

Cornell University

# TREASURES OF THAILAND

January 30-February 15, 2019

**17 days from \$4,087 total price from Los Angeles, NY, San Francisco**  
(\$3,895 air & land inclusive plus \$192 airline taxes and fees)



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## Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Whether you are planning a trip of a lifetime, a return to a favorite locale, or simply looking for your next travel adventure, the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program is a great place to start your journey.

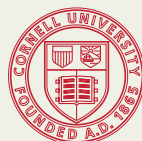
We partner with award-winning travel companies to offer trips with well-crafted itineraries, topnotch hotels and ships, and expert tour directors. Having had the chance to talk with many of our travelers over the past twenty-five years (and accompany a couple of trips myself), I know from first-hand experience how exhilarating and rewarding these tours can be. Many Cornellians feel the same way.

Whether you are traveling on your own or with family, friends, or classmates, you can expect great travel experiences in some of the world's most stimulating locations. Add to the mix a large dose of adventurous and friendly Cornell spirit, and it is easy to see why CAA Travel Program offerings are so popular.

If you've travelled with us before, you are likely to be among the many alumni and friends who have returned for additional bookings, time and time again. If you are considering your first trip with us, we hope you will see one or more itineraries that pique your travel interests. We've got great places to go! Please join us!

Warmly,

James A. Mazza '88  
Associate Vice President, Alumni Affairs  
Cornell University



## CORNELL UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: TREASURES OF THAILAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Treasures of Thailand** departing **January 30, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Cambodia: Angkor Wat" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Treasures of Thailand, January 30-February 15, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**     Check     American Express     Discover     MasterCard     VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

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*Journey with us to Siam of old, where art and beauty reign, Lord Buddha is revered, nature's bounty is savored, and gentleness prevails. On this thoughtful small group tour, we encounter many of Thailand's treasures, both renowned and remote.*



**Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Bangkok, Thailand**

**Day 3: Arrive Bangkok** We arrive in the Thai capital today and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

**Day 4: Bangkok** After meeting our fellow travelers and tour director at this morning's briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to explore, beginning at the colorful Bangkok Flower Market. Then we ride "tuk tuks," traditional three-wheel open-air taxis, to Wat Pho Temple, home of the Reclining Buddha. Next we visit the immense Grand Palace complex where we see the elaborate Temple of the Emerald Buddha, with its venerated 31-inch-high statue carved from a single piece of jade. Then we board boats for a tour of "hidden" Bangkok. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Bangkok/Ayutthaya** Today's first stop is Bang Pa-in, the historic summer palace of Thai royalty. Then we continue on to Ayutthaya, Thailand's ancient capital that in 1700 was the largest city in the world – and that by 1767 lay in ruins. It's the evocative remains of the palaces, pagodas, and monasteries that once stood here that we encounter today as we explore the historical park, now a UNESCO site. *B,L*

**Day 6: Bangkok/Kanchanaburi** This morning we visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, where vendors aboard hundreds of sampans laden with fresh flowers, fruits, and vegetables traverse the canals selling their wares. Then we travel on to Kanchanaburi, where we visit the infamous bridge that spans the River Kwai, part of the "Death Railway" project and whose story is immortalized in book and film as *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. We end the day's touring with a long-tail boat ride along the River Kwai to our floating hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Kanchanaburi** A look at Thai farming life is on tap as we visit the village of Nong Khao for a tour by local truck. We pay our respects at the village shrine then head out to the fan-palm orchard to see how locals collect the palm products for market. We

Avg. High (°F)	Jan	Feb
Bangkok	89	89
Chiang Mai	84	89
Chiang Rai	82	87

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Bangkok touring • Long-tail boat ride through "hidden" Bangkok • Ayutthaya UNESCO site • Kanchanaburi's WWII cemetery and Burma Railroad memorials • Close-up looks at Thai farming life • Golden Triangle, including Mekong boat ride • Two-night stay at Khum Lanna nature reserve • Thai cooking class • Visit to an elephant sanctuary • Chiang Mai sightseeing

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1-2	Depart U.S. for Bangkok		
3-5	Bangkok	Royal Orchid Sheraton	Deluxe
6-8	Kanchanaburi	The Float House River Kwai	Not rated
9-10	Chiang Rai	Le Meridien Chiang Rai	Deluxe
11-12	Phrao	Khum Lanna Resort	Not rated
13-14	Chiang Mai	Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort	Deluxe
15	Bangkok	Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport	Sup. First Class
16	Bangkok/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
17	Arrive U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

Cover Photo: We explore the ruins of the once-grand city of Ayutthaya, now a UNESCO site, on Day 5.



Visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market on Day 6.

sample some of the local goods and tropical fruits, and learn about the important role rice plays in Thai life. Before returning to our hotel, we see the wooden bridge of the Tham Krasae Death Railway, and stop at the Cemetery of the Allied Prisoners of War, burial site of WWII prisoners who perished as forced laborers on the construction of the notorious Burma Railway. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Kanchanaburi** We travel downstream to witness another poignant scene from the Death Railway: Hellfire Pass, where prisoners had only hand tools to cut through the largest rocks on the entire route of the Burma Railway. Named for the look of the prisoners (as if they had come from Hell), the pass today features a museum and memorial. Following our tour here we visit a tribal village of the ethnic Mon people. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Kanchanaburi/Chiang Rai** We depart this morning for Bangkok and our early afternoon flight to Chiang Rai, the relaxed town near the border of Laos and Myanmar. Upon arrival, we visit the Baan Dam (“Black House”) modern architectural complex. *B,D*

**Day 10: Chiang Rai** This morning we drive along narrow mountain roads to the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Gardens, former home of the king’s mother who lived here and led efforts against deforestation and also the heroin trade. We tour the home and grounds then continue to the infamous Golden Triangle, where the Ruak and Mekong rivers meet, and where from a hilltop we can see sweeping views of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar. We tour the Opium Museum here to learn about the once-thriving drug trade in the region before enjoying a leisurely boat ride on the Mekong. *B,L*

**Day 11: Chiang Rai/Phrao** This morning we visit the contemporary Wat Rong Khun, the unusual “White Temple” celebrating Lord Buddha’s purity. Then we continue on to Khum Lanna, our country retreat set amidst emerald-green rice fields and lush orchards. This afternoon we learn about and participate in Khum Lanna’s sustainable permaculture projects; the hotel grows fruits, vegetables, and herbs on the

## Post-Tour Extension

February 14-17, 2019

### CAMBODIA: ANGKOR WAT

**3 days/2 nights  
for \$895 total price**

Single Supplement: \$245

*A special opportunity to discover the amazing temples and statuary from the Angkorian Empire. UNESCO site and the world’s largest religious monument.*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Bangkok/Siem Reap, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 2 nights’ accommodations in Siem Reap at Sofitel Angkor (Deluxe)
- 4 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Three days’ sightseeing of Angkor complex (UNESCO World Heritage site), including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

“ALL KNOW THE WAY BUT  
FEW ACTUALLY WALK IT.”

– BODDHIDHARMA

grounds, many of which will be used in tonight’s dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: Phrao** We rise early for a sunrise biking trip to see the colorful rice fields. Then we visit the morning markets, where we offer alms to the Buddhist monks. Back at our lodge we enjoy a late breakfast and learn about the “Rice for Life” ethos practiced here. This afternoon we visit a local rice mill and temple to learn about daily life in rural Thailand. *B,L,D*

**Day 13: Phrao/Chiang Mai** En route to Chiang Mai today, we stop to visit an elephant sanctuary where we can bathe and feed the magnificent creatures. Later, we visit a hill tribe agricultural village before continuing on to our hotel. *B,L*

**Day 14: Chiang Mai** Our day begins with a drive to the sacred 14<sup>th</sup>-century Wat Phra That Doi Suthep temple, with incomparable views of Chiang Mai below. Next, we learn about the local gem trade with a visit to a working jade factory. After lunch together, we discover Chiang Mai’s old city by rickshaw, traveling past medieval city walls and monasteries. Our tour ends with a visit to the Wat Phra Singh temple complex, where we see a revered Buddha statue and the lovely Viharn Lai Kham gilded hall decorated with murals of daily life. Tonight we celebrate our Thailand adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 15: Chiang Mai/Bangkok** This morning we visit the “lost city” of Wiang Kum Kam, the royal capital that was abandoned some 700 years ago. Here we take a horse-and-carriage ride to see the archaeological site. This afternoon we take a flight back to Bangkok, where we dine together tonight at our airport hotel. *B,D*

**Day 16: Depart for U.S.** We depart Bangkok today on our overnight flight to the U.S. *B*

**Day 17: Arrive U.S.** We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our flights home.

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We tour the contemporary “White Temple” on Day 11.

## Tour Departs: January 30, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco	\$4,087
Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle, Washington, DC	\$4,387
Boston, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis	\$4,487
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$4,587
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$192, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip international flight: Business Class – \$4,195 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,495 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at**

**888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 change; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the Cornell University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the Cornell University Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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