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But it wouldn't be a GWA Exclusive without a few extras included to make your vacation special. So, we have included a half day **City and Temple Tour**, and a special treat – **A 5 Hour Gay Bar Crawl!** Your city and temple guided tour includes visits to three of Bangkok's most unusual Buddhist temples: The Temple of the Golden Buddha, Temple of the Reclining Buddha, and The White Marble Temple.

Thailand has one of the most tolerant cultures in the world towards homosexuals. Gays and lesbians are pretty much accepted, providing general Thai social mores are observed, and there's no anti-gay establishment. So, on Friday evening, we venture out on our own private air conditioned motor coach to do an old fashioned bar crawl. We will have 5 hours to party in the most popular gay district in Bangkok, in fact the most popular gay district in all of Asia. For those that wish to dance the night away, taxis are always available to whisk you back to your hotel.

Ask us about our Optional Extensions to the world famous beach resort area of Phuket, and the cultural center of Northern Thailand, Chiang Mai.



GWA Exclusive Amenities Include:

- Evening tour of the World Famous Gay District.
- Half Day City and Temple Tour.
- Gay City Guide – Bar, Dining and Shopping Info.
- GWA Concierge throughout your entire cruise.
- GWA Travel Gift
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Tour Package Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation Hotel Montien Riverside.
- Round-trip Air from Los Angeles.
- Buffet Breakfast Daily.
- Round-trip hotel transfers.
- Hotel Porterage.
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What is not Included in Your Tour Package:

- Gratuities to hotel staff, tour guide, and drivers.
- Airport taxes and fees.
- Travel Insurance.
- Anything not specific in the Included Items.

Single Rates Available or ask us about the GWA Share Program.





Montien Riverside Hotel
372 Rama III Road, Bangkok
Bangkok 10210
Thailand



This first class hotel is located by Bangkok's legendary River of Kings, with both river and city views, including Asia's largest suspension bridge.



GUEST ROOMS -- All rooms are have a grand view of the Chao Praya River and are equipped with an executive desk, remote controlled color TV and radio with 24 hour satellite channels, IDD telephone, personal electronic safe, and private bathroom with shower.

LOCATION -- The hotel located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, centrally located just off the expressway and 2 miles from the city center and public transportation. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to its downtown sister hotel. It runs on the half hour, daily, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

RESTAURANTS -- Sample exotic cuisine from China, Vietnam and Thailand or a varied selection of European fare in the hotel's 6 restaurants and bars. Relax in the Lobby Lounge to the tunes of the resident musician or enjoy an evening of fun in the Sonic Karaoke Suite.



Saturday, 16 August 2008
USA

Los Angeles, Ca.

Depart Los Angeles at 1:00am on the “night” of August 16th connecting in Hong Kong. Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

Sunday, 17 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok,

Arrive in Bangkok and transfer to your hotel accompanied by an English-speaking assistant. The balance of the day is free to relax or begin enjoying this exciting city on your own.

Monday, 18 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

This afternoon, you will enjoy a guided tour including 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). Beginning at Wat Traimit, you’ll venture inside the temple where you will find the worlds 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 over 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 it’s “Phra Buddhajinaraja” (Bronze Buddha), beneath which lies the ashes of King Rama V. Considered one of the finest examples of Thai architecture to date, Wat Benchamabophit is home to the decorative Ubosot Hall, beautifully erected from Italian Carrara marble in the European classical style. Upon returning to your hotel, the balance of the day is free. (B)

Tuesday, 19 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

Free day (B)

Wednesday, 20 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

Free Day (B)

Thursday, 21 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

Free day (B)

Friday, 22 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

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Saturday, 23 August 2008
Thailand

Bangkok

Free day (B)

