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## THAILAND IN STYLE

An Ellison Roberts itinerary for the discerning traveller

### BANGKOK – SALAYA - RIVER KWAI – HUA HIN – 14 NIGHTS

Meals specified as follows: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

#### Day 1 – Arrive Bangkok, Thailand

Upon arrival at Bangkok airport, after collecting your luggage and clearing customs and immigration, as you leave the arrivals lounge you will see the Ellison Roberts representative. He/She will be holding a sign saying "YOUR NAME"  
 He/She will direct you to the transfer vehicle to your hotel, The Old Bangkok Inn. <http://www.oldbangkokinn.com>

If you have difficulty finding your guide, you may call + 81 834 51 62 or (66) 81 348-7865.

The balance of the day is at leisure



#### Day 2 – Royal Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha Temple

(B)

Breakfast is at the Hotel.

In the morning please meet your guide in the lobby of the hotel. He/She will take you on a tour to the Royal Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple.

Explore the Palace where Anna Leon Owens of "The King and I" was the governess to the Crown Prince. Explore the magnificent Wat Phra Keo - The Temple of Emerald Buddha (the private royal temple) with the revered Emerald Buddha and other attractions: Golden Pagoda, Pantheon of the Chakri Kings, the towers of the eight planets and a miniature replica of the Angkor Wat. Then go on to visit the Coronation Throne Hall, Royal Reception Hall, Royal Funeral Hall. Etc.

Please note that visitors wearing shorts, T-shirts or sleeveless dresses are not permitted to enter.



### **Day 3 – Countryside – Overnight at the Rose Garden Riverside Resort (B,L,D)**

Breakfast at the Hotel

You start this morning in an air-conditioned car to visit Mahasawat Canal in Salaya District – 65 Km west of Bangkok. On arrival at the pier next to the Suwannaram Temple, you board a six-seated boat (complete with sunshades and fully equipped with life jackets) that will take you to explore the canal. Here you will see how the canal dwellers live. Your first stop is an orchid farm where thousands of orchids are grown.

The next stop will be at a fruit orchard within the paddy fields and your last stop is at the huge lotus pond (around 6 acres) where they harvest about 4,000 flowers a day for use in Buddhist ceremonies.

If the time permits, you can visit one of the houses where they make rice crackers with herbs and dry shrimp on top.

Then continue on to the Rose Garden Riverside Resort where lunch will be served. After lunch, you can attend the Thai Village cultural show which includes a monk's ordination procession, folk dances, sword-fighting, Thai boxing, a traditional wedding ceremony and elephants at work.



Dinner at the Hotel.

### **Day 4 – Floating Market – River Kwai – Night Safari Adventure with BBQ Dinner (B,L,D)**

Breakfast is at the Hotel

In the morning: Depart for the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market by road. The route takes you past salt fields and rustic countryside.

On arrival you take a boat ride at Damnoen Saduak through fruit orchards. See the traditional riverfront communities on both sides of the canal.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Continue to River Kwai, and visit the Thailand - Burma Railway Center War Museum: An open-air museum constructed in the form of the actual POW camp. There are collections of photographs, pictures, articles, pistols, knives, and other items from the construction of the 'Death Railway'.

War Cemetery, and River Kwai Bridge. A visit can also be made to the nearby WWII cemetery.



Transfer to River Kwai Village Hotel.

4.30 – 9.00 P.M. Night Safari Adventure with BBQ Dinner.

Playing with elephants and bathing them in the sunset atmosphere on the River Kwai, BBQ Dinner on the riverbank.

Followed by a night safari on elephant back.

(Please bring swimming suits or suitable clothes for bathing the elephants).

Back to the Hotel.

**Day 5 – River Kwai 4 x 4 Rainforest Adventure****(B,L,D)**

Breakfast is at the Hotel

Today you have the option of the excitement of bamboo rafting, 4 x 4 adventure, and a rainforest trek to an unspoiled cascaded limestone waterfall - lunch included...

Or stay and have a relaxing day by the pool and perhaps have a Thai massage

Dinner at the Hotel.

**Day 6 – River Kwai to Hua Hin****(B,L)**

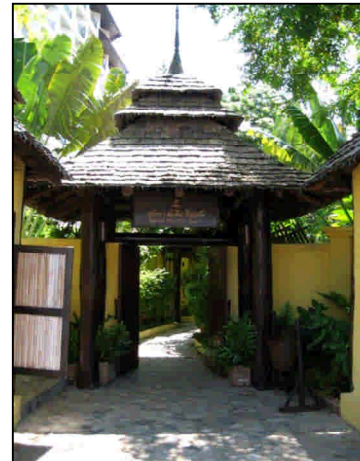
Breakfast is at the Hotel

08.00 a.m. Visit Hellfire Pass Memorial, the deepest cutting on the unfinished rail line and also visit the Hellfire Pass Memorial funded by the Australian Government and constructed in cooperation with the Government of Thailand, commemorates all those who died as prisoners of war here and elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region during the World War II.

11.00 a.m. Check out - Lunch at the Hotel or a local restaurant.

In the afternoon proceed by car to Hua Hin. The journey will take about 2 hours.

Check in at the Supatra Resort, Hua Hin - a small luxury beach resort located south of Hua Hin Town and near Khao Takiab (Chopsticks Hill): <http://www.supatrasort.com>



The evening is at leisure.

The Supatra is a boutique hotel and a haven of tranquility located south of Hua Hin at the foot of Khao Takiab, from which a giant Buddha looks eastwards across the Gulf of Thailand. Set amid quiet, lush gardens that open across a beachfront swimming pool directly onto the Gulf of Thailand.

Whether you choose to relax by the pool to the sound of the sea, enjoy the quiet shade of lush gardens, or unwind in the complete privacy of secluded accommodation.

Hua Hin Beach is one of Thailand's greatest beaches and the King of Thailand has his summer palace Klai Kang Won (which translates as 'away from tension') nearby.



Night market - Hua Hin town



Hua Hin beach

**Day 7 – 12 - Hua Hin - at leisure****(B)**

Lazy relaxing days...on the beach or by the pool.



Should the thought of so much relaxation cause you anxiety you can always visit the National Park at Sam Roi Yod (Three Hundred Peaks), the Pa La-U Waterfall and the Khao Takiab area where there are many temples.

**Day 13 – Transfer from Hua Hin to Bangkok****(B)**

Today you return to the elegance of the Old Bangkok Inn

**Day 14 – Day at leisure****(B)**

Perhaps a day by the pool or a last shopping opportunity

**Day 15 – Depart Bangkok – Airport Transfer****(B)**

At an appropriate time your driver will arrive to take you to the airport for your return flight to th UK

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Price PER PERSON

Period	PER PERSON
Dec. 21/07- Jan.4/08	£1,346
Jan. 4 to 18, 2008	£1,320
Feb. 3 to 17, 2008	£1,275
Rest of the year	£1,220

Inclusions:

14 Nights accommodation at the hotels mentioned [or similar] sharing in Twin/Double.  
 Full Breakfast daily, Lunch & Dinner as indicated only (drinks are not included)  
 Return airport transfers  
 Meet and greet upon arrival  
 Government taxes and service  
 All entrances fees for the whole trip  
 Tours as per the itinerary with English speaking guide

Exclusions:

International airfares  
 Meals other than those indicated above  
 Drinks, tips, laundry, telephone calls  
 Expenses of personal nature  
 Travel Insurance