



Smiling Albino's Multi-Country Grand Slam

Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia

A sophisticated approach
to the region's must-see sights,
soft adventures, enigmatic back streets
& beach bliss





Background



Simply put, this is the ultimate Southeast Asian experience! Designed by resident experts, each day is crafted with an eye to the variety that makes the region special, a great adventure for families or friends.

Featuring the best of urban and rural areas, this adventure includes luxurious and quaint accommodations, a focus on outstanding food, seamless transitions, and opportunities to meet fascinating local characters along the way. From exploring little-known corners of Bangkok, we'll head north to the Golden Triangle, mingle with elephants and hilltribes and then explore charming Chiang Mai via various modes of transport. From here you'll journey to the ascending dragon, Vietnam, for a new world to old world adventure. Beginning in Hanoi, you'll travel down south through Halong Bay and Hoi An to Saigon. Then a short flight brings you to the world heritage site of Angkor before heading south to an island for some soft sand and sea, a perfect capstone to an intriguing adventure.

Prepare to be hosted!

Adventure in Brief

Day 1: Arrive in Bangkok, stay three nights at the Ariyasom Villa

Day 2: Bangkok Multi Transport Adventure

Day 3: Cycle Hidden Bangkok & Headlights – One Night in Bangkok

Day 4: Fly to the far north, Chiang Rai, and enjoy flexible cycling and boating trip. Stay one night at the boutique Legend Resort & Spa

Day 5: Drive up the stunning Doi Mae Salong, tea tasting, hiking and hilltribes. Stay one night at the Katiliya Mountain Resort

Day 6: Continue to the Golden Triangle and stay two nights at the Anantara Golden Triangle. Evening elephant sunset trekking

Day 7: Morning elephant care and afternoon cycling the Mekong

Day 8: Drive south to Chiang Mai, stop en route at Wat Rong Khun

Stay three nights at 137 Pillars House

Day 9: Chiang Mai All or Nothing!

Day 10: Flexible cycling excursion

Day 11: Fly to Hanoi via Bangkok, stay two nights at Hotel L'Opera

Day 12: Hanoi Inside out, the old quarter and markets

Day 13: Drive to Halong and stay two nights on a luxury junk

Day 14: Explore Halong Bay

Day 15: Return to Hanoi and fly to Hoi An, stay two nights at Anantara Resort

Day 16: Charming Hoi An by bike and on foot

Day 17: Continue to Saigon, Cu Chi tunnels and night scooters, stay one night at the Grand Hotel

Day 18: Fly to Siem Reap, stay three nights at Shinta Mani Club

Day 19: Angkor classic sights with option to cycle

Day 20: Tonle Sap Lake, stilted houses and kayaking expedition

Day 21: Onto the beach for four nights at Six Senses Yao Noi

Day 22 - 24: Beach at leisure

Day 25: Departure

Day 1: Welcome to Bangkok!



We'll be waiting when your plane touches down to brush off the airline pretzel crumbs and welcome you to 'The Land of Smiles'. You'll be whisked to your home-away-from-home and introduced to your surroundings. Upon check-in you'll receive your personalized 'Adventure Kit', containing a custom-designed adventure handbook, lots of neat tidbits and your complimentary mobile phone and/or a local SIM card. The phone is yours for your entire journey. Sit back, relax, enjoy a swim and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime.

Arrival Flight: your own arrangement

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: [Ariyasom Villa](#), Deluxe Room

Option: an upgrade to the stylish [The Siam Hotel](#) is available at additional cost

Day 2: Bangkok Multi Transport Adventure



As one of the world's great mega-cities, Bangkok is best seen from an insider's perspective. 'The City of Angels' is the largest city in Southeast Asia and one of the most chaotically-planned. Bangkok can be confusing to navigate, leaving many visitors exhausted with their experience. With this in mind, we've found a way to do justice to the capital.