Sunday, 24 August 2008
Thailand

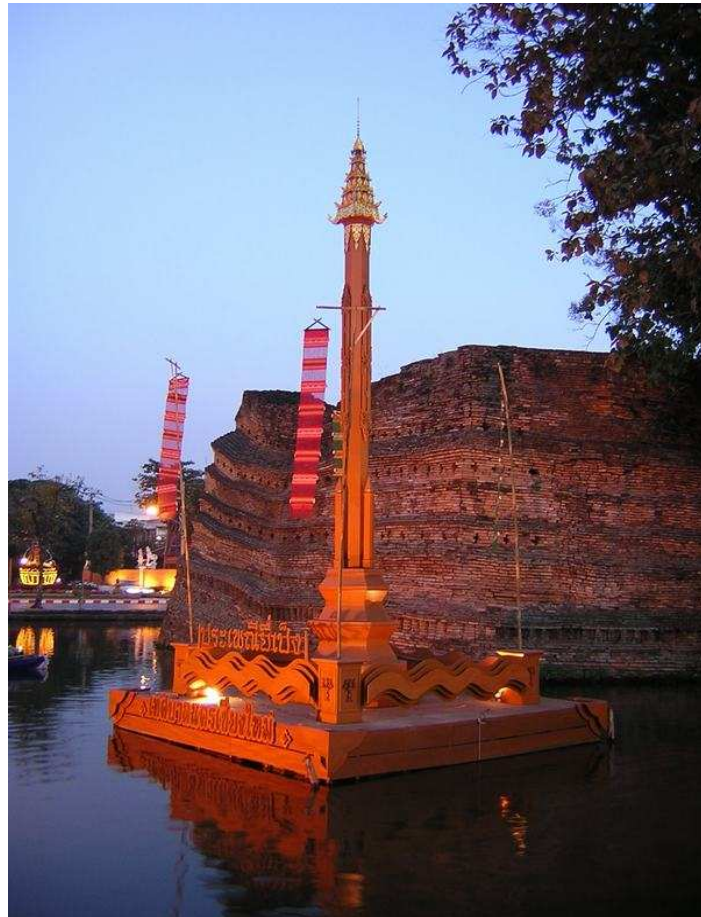
Bangkok

Depart for the Airport accompanied by an English-speaking assistant and board your return flight home connecting in Hong Kong arriving home the same day in Los Angeles. (B)

CHIANG MAI



Optional Extension
24 - 29 August 2008
From \$599.*



AUGUST 24:**Bangkok, Thailand**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Chiang Mai, the largest and foremost cultural city in Northern Thailand. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, delight in a Kantoke dinner with traditional dances from Northern Thailand. As guests of this unique event, you will be seated on the floor, as is customary, and enjoy acted scenes depicting the local culture as you dine. After dinner, villagers from various hilltribes will perform an exciting array of cultural dances, including the Fon Lep (Fingers Dance), Sword Dance, Fon Thien (Candle Dance), and Ramwong, in which all guests are invited to participate (B, D): CHIANG MAI

AUGUST 25:**Chiang Mai, Thailand**

This morning, enjoy a half day Doi Suthep and Temples Tour, including a visit to the Chiang Mai handicraft villages. Begin the tour with a visit to Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep, erected in 1384 A.D. Located 3500 feet above sea level, Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep is Northern Thailand's most sacred temple, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha and a copper-plated chedi topped by a tiered-gold parasol in its interior cloister. Equally impressive is the mythological Naga (Dragon-headed serpent) staircase, consisting of 290 steps leading up to the temple grounds. You may choose to ascend the sacred steps on-foot or take a tram to the top. Afterwards, visit Wat Phra Singh, home to the beautifully ornate Lai Kham Chapel. From here, the tour continues to visit the handicraft villages of Chiang Mai. Here you will see the spinning and weaving techniques of Thai Silk merchants, Bo-Sang paper umbrella makers, and the high-fired stoneware, lacquerware and silverware of the Celadon Kilns. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure in Chiang Mai (B): CHIANG MAI

AUGUST 26:**Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Full day at leisure in Chiang Mai, or join an optional full day tour to the Mae Sa Elephant Camp and Orchid Farm, including lunch. Travel northwest along the Mae Sa Valley, with its scenic botanical gardens and tentiered waterfalls, to visit the Mae Sa Elephant Training Camp. Here you will see elephants bathing in the running streams or demonstrating their daily feats of skill and strength in a show with music and dance, a soccer match, or an abstract painting demonstration. Even more impressive is the Camp's goal to protect the endangered Thai Elephant by controlled breeding, a program which has flourished since its establishing in 1995. At an additional charge, you may choose to ride on the back of a Thai Elephant, making for a truly memorable experience. Enjoy time at leisure to walk the exhibition greenhouses, gardens and nature trails, or, should you choose, participate in

educational activities at the Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden. Continue to visit the Meo Hilltribe village to observe the daily life of the Meo tribesmen. After a traditional Thai lunch in a local restaurant nearby, conclude the day with a visit to the Orchid Nursery and Butterfly Farm, home to more than 50 species of mountain orchid (\$36) (B): CHIANG MAI

