



Thursday · December 19th, 2024 - Sunday · January 5th, 2025

# 15 Day Christmas Family Holiday of Thailand (River Kwai, Elephants & Beach Escape)

Private Thailand Deluxe Package (Bangkok, River Kwai, Chiang Mai, Koh Yao Yai, Krabi)

Thursday · December 19th	Flight from Miami to Zurich 4:40 PM (9 hr, 10 min) +1
Friday · December 20th	Flight from Zurich to Bangkok 6:00 PM (10 hr, 40 min) +1
Saturday · December 21st	Bangkok Arrival Transfer Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel - Bangkok, Thailand (3 Nights)
Sunday · December 22nd	Bangkok (Morning City Tour & Evening Night Foodies Tour)
Monday · December 23rd	Bangkok (Mahasawat Klongs & Nakhon Pathom)
Tuesday · December 24th	Bangkok / Kanchanaburi / River Kwai The FloatHouse River Kwai Resort - Kanchanaburi, Thailand (2 Nights)
Wednesday · December 25th	River Kwai (Erawan Waterfall Trek & River Rafting)
Thursday · December 26th	River Kwai / Chiang Mai Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai 3:05 PM (1 hr, 20 min) NA NIRAND Romantic Boutique Resort - Chiang Mai, Thailand (3 Nights)
Friday · December 27th	Chiang Mai (City, Doi Suthep & Lanna Home Cooking)

Saturday · December 28th	Chiang Mai (Elephant Experience at Patara Farm & Saturday Night Market)
Sunday · December 29th	Chiang Mai / Koh Yao Yai Flight from Chiang Mai to Phuket 12:45 PM (2 hr, 5 min) Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa - Koh Yao Yai, Thailand (3 Nights)
Monday · December 30th	Koh Yao Yai (Free Day at Leisure)
Tuesday · December 31st	Koh Yao Yai (Free Day at Leisure)
Wednesday · January 1st	Koh Yao Yai / Krabi Sofitel Krabi Phokeethra Golf & Spa - Nong Thale, Thailand (3 Nights)
Thursday · January 2nd	Krabi (Island-Hopping Excursion by Private Longtailed Boat)
Friday · January 3rd	Krabi (Free Day at Leisure)
Saturday · January 4th	Krabi / Bangkok (Chatuchak Market) / Home Flight from Bangkok to Munich 11:30 PM (12 hr, 20 min) +1
Sunday · January 5th	Flight from Munich to Miami 11:50 AM (11 hr, 5 min)
Itinerary Notes	Legal Notice

## Pre Travel

### Tour Summary (Bangkok, River Kwai, Chiang Mai, Koh Yao Yai, Krabi)

- Economy Class Bangkok / Chiang Mai / Phuket / Krabi Airfares per itinerary
- 3 nights at Anantara Siam Hotel in Bangkok (Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at The Float House in River Kwai (Floating Villa)
- 3 nights at Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Hotel in Chiang Mai (Grand Deluxe Room)
- 3 nights at The Santhiya Resort in Koh Yao Yai (2-Bedroom Sea Water Pool Villa)
- 3 nights at Sofitel Pokheethra Resort in Krabi (2-Bedroom Suite)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Other Meals as specified per itinerary (food only)
- Private Tour throughout. All transfers and sightseeing by private car, driver & professional guides.

#### Additional Information

- Price is based on double occupancy (except where otherwise noted), 4 passengers traveling
- Price includes all entrance fees, domestic air taxes, hotel taxes and service charges
- Price excludes Transpacific Airfares, personal expenses, beverages during included lunches, gratuities to guides and drivers

## Thursday · December 19th

### Miami, Miami International Airport to Zurich, Zurich Airport

SWISS (LX)

LX67	4:40 PM	7:50 AM +1	9 hr, 10 min
Carrier/Flight	MIA •	ZRH •	Duration

Friday · December 20th

## Zurich, Zurich Airport to Bangkok, Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport

Swiss (LX)

<b>LX180</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>6:00 PM</b> ZRH •	<b>10:40 AM +1</b> BKK •	<b>10 hr, 40 min</b> Duration
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Saturday · December 21st

## Bangkok Arrival Transfer

Welcome to Bangkok! Upon arrival, be met and transferred to to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure to relax and explore Bangkok on your own.