We'll use the elevated Skytrain rapid transit system, canal boats, motorcycle taxis, three-wheeled tuk-tuks, and longtail boats to see more in one day than most folks see in three. The only question is what you'll enjoy more – the sites or getting to them!

Time: approximately 9:00 - 16:00

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [Ariyasom Villa](#)

Dinner Suggestions

After a big day on the town, dinner is best done on your own. Here are a few toplist Thai cuisine suggestions:

Bo.Lan <http://www.bolan.co.th/2014/>

Nahm <http://www.comohotels.com/metropolitanbangkok/dining/nahm>

Issaya <http://www.issaya.com/issaya-index.php>

Day 3: Cycle Hidden Bangkok and Headlights



Hop on a bike and discover another side of Bangkok that you probably didn't expect to find beyond the skyscrapers and maze of busy streets. Today we'll explore hidden Bangkok through some of our favourite sleepy neighbourhoods. We'll head across the mighty Chao Phraya River to get a closer look at the canal-side communities and rural areas of Thonburi, the capital of Siam briefly between the Ayutthaya and Bangkok periods.

Highlights today include hidden temples, fun routes on elevated canal paths, quiet streets, old bridges, Canal-side life and a chance to try local food from vendors using old family recipes.

Flexible touring means the distance, activity level and focus will be adjusted to your desires. Return to your hotel mid-afternoon and take your time to relax at leisure. Either relax by the pool or enjoy a Thai massage, and get ready for tonight's main event – **Headlights**.

Biking: 12 - 35 kilometres (flexible), paved roads and narrow paths

Bicycles are well-maintained, high-performance mountain bikes with front suspension, helmets, gloves and water bottles. Please make sure you are confident of biking in narrow lanes and small alleys. Good balancing skills are required.

Meals: B, L

Continued: Headlights Adventure



This is your chance to experience ‘One Night in Bangkok’. It’s out for an outstanding Thai meal, then your customized night on the town. We’ll walk through various neighbourhoods, followed by some great local food, a beverage or two in strange places, and a nice visit through market areas and historical districts. The best way to do this is by using a variety of local transportation in order to be spontaneous and efficient. The evening winds up at either one of the famous red-light market districts, a riverside bar or even the Bohemian backpacker community of Khao San Road, depending on your hotel location and interests by that point in the evening.

Meals: D

Accommodation: [Ariyasom Villa](#)

Day 4: To the Far North - Bikes, Boats, Villages & Cave



This morning we'll get an early start to make the most of the day. We'll accompany you to the airport to catch an early morning flight to Chiang Rai. Here you'll check into the gorgeous 'Legend Resort & Spa', set on the banks of the Mae Kok River.

After freshening up we'll cycle through the city of Chiang Rai then place our bikes on a private longtail boat and head upriver to a hilltribe settlement. This Karen village, surrounded by limestone mountains, offers a great spot for a light lunch and is the proper starting point for an epic day in the saddle. On today's ride we'll navigate small back roads leading out of the village, up and over some medium-grade mountains, passing by Ahka and Lisu villages. We'll either cycle back or take the boat back to our resort's pier.

After some afternoon R'n'R at the resort, we'll head out for a northern feast and the night markets.

Flight: Bangkok - Chiang Rai, departing approximately 8:00

Riding: 25-50 kilometers, sealed road, dirt road, manageable hills

Note: non-cyclists can enjoy all of today's activities by private van transport

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [The Legend Resort & Spa](#), Superior Studio

Day 5: To Mae Salong and Chinatown



Today we'll drive up to one of the Kingdom's most stunning destinations – Doi Mae Salong. This dramatic mountain region was settled first by indigenous hilltribe groups such as the Akha and Lahu peoples, and more recently by Chinese settlers who fled the Communist Revolution in China in 1949. We'll drive roughly 75 kilometers up and over spectacular jungle-covered mountains enroute to this highland retreat. Once opium country, Doi Mae Salong is now home to Thailand's premier Oolong tea production. Let's try some!

