

# SingMaThai Delight

Explore historic treasures, local attractions, natural wonders and cultural heritage in Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Heights, Chiang Mai, Ayutthaya, and Bangkok

19 Days / 17 Nights

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## Tour Program Summary

Southeast Asia is a region of rich history, dynamic ethnic interaction, and charming landscape unparalleled in the world. Attentive visitors are immersed in a sea of visual and cultural experiences that will leave them with a deep impression. On this journey, you will visit **Singapore**, **Malaysia**, and **Thailand**. Each of the three countries teems with its own national identity as an energetic variation on the great theme of Asian civilization. You will be amazed at how cities and areas differ vastly yet express similar cultural values and ideas.

This journey begins in **Singapore**, a city-country lies at the southern tip of the Malaysian peninsula in Southeast Asia. It's been called "Garden City" since the country is blanketed with nature in the form of parks and nature reserves. On the flip side, the view of Singapore's skyscrapers is well-known as well, and provides beautiful modern scenery, especially when viewed across the water at night from near the famous Merlion statue. With its irresistible mix natural parks and man-made gardens, tropical and sunny climate, and amazing shopping opportunities, Singapore is the perfect destination for visitors of all ages.

Travel by luxury coach to **Malacca**, Malaysia, a place makes one feel like going back in time for 600 years. Parameswara, a Hindu Prince from Palembang who later converted to Islam in 1402, founded Melaka. The Portuguese, Dutch and English had also ruled Melaka. The ruins and buildings of these foreign powers can still be seen today, in the midst of the fast developing but carefully planned urban development.

Travel by land again to **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia's national capital and most populous city with ordered skyscrapers, six-lane highways, colonial architecture and lots of greenery. The city also bursts to exotic life with mosques and temples side-by-side with street markets and towering high-rises. Plus, if you need more reason to love this place there is the food – with thousands of restaurants serving every imaginable type of food to suit every budget.

Drive to **Cameron Highlands**, one of the most popular hill resort towns in the country. This highland paradise still retains much of the charm of an English village, and it attracts those who want to escape the hot weather of lowlands. You will find an abundance of vegetable and fruit farms dotted all over the highlands, and sight of tea plantations and beautiful flowers. Located at about 1500 metres above sea-level, the weather here remains at the lower 20's most of the time.

Travel by air to **Chiang Mai**, Thailand, for an exciting exploration of this region including a memorable elephant camp experience. Chiang Mai is the second largest city in Thailand, yet only has a population of around 200,000. With exquisite temples, historic ruins, colorful hill tribes, and exotic local markets, it is easy to see why both Thai people in Bangkok international visitors love to visit Chiang Mai for a getaway, a holiday, or a relaxing vacation.

The last stop on your tour is **Bangkok**, Thailand and enjoys privately guided tours to the royal palace, national monuments, temples and urban markets. Visit other important historic sites and interesting neighborhoods during your free day in this the capital of Thailand. Bangkok is a city of contrasts with actions at every turn; marvel at the gleaming temples, catch a tuk tuk along the bustling Chinatown or take a long tail boat through floating markets. Food is another Bangkok highlight, from local dishes served at humble street stalls to haute cuisine at romantic rooftop restaurants. Also enjoy an excursion to **Ayutthaya**, ancient capital of the Kingdom of Siam.

Fly back from **Bangkok** on your homebound flight.

## Tour Daily Itinerary

- Day 01 → depart Fly from North America to Singapore on a cross-Pacific flight
- Day 02 **Singapore** Arrive in Singapore today; met by ACT local representative and transfer to your deluxe hotel for check in and relaxation. Stay for four nights in [Pan Pacific Hotel Singapore \(deluxe room\)](#).
- Day 03 **Singapore** Breakfast in hotel; meet your private English-speaking guide in hotel lobby and your Singapore Experience starts with a drive around the Civic District, passing by [the Padang](#), [Cricket Club](#), historic [Parliament House](#), the [Supreme Court](#) and [City Hall](#).
- Next, stop at the [Merlion Park](#) and enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. Then, visit [Thian Hock Keng Temple](#), one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples. Proceed to the [National Orchid Garden](#) located within 'Singapore Botanic Gardens', which boasts a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants. Have a simple **lunch** in a local restaurant.
- In the afternoon, you will go to discover culture and heritage centres like [Little India](#) and [Kampong Glam](#) to experience the well preserved Indian and Malay cultures and arts. Then visit [Jurong Bird Park](#) - the largest in the Asia Pacific and one of the best in the world.
- Return to hotel for refreshing and enjoy a **Singapore Cuisine Dinner** in a nice restaurant this evening. <B-L-D>