**Note:** Your guide will meet you at Exit B, near Terminal Exit Door No.6 in the arrivals hall (upon exiting baggage claim and customs) at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport.



### Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel - Bangkok, Thailand

66 2-126-8866

155 Rajadamri Rd Lumpinee Patuwam, Bangkok, Thailand 10330

<b>Dec 21</b> Check In	<b>Dec 24</b> Check Out	<b>3 Nights</b> Duration
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Designed like a Thai house with regional fabrics and woods, artworks; set on ten acres amidst fountains, ponds and lush foliage.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: N/A

Accommodations: Anantara Siam Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Sunday · December 22nd



Enjoy a morning tour of Bangkok with visits to the Royal Palace renowned for its *Dusit Hall* (Funeral Hall) and the holy *Wat Phra Kaew* (Emerald Buddha) followed by Bangkok's most revered temples including Wat Pho (Relining Buddha) and Wat Trimit (Golden Buddha). Transfer back to your hotel and enjoy the balance of your afternoon at leisure to relax and explore Bangkok on your own.

Later this evening, enjoy a Night Foodies Tour by Tuk Tuk. This exciting tour visits famous eateries around the city sample local street foods such as Khao Man Gai (Chicken & Rice), Pad Thai or Guay Tiew Kua Gai (Chicken Noodle Soup). Explore the Flower Market followed by a local temple before returning to your hotel by midnight. (B,D)

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Anantara Siam Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Monday · December 23rd

## Bangkok (Mahasawat Klongs & Nakhon Pathom)

This morning, leave Bangkok's hustle and bustle to Nakhon Pathom to experience rural life in the countryside. This tour highlights the traditional way of life and agriculture along Mahasawat Canal in Nakhon Pathom. We'll travel by a long tail boat along the waterways to see flower farms and lotus blooms, enjoy fruit picking and opportunities to interact with the local people. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon. Afternoon to relax, enjoy resort facilities and explore the city on your own.

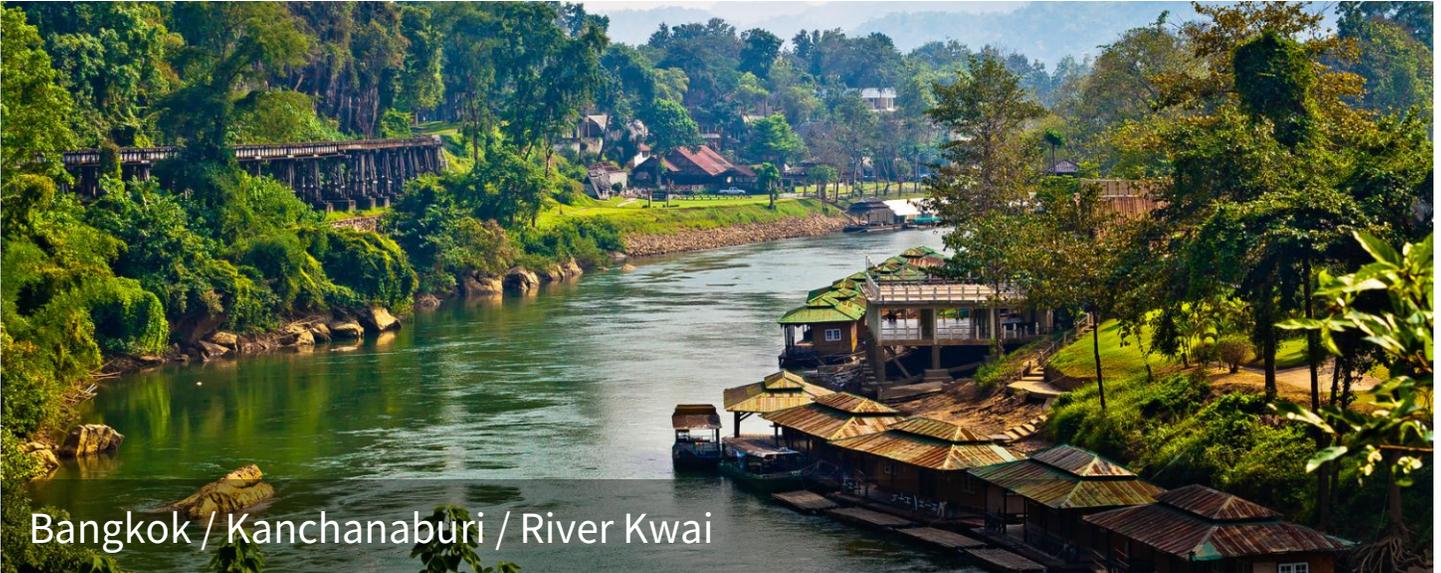
Later this evening, your guide and vehicle will be at your disposal to further explore the night spots (i.e. Asiatique, Ratchada Night Market, etc.) tailored to your interests. (B)