Hiking Anyone? We'll arrive early enough for a nice nature hike through terraced tea and rice plantations, taking in hilltribe villages and rolling mountains around the Doi Mae Salong area.

This evening we'll have a special opportunity to stay at the renowned Thai mountain resort, the Katiliya.

Driving: 75 kilometres, paved roads, winding mountain passes

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [Katiliya Mountain Resort](#), Katiliya Suite

Day 6: From the Mountains to the Golden Triangle



We'll get started today with a drive to Doi Tung Royal Gardens for a strong morning Arabica-style coffee and a visit to this renowned development center for hilltribe groups in northern Thailand. Next we'll head to the top of Doi Chang Mub, one of the province's highest mountains and along a spectacular road that straddles the Thai-Myanmar border.

After lunch we'll travel past the Golden Triangle and check into the luxury Anantara Resort overlooking the Ruck River and beyond into Myanmar. Enjoy your downtime at leisure before our late afternoon exclusive event, **Elephant Sunset Trekking and Dining by Design!**

Continued: Sunset Trekking and Dining by Design



You are in for something special this afternoon! Join rescued Siamese elephants on a hilltop and watch the sun set behind you on Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. From here, accompany your pachyderm to the Elephant Camp for private dinner on an elevated, torch-lit platform. Feast on a memorable meal in this evocative corner of Southeast Asia as elephants roam free. This is indeed one of the most incredible dining experiences in the region.

Driving: 100 kilometres, thrilling descents, exhilarating mountain passes

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [Anantara Golden Triangle](#), Deluxe Three Country View

Day 7: Walking with Giants & the Mighty Mekong



Rise early this morning for a quintessential Thai experience – either a “Walking with Giants” program or a “Mahout Introduction” course. Spend the morning accompanying these majestic creatures on their daily walk through the jungle down to the river while a knowledgeable vet fills you in on their plight and how to care for them. Or, work alongside a professional trainer learning all about these magical creatures, retrieve them from the jungle, assist with feeding, cleaning, bathing and then learn how to engage an elephant with native verbal and physical commands.

The program ends around 9:00, after which you can enjoy a great breakfast at the resort overlooking free ranging elephants foraging on the floodplains below.

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After breakfast, we'll venture out to the nearby town and begin cycling one of the nicest roads in the north. This route along the Mekong provides stunning views of village life as well as wide bends and cool air of the river. Cycling is mostly flat, with a few manageable hills.

Before returning to the hotel, we can pop by the ancient capital of Chiang Saen Ruins, once the center of power of the mighty Lanna Kingdom beginning some 1,400 years ago, and Chiang Saen Lake, a nature reserve and a favorite for bird watchers.

This afternoon there are several activities we can arrange, such as rejuvenating spa treatments or a visit to the **Hall of Opium**. This is a world-class and brilliantly informative interpretive center chronicling the 5,000 year history of the opium crop. The best part is that it is right across the road from the Anantara resort! Tonight enjoy the evening at one of the hotel's fine restaurants.

Biking: 25 – 40 kilometres along the Mekong River, village roads, mostly flat

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [Anantara Golden Triangle](#)

Day 8: The Golden Triangle and to Chiang Mai



This morning we'll visit the scenic spot where the Mekong and Ruak rivers converge, as do the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos – the Golden Triangle.

After, we'll drive south to the cultural capital of Chiang Mai. The trip takes about three and a half hours, but we'll extend a bit, stopping en-route at Wat Rong Khun, the spectacular, impressionistic “White Temple”. Chiang Mai is famous for antiques, tribal art and the reminders of the ancient Lanna dynasty that forms the bedrock of northern Thai culture. No hotel better exemplifies modern luxury and Oriental elegance than the stunning 137 Pillars House, culminating in the original 19th century main building for which the hotel is named.

Drive: approximately 3.5 hours with stops en route

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [137 Pillars House](#), Rajah Brooke Suite

Option: An upgrade to the luxury [Four Seasons Chiang Mai](#) is available at additional cost

Day 9: Chiang Mai All or Nothing!



