

9 Day Hong Kong & Bangkok

September 18-26, 2018

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Independent Package Includes

- Flights St. Louis-Hong Kong-Bangkok, Bangkok-St. Louis
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 7 nights First Class accommodations
 - 4 nights Hong Kong
 - 3 nights Bangkok
- Breakfast daily

Hong Kong Island Tour

This morning, enjoy a half day tour of Hong Kong Island. Visit famed Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the city and bay below. The Peak, as it is referred to locally, is the highest mountain on the island, and is home to a variety of birds and colorful butterflies. Visit Stanley Market, famous for its bargain shopping, before returning along the coast of Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay to Aberdeen Harbour, the floating fishermen's village. Stop at a local jewelry factory near Aberdeen for a glimpse into the art and craftsmanship that has made Hong Kong famous.

Half-Day Bangkok City Tour & Temples

Today's guided tour includes visits to three of Bangkok's most unusual Buddhist temples: Wat Traimit (Temple of the Golden Buddha), Wat Po (Temple of the Reclining Buddha), and Wat Benchamabophit (The White Marble Temple). Begin at Wat Traimit; enter the temple where you will find the world's largest solid-gold Buddha. Carved in the ancient Sukhothai style and believed to be cast over nine centuries ago, the Golden Buddha of Wat Traimit is nearly 10 feet high, and weighs an impressive 5.5 tons. The tour continues through Chinatown to visit Wat Po, the largest and oldest temple in Bangkok, featuring the world-famous Reclining Buddha statue. Next, visit Wat Benchamabophit and its Bronze Buddha; the ashes of King Rama V lie beneath the statue. Considered one of the finest examples of Thai architecture to date, Wat Benchamabophit is home to the decorative Ubosot Hall, beautifully erected from Italian Carrera marble in the European Neoclassical style.