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Anantara Siam Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Tuesday · December 24th



## Bangkok / Kanchanaburi / River Kwai

This morning will be an early start. We'll travel outside Bangkok's hustle and bustle to the countryside to Kanchanaburi. Our first visit of the day is the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai, a part of Death Railway constructed by Allied POWs in World War II. Continue to enjoy an experiential train 2-hour ride along the famous Death Railway that meanders runs through the rock-cutting passage over the wooden viaduct constructed by Allied POWs at Namtok Station. After lunch, visit the Hellfire Pass, a section of the Thai-Burma Railway where POWs constructed during the war. Continue by long-tailed boat to your floating resort where dinner will be served this evening. (B,L,D)



## The FloatHouse River Kwai Resort - Kanchanaburi, Thailand

66 84-725 8686

55 Moo 5 Tambol Wangkrajae, Kanchanaburi, Thailand 71150

Image credits: The FloatHouse River Kwai Resort on <https://maps.google.com/maps/contrib/117610130225176843917>

**Dec 24**

Check In

**Dec 26**

Check Out

**2 Nights**

Duration

The only way to reach the resort is by boat as it actually floats on a flowing river surrounded by thick green jungle.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: The Float House (Floating Villa)

Wednesday · December 25th



## River Kwai (Erawan Waterfall Trek & River Rafting)

Morning drive to Erawan National Park famed for its 7-tier waterfall and emerald-green ponds. Start trekking along the nature trail up to the waterfall surrounding in splendid nature and deciduous forests. Take a glimpse of wild monkeys and bird and appreciate the patterns and shapes of the tropical forest with its various formations. Enjoy relaxing and swimming in the pond before lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, continue to The Jungle Rafts by longtailed boat for a 40-minute downstream raft trip to your resort. Dinner will be served at the resort this evening. (B,L,D)

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: The Float House (Floating Villa)

Thursday · December 26th

## River Kwai / Chiang Mai

Today is a travel day. Morning transfer by boat and car to Bangkok for your afternoon flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and enjoy the resort. (B)

Tip: be sure to venture out to the famous Chiang Mai Night Bazaar just a few minutes walk from your hotel.

## Bangkok, Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport to Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai International Airport

*Thai Airways International (TG)*

<b>TG112</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>3:05 PM</b> BKK •	<b>4:25 PM</b> CNX •	<b>1 hr, 20 min</b> Duration
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## NA NIRAND Romantic Boutique Resort - Chiang Mai, Thailand

66 53-280988

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Dec 26

Check In

Dec 29

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Na Nirand Boutique Hotel (Grand Deluxe Room)

Friday · December 27th



## Chiang Mai (City, Doi Suthep & Lanna Home Cooking)

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This morning, enjoy a tour of Chiang Mai city visiting a local market, the Old City and several of the city's famous temples. Continue to the sacred mountain temple of Wa Phra Doi Suthep, one of the most sacred temples in Northern Thailand before returning to your hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

This evening, enjoy a unique culinary and cultural immersion experience at a Lanna home designed to give the visitor a real experience and understanding of Lanna life. Here, you will be hosted by a Raunkaew-Yanon family who arrived in the area possibly by elephant back almost 150 years ago. Experience the simple Lanna way of life starting with a tour of the family orchard filled with types of fruits such as banana, mango, coconut and an herb organic garden. After getting to know your host

a bit, it's time to start cooking your Lanna dinner instructed by the family chef. Upon completion, enjoy your self prepared Thai Dinner on the second floor terrace with panoramic views of the Lanna village. (B,D)

