

5 Days Bangkok/Ko Samet/Pattaya Tour

Day 1: Bangkok (Arrival) – Ko Samet (D)

Upon arrive Bangkok, meet with local guide and transfer to **Ko Samet** by car. Ko Samet is one of the Eastern Seaboard Islands of Thailand. It is located in the Gulf of Thailand off the coastline of the Thai province of Rayong, approximately 220 kilometres (140 mi) southeast of Bangkok. Ko Samet is the largest and westernmost of a cluster of islands not far from the coast. The island derives its name from the cajeput tree found throughout the island, as the Thai language word for *cajeput* is *samet*. Hotel check in after dinner.



Day 2: Ko Samet (B/L/D)



Enjoy stunning seaside scenery and exciting snorkeling with local professional trainers. Warm Reminded: Learn to “walk” when you are snorkeling. Avoid getting too close to large reefs. Known as the paradise of diving and snorkeling, **Ko Nang Yuan** can provide you more than ocean beauty. Visit local fishing yard after lunch. Free at your leisure after dinner.

Day 3: Ko Samet – Pattaya (B/L/D)

After breakfast in hotel, transfer to Pattaya by cruise bus via **NONG NOOCH VILLAGE**. Nong Nooch is world renowned for its impressive Elephant and Thai Cultural Shows, along with what is largely considered the biggest and most beautiful botanical garden in Southeast Asia. After that, visit the largest Buddha image in the world, **Khao Chee Chan**. Also known as Buddha Mountain, Khao Chee Chan is about 20 minutes outside Pattaya. Built in 1996 to commemorate King Bhumibol’s golden jubilee, the 50th anniversary of his accession



to the throne, the King’s children with members of the department of Geological Resources and the nearby Asian Institute of Technology started the construction. Using American laser technology the image was carved into the sheer cliff in just two days, but it would take many months to fill the grooved image with the required gold leaf. The cost of the project is said to be over \$3 million dollars. The mountain itself is a remnant of Thailand’s once wartime mining efforts. The outline of the sitting Buddha, also known as Sukhothai-era Buddha, stands 130 meters tall and 71 meters wide. The image can literally be seen from miles away.



Day 4: Pattaya – Bangkok (B/L/D)

Visit **Sriracha Tiger Zoo** after breakfast in hotel. The Sriracha Tiger Zoo is a zoo in Sri Racha, a city on the outskirts of Pattaya, known as the seaside resort of



Thailand. The zoo claims a population of 200 tigers and around 10,000 crocodiles, the largest such populations in the world. The main attraction is the compound of 250 tigers that are involved with the zoo’s remarkable breeding program. Visitors can get up close and personal with the babies. Many people also come for the colourful array of performances, which include the Scorpion Queen, who poses for photos while covered in scorpions, the Amazing Circus, which features a variety of creatures doing bizarre tricks, and recently, the dancing hog show, which is



getting tons of press. Thereafter visit the **Samutprakarn Crocodile Farm and Zoo**, an internationally renowned crocodile zoo in Bangkok. Whilst the park claims to hold the world’s largest crocodile in captivity, named Yai, measuring six meters (19 feet, 8 inches) and weighing 1114.27 kilograms (2465 pounds), a crocodile caught in the Philippines in September 2011 and named Lolong has been confirmed as larger. Yai is one among over 100,000 crocodiles at the world’s largest crocodile farm.



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Next destination is **Siam Ocean World**. It is the largest aquarium in South East Asia, covering approximately 10,000 square meters of space with hundreds of different species on display, and also contains water volume nearly 5 million litres. It aims to provide both entertainment and education to visitors. In addition to, through formal educational programs, Siam Ocean World aims to promote an appreciation and understanding of the aquatic environment in line with the formal Thailand curriculum. Transfer to Bangkok after lunch. Upon arrival in Bangkok, have dinner first then transfer to hotel for check in.

Day 5: Bangkok (Departure) (B/L)

After breakfast, visit the world renowned **Grand Palace**. In shape, the palace complex is roughly rectangular and has a combined area of 218,400 square metres (2,351,000 sq ft), surrounded by four walls. It is situated on the banks of the Chao Phraya River at the heart of the Rattanakosin Island, today in the Phra Nakhon District. The Grand Palace is bordered by Sanam Luang and Na Phra Lan Road to the north, Maharaj Road to the west, Sanamchai Road to the east and Thai Wang Road to the south. Rather than being a single structure, the Grand Palace is made up of numerous buildings, halls, pavilions set around open lawns, gardens and courtyards.

Its asymmetry and eclectic styles are due to its organic development, with additions and rebuilding being made by successive reigning kings over 200 years of history. The Grand Palace is currently partially open to the public as a museum, a dazzling and spectacular landmark, however it remains a working palace as several royal offices are still situated inside. The palace is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Thailand. Today, the complex remains the spiritual heart of the Thai Kingdom. Transfer to airport after lunch for your onward flight.

