

DESTINATION ITINERARY

Thailand

6-8 Days

From INR 24,000 per person

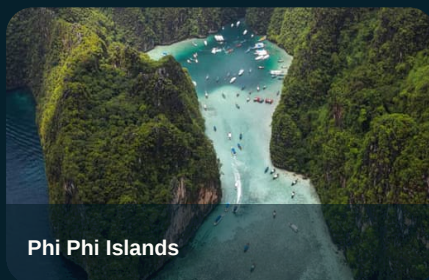
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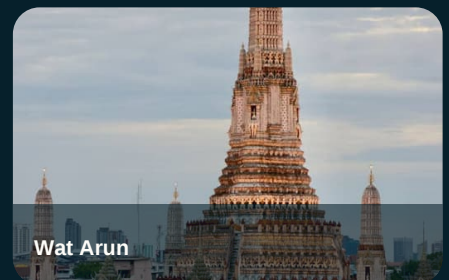
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Grand Palace and Wat Phra...



Phi Phi Islands



Wat Arun

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Destination overview

Thailand remains a popular first overseas holiday for Indian travellers because of its air links, established visitor infrastructure and genuine variety beyond the main gateways. Bangkok is dense and layered, with gilded temple roofs, canal boats, night markets and air-conditioned malls within a few kilometres of one another. South of it lie the limestone karsts and clear water of the Andaman coast around Krabi and Phi Phi, and the calmer gulf beaches. North, around Chiang Mai, the pace drops sharply: teak temples, hill villages, night bazaars and elephant sanctuaries set in forested valleys. It suits honeymooners, groups of friends and families with children, though Pattaya and parts of central Bangkok are worth checking against exactly who is travelling with you.

PACKAGE DURATION

6-8 Days

STARTING PRICE

From INR 24,000 per person

BEST TIME

Peak: Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec | Shoulder: Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Oct | Avoid: Sep

TRIP TYPES

beach, honeymoon

8 APPROVED SUBLOCATIONS

Places you'll visit



Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Bangkok)

PALACE | HALF DAY

The former royal compound beside the Chao Phraya river, a walled quarter of gilded spires, mirrored mosaic and guardian statues. Within it stands Wat Phra Kaew, the temple of the Emerald Buddha and the most revered image in the country. A strict dress code is enforced at the gate.



Phi Phi Islands

ISLAND | FULL DAY

A small archipelago in the Andaman Sea reached by ferry or speedboat from Phuket and Krabi. Day trips take in Maya Bay, snorkelling stops over coral, a viewpoint climb on Phi Phi Don, and the limestone cliffs and sea caves that ring the group. Some bays close seasonally for reef recovery.



Wat Arun

TEMPLE | 1-2 HOURS

The Temple of Dawn on the Thonburi bank of the Chao Phraya, its central prang encrusted with broken Chinese porcelain and seashell. Visitors cross by a short ferry from Tha Tien, climb the steep lower terraces for river views, and often return in the evening when the tower is lit.



Phuket beaches

BEACH | 2-3 DAYS

Thailand's largest island, ringed by west-facing bays from busy Patong to the quieter Kata, Karon and Nai Harn. Visitors swim and take water sports in season, ride out to the Big Buddha and Promthep Cape for sunset, and use the island as a base for boat trips into Phang Nga Bay.



Chiang Mai temples and elephant sanctuaries

TEMPLE | 2 DAYS

The old walled city in the northern hills holds hundreds of teak and brick temples, among them Wat Chedi Luang, with Doi Suthep on the ridge above. Outside town, sanctuaries that no longer offer riding let visitors feed, bathe and simply observe rescued elephants in forested enclosures.



Pattaya

BEACH | FULL DAY

A resort city on the gulf coast about two hours from Bangkok, with a long curved bay, offshore islands and a busy nightlife strip. Daytime visitors take boats across to Koh Larn for swimming, and see the all-teak Sanctuary of Truth and the Nong Nooch tropical garden.



