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VISITING: **BANGKOK, AYUTTHAYA, SUKHOTHAI, CHAIANG RAI, MAE SAI, MYAMMAR, CHAIANG MAI**

DAY 1 - MALTA - THAILAND

Flight Malta - Bangkok.

DAY 2 - BANGKOK

Arrive in exotic Bangkok, Thailand's capital city; transfer to the 4* Century Park hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the new time zone.

DAY 3 - BANGKOK

Orientation meeting this morning with your Tour Manager highlights the exciting journey that awaits you. Afterwards, continue on a city and temple tour of Bangkok, a fascinating mix of ancient and modern. Begin the tour at Chinatown and then on to the colorful Indian Market. Visit serene Wat Po, the oldest and largest temple in the city, with the astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long and almost 40 feet high. Drive to Royal Avenue where most of the Government offices are located and the King's Palace before returning to your hotel. Tonight, dinner at a local restaurant with entertainment, including a performance of Khon-traditional Thai dance.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 4 - BANGKOK

Full day at leisure to explore Bangkok on your own. Or, don't miss the optional morning tour of Wat Phra Kaew, also known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, and the elaborate 18th century Grand Palace, symbol and ceremonial heart of the kingdom - together they form the most impressive sights in Bangkok. Despite the proximity of the two, there's a distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European design of the Grand Palace. In the evening, attend the optional Buffet Dinner and stunning performance of the "Journey to the Enchanted Kingdom of Siam". Boasting over 150 performers, this lavish production delves into Siam's history and culture.

Optional: Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (AM)

Optional: Siam Niramit Show & Dinner (PM)
Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 5 - BANGKOK - AYUTTHAYA

Depart Bangkok to Ayutthaya, the second Siamese capital after Sukhothai for over 400 years, once glorified as one of the largest cities in Southeast Asia. Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies in the center of the city. Here, you can see the ruins of the former capital and its remaining palaces, monasteries and towers - one can envision the grandeur and splendor that was once the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. Visit Bang Pa-In Palace, a collection of beautiful buildings in various architectural styles, surrounded by a lake. Originally built by King Prasat Tong in 1632, Bang Pa-In served as the Royal Summer Palace for the Thai Kings. Continue to the Chai Wattanaram Temple, built by King Prasat Tong to honor his mother, conceived as a replica of the Angkor Temple - this is a serene place where one can reflect and enjoy the tranquility. Check in at the 4* Classic Kameo hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 6 - AYUTTHAYA - SUKHOTHAI

Start your morning with visit to a local school on the way to Sukhothai. Travel northward to Sukhothai, birthplace of the Thai nation, founded in the 13th century by King Ramkhamhaeng. The country's first capital was established here in 1238 and lasted over two centuries. Sukhothai is world-famous its over 100 historical sites and treasures, including some of the most beautiful Thai art and architecture in the country, created during the city's "golden era", between the 13th and 14th centuries. Visit to the Old Town of Sukhothai with its impressive Historical Park, immaculately restored and set among leafy hills and peaceful lotus ponds, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At this astonishing site, most of the remains of the original city can be seen. Marvel at the ancient Buddha figures, palaces, temples and historical monuments and feel yourself drift back in time to a bygone era. Check in at the 4* Sukhothai Heritage Resort.

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 7 - SUKHOTHAI - CHIANG RAI

This morning, depart Sukhothai and drive to scenic Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand for overnight. Check in at the 4* A-Star Phulare Valley hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 8 - CHIANG RAI

Explore this city that remained completely isolated from the world until the 1920s. Travel to the border town of Mae Sai, at the tip of Thailand. At this border crossing, arrangements may be made to enter Myanmar*. Ascend to the hilltop viewpoint to see the famous "Golden Triangle" of Southeast Asia - meeting point of the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. The locals call it "Sop Ruak", as this is also where the Mekong meets the Ruak River. Savor a locally prepared lunch in a nearby farming village. Late, a short cruise then takes you along the banks of the Mekong to the small island of Don Sao in Laos; leisure time at the lively markets before returning to Thailand. Continue to the dramatic House of Opium at Golden Triangle Park, offering an informative exhibition on the history of opium which dates back almost 5000 years before returning to Chiang Rai for overnight.

