

# EPIC ASIA

Hong Kong (SAR), China ~ Phuket, Thailand ~ Chiang Mai, Thailand ~ Tokyo, Japan



Trip includes everything in this itinerary unless noted. Included is all International and Intra-Asia airfare (basic-economy), hotels (double occupancy), transportation (bus, taxi, subways, etc.), guided tours, activities, breakfast daily, and other meals notated in the itinerary (total of 19 meals provided). Trip price \$5,487. Discount codes may be available through sponsors. \$500 per-person deposit required, followed by equal monthly payments with balance paid in full 4-months prior to departure. For additional information (see our FAQ page), and to book online, visit www.EpicGroupVacations.com.

# **Travel Day**

- Flights from home city to Hong Kong, China. Arrival next day (14 hour time-change from MDT).
  - Group airfare will be provided, and is included in the trip cost. Exact route and airline will be communicated approximately 6 months prior to departure. At that time, travelers may choose alternate airlines, routes, or classes of service at an additional cost.

#### (2) Meals Included: Airline Catering



# DAY 2

- Arrival into Hong Kong (late evening) Transfer to hotel
- Hotel Regal Airport Hotel Hong Kong (or similar)



- Hong Kong City Tour
  - O Ngong Ping Cable Car to Big Buddha
  - Star Ferry across Victoria Harbor
  - Pan-Fried Dumplings Lunch
  - Market Walk w/ Local Resident
    - Visit 4 local markets
  - Visit to local family's apartment (100 sq. ft. for family of 4)
- Evening flight to Phuket, Thailand
- Arrival into Phuket (late evening) Transfer to hotel
- Hotel Indigo Phuket Patong Beach (or similar)

#### (2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch



















#### Free day to shake off the jet lag!

- Patong Beach / Hotel Pool
  - Sip a cold drink at the hotel pool, take a swim in the calm ocean, and feel the sand between your toes on Patong Beach! The Day is yours to relax and recharge.
- Thai Massage
  - Most people on this trip end up getting several massages while in Thailand (\$7 USD for a 60-minute massage). We bet you will too! The first massage is on us to get you hooked!
- Mountain Trek to Big Buddha
  - Challenge yourself to a trek through the Thai wilderness on a challenging hike to the Phuket Big Buddha and Wat Chalong, Phuket's largest Buddhist temple.
- Red Mountain Golf Club
  - 18-Holes including Cart, Caddy, and Transportation (NOT included in trip price. Additional cost approx.
     \$180 per golfer)
- Sunset on Patong Beach
  - o The perfect way to end a perfect day!
- Group Welcome Dinner
  - After sunset, we meet together for a group dinner At Naughty Nuri's Restaurant (family-style dinner is included).
- Explore Bangla Road Night Market
  - Spend the remainder of the evening exploring the crazy nightlife along Bangla Road.

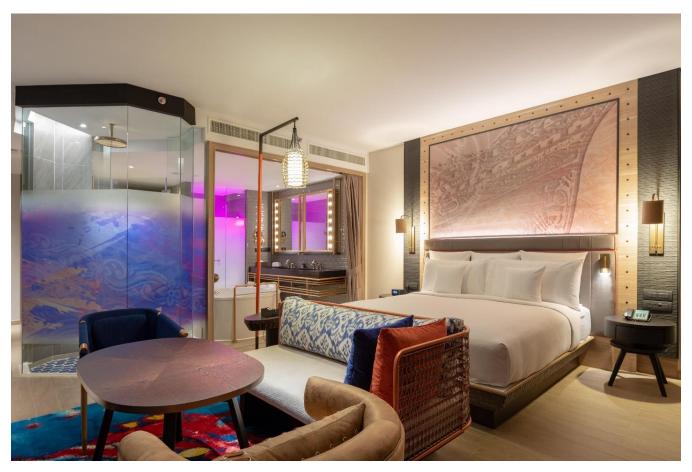
#### (2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner





































# Lagoons and Sea Caves at Phang Nga Bay

- Full-Day excursion on Sea Canoes
  - A highlight of the trip- we will explore Phang Nga Bay's caves and hidden lagoons. Every couple is assigned to a sea canoe with a guide that will do ALL of the paddling for you while you sit back and relax! Plenty of time included for swimming, hanging out on a private beach, or taking your canoe out on your own to explore. In the evening, surprises and glowing plankton await. Gourmet meals are prepared and served back on the transfer boat. A day you will talk about forever!

#### (3) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner















#### **Phi Phi Islands Snorkel**

- Speed Boat tour to Phi Phi Islands
  - We will ride in a private speedboat through the Andaman Sea to visit Phi Phi Island, Maya Bay, Viking Cave, Monkey Beach, Khai Island, Loh Samah Bay, Pileh Cove, and Tonsai Bay. Lots of snorkeling and swimming along the way. Breakfast is included on a private island as we watch the sun rise. Lunch is included at a local restaurant on Ko Phi Phi Don. Good luck explaining to your friends at home how incredible that water is!