Considered the second most important city in Thailand, Chiang Mai has an entirely different feel than bustling Bangkok. Today, we suggest exploring the classic sites in and around the city, including its numerous Lanna temples (*wats*) from **Wat Chedi Luang** - the original home of the Emerald Buddha, and **Wat Phra Singh** and its Wihan Lai Kham, offering a prime example of classical Lanna architecture. Later, we'll visit the mountain temple of **Wat Doi Suthep** which was built in 1383 to enshrine Buddha's relics. Enjoy stunning panoramic views of Chiang Mai city and the surrounding countryside before returning to town.

We can also stroll through some of the charming streets of the Old City such as the stylish **Nimmanhaemin Road** and its vibrant art scene, or a walk through the **Wat Ket** neighbourhood to get a feel for Chiang Mai's architectural character. There are dozens of possible landmarks to choose from, but the aforementioned are considered the 'must sees'. Flexible touring means we can explore as much or as little as you like – your wish is our command!

Exploration by: private van and foot

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [137 Pillars House](#)

Day 10: Pedal Lanna



Get ready for a great day in the saddle! The perfect sequel after exploring the vibrancy of Chiang Mai city is a two-wheeled adventure through the gorgeous surrounding countryside. We'll escape the city and cycle into the heart of Northern Thailand's lush valleys, mountain landscapes, local shrines, rice paddies and rural charm. These are the postcard visuals for which the area is famous.

Today's ride explores the communities and great outdoors north of the Mae Rim valley along the Ping River, away from the bustle of the city. We'll cycle mostly flat roads with mild hills, and of course experience signature Northern Thai food. How about some *Khao Soi* for lunch, street side as the locals do?

The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. Depending on your interests, we can also arrange for you to join one of Chiang Mai's excellent Thai culinary classes.

Note: bicycles are well-maintained, high-performance bikes with front suspension, helmets, gloves and water bottles.

Biking: 25 - 40 kilometres (paved roads, light cycle, rural villages, mountain views and charming landscapes)

Accommodation: [137 Pillars House](#)

Vietnam



This customized Vietnam itinerary features a variety of activities and venues from the 1,000-year old capital, Hanoi, to the supernatural islands and coves of Ha Long Bay. Continue on a memorable and charming journey through the heritage town of Hoi An, and end in the frenetic hub of Saigon.

The pace is methodical but practical and is enhanced by kayaking, cycling, and multiple forms of transport throughout. This is a journey into the heart of a nation on the move.

Prepare to be dazzled.

Day 11: Welcome to Hanoi



Today, you will catch a short flight to Bangkok to connect with a two-hour flight to Hanoi. Here, we'll be waiting when your plane touches down to transfer you to your hotel in central Hanoi. Sit back, relax, enjoy a swim and get ready for tomorrow's adventure.

If time permits an afternoon ramble, we'll head out to the Hoan Kiem Lake area and step into vintage Hanoi with a little historical overview, a traditional Vietnamese coffee, and a glimpse of Hanoians at work, rest and play around the city's largest natural landmark. Tonight we'll have a Vietnamese dinner in style at one of the city's excellent restaurants.

Flight: Chiang Mai - Hanoi via Bangkok 10:00 - 11:20 connecting with 14:15 - 16:05

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: [Hotel De L'Opera](#), Grand Deluxe

Option: An upgrade to the legendary [Sofitel Metropole Hotel](#) is available at additional cost

Day 12: Hanoi Inside Out



Today we'll conquer all sides of Hanoi using multiple forms of transport. There are a couple of great ways to get around. We'll hit a few of the must-sees using cyclos and motor taxis. On our short list is the Temple of Literature, the Parisian boulevards of the French Quarter and if you're up for it Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum complex, and the area around Ba Dinh Square.

