

Itinerary specially prepared for
USC EMBA Group
Thailand Post-Program Extension
June 4th – 7th 2022

Number of client(s): From 2 to 10 people
Type of trip: Culture, Local Life, Soft Adventure
Journey destination(s): Thailand

** Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability, and we will confirm the pertinent accommodation and services immediately on receipt of your confirmation or payment. We recommend confirmation as early as possible to avoid space unavailability.*

ITINERARIES IN BRIEF

HALF DAY TOURS / COST PER PERSON (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE)	
Bangkok's Grand Palace Complex and Wat Phra Kaew (Morning or Afternoon)	\$125.00
Long-Tailed Boat Ride in Bangkok Chaophraya River (Morning or Afternoon)	\$95.00
Bangkok Suburb Discovery with Biking, Kayaking & Boat Ride (Morning or Afternoon)	\$135.00
Canal Tour in Bangkok Chaophraya River (Early Morning: 6:00am – 8:00am)	\$130.00

FULL DAY TOURS / COST PER PERSON (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE)	
Bangkok City Highlights (from 8:30am to 5:00pm)	\$240.00
Trip to Damnoen Suduak Floating Market (from 6:45am to 3:30pm)	\$150.00
Day Trip to Ayutthaya (from 8:30am to 5:00pm)	\$235.00
Day Trip to River Kwai & Erawan Waterfalls (from 8:30am – 5:00pm)	\$235.00

EVENING TOURS / COST PER PERSON (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE)	
Bangkok Chinatown Walking Tour with Street Food (9am - 12noon or 6pm - 9pm)	\$130.00
Visit Patpong Museum (Evening: 6:00 – 9:00pm)	\$70.00
Bangkok Ghost Tour (Evening: 6:00 – 9:00pm)	\$65.00

Inclusive of	Non-inclusive of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Private English-Speaking tour guides ● All entrance fees ● Meals as specified without drinks ● Bottled water & cold towels on sightseeing days ● Special visits & arrangements as indicated ● All operation service charge and government tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal expenses ● Tips & gratuities ● Other services not listed in inclusive column

ITINERARIES IN DETAIL

HALF DAY TOURS

Option 1: Bangkok's Grand Palace Complex and Wat Phra Kaew (Morning or Afternoon)

Meet with your guide at the hotel lobby for a half day tour of Bangkok City. Start your visit to **Wat Phra Keo, the beautiful Emerald Buddha temple**, the exquisite temple contains an image of Buddha carved from a single piece of jade and one of the most holy and revered of religious objects in Thailand, then head to the **Grand Palace**, the spectacular Royal Palace with intricate architectures, an area of 218,400 sq. meters and is surrounded by walls built in 1782. The length of the four walls is 1,900 meters. The Grand Palace is one of the most beautiful examples of an ancient Siamese court with a complex of the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, and the Royal Guest House. *(Note: Wat Phra Kaeo and the Grand Palace are open daily to the public daily from 8.30am to 11.30am and 1.00pm to 3.30pm. (On Mon, Royal Regalia Museum is closed while on Sat & Sun, Amarin Tharawinitchai Throne Hall & Dusit Mahaprasart Palace are closed).*

Morning Tour: 8:30-12:00 noon

Afternoon Tour: 13:30-17:00

Meals: None



Option 2: Long-Tailed Boat Ride on Bangkok Chaophraya River (Morning or Afternoon)

Meet with your guide at the hotel lobby for a half day tour on Bangkok Chao Phraya River. Take a **long-tailed boat ride along the Chao Phraya River** to see Thai lifestyle, contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the canal. Pass the Grand Palace and the Royal Barge Museum which houses ceremonial King's Barges decorated with multi-color glasses, gilt and stuccos. Disembark at **Wat Arun – the Temple of Dawn** to visit the tallest prang in Thailand. It was built in the concept of Mount Meru, the resident of God located on the center of the Universe.

Morning Tour: 8:30-12:00 noon

Afternoon Tour: 13:30-17:00

Meals: None



Option 3: Bangkok suburb discovery with biking, kayaking and boat ride (Morning or Afternoon)

Meet with your guide at the hotel lobby for the transfer to Bangkok Krachoa by local ferry. Choose one bike that best suits you and start biking around nature paths on Bangkachoa island which is known as the lung of Bangkok.

Bike to different parts of river island on a 7-10 kilometer trail and see communities, local farms, palm jungles, schools, villages, and temples. **Kayak** along private houses and get stunning views of the jungle and Klong Toey Port. Stop at the floating market to get some snacks and do some local shopping. Watch birds at the observation hall in Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan park



Get on a local **long-tailed boat** for a short ride. Discover how locals connect between the villages and the Bangkok metropolitan area. Return the cruiser bike and say goodbye to the local shop owner with a fresh coconut refreshment.