- Day 04 **Singapore** Breakfast in hotel; then go to visit [Fort Canning](#), a small hill slightly more than 60 meters high in the southeast portion of the island city-state of Singapore. After that experience the rich history, lifestyle and unique character of the [Peranakans](#). Later, wander through [Katong](#) and [Joo Chiat](#) and see rows of colorful traditional shop houses.
- After **lunch** in a local restaurant, be transported to [Sentosa](#) and take a scenic Cable Car Ride from Mount Faber. On the island, visit the [Dolphin Lagoon](#), where you can watch adorable pink dolphins perform their natural antics. At the [Underwater World](#), you will be taken to a 'voyage to the bottom of the sea'. At [Images of Singapore](#), you'll experience the colorful culture and vibrant heritage of Singapore, retold through life-size figures, animatronics and special effects.
- After your own dinner, go to the [Song of Sea](#) - Singapore's multi-sensory extravaganza – to enjoy watch a world class water show. <B-L>

- Day 05 **Singapore** Breakfast in hotel; today is free for your own exploration. <B>
- Day 06 **Singapore** Breakfast in hotel; met by your guide in hotel lobby this morning and travel  
**Malacca** by private vehicle or luxury public bus (*depending on group size; 3 hours*) to Malacca, Malaysia, a place with a lot of history and remains from the past.  
 Upon arrival, check into your hotel for relaxation and your own lunch. Later in the afternoon, stroll along Malacca's Jonker Street followed by a Malacca River Cruise to get a feel for this city.  
 Enjoy a **Local Cuisine Dinner** this evening and stay for two nights in Casa Del Rio Melaka (deluxe room). <B-D>



- Day 07 **Malacca** Breakfast in hotel; begin your exploration today by first driving past the Century Chinese Cemetery, the biggest outside of China. Proceed to view the famous gateway, 'Port De Santiago' and the ruins of St. Paul's Church. Next on the list is 'Red Square' - the salmon pink Dutch administrative building which today houses the Melaka Museum and government offices. Visit Christ Church, the oldest functioning Protestant church in Malaysia.  
 After **lunch** in a local restaurant, visit the 'Abode Merciful Clouds' or the Cheng Hoon Teng Temple, the country's oldest Chinese temple, the only temple where you can find three major doctrines of local Chinese beliefs under the same roof: Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism. Finally, visit the The Baba & Nyonya Heritage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that showcase the local history and traditional residences of ethnic Chinese-Malays called Peranakan.  
 Transfer back to hotel and rest of the day is free for your own leisure and relaxation. Dinner is on your own. <B-L>



- Day 08 **Malacca** **Kuala Lumpur** Breakfast in hotel; pick up by your guide this morning and travel by private vehicle to Kuala Lumpur (*2 hours*).  
 Before reaching Kuala Lumpur, visit the garden city of Putrajaya. Located in the heart of the lavish Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), this is a fully-integrated and self-contained city boasting the latest communication, transportation and infrastructure technologies.  
 Some of the buildings worth seeing are: Perdana Putra (the Prime

Minister's Office), [Putra Mosque](#), [Putrajaya Landmark](#), [Millennium Monument](#) (built in the shape of hibiscus, the national flower), [The Putrajaya Lake](#), occupying center stage in the complex. Have **lunch** in local restaurant.

Upon arrival in Kuala Lumpur in late afternoon, check in at your hotel for your own relaxation and dinner. Stay for two nights in [Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur \(deluxe twin tower view room\)](#). <B-L>

**Day 09 Kuala Lumpur** Breakfast in hotel; enjoy a full-day guided tour around Kuala Lumpur and see the sights and hear the sounds of the old and new.

Visit [Batu Caves](#) - the most famous landmark in Kuala Lumpur, which also doubles up as a religious site for Hindus.

The tour journey will continue to highlight the old and the modern that makes this city exciting with traditions of each race still practiced in daily routine. Places to visit include the [King's Palace](#) (photo stop), [War Memorial](#), Old Railway Station (photo stop), [National Mosque](#) (closed on Friday for prayer at noon) and [Merdeka Square](#).

Stop by at [Petronas Twin Tower](#) for **lunch**. In the afternoon, visit [Central Market](#) and [China Town](#).

Back to hotel and for some rest of an refreshing. Enjoy a **Malay Cuisine Dinner** this evening and transfer back to hotel. <B-L-D>



**Day 10 Kuala Lumpur** 🚗 Breakfast in hotel and free time in the morning. Check out by noon and travel by vehicle (*3 hours*) to Cameron Highlands which is 1542 meters above sea level and famous for its tea plantation and cool temperatures. On the way, we will stop for a break and go to [Kampar Tin Mining Museum](#) in Kampar for a visit.