**Note:** Lanna home visit on join-basis (non private) with other tour participants.

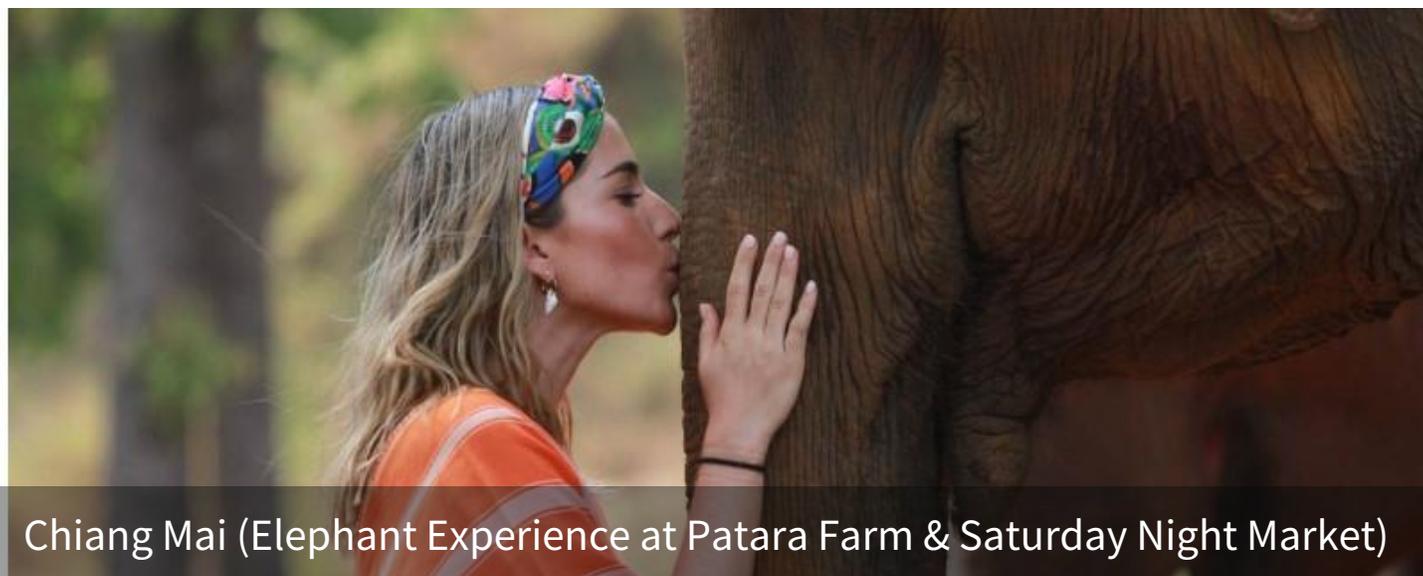
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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodations:** Na Nirand Boutique Hotel (Grand Deluxe Room)

Saturday · December 28th



### Chiang Mai (Elephant Experience at Patara Farm & Saturday Night Market)

Today, embark on a once-in-a-lifetime "Elephant for a Day" experience at Patara Elephant Farm. Located in the hills outside Chiang Mai, Patara Farm provides the skills needed to handle an Elephant. Participants will be assigned a dedicated elephant with fun-filled activities including riding (bareback), bathing, and feeding your gentle giant. A picnic lunch is served on the premises. Return to Chiang Mai by around 3pm.