#### (2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch









#### **Chiang Mai**

- Short morning flight to Chiang Mai and quick transfer to hotel
- Hotel Empress Premier Chiang Mai (or similar)
- Tiger Kingdom
  - **OVER IT :** We will make a visit to Tiger Kingdom and enter the cages with these gentle giants!
- Wat Pa Dara Temple
  - Located near Tiger Kingdom, we will visit this fascinating Buddhist temple and see the most life-like statues you have ever seen.
- Night Bazaar
  - The night comes alive at the famous Chiang Mai Night Bazaar. Find some dinner, get a banana pancake and buy some "elephant pants" to take home!

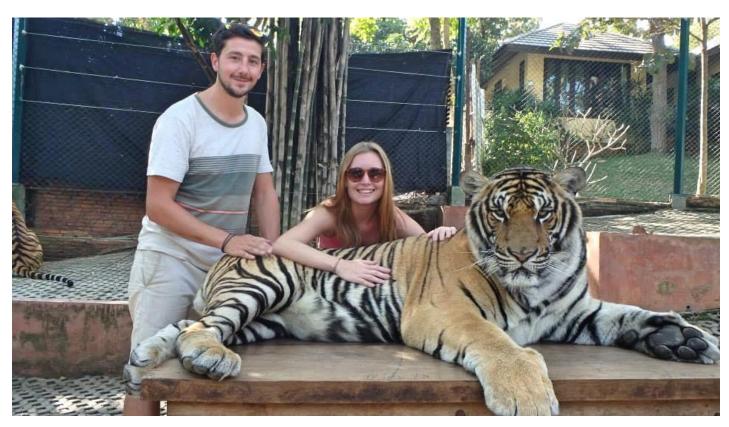
#### (1) Meal Included: Breakfast





















### **Chiang Mai Jungle**

- Elephant Sanctuary
  - Another much anticipated highlight of the trip is our visit to a highly regarded elephant sanctuary. You will spend half a day with these beautiful, well taken care of, rescued elephants (even a new baby!).
     You will feed them, play with them, and trek through the jungle to a river to bathe them. A truly unbelievable experience!
- Bamboo River Rafting & Lunch
  - We will finish the day with a relaxing float down the river onboard bamboo rafts & enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- Free Evening
  - Spend the evening getting another massage, returning to explore the night market, take a stroll through Old Town, or take it easy back at the hotel.
- (2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch







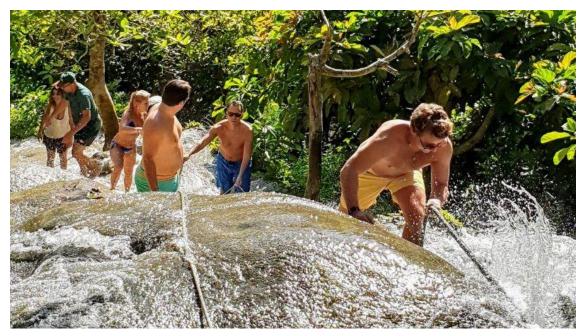




# **Chiang Mai Food & Bua Thong Sticky Waterfall**

- Thai Cooking Class
  - Another favorite of past groups. During this experience, everyone in your group will have their own cooking station as you follow the chef's instructions to prepare and eat 11 Thai dishes prepared to your liking!
- Bua Thong Sticky Waterfall
  - Hike and cool off along this series of waterfalls (more like downhill rivers with pools) that you can climb with ease due to the rocks "sticky" nature.
- Free Evening
  - Last chance for shopping, massage, or relaxing!

#### (2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner













# Flights from Chiang Mai, Thailand, to Tokyo, Japan

- Evening Arrival and transfer to hotel
- Hotel Hyatt Tokyo Bay

(2) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch (on airplane)







# **Exploring Tokyo**

- Tsukiji Fish Market
  - We will start the day at this awesome morning street market.
- Tokyo Tour
  - We will navigate through Tokyo to visit the following sites:
    - Sensoji Shrine
    - Meiji Jingu Shrine
    - Harajuku Takeshita Street
    - LDS Temple Visitors Center (optional)
- Evening exploring and eating in Shibuya
  - The "Times Square" of Tokyo, and home of the busiest pedestrian intersection in the world. We will
    point out our favorite conveyor belt sushi restaurant and ramen house. You will then have a few
    hours to explore and eat at your leisure.

(1) Meal Included: Breakfast



















# **Disney in Japanese**

- Full Day at Tokyo Disneyland
  - Some have asked, "Why are we going all the way to Tokyo and spending time at Disneyland?". The answer is simple- A visit to Tokyo Disney is a cultural experience that will have you raving. Japanese people watching at its best, you will be mesmerized with how fun the groups of Japanese students are, and how kind everyone is to the only group of Americans in the whole park! I promise, you will love it!
- Disney Evening Ticket

• For those who do not want an entire day of Disney, you can opt to do a 4-hour Disney evening pass (just to give you a small taste) along with an entire day free to do whatever you choose in Tokyo!

#### (1) Meal Included: Breakfast





# **DAY 13**

# Noodles, Shopping, and Return Home

- Group Farewell Lunch at Din Tai Fung
  - One of our favorite restaurants in the world! We'll eat family style so you can try the dumplings, noodles, rice, and the mango shaved ice! Spend whatever time we have left buying those last-minute souvenirs in the Shibuya district.
- Final Shopping in Shibuya
- Afternoon flights back to home (arrival home same-day)

(4) Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast (last 2 meals on airplane)