Morning Tour: 8:30-13:00

Afternoon Tour: 13:00-17:30

Meals: None



Option 4: 2-hr Canal Tour on Bangkok Chaophraya River for early risers (Early Morning: 06:00 - 08:00)

At about 6:00am, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby for a 2-hr tour on Bangkok Chao Phraya River. Take a **long-tailed boat ride** along the Chao Phraya River to see Thai lifestyle, contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the canal. Stop to visit the fragrant and **colorful Flower Market**, Pakklong Talad. This is a wholesale flower market of Bangkok where there are various kinds of mainly fresh flowers with different colors of orchids, roses, daisies, and lotus, etc. The kaleidoscope of colors and pungent odor of flowers provide an exotic sensory stimulation. Next visit will be Wat Kalayanamit - a historic royal temple located by the riverside. Pass **Wat Arun – the Temple of Dawn** before transfer back to the hotel by boat in time for the program of the main group.

Morning Tour: 06:00-08:00

Meals: None

FULL DAY TOURS

Option 1: Full Day Bangkok City Highlights

After breakfast, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby and start your visit to **Wat Phra Keo, the beautiful Emerald Buddha temple**, the exquisite temple contains an image of Buddha carved from a single piece of jade and one of the most holy and revered of religious objects in Thailand, then head to the **Grand Palace**, the spectacular Royal Palace with intricate architectures, an area of 218,400 sq. meters and is surrounded by walls built in 1782. The length of the four walls is 1,900 meters. The Grand Palace is one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese court with a complex of the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, and the Royal Guest House. *(Note: Wat Phra Kaeo and the Grand Palace are open daily to the public daily from 8.30am to 11.30am and 1.00pm to 3.30pm. (On Mon, Royal Regalia Museum is closed while on Sat & Sun, Amarin Tharawinitchai Throne Hall & Dusit Mahaprasart Palace are closed).*



Continue exploring **Wat Pho** – the Reclining Buddha temple, the oldest and biggest temple with the largest number of pagodas (95 in all) in the city well known for its huge Reclining Buddha. Also, it was the first open university of Thailand which offered courses in several branches of knowledge like literature, astrology, medicine and massage. *(If you would like, enjoy one hour foot massage at Wat Pho Thai Traditional Medical School. Payment is on your own account)*

Then take a **long-tailed boat ride along the Chao Phraya River** to see Thai lifestyle, contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the canal. Pass the Grand Palace and the Royal Barge Museum which houses ceremonial King's Barges decorated with multi-color glasses, gilt and stuccos. Disembark at **Wat Arun – The temple of Dawn** to visit the tallest prang in Thailand. It was built in the concept of Mount Meru, the resident of God located on the center of the Universe.

Full Day Tour: 08:30-17:00

Meals: Lunch

Option 2: Day Trip To Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

This morning, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby at around **06:45** *(to avoid crowds and in time for the MaeKlong Railway Market)*, drive about 104km ~2hours to visit **Damnoen Saduak Floating Market** with stop en-route to visit an unusual market: **Market on the Railway Tracks** or an off beaten tour in Thailand's MaeKlong Railway Market.

Upon arrival, take a **private long tailed boat ride** to navigate your way through the Floating Market along the canals. The canal twists and turns around a plantation surrounded by greenery, that gives you a chance to view native life along the canal banks and at the market where boats of various shapes and size, carry goods for trading you can admire the sight of smiling vendors selling colorful products such as tropical fruits, vegetables, flowers and food on wooden boats. At the market, you may taste some **local food if interested**. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel at around **15:30** for refreshment.



Full Day Tour: 06:45-15:30

Meals: Lunch

Option 3: Day Trip to Ayutthaya

After breakfast, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby and to the ancient city of **Ayutthaya**– the former capital of Thailand, 1350 – 1767, located 71km north of Bangkok (about 2hours drive). Ayutthaya offers a fascinating glimpse on ancient Siam’s splendor. Both ruins and reconstructed sites abound in the area.

Take a stop at **Bang Pa-In summer palace** - a residence of King Rama V to see a perfect blend of oriental and western architectural style with a vast garden and a large pond surrounded by elegant royal residential buildings and monumental towers.

Afterwards, drive to **Ayutthaya Study Center Museum** and enjoy the ruin city at were used to be the supreme royal temple when Ayutthaya prospered. Then visit **Viharn Phra Mongkolborphit** housing a large bronze cast Buddha image was originally enshrined in the open area outside the Grand Palace and later covered by a building in the reign of king Songtham. Have **lunch** at a local restaurant.