As Hanoi has been the capital since 1010 A.D., there's plenty of history to be discussed, and we can do just that while enjoying a couple of essential experiences: *Pho* soup and *Café Sua Da*.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [Hotel De L'Opera](#)

Dinner Suggestions - here are a couple of our favorite recommendations:

1 – Don's Westlake by Legendary Montreal-born chef, Monsieur Donald Berger
16 Lane 27 Xuan Dieu, Tay Ho, Quảng An, Tây Hồ T: +84 (4) 3719 2828

2 – Club de l' Oriental - 22 Tong Dan, Hoàn Kiếm, T: +84 (0) 4 3826 8801

Day 13: To Ha Long Bay



A (three hour) morning drive takes us to Ha Long Bay along the Red River delta. Upon arrival, the crew will welcome everyone aboard the junk and we'll set sail into the gorgeous island-studded bay to see the amazing karsts, caves and coves. Ha Long Bay is a geological marvel and we'll explore a couple of the area's deep caves before a sunset paddle and a dinner sail.

Driving: approximately 3 hours

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: shared 4 - 5 bedrooms Junk, Private Cabin

Day 14: Caves and Kayaking



Enjoy a full day cruising through Ha Long Bay, with kayaking options to discover hidden lagoons and stunning inlets. We'll visit a remote floating fishing village that has retained, largely intact, its traditional fishing culture.

After a barbecue lunch, we'll check out a nearby pristine island and explore well-hidden caves. Save time this afternoon to squeeze in a swim before relaxing on deck to soak up the atmosphere.

How about fish for dinner?

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: shared 4 - 5 bedrooms Junk, Private Cabin

Day 15: On to Charming Hoi An



With Ha Long Bay's stunning sunrise for a backdrop, things come curiously into light. Enjoy the morning cruising the bay, taking it all in from the upper sundeck. Before noon we'll disembark from the junk and drive back to Hanoi airport for your flight from the capital into Central Vietnam.

Upon arrival you will have a short transfer to Hoi An, a charming and ancient town with a rich heritage that still maintains its unique character and history. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Driving: 3.5 hours from Ha Long Bay to Hanoi Airport

Flight: Hanoi - Danang, departing around 18:00

Meals: Brunch

Accommodation: [Anantara Hoi An](#), Deluxe Balcony Room

Option: An upgrade to [The Nam Hai](#), a Four Seasons beach resort is available at additional cost

Day 16: Everything Hoi An



For early-risers, a visit to the Fish and Central markets is like going back in time when life in Hoi An centred around this market. Watch locals preparing for their day, then set out on a walk to explore interesting nooks and crannies of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

Next we'll hop on bikes and head further afield into the countryside where we'll dig into a local gourmet feast after exploring a local organic farm and unique monasteries along the way. Take a load off with a foot massage before riding to the ocean to try your hand at rowing a 'coracle fishing boat' which is super-tipsy.

The late afternoon is clear for shopping, beach time or admiring one of Southeast Asia's most charming towns!

Biking: 10-20 kilometres on flat, paved countryside roads

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [Anantara Hoi An](#)

*Option: for a photography focus, there is the option to join a photo gallery owner and avid local photographer, **Mr. Tuan Kiet**, on a deep exploration inside the local fishing community. Additional charges applied.*

Day 17: Brace Yourself for Saigon



Catch a morning flight south to the energetic commercial heart of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, or Saigon as most locals call it. On the way into the city we can stop at the Cu Chi Tunnels where the Vietcong dug 250 kilometers of passageways from the Cambodian border towards Saigon, eventually capturing the city. While heavily visited, it's astounding what they constructed and you'll have the opportunity to squeeze through many of these very narrow passageways. This visit gives an endearing appreciation for the tenacity and sacrifices of the Vietnamese people.

Saigon moves at a pace that may be a shock to the system after cerebral Hue and Hoi An. We'll have some time off later in the afternoon which affords ample time to check out some of Saigon's many worthwhile museums.