Upon arrival, check in and stay for two nights in [Cameron Highlands Resort \(deluxe room\)](#). Enjoy **dinner** in resort restaurant. <B-D>

**Day 11 Cameron Highlands** Breakfast in resort restaurant. Pick up by your guide in hotel lobby and begin your exploration. Since the discovery of the Cameron Highlands by William Cameron in 1885, the highlands not only have been transformed into a farming land and a retreat for the wealthy Chinese businessman but have also become the most popular destination for local and foreign holiday makers alike for its cool climate.

On today's tour, your guide will take you to places such as [Butterfly & Insect Farm](#), [Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers Market](#) and [Strawberry Farm](#). Finally, visit [Boh Tea Plantation](#), one of the leading tea growers in Malaysia. You will visit the factories to learn about the tea making process.

Return to your resort in mid afternoon and balance of the day is for

your own exploration or relaxation. <B-L>

Day 12 **Cameron Highlands** Early breakfast in hotel; this morning at **7:00am** drive to Kuala Lumpur Airport (**3.5 hours**) and board an early afternoon flight to **Chiang Mai** Chiang Mai, Thailand. Upon arrival, met by your local English-speaking Thai tour guide and transfer to the centrally located [Tamarind Village \(Lanna room\)](#). Remainder of the day is free for your leisure. <B>

Day 13 **Chiang Mai** After breakfast in your hotel, enjoy a full-day guided tour of Chiang Mai. Visit [Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep](#), the sacred temple with the challenging flight of steps flanked by Naga Serpents. Continue to [Doi Pui](#), a small Hmong village with traditional hill tribe homes, local stores and a large garden with a diverse array of plants. Have **lunch** in one of the small restaurant overlooking the greenery below.

In the afternoon, visit [Wat Chedi Luang](#), the site of a formerly massive pagoda that was unfortunately destroyed in the great earthquake of 1545, and which still retains a unique shape. Finally, visit [Wat Phra Singh](#) which includes the lovely [Lai Kam Chapel](#) housing the revered Phra Singh Buddha image. Return to hotel for relaxation late afternoon.

Enjoy an evening walk at Chiang Mai Gate Market before having a **Local Cuisine Dinner** in a local restaurant. <B-L-D>



Day 14 **Chiang Mai** Breakfast in hotel; then set off to visit a [training camp of elephants](#) which is almost like a school. See how the animals are trained from a young age onwards and the young elephants will demonstrate what they have learned.

Afterwards, [ride on an elephant](#) through the jungle for one hour followed by a [rafting adventure](#) along the river where you will enjoy the beauty of the countryside.

After **lunch** in a local restaurant, you will visit an [orchid farm](#) before returning to your comfortable resort. Remainder of the day is free for your own leisure and relaxation. <B-L>

Day 15 **Chiang Mai** Breakfast in hotel. Morning at leisure followed by a late morning transfer to airport for your early afternoon flight to Bangkok.

→ **Bangkok**

Upon arrival, met by your private English-speaking local tour guide and transfer to your centrally hotel for check-in and relaxation. Evening is free. Stay for four nights in [Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Tower Bangkok \(deluxe premium river view room\)](#). <B>

Day 16 **Bangkok** Breakfast in the hotel. Met by your private guide in the lobby and begin your full-day exploration in Bangkok. Visit [The Grand Palace](#) – a splendid

complex of many ornate temples, pavilions, and buildings. Wat Phra Kaew adjoins the Grand Palace in a common compound and is the home of the country's most famous Buddha statue (*also known as the Emerald Buddha*).

Continue to Wat Po, Bangkok's largest temple is most famous as the home a giant reclining Buddha statue. Have **lunch** in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, take cruise on the Chao Phraya River for views of the city followed by a visit to Wat Arun – a stunning structure. The exploration concludes with a visit to the Flower Market and the Golden Mountain.

Tonight, enjoy a delicious **Thai Cuisine Dinner** at the famous *Sala Rim Naam Restaurant* accompanied by wonderful Thai dancing. <B-L-D>



Day 17 **Bangkok ⇄ Ayutthaya** Breakfast in hotel. At **8:00am** leave Bangkok for Ayutthaya, the ancient Siamese capital. Today, Ayutthaya hosts some of Thailand's most important historical landmarks and is part of the UNICCO World Heritage Sites. The magnitude and number of the ancient temple ruins in the Ayutthaya Historical Park speaks of the former greatness of the city.

You will visit some of the most interesting temples and nearby Bang-Pa-In. The Bang-Pa-In Summer Palace of King Rama V consists of buildings in Gothic Renaissance, Chinese and Thai architecture.

