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**KIPLING & CLARK itinerary | FAMILY TOUR: THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA – 16 DAYS**  
*December 2007 – January 2008 School Holiday Period*

*December 23-24*

## **ARRIVAL BANGKOK**

### **– Arrive in Bangkok**

After immigration and custom clearance, meet and transfer to the Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel

*Overnight at the Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel, Executive Deluxe Room*

*December 24-26*

## **BANGKOK - CHIANG MAI**

### **– Breakfast at the hotel**

### **– Fly Bangkok/Chiang Mai**

Arrive in Chiang Mai, meet and transfer to the Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi Hotel

Please be reminded that our local guides will be advised to give your wide discretion and flexibility while touring the various areas of Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. You may wish to add or subtract activities included in your itinerary, dependant upon your daily circumstances and specific interests.

Lunch in private thai residence

Afternoon sightseeing to include:  
– City Tour including Doi Suthep  
– Evening night market

Dinner on own

*Overnight at the Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi Hotel*

*December 25*

## **CHIANG MAI**



### **– Breakfast at the hotel**

Morning elephant trekking followed by bamboo rafting

*Optional: cooking class at a local cooking school*

Lunch at a local restaurant

Afternoon private elephant mahout training

Dinner on own

*Overnight at the Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi Hotel*

*December 26-27*

## **CHIANG MAI – CHIANG RAI**

### **– Breakfast at the hotel**

Morning drive overland to Chiang Rai, sightseeing en route (Approximately 3 hour drive on good, paved road, mostly 4 lanes)

*December 26*

## **OPTIONAL STOPS**

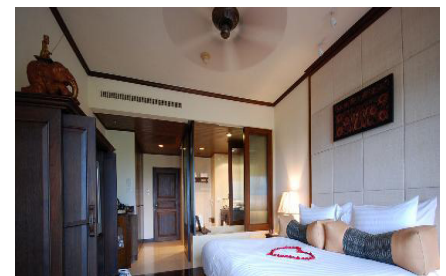
- 1. Wat Rongkhun Chiang Rai:** This is a modern museum designed by artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, entirely in white with mirrored glass. It has a fine blend of Buddhist art with contemporary themes.
- 2. Chiang Saen:** An ancient city which was probably part of the Yonok Kingdom, which buildings and moat were actually built around 1328. (Sights to see: National Museum, Wat Chedi Luang Temple, Wat Pa Sak Temple set in forest of teak trees, Wat Phratha Chomkitti Temple with ancient gilded chedi and a fantastic view of the city and river)
- 3. Opium Museum:** A Thai opium museum.
- 4. Cabbage & Condom:** A community based rural development center ([www.pda.or.th/wpp/index\\_e.htm](http://www.pda.or.th/wpp/index_e.htm))

Lunch at a local restaurant

Upon arrival, transfer to check-in at the Anantara Resort

Dinner on own

*Overnight at the Anantara Resort, Deluxe Room*





*December 27-28*

**CHIANG-RAI –  
LUANG SAY CRUISE**

– Breakfast at Anantara Resort

– Early morning transfer  
to Chiang Khong

Upon arrival, transfer across the border to Houei Say (Laos border), then board LuangSay for a cruise down the Mekong to Pakbeng. En route one stop is made to observe rural life along the Mekong and discover minorities, a **buffet lunch on board**

Arrive in Pakbeng before sunset and check-in at Luangsay Lodge

Dinner and overnight at the Luangsay Lodge

*LuangSay Cruise, Bungalow Room*

*December 28-30*

**LUANG SAY CRUISE –  
LUANG PRABANG**

– Breakfast at the lodge

*Optional: walk to Pakbeng market, where people from the surrounding village of minorities exchange their goods.*

Then board the boat the second leg of the cruise. A short stop is made to visit a hilltribe village where you can watch the traditional process of Lao whiskey production before having a buffet lunch on board.

