most important and beautiful temples of Surat Thani. From there, we will carry on to Baan Phumriang, which is a small Muslim fishing village famous for its silk hand woven products (Phumriang Silk). Later in the afternoon, we will arrive in the Krabi region for check in at the luxury Aonang Villa, Krabi (Superior room). Here you can enjoy dinner and a two night stay.

### **Day 5: Krabi (Breakfast)**

Today is at your leisure, so you can relax at the hotel and take advantage of its facilities, such as the spa, fitness centre and two swimming pools. If you feel like embarking on an adventure, a great option on offer to you is to join a kayak trip, exploring the mangroves. Alternatively, you are welcome to join us on an optional boat trip to some nearby islands. These islands are home to some absolutely stunning sandy beaches! Later in the evening you can enjoy dinner back at your hotel.

### **Day 6: Krabi – Phuket (Breakfast & Lunch)**

Following breakfast, you will visit the Krabi Shell Cemetery (Susan Hoi). This shell cemetery is supposedly one of just three in the world, and folklore claims it is over 75 million years old! Geology and history are huge, dominant elements to this site. Phang Nga is a picture perfect bay with stunning scenery like never seen before. Whilst you are at Phang Nga, you will be taken to a famous yet quiet island nicknamed as 'Jame's Bond Island' which became famous after being featured in the film 'Man With the Golden Gun.' We will also pass a Muslim village, which homes a unique mosque built on stilts in the water. After a



scrumptious lunch, you can enjoy some striking scenery from the terrace of Phang Nga Resort. Thereafter, we will drive to the beach resort of Phuket and check in at the Crest Resort and Pool Villas (around 17.30pm).

### **Day 7: Departure back to London**

Today you will check out from your hotel, and head to the airport for your flight back to London with Thai Airways.

### **Inclusions:**

- Flights on Thai Airways London-Bangkok and Return Phuket London
- Tours as listed in the itinerary with entrance fees
- Accommodation as stated or similar
- Meals as specified
- Service charges & taxes
- Baggage Handling
- Porterage
- English Speaking guide

### **Exclusions:**

- Expenditure of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, mini bar, other meals and beverages and other services that are not mentioned in inclusions.

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