Floating markets

MARKET | HALF DAY

Canal markets outside Bangkok, of which Damnoen Saduak and Amphawa are the best known, where vendors sell fruit, noodles and grilled seafood from wooden boats. Visitors hire a paddled sampan or a long-tail to move between the stalls. The markets are at their busiest very early in the morning.



James Bond Island (Krabi)

ISLAND | FULL DAY

Khao Phing Kan in Phang Nga Bay, named for the freestanding limestone stack offshore that appeared in a 1974 Bond film. Long-tail and speedboat tours stop for photographs, then continue on to sea caves, mangrove channels and the stilt village of Koh Panyee for lunch.

6 DAYS

Suggested day-by-day plan

01

DAY 1

Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Bangkok) and Floating markets

Visit Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Bangkok), Floating markets.

02

DAY 2

Phi Phi Islands and James Bond Island (Krabi)

Visit Phi Phi Islands, James Bond Island (Krabi).

03

DAY 3

Wat Arun

Visit Wat Arun.

04

DAY 4

Phuket beaches

Visit Phuket beaches.

05

DAY 5

Chiang Mai temples and elephant sanctuaries

Visit Chiang Mai temples and elephant sanctuaries.

06

DAY 6

Pattaya

Visit Pattaya.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The Thai baht is the local currency. Cards are accepted at hotels, malls and larger restaurants, while street markets and tuk-tuks run on cash.

LANGUAGE

Thai is the national language. English is understood in tourist districts, hotels and airports, though a translation app helps in smaller towns.

TIME DIFFERENCE

Thailand is 1 hour 30 minutes ahead of Indian Standard Time (IST).

WEATHER

Tropical, with a cool dry season, a hot spell before the rains, and a wetter monsoon period that brings heavy but usually short afternoon showers.

CONNECTIVITY

Tourist SIMs and eSIMs are easy to buy at the airport, roaming packs work well, and Wi-Fi is standard in hotels, cafes and malls.

VISA AND PERMITS

Thailand revised its visa-exemption rules in 2026. Indian passport holders should check their current exemption or eVisa eligibility, permitted stay and arrival requirements on official Thai channels before booking.

Food and culture

Thai cooking balances chilli, lime, fish sauce and palm sugar. Fish sauce, shrimp paste and dried shrimp can appear in vegetable dishes, so vegetarians should request jay or mangsawirat food. At temples, cover shoulders and knees, remove shoes, and avoid touching heads or pointing feet at sacred images.

AIR, RAIL AND ROAD

Getting there from India

AIR

Bangkok is the main gateway, with Phuket and other airports useful for beach-first itineraries. Direct and one-stop flights operate from several Indian cities.

RAIL

There is no practical through passenger rail journey from India. Thai rail can support selected domestic sectors after arrival.

ROAD

Overland travel from India is complex and not a normal holiday route. Domestic flights, trains, coaches and private transfers connect the main visitor regions.

Official guidance: Thailand official eVisa portal - <https://thaievisa.go.th/home> (checked 2026-08-30)

Official guidance: Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs visa update - <https://consular.mfa.go.th/th/content/20-5-69-0000> (checked 2026-08-30)

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Practical notes

- The currency is the Thai baht; carry some cash, as small stalls, tuk-tuks and island boats often do not take cards.
- Traffic drives on the left, and Bangkok's BTS Skytrain and MRT avoid the city's very heavy road congestion.
- The Grand Palace enforces its dress code at the gate - no shorts, sleeveless tops or transparent clothing; sarongs are lent at the entrance.
- The Andaman coast is wettest from May to October, while the gulf side around Koh Samui takes its heaviest rain in November.
- Tipping is not obligatory, but rounding up a taxi fare or leaving small change is normal, and hotels often add a service charge.
- Disrespect towards the Thai monarchy is a criminal offence, so treat images of the royal family and the banknotes carefully.

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