This evening we'll take Saigon by storm and experience the amazing energy and movement of the southern capital via a colourful chauffeured scooter journey around the historical district, and then street-side food with a perfect view of Saigon's motorcycle medley!

Flight: Hoi An - Saigon, departing around 8:00

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [The Grand Hotel](#), Deluxe Room

Option: An upgrade to the: [Park Hyatt Saigon](#) is available at additional cost

Siem Reap, Cambodia



Regarded as one of the Great Wonders of the World, Angkor Wat is the world's largest temple complex. Its magnitude and artistic significance are unparalleled. This vast city was once the most important and powerful in the region, serving as the Khmer capital for more than 600 years.

While an amazing place to explore, the town of Siem Reap and the nearby temples of Angkor are quickly developing and crowds can make a visit overwhelming at times. With this in mind, we have created intimate, original and fun ways to explore Angkor's highlights, lesser-known sites and interesting corners. You'll never forget exploring this enchanting corner of the globe.

Day 18: To Siem Reap, an Introduction to Angkor



On arrival in Siem Reap, you will be met by your Smiling Albino host who will transfer you to your hotel. Settle-in and get oriented before an amazing afternoon introductory adventure.

The Angkorian Empire lasted six hundred years with the metropolis of Angkor covering more than a thousand square kilometers. We'll set out for Phnom Kraum Hill near Tonle Sap Lake for an introduction to ancient Angkor, one of the world's greatest civilizations. Like all the best stories, we need a stage from which to tell it and a view to match, Phnom Kraum provides both.

Beginning the Angkor tale while exploring a 10th century temple, the fascinating story of this great civilization will unfold in front of you over the following days of your adventure in Cambodia. As the sun sinks over the Great Lake, we'll pop open a bottle of sparkling wine on the summit of the hill and marvel at it all. Tonight we'll treat you to dinner at one of the city's excellent Khmer restaurants.

Flight: Saigon - Siem Reap, 12:00 - 13:00

Driving: 30 minutes each way, paved and rural roads

Hiking: 20 - 30 minutes up hills

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Club](#), Superior Room

Option: An upgrade to a private villa at [Phum Baitang](#) or colonial stay at the [Raffles](#) is available at additional cost

Day 19: Angkor Uncovered



Today indulge in essential Angkor. With various transport options to choose from, we'll explore Angkor's signature sites. A great way to explore the temples is to cycle along shady paths between the ruins which rise like islands from a sea of forests. We'll start with the ancient city of Angkor Thom and the multi-faced Bayon Temple carved in the likeness of the Great King Jayavarman VII. Back roads take us to the hidden temple of Ta Nei then the iconic Ta Prohm Temple draped with the twisted roots of Silk Cotton Trees. A picnic lunch is perfect when the weather is cool or we can retreat to an air-conditioned restaurant, before heading to Angkor Wat in the afternoon, the largest religious monument in the world. However you choose to explore, we'll take the day at a methodical pace without suffering 'temple overload'.

Enjoy tonight at leisure (we'll give you ideas for happy hour).

Level of activeness: moderate

Driving: 15 - 20 minutes each way, paved roads

Cycling: 15 - 20 kilometers, paved roads, natural paths, can be extended for active cyclists

Walking / climbing: there are uneven stone steps at each temple (with and without handrails)

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Club](#)

Day 20: Tonle Sap Lake Kayaking Expedition



Today we'll head along the river through villages and rice fields to explore the lakeside village life on Tonle Sap Lake. We'll gain an interesting look at floating villages, fishing communities, flooded forests and wildlife. Exploration by kayaks allows you to see and experience things more intimately, naturally, and it's more fun! We'll enjoy lunch on the wooden verandah of a stilted house overlooking the pagoda or have late afternoon drinks there as the fishing boats return to unload their catch.

Flexible touring means you can paddle as much or as little as you like. This is a great day off the main tourist path and is a truly intimate cultural experience.

Tonight we'll enjoy a final dinner together at a tasty eatery.