This afternoon, continue visiting **Mahathat** temple where the head of Buddha image is surrounded by the root of the tree and **Lokayasutharam** temple, housing a large Reclining Buddha image, made of brick and covered with plaster, approximately 29 meters long. Many large hexagonal pillar ruins near the image are believed to be the ruins of the Ubosot. The last visit at **Chai Wattanaram** temple built in 1630 by King Prasat Thong, a replica of Angkor Wat with a huge prang surrounded by smaller ones, symbolizing Mount Meru, the residence of the heavenly gods where is located next to the Chao Praya River. It is the best time to walk and talk about the last period of Ayutthaya and enjoy nice breeze and take a lot of photos before return to Bangkok. Return to your hotel at around 17:00 and enjoy the balance of your time at leisure.

Destination Info: As the capital for over four centuries, the city of Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya is one of Thailand’s major tourist attractions, boasting a number of ancient ruins and works of art.



Located 86 kilometres (53 miles) north of Bangkok, Ayutthaya was founded in 1350 by King U Thong. While it served as the Thai capital, Ayutthaya was ruled by 33 kings of different dynasties until it was destroyed by the Burmese in 1767. The city’s magnificent ruins indicate that it was one of Indo-China’s most prosperous cities. Ayutthaya has been included in UNESCO’s list of world heritage sites since 1991, including a vast stretch of historical land in the middle of Ayutthaya, named Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Historical Park.

Full Day Tour: 08:30-17:00

Meals: Lunch

Option 4: Trip to River Kwai & Erawan Waterfalls

After breakfast, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby and enjoy a fascinating, nostalgic and memorable trip to the scenic beauty of **Kanchanaburi** – a province of startling natural beauty, rugged landscape of waterfalls, caves, leafy forests and awe-inspiring limestone cliffs. Visit the **War Cemetery** and the **famous Bridge over the River Kwai**. Have lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the Kwai River.

In the afternoon, please be ready for some exercise, as we’ll visit **Erawan National Park** and trek through the jungle to the beautiful terraced Erawan waterfalls. You’ll have time to relax with a swim here or just a paddle if you prefer. [\(Please take your swimming dress if you want to swim\)](#). Back to Bangkok later in the afternoon.

Full Day Tour: 08:30-17:00

Meals: Lunch

EVENING TOURS

Option 1: Bangkok Chinatown Walking Tour with Street Food (Morning or Evening)

Meet with your guide at the hotel lobby for an adventure to bustling, busy, and lively streets and corners in Bangkok Chinese Community. Explore and discover the unseen and untold story of Bangkok **Chinatown**. Chinatown SamPheng (Sampeng) Market is one of the oldest and least known open markets in Bangkok. As a busy and quintessential street market, this is a place full of street vendors and visitors, as well as locals. This Chinatown walking tour takes you off the main streets, into alleys and areas, where you will find some unique Chinatown sights. At a leisurely pace and with different modes of local transportation, it takes about 3 hours, including various stops to enjoy local **street food**. Tour routes and locations might be slightly different for morning or evening tours.

Morning Tour: 9:00-12:00 noon

Evening Tour: 18:00-21:00

Meals: Street food lunch/dinner



Option 2: Visit Patpong Museum (Evening: 18:00 - 21:00)

At **18:00**, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby and drive to Patpong area and to the **Patpong Museum**, a brand-new and interactive exhibition covering 100 years of history full of interesting and fun facts.

Patpong a street in the Bangrak district, the heart of Bangkok, home to history of Chinese immigrants, the modernization of Siam, the CIA and the Vietnam war, superstars like David Bowie and Kendall Jenner. Start a museum tour for a 50 minutes air-conditioned, informative and fun tour. The museum has more than 100 original objects displayed over 6 zones on more than 300 square meters, interactive screens and games. Come and take a peek into a virtual reality X-rated show and enjoy a refreshment in our vintage 1970's styled bar. *(Note: The Museum Open Monday/Tue/Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun 12:00 -21:00 and closed all day Wednesday.)*

Evening Tour: 18:00-21:00

Meals: None



Option 3: Bangkok Ghost Tour (Evening: 18:00 - 21:00)

At 18:00, meet with your guide at the hotel lobby and take part in a tour of haunted Thai ghost and Urban legend ghost stories - an experience of walking ghost stories. We'll get to know each other at the beginning of the tour - where everybody is from, what other tours they've been on, interests, and such. Your host will customize a walking route to include everyone's interests, ghostly. This walking tour is around 2-3 hrs to visit 6 landmarks for a total distance of around 4 kms.

This tour is story-telling and there will be ghost/urban legend stories. Disturbing pictures will be shown and visits to the haunted locations are included in the walk. Along this walk your host will share legends of ghosts, Pee pop, Pee pred as Thai believe about many Thai ghosts, and whatever else comes to mind. We always sneak in some history, and such -- you won't even know it happened.

Evening Tour: 18:00-21:00

Meals: None



END OF SERVICES