Balance of the day is at leisure to freshen up, relax and enjoy the pool. This evening, venture out to the Saturday Night Market in the Old City for a night of fun and culinary delights. We'll enjoy the festivities while sampling local fares in a vibrant atmosphere where hundreds of street vendors line the streets of Chiang Mai's Old City and thousands of locals and tourist alike come out to play, eat and socialize. It's an evening you won't forget! (B,L,D)

**Notes:**

- 1 Today's program features private transfers and 2 passengers assigned to each elephant
- 2 Please bring comfortable shoes and change of clothes/bathing suit

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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodations:** Na Nirand Boutique Hotel (Grand Deluxe Room)

Sunday · December 29th

### Chiang Mai / Koh Yao Yai

Transfer to the airport for your early afternoon flight to Phuket . Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the pier for a 25-minute speedboat ride to beautiful Koh Yao Yai. Check-in at SANTIYA RESORT & SPA for your next 3 nights' accommodations. (B)

**Note:** Land and Speedboat transfer provided by Santhiya Resort (without guide). Please look for a hotel representative in the arrivals hall at Phuket Airport upon exiting baggage claim.

## Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai International Airport to Phuket, Phuket International Airport

*Thai AirAsia (FD)*

<b>FD3162</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>12:45 PM</b> CNX •	<b>2:50 PM</b> HKT •	<b>2 hr, 5 min</b> Duration
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### Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Resort & Spa - Koh Yao Yai, Thailand

66 76-592888  
88 Moo 7, Phunai, Koh Yao Yai, Thailand 83000

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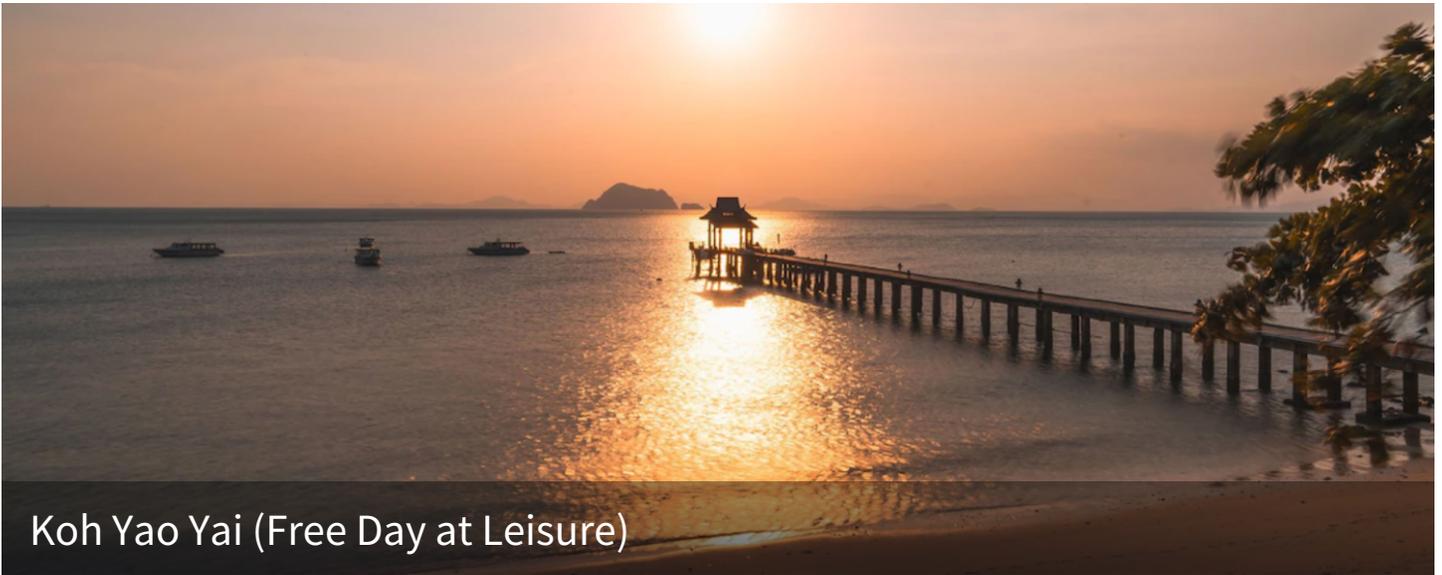
Hillside hotel with green setting and panoramic view of Andaman Sea - A km from ferries at Laem Yai Pier and 12 km from Sand Bay.

## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Santhiya Koh Yao Yai (Two-Bedroom Sea Water Pool Villa)

Monday · December 30th



## Koh Yao Yai (Free Day at Leisure)

Full day at leisure to enjoy resort facilities and [activities](#), and/or explore the island by motorbike on your own. (B)

**Tip:** The island is very safe to ride motorbikes (some equipped with side cars) around as there are very cars on the island.

## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Santhiya Koh Yao Yai (Two-Bedroom Sea Water Pool Villa)

Tuesday · December 31st

## Koh Yao Yai (Free Day at Leisure)

Full day at leisure in Paradise. [Optional excursions](#) are available provided by the resort upon request. Please inquire with hotel staff for details. This evening, ring in the new year with a Gala Dinner at the resort. (B,D)

## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodations:** Santhiya Koh Yao Yai (Two-Bedroom Seawater Pool Villa)

Wednesday · January 1st

## Koh Yao Yai / Krabi

Transfer to the pier and board long-tailed boat on a 45-minute scenic ride for Krabi. Check-in at your beachfront resort for your next 3 nights' accommodation. (B)

**Transfer schedule (approximated):**

12.00hrs - Pick up from hotel lobby to Chong Lard Pier

12.30hrs - Private longtail boat to Ao Thalane Pier

13.15hrs - Arrive to Ao Thalane Pier and continue with private land transfer to Krabi Hotel.

**Tip:** Head out to Ao Nang Town (20 minutes by car) this evening for a "back to civilization" night out with an array of dining and shopping options in a vibrant atmosphere. (B)



## Sofitel Krabi Phokeethra Golf & Spa - Nong Thale, Thailand

66 75-627800

200 Moo 3 T.Nongtalay A.Muang Krabi Muang Krabi, Nong Thale, Thailand 81180

**Jan 01**

Check In

**Jan 04**

Check Out

**3 Nights**

Duration

Tropical resort surrounded by lush gardens with view of the Andaman Sea- 35 km from Krabi International Airport.

## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Sofitel Phokeethra Krabi Resort (Two-Bedroom Suite with Club Privileges)

**Thursday · January 2nd**



## Krabi (Island-Hopping Excursion by Private Longtailed Boat)

Today, enjoy an island-hopping excursion by private longtailed boat to several beautiful and uninhabited islands around Krabi. Visit the stunning "Koh Tub" for swimming and sun bathing on the beach; Chicken Island, a local landmark named after the

shape of its unique limestone jutting out above the sea; and Pranang bay famous for its “Railey Beach”, home to some of the best rock climbing in Thailand. Today’s highlights include sun, a rich variety of corals and marine life, turquoise clear water and white powdery sand beaches. Includes picnic lunch. (B,L)

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## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Sofitel Phokeethra Krabi Resort (Two-Bedroom Suite with Club Privileges)

Friday · January 3rd

## Krabi (Free Day at Leisure)

Full day free at leisure in Paradise to enjoy the beach, resort facilities and near by Ao Nang Town. (B)

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## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Sofitel Phokeethra Krabi Resort (Two-Bedroom Suite with Club Privileges)

Saturday · January 4th



Krabi / Bangkok (Chatuchak Market) / Home

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Transfer to Krabi Airport for your early afternoon flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, commence a tour of Chatuchak Market, home to the world’s largest Weekend Market that boasts 15,000 stalls spread across 35 acres and 26 sections with just about everything available under the sun - from food, art, antiques, fashion and more! Later, proceed to Suvarnabhumi Airport for your late evening flight home. (B)

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## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: N/A

## Krabi, Krabi Airport to Bangkok, Bangkok Don Mueang International Airport

Thai AirAsia (FD)

<b>FD3218</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>1:35 PM</b> KBV •	<b>3:05 PM</b> DMK •	<b>1 hr, 30 min</b> Duration
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## Bangkok, Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport to Munich, Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport

Lufthansa (LH)

<b>LH773</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>11:30 PM</b> BKK •	<b>5:50 AM +1</b> MUC •	<b>12 hr, 20 min</b> Duration
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### Notes

*Flights on passengers' own arrangements*

## Sunday · January 5th

## Munich, Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport to Miami, Miami International Airport

Lufthansa (LH)

<b>LH460</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>11:50 AM</b> MUC •	<b>4:55 PM</b> MIA •	<b>11 hr, 5 min</b> Duration
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### Notes

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## Itinerary Notes

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