* Crossing into Myanmar (Burma) requires a visa which may be obtained locally at the border crossing, at your own expense. The opportunity to cross the border will depend on local conditions and cannot be guaranteed. If the border crossing is not possible, alternate arrangements will be made.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

DAY 9 - CHIANG RAI - CHIANG MAI

Morning at leisure before departing to Chiang Mai, ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom. En route, stop at a local gem gallery before arriving in Chiang Mai, cultural heart of Northern Thailand, located in the rolling foothills of the Himalayas. Check in at the 5* Le Meridien Chiang Mai. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 10 - CHIANG MAI

Morning at leisure to explore Chiang Mai independently. Or, join the optional tour to the Mae Sa Elephant Training Camp where you'll see elephants bathing in the running streams or demonstrating their feats of skill and strength in a musical show. In the afternoon, visit Sankampang Street, center of handicrafts, for on-site demonstrations on how the silk, lacquer, silver, wood and bronze wares are made. At the end of the day, pamper yourself with an optional Thai massage.

Optional: Half Day Mae Sa Elephant Camp with lunch (AM)

Optional: Traditional Thai Massage
Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 11 - CHIANG MAI

Morning tour of the most interesting temples in Chiang Mai. Begin at Wat Suan Dok, where the remains of the Chiang Mai Royal family are enshrined. Continue to Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep, Northern Thailand's most sacred temple, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha. Equally impressive is the mythological Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase, with 290 steps leading up to the temple grounds. Visit to a local jade factory, followed by an afternoon at leisure to wander independently in Chiang Mai. Tonight, a unique experience. Join a local Chiang Mai family at an authentic Thai Dinner in their home. Enjoy a tour of the home, conversation about life in Chiang Mai and savour the great flavours of home-cooked food.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 12 - CHIANG MAI - BANGKOK

Depart Chiang Mai this morning on your flight to Bangkok, arrive and transfer to the 4* Century Park hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of Bangkok on your own. Shop to your heart's content, visit to the many amazing markets, and try some of the fabulous restaurants in this energetic city.

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 13 - THAILAND

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 14 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta.



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

BOOK	BEFORE 31 ST MAR	AFTER 31 ST MAR
TRIPLE SHARING	€1759	€1959
TWIN SHARING	€1839	€2039

OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/ BANGKOK/MALTA
- ✓ ONE WAY FLIGHT FROM CHIANG MAI TO BANGKOK
- ✓ 11 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 4 NIGHTS BANGKOK
- ✓ 1 NIGHT AYUTTHAYA
- ✓ 1 NIGHT SUKHOHAI
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS CHIANG RAI
- ✓ 3 NIGHTS CHIANG MAI
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ HOTEL TAXES, FEES AND SERVICE CHARGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 18 MEALS - 11 BREAKFAST, 3 LUNCHEAS, 4 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER THROUGHOUT
- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES AS PER ITINERARY
- ✓ COMFORTABLE WIRELESS EARPHONES FOR ENHANCED TOURING

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

HALF DAY GRAND PALACE & EMERALD BUDDHA (AM)	€42 PP
SIAM NIRAMIT SHOW & DINNER (PM)	€67 PP
HALF DAY MAE SA ELEPHANT CAMP WITH LUNCH (AM)	€32 PP
TRADITIONAL THAI MASSAGE	€36 PP

VISA REQUIRED

All bookings are subject to our general information, booking conditions and information. Photographs of rooms are indicative of room type available. Facilities described may be seasonal. Rates are per person and include: return flights, accommodation as stated and airline taxes. Fuel surcharge may apply. Special offers applicable only in specific periods. Prices may vary without notice. For a full list of terms & conditions kindly visit www.rocsgrp.com/travel/terms. For a more detailed description, full details of facilities and supplements, please refer to our website. E&OE.