AUGUST 27:

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Full day at leisure in Chiang Mai, or join an optional full day tour of Chiang Rai and the Golden Triangle, including lunch. Depart for Chiang Rai by country road, crossing mountainous lands and lush valleys en route. Enjoy a short stop at Wiang Pa Pao, one of the most famous Hot Spring regions in Thailand. Continue to the bustling trading town of Mae Sai. Here you'll have time to shop for local handicrafts before a typical Thai-style lunch at a restaurant nearby. After lunch, the tour continues to visit the famed Golden Triangle where the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos convene. From here, you'll visit the ancient fortified city of Chiang Saen, the former capital of the first Thai Lanna Kingdom, situated on the banks of the Mekong River. Return to Chiang Mai in the evening (\$61) (B): CHIANG MAI

AUGUST 28:

Chiang Mai, Thailand

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure (B): BANGKOK

AUGUST 29:

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight (B).

PLEASE NOTE: A combination tour of Phuket and Chiang Mai is available for \$1159 per person double occupancy and \$1599 per person single occupancy.

PHUKET



Optional Extension
24 - 29 August 2008
From \$699.*



Sunday, 24 August 08**Bangkok, Thailand**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Phuket. Upon arrival, enjoy a half day tour of Phuket, Asia's most popular holiday retreat. Visit the 100-year-old Sino-Portuguese buildings along the roads of Dibuk and Thalang, before continuing south to visit the Gypsy village at Rawai Beach. From here, visit Chalong Temple, the largest and most beautifully ornamented Buddhist temple in Phuket. The temple is dedicated to 2 monks, Luang Pho Chaem and Luang Pho Chuang, who used their knowledge of herbal medicine to aid the injured Chinese tin miner's of the 1876 rebellion. Proceed to Phromthep Cape, the southern most point of Thailand, and admire spectacular views of Koh Kaew Yai Island and the Andaman Sea. Enjoy a scenic drive by Kata and Karon Beach before arriving at your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure (B)

Monday, 25 Aug 08**Phuket, Thailand**

Full day at leisure, or join an optional full day Phang Nga Bay and Lawa Island tour, with lunch. This full day excursion takes you to the Phang Nga Bay, one of the most unusual and beautiful coastal locations in the world. Travel by cruiser through the mangrove jungles and limestone peaks, where cliff faces rise vertically from the sea. Visit Koh Ping Kan, the island made famous by the James Bond film *The Man With The Golden Gun*. In the afternoon, visit Koh Pannyi Sea Gypsy Island for lunch. This remarkable village is built over the water on wooden stilts, and is guarded by a giant rock monolith. After exploring the village, cruise to Lawa Island to relax on its white-sand beach (\$98) (B)

Tuesday, 26 Aug 08**Phuket, Thailand**

Full day at leisure in Phuket, or join an optional full day tour to the Phi Phi Islands. Departing from the pier by speedboat, travel first to Monkey Beach for sightseeing and a relaxing swim. The tour continues to the island of Phi Phi Ley where you will discover the beautiful scenery of Maya Bay, the site where the movie *The Beach* was partially filmed. Here you will have time for snorkeling in the refreshing waters of the Bay. Afterwards, continue to Lho Sa Mah Bay and Pi Leh Cove before arriving at Viking Cave, which is named for its numerous cave paintings of vessels resembling Viking longboats. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant nearby and time at leisure to walk along the beach or sunbathe before continuing to Bamboo Island. Afterwards, stop at Khai Nai Island for the chance to swim, snorkel or simply relax on the beach before returning to the pier. Transfer to your hotel (\$104) (B)

Wednesday, 27 Aug 08

Phuket, Thailand

Enjoy a full day exploring Phuket on your own (B)

Thursday, 28 Aug 08

Phuket, Thailand

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure (B): BANGKOK

Friday, 29 Aug 08

Phuket, Thailand

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight(s) to the U.S.(B).

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