Driving: Approximately 45 minutes to one hour each way, depending on water levels

Kayaking: 1 - 2 hours, paddling inflatable kayaks

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Club](#)

Day 21: Bring on the Beach



Take the morning to hit that final site of interest or enjoy it at your leisure before your Smiling Albino host transfers you to the airport for your flight to your beach destination via Bangkok.

Transfers to and from your beach resort have been taken care of. Enjoy a 30-minute car transfer and continue with a 45-minute speedboat to Koh Yao Noi where your stunning resort is situated.

Flight: Siem Reap - Phuket via Bangkok, 9:50 - 10:45 and connect with 12:30 - 13:55

Meals: B

Accommodation: [Six Senses Yao Noi](#), Ocean 2 Bedroom Pool Villa

Other beach options:

- [The Tubkaak Boutique Resort](#), a unique stylish beach resort in Krabi
- [Pimalai Resort & Spa](#), a luxury resort in Koh Lanta Island

Day 22 - 24: Beach Bliss!



Days at leisure. Six Senses offers the perfect location for relaxation and tranquility, yet also provides you with the opportunity to participate in memorable experiences. From enjoying the world class spa treatments to organic cuisine to exploring neighbourhoods, island hoppings or just relaxing by your own infinity-edge pool.

Meals: B Daily

Accommodation: [Six Senses Yao Noi](#)

Day 25: Onward



Today we'll arrange your flight to Bangkok bringing an end to the hosted experience. Until next time...

Flight: Phuket - Bangkok, we'll arrange the best suitable flight to connect with your homeward journey

Meals: B

PRICES:

Minimum of 4 people: \$12,250 US / person (Double / Twin Sharing)

Beach options: for less luxury and more boutique beach escape, the following selected resorts are available at your choice.

- ***Tubkaak Boutique Resort*** (*Tubkaak Suite 2 Bedrooms*), a unique stylish beach resort in Krabi. Total price for minimum 4 people is \$11,180 US / person
- ***Pimalai Resort & Spa*** (*Pavilion Suite 2 Bedrooms*), a luxury resort in Lanta Island. Total price for minimum 4 people is \$11,270 US / person

Remark: These prices are valid until December 19, 2017

INCLUDING:

- 24 nights accommodation with daily breakfast
- Transportation and logistics at all locations
- Regional airline tickets in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia
- Daily activities, including most meals (as indicated), drinks and snacks, English speaking hosts, all transportation and logistics, admissions and executive care
- Vietnam invitation letter (to apply Visa on Arrival)
- The only surprises are good ones. We've got you covered

Exclusions

- Vietnam Visa on Arrival (\$25 US per person stamping fee)
- Cambodia Visa on Arrival (\$30 per person plus approx \$7 processing fee). Alternatively you can get an e-visa online (<https://www.evisa.gov.kh/>) to help fasten the process on arrival. It normally takes three days processing
- International flights to and from Bangkok
- Beach excursions
- Personal expenses such as spa, laundry, souvenirs, meals not indicated

About Accommodation

Ariyasom Villa, Bangkok

A true gem in the city, Ariyasom is a lovingly expanded house dating from 1942. Colonial charm and Thai design combine to create a sublime environment in the heart of Bangkok. Each room is individually decorated and the hotel's design is appointed with quality local and imported materials – old recycled teak floors, antique and reproduction furniture, Thai silk drapes. A gorgeous pool, yoga and meditation pavilion, spa, natural restaurant and prime location make Ariyasom an elegant sanctuary in the city.



The Legend Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai

The Legend is a charming boutique property in Chiang Rai, designed in Thai-Lanna style and set in a garden amidst flower ponds and brick walking paths. Spacious, white, minimalist architecture gives the rooms a comfy, luxurious appeal. The property backs onto the Mae Kok River and provides a glimpse of riverside life each morning.