Continue to Pak Ou village at the mouth of the Nam Ou River, where you visit Tam Ting “Caves of a Thousand Buddha’s”. Arrive at Luang Prabang and then transfer to La Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel

Dinner on own

*Overnight at La Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel, Verandah Room*

*December 29*

**LUANG PRABANG**



– Early morning food offering

– Return to the hotel for breakfast

Rest of morning sightseeing to visit Kuang Si Waterfall

*Lunch at a local restaurant*

Afternoon sightseeing to visit:

- Wat Visoun
- Wat Xieng Thong
- Wat Phoussy and Phoussy Hill until sunset

**Early evening Baci Ceremony**

This evening ceremony is among the most fascinating of Laotian cultural traditions. The Baci ceremony pre-dates the arrival of Buddhism in Laos (8th century) and is considered the most respectful form of welcome. The ceremony is also meant to bestow the protection power of the spirits on the visitor and is often held in connection with births, weddings, and funerals. During the ceremony the selected individuals tie strings around their wrist believing the strings will protect the wearer. (It is suggested the strings must not be removed for at least three days). The ceremony is highlighted by the accompaniment of music and traditional dance. My wife, then four-year old daughter and I

participated in a Baci ceremony and thought it was the highlight of our Luang Prabang visit.

Dinner on own



*Overnight at La Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel, Personality Suite*

*December 30*

**LUANG PRABANG –  
BANGKOK- SIEM REAP**

– Breakfast at the hotel.

– Transfer to airport

– Fly Luang Prabang/Bangkok

– Upon arrival, remain in transit area to connect flight

– Fly Bangkok/Siem Reap

Arrive in Siem Reap, the clients to get and pay for Cambodia visa on arrival on own. (visa fee at US\$ 20.00 per person)

After clearing immigration and customs clearance, meet and transfer to the Raffles Grand Hotel D’Angkor

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure

Dinner at the hotel

*Overnight at the Raffles Grand Hotel D’Angkor, Landmark Room*



*December 31-1*  
**SIEM REAP**

**– Breakfast at the hotel**

Morning depart from hotel by Tuk Tuk including biking for sightseeing:

- Angkor Thom
- Bayon Temple
- Elephant Terrace & Leper Kings
- Ta Prohm Temple

Lunch on own at the hotel

Afternoon sightseeing to include:

- Angkor Wat until sunset

Compulsory gala dinner

Inclusive off:

- Pre-dinner cocktails
- New year’s Eve Gala Dinner:

An exquisite six course Western Set Dinner with a full scale Khmer Cultural Show on December 31, 2007

- Free flow of selected wines & champagne served during dinner up to countdown at 12:00 mid-night on December 31, 2007
- Dance the night away with an International band specially flown in for the occasion.

*Overnight at the Raffles Grand Hotel D’Angkor, Personality Suite*

*January 1*  
**SIEM REAP**

**– Breakfast at the hotel**

**– Morning sightseeing to visit Preah Khan**

**– Lunch on own at the hotel**

Afternoon sightseeing to include:

- Boat trip on Tonle Sap

Dinner at the hotel

*Overnight at the Raffles Grand Hotel D’Angkor*

*January 2*  
**SIEM REAP – PHNOM PENH**

**– Early morning Angkor Wat until sunrise**

**– Return to hotel for breakfast**

Rest of morning at leisure

**– Noon check-out from the hotel**

**– Afternoon transfer to airport**

**– Fly Siem Reap/Phnom Penh**

Dinner on own



*Overnight at the Le Royal Hotel, Personality Suite*

*January 3*  
**PHNOM PENH**

**– Breakfast at the hotel**

Morning sightseeing to include:

- National Museum
- Silver Pagoda
- Royal Palace

Lunch on own

Afternoon option to Toul Sleng Genocide Museum and short excursion to Killing Fields

Dinner on own



*Overnight at the Le Royal Hotel, Personality Suite*

*January 4*  
**PHNOM PENH – BANGKOK**

**– Breakfast at the hotel**

**– Transfer to airport**

**– Fly Phnom Penh/Bangkok**

Upon arrival, meet and transfer to Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel

*Remainder of day at leisure*

*Lunch and dinner on own*

*Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel, Executive Deluxe Room*

*January 5*  
**DEPART BANGKOK**

**– Breakfast at the hotel**

**– Meet and transfer to Suvarnabhumi International Airport**

**– Depart Bangkok**

— END OF SERVICES —



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