Cruise back to Bangkok along the Chao Phraya River aboard a river cruiser. En route, you can observe the scenic river life as you enjoy a sumptuous **buffet lunch** aboard the ship. Transfer back to hotel late afternoon. Evening is free for your relaxation. <B-L>



Day 18 **Bangkok** Early breakfast in hotel. At **7:00am**, take an excursion (1-1.5 hour drive) to the Amphawa Floating Market. This is a very active floating market with many little wooden houses neatly lined up the canal, selling souvenirs, fruits, and snacks. Don't miss the amazing small temple swallowed by a giant tree located across the river. Enjoy some tasty snacks at the market.

Drive back to your hotel in Bangkok and rest of the days is free for your own exploration, shopping or relaxation. <B>

Day 19 **→ return** Breakfast in hotel; transfer to Bangkok Airport and fly home. <B>

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## Deluxe & First Class Hotels & Resorts Selected for Your Tour



Pan Pacific Hotel Singapore



Casa Del Rio Melaka

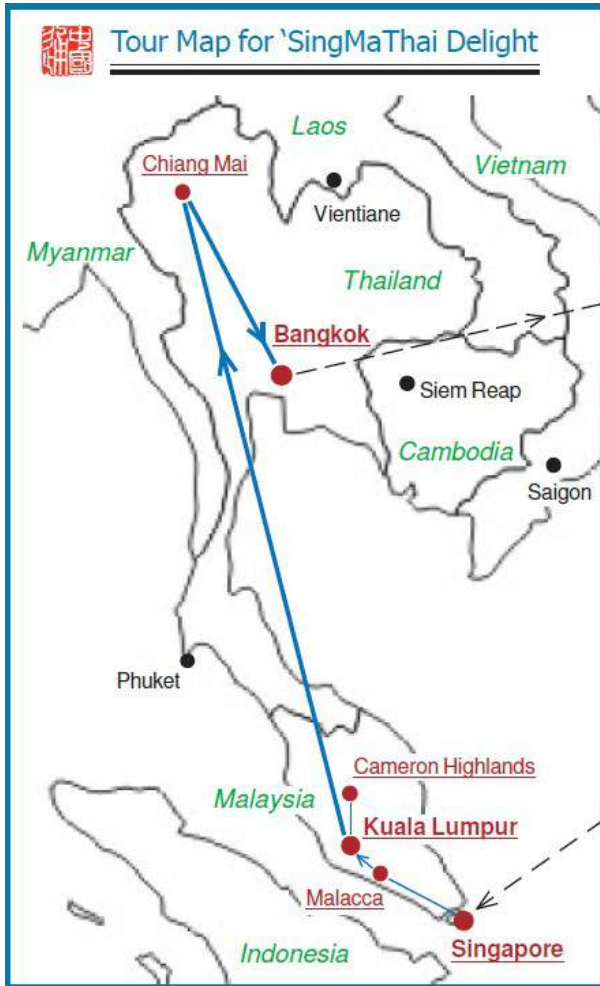


Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur





Cameron Highlands Resort



Tamarind Village Chiang Mai



Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Tower Bangkok

## Tour Land Price Inclusions & Exclusions

**Tour Land Prices:**           **\$6,590 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 2-5 travelers)  
  **\$6,370 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 6-9 travelers)  
  **\$6,250 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 10-16 travelers)

**Single Supplement Cost:** **\$2,180 USD** for single occupancy in hotels throughout the tour

### **What's Included in 'Tour Land Prices'**

- Deluxe & First Class hotel double occupancy accommodations with breakfast
- Coach class air tickets and ground transportation in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand
- All tour related Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand domestic taxes
- Arrival and departure transfers on tour dates
- Transfers and luggage (1 piece of 45 pounds per person for domestic flights) handling
- Pre-departure information packets
- All sightseeing, visits, cultural events, and activities listed in the itinerary
- All meals (*all breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 6 dinners*) as specified in the itinerary
- Service of a private English-speaking Tour Manager/Escort (*for a group of 10 or more travelers*)
- Service of a private English-speaking local guide in each city
- Private, clean, and newer motor vehicle with air-conditioning and a professional driver
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers (*for a group of 10 or more travelers*)

### **What's Not Included in 'Tour Land Prices'**

- Cross-Pacific International air tickets ( will quote separately if requested)
- Trip cancellation, baggage, accident, and medical insurance
- Meals not indicated as included and optional activities and events
- Gratuities to your Tour Manager/Escort
- Tipping for local guides and drivers (*for a group of fewer than 10 or more travelers*)
- Items not listed and/or specified as included in the itinerary

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90 days or more prior to departure .....	\$300 per person *
89 to 60 days prior to departure .....	\$600 per person *
59 to 30 days prior to departure .....	\$900 per person *
29 to 15 days prior to departure .....	\$1200 per person *

\* Plus any charges assessed by government agencies, land suppliers, cruise companies and airlines.

Within 14 days of departure .....100% forfeiture of the tour price per person

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