Katiliya Mountain Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai

The Katiliya is nestled within the characteristic mist-shrouded hills and verdant forests of northern Thailand. In addition to the spectacular hilltop views, it is conveniently located between the towns of Chiang Rai, Mae Sai, Doi Tung and Doi Mae Salong. The renowned Golden Triangle where Myanmar, Laos and Thailand converge is less than an hour away.



Anantara Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai

The Anantara is a luxury lodge nestled over the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak rivers, in the famous Golden Triangle. The resort includes traditional spa facilities, as well as an infinity pool, fitness center, sauna, squash and tennis courts, and a Thai cooking school. A defining attribute is the resort's very own elephant camp situated within the property. The dramatic high column-lined entrance, wooden carvings and artwork throughout the property are reminiscent of a Lanna palace, appropriate for a luxury hotel perched at the gateway to Indochina.



137 Pillars House, Chiang Mai

Along the Mae Ping River, among soaring Thai pagodas, 137 Pillars House is situated amongst a verdant enclave of lady palms, mimosa trees and tropical flowers. 30 suites with every modern luxury exude Oriental elegance culminating in the original 19th century main building for which the hotel is named. Surrounding cultural treasures await discovery, as do the spa's Thai and aromatherapy treatments.



Hanoi De L'Opera, Hanoi

Part of Accor's M Gallery, a collection of hotels with personality, Hotel De L'Opera is modern and bold, especially in its high ceilings, picture windows and splashes of bright colour. The ground-floor Bentley boutique announces that this is the heart of uptown, on what is the Fifth Avenue of Hanoi - but it's also a short walk from the central lake and the Old Quarter.



Indochina Junk (Prince)

The Indochina group have nicely re-fitted several classic Vietnamese trading junks into comfortable, 2 and 4 bedroom shared cruising yachts. The Junks have a nice communal area and wide sun deck. A coffee machine – of course – and selection of wines make sure mornings and evenings are set to sail.



Anantara Hoi An

Anantara Hoi An Resort has arguably the best of everything possible in this charming ancient town, ideally located in the Old Quarter with luxury facilities, riverfront view, and colonial architecture. The Anantara also offers probably the best breakfast in town. Rooms are clean and crisp, with white minimalist design and dark wood and glass interior trimming.



Pilgrimage Village, Hue

Pilgrimage Village is a beautiful boutique resort located in Hue, the ancient capital of Viet Nam. The charm of this unique Vietnamese property is its tranquility and design, a sense of the past in an updated rustic village setting. The resort offers a harmonious balance of natural environment and local culture, modern art concept and traditional style



The Grand Hotel, Saigon

Located at the southern end of famous Rue Catinat, The Grand is an elegant landmark that has stood proudly since 1930. As one of Indochina's original stately city hotels, The Grand is art deco, French chic, even features an iron-caged antique elevator. Get out your Graeme Green novel and step back into vintage Saigon.



Shinta Mani Club, Siem Reap

Shinta Mani Club is an upscale boutique hotel created by acclaimed architect Bill Bensley, showcases 39 contemporary designed rooms and public spaces in a Khmer inspired design. Stylish guestrooms feature minimalist chic interiors, modern amenities and terrazzo bathroom with rainshower. Artwork showcasing Angkor Wat complements the sleek Bensley signature design. Shinta Mani has strong commitment to community outreach with the Development Center - a purpose built facility that provides free hospitality training to less fortunate members of the Siem Reap community.



Six Senses Yao Noi

“Learning, Inspiring, Fun, Experiences” are the concept of this Luxury Eco-friendly Resort on Yao Noi Island, Six Senses Resort. The resort’s private pool villas are set in the natural vegetation and tropical landscape. All represent an uncompromised standard of luxury. The attention to detail and focus on the gorgeous location reinforces the resort’s commitment to the environment. Each villa has its own infinity-edged pool with sundeck and is attended by a personal villa team who is dedicated to anticipate every whim. Natural materials used in the modern architecture, together with a beautiful island setting and excellent personal service, create exceptional experience that is Six Senses.



The Smiling Albino Service Difference



We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

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