<u>Tour 04 – Mystical Thailand - Cultural roundtrip in Central and</u> Northern Thailand

<u>Bangkok – Kanchanaburi (River Kwai) – Ayutthaya – Uthai Thani - Sukhothai – Lampang – Chiang Mai – Thaton – Chiang Rai (14 days/ 13 nights)</u>

This is the classic Thailand round trip, that bring you through the Central Thailand, visit the historical site, old capital and stay close to nature, end at the Northern Thailand. The tour is running by minibus mix with local transport, so you can have different local experiences and enjoy the landscape and diversity of Thailand.

Day 1: Arrive Bangkok & Dinner cruise

After arrival at Bangkok Airport, transfer to your hotel by the driver. Check in and relax. Evening pick up for dinner cruise along the Chao Phraya River, the heart of Bangkok. Back to hotel. Overnight in Bangkok.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Bangkok Tour

After breakfast, go to the pier for public express boat to the Grand Palace and temple of the Emerald Buddha. Lunch at local restaurant by the river. Take a boat trip to the small canals to explore local life. Disembark at the temple of Dawn to visit of a must-to-see temple with its stunning pagoda. Back to the shore by public ferry connect with public express boat to sky train station and go back to your hotel by sky train. Dinner is on your own. Overnight in Bangkok.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Bangkok- Kanchanaburi (River Kwai)

After breakfast, leave for River Kwai with a stop at the unseen train market . Heading to River Kwai, lunch on the way. Visit War Cemetery and JEATH museum. From JEATH museum take motorized-boat for a trip along the river and fantastic scenery to The Bridge over River Kwai. Lunch on own expenses. Drive to your hotel for check in and relax. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight at River Kwai.

Meals: Dinner

Day 4: River Kwai

After breakfast at hotel, go to Hellfire pass, opened in 1998, it is dedicated to the Allied prisoners of war and Asian laborers who suffered and died at Hellfire Pass and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific region during World War II. The place provides visitors with an audio guide tour to Hellfire Pass (Konyu cutting) and the walking trail.

Lunch at local restaurant.

From the restaurant, (if we have time) you can walk along the Death Railway to the small

cave nearby where was used as a shelter for the prisoners of war when building the railway. After that, take historical train ride along the Death Railway from here. Back to hotel. Relax on own leisure. Dinner is on your own expense. Overnight at River Kwai.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Kanchanaburi (River Kwai) - Ayutthaya

After breakfast, check out and leave for Ayutthaya at 08.00, first visit is Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, then go for lunch and local restaurant. After lunch, go to your hotel for check in and refreshing.

Later, enjoy a bicycle trip to visit historical park. Back to hotel. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at Ayutthaya.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Ayutthaya – Uthaithani - Sukhothai

After breakfast, check out and drive to Uthaithani, visit an incredible crystal chapel at local temple. Proceed to Phitsanulok, visit the most sacred temple with its great principle Buddha Image at the main chapel. Walk along the river nearby to have light lunch and local restaurant.

Heading to Sukhothai. Free evening. Dinner is on your own. Overnight in Sukhothai.

Meal(s): Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Sukhothai

After breakfast, visit Sukhothai Historical Park by bicycle; it was the first truly independent Thai Kingdom, visit the ruins of the Royal Palaces, Buddhist temples, the city gates, walls, moats, dams, ditches, ponds canals and the water dyke control system which was the magical and spiritual center of the Kingdom are now preserved and restored by the Fine Arts Department with the cooperation of UNESCO. Then go to visit Wat Srichum, one of the highlight of Sukhothai. Lunch will be provided at the local restaurant.

After that visit local house producing porcelain and Thai traditional massage, herbal medicine and handicraft.

Back to hotel, free evening

Meal(s): Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Sukhothai – Lampang – Chiang Mai

After breakfast, depart to Lampang and visit Wat Phrathat Lampang Luang, the most sacred temple of Lampang. Visit a local jungle market to see the very exotic foodstuff offered for sale. Lunch on the way. Proceed to Chiang Mai. Check in at hotel and relax.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9: Chiang Mai

After breakfast, go for morning cycling tour to visit local life. Back to hotel. Free afternoon. At 4 PM, go for private Thai cooking class, enjoy cooking your own dinner and get Thai cookbook back home.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Chiang Mai

After breakfast, visit Doi Suthep, the temple with Golden Chedi. After that go to Baan Tawai wood Handicrafts Village and then visit the Silver Factory and stone, jewelry. Then back to hotel. Free afternoon and evening. Overnight in Chiang Mai

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Thaton

07.00 leave from Chiang Mai to Chiang Dao elephant conservation center to see elephant show and riding on elephant back, then rafting on the Ping river. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, go to Chiang Dao cave to explore the nature in the Chiang Mai's biggest cave. Continue to Thaton. Visit Thaton temple and overnight at Thaton. Free evening.

Meal(s): Breakfast ,Lunch

Day 12: Thaton – Chiang Rai

After breakfast, go by long-tailed boat along the Kok river to Chiang Rai. Visit the White temple and then enjoy a tour in town by Tri-shaw. alternatively have a little trekking in authentic jungle to find a beautyful hidden waterfall where you can enjoy the scenery and even play in the fresh and cold water Back to hotel. Free afternoon. Overnight in Chiang Rai

Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 13: Chiang Rai

After breakfast, visit Golden Triangle. Then go to Chiang Saen Old town and after that take a farm truck to hill tribe village and have lunch nearby.

Back to Chiang Rai.

Meal(s): Breakfast, lunch

Day 14: Chiang Rai – Bangkok

After breakfast, check out and get ready to be transferred to Chiang Rai airport for your next destination.