



UNIQUELY AUGSBURG JOURNEY TO THAILAND AND CAMBODIA

JANUARY 3–15, 2017

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

Hosted by English Professor Kathy Swanson

Tuesday, January 3—DEPART MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

Leave on Delta Air Lines for Bangkok via connection in Narita, Japan.

Wednesday, January 4—ARRIVE BANGKOK

Very late arrival into Bangkok with airport transfer and overnight.

Thursday, January 5—START EXPLORING BANGKOK

- View the magnificent Gold Buddha at Wat Triamit.
- Enjoy vibrant Chinatown on a walking tour (including lunch in Chinatown).

Friday, January 6—DISCOVER BANGKOK'S CULTURE

- Marvel at the dazzling architecture of the Grand Palace complex and the Emerald Buddha of Wat Phra Kaew.
- Visit nearby Wat Pho, featuring the massive reclining Buddha.
- View Thai life on a klong (canal) tour in a long-tail speed boat along the Chao Phraya River.
- View the city's most famous landmark, the colossal spire of Wat Arun.

Saturday, January 7—SHOPPING IN BANGKOK

Morning visit to the one of the city's floating markets where merchants sell their wares and produce from sturdy canoes. This afternoon be amazed at the diverse merchandise sold at the Chatuchak Weekend Market.



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Sunday, January 8—ARRIVE CHIANG MAI

Flight to the northern city of Chiang Mai, often called the Rose of the North, a cultural and natural wonderland with ethnic diversity and multitude of attractions.

- Discover Old Chiang Mai on a walking tour.
- Vist the Sunday Market after dinner (optional).

Monday, January 9—GET TO KNOW CHIANG MAI

- Morning climb to the breathtaking holy temple of Wat Phra That located on Doi Suthep.
- Afternoon visit to a hill tribe.
- Khan Toke dinner and dance performance.

Tuesday, January 10—EXPLORE CHIANG MAI

- Get up close to learn about the care of elephants at Chiang Dao Elephant Camp.
- Have lunch at an orchid garden.
- Visit an orphanage in the afternoon.
- See Chang Khlan Road come alive at dusk for the Night Bazaar.

Wednesday, January 11—DISCOVER CHIANG MAI'S CULTURE

- Hands on experience making authentic Thai dishes at a cooking class.
- Lecture at Chiang Mai University.
- Experience the healing practice of Thai massage.

Thursday, January 12—ARRIVE SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

- Morning airport transfer for flight to Siem Reap with connection in Bangkok.
- Early dinner and a good night's rest to prepare for visit to Angkor, one of the most important archaeological sites in South-East Asia, preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Friday, January 13—EXPERIENCE ANGKOR

- Early morning departure by tuk tuk to Angkor for sunrise.
- Visits to Bayon Temple, Ta Prohm, and Prasat Kravan to discover the remains of the Khmer Empire from the 9th to the 15th century.
- Return to hotel for some rest and free time to explore the Old Market.
- Dinner this evening on Pub Street.

Saturday, January 14—SIEM REAP - BANGKOK

- Leisurely morning in Siem Reap.
- Khmer barbecue lunch before transfer to airport for flight to Bangkok.
- Overnight in Bangkok area.

Sunday, January 15—BANGKOK/RETURN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

Predawn transfer to airport for flight back to Minneapolis-St. Paul with a connection again in Narita.

Note: Itinerary is provisional and subject to adjustments as travel arrangements are finalized.



Cost

The comprehensive cost for this custom-designed travel program is **estimated** at \$5,700 from Minneapolis-St. Paul. Single room accommodations will be available at a supplemental cost as well as departures from other U.S. cities. Flights and airfare are not available until late February 2016.

Registration

Registration will open in March 2016 when a brochure will be made available detailing the program cost, inclusions, and instructions for enrollment. A deposit of \$600 is required for registration. **Space is limited; register early.**

Hosts

Your hosts, English professor **Kathy Swanson** and her husband, Jack, enhance this uniquely Augsburg experience with their wide-ranging knowledge and expertise. For their complete bios, go to augsborg.edu/alumni/travel.

Lori Moline '82 from Seminars International, Inc. has planned and coordinated all travel arrangements. Lori has been involved in creating Augsburg alumni travel for more than 20 years.

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