

## OUT Adventures Thailand Gay Trek in Comfort

From only \$1449 per person

Multiple Dates / Departures 2010

Excludes local payment of approximately \$230 and optional insurance

Discover the exquisite Land of Smiles in style. Thailand conjures up images of spicy delicacies, majestic elephants, golden Buddhas, colorful hill tribe villages, fantastic shopping and exotic hideaways - and we experience it all on this trip. Witness traditional hill tribe life in a H'mong village, support the rehabilitation of the endangered Asian elephant, step back in time in the ancient kingdom of Sukhothai and try your hand at whipping up some gastronomic delights - this is your chance to capture the adventure and essence of timeless Thailand.



### Trip Style

Out Adventures : Comfort Adventure

Is this trip right for you?

**Duration 10 days**

**Physical Rating** These trips are a relaxing break. You don't have to worry about being able to do anything physically demanding unless you want to.

**Culture Shock Rating** The trip includes a range of accommodation, such as basic hotels with western facilities or overnight trains. Days of being on the move are well interspersed, communication with the outside world is ever-present and a wide variety of food is commonly available.

#### Gay Rating 4:

- This trip travels to a relatively liberal, accepting area. We encourage you to experience the destination and culture with the following in mind:
- Accommodation – We do not foresee any areas of concern on this trip.
- Public Display of affection – These are not frowned upon, however we ask that you respect the local customs in the areas which you visit. Your group leader can provide further information on this matter.



Prices quoted are per person, double occupancy, before any taxes, fees, or charges, unless otherwise indicated. As with all travel, pricing is subject to change until booked / ticketed; even then, such items as surcharges or fees (for example, for fuel) may be added by airlines, hotels, and other travel supplier companies. All information is accurate at time of publishing. Your best strategy against price increases remains full payment.

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- Gay Activities – This trip will likely include a gay hosted event, meal or day tour. These are often small, locally owned businesses or not for profit projects that benefit the local community.
- Please read the important notes & local dress section of the Trip Notes for more detailed information
- gay adventure rating

### **Meals Included 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners**

*Please note that breakfasts are often simple (eggs, bread, jam and coffee/tea would be most common).*

### **Accommodation Hotels (7 nts), lodge (1 nt), overnight train (1 nt)**

Transportation Overnight train, minibus, boat, saamlaw, elephant, walking

Group Size Maximum of 12 travelers per group

Departure is guaranteed, subject to 6 people travelling

Budget Allow USD \$400 for meals not included.

Departs Selected Sunday

Dive into the real world with a soft landing. Comfort class trips are all about variety: the places, the people, the activities. It's your style of travel if you want a few little extras, but don't want to compromise on a true grassroots travel experience.

#### *Key Features of the Comfort Adventure Style*

<b>group size</b>	Maximum 12 adventurers of all ages and from all corners of the world.
<b>group leader</b>	Yes, an experienced leader accompanies every trip.
<b>accommodation</b>	Comfort is combined with loads of character - average 3 star.
<b>transport</b>	Private with occasional public transport.
<b>inclusions</b>	Some meals, sightseeing and activities are included.
<b>single supplement</b>	Share with someone of the same gender or pay a single supplement.

## **Day by Day Itinerary**

### **Days 1-2 Bangkok**

Bursting with life and colour, Bangkok is a modern city with an ancient heart. Visit the Emerald Buddha, housed beneath the gleaming spires of the Grand Palace. Later, take a boat trip through the khlongs to witness the remarkable contrast between city and canal-side life. If you enjoy nightlife, Bangkok has a vast number of bars and clubs to explore.





### **Days 3-4 Chiang Mai**

Learn to whip up local delicacies at a Thai cooking class and afterwards taste the mouth-watering fruits of this epicurean labour. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride to the ruined city of Wiang Kum Kam to explore its well-preserved ruins. In the evening, climb up to Doi Suthep, famous for its wonderful copper-plated chedi and sweeping views out over the countryside.

### **Day 5 H'mong Lodge**

Travel to where the rice fields meet the forest and get acquainted with Thailand's second largest minority group - the H'mong. Enjoy a display of traditional song and dance, along with a barbeque dinner.

### **Day 6 Sukhotha**

Nicknamed the Dawn of Happiness, Sukhothai still recalls Siam's golden age with its superb statues, marvellous monuments and lotus flowers in full bloom. Be bowled over by cute baby elephants at the Elephant Conservation Centre and maybe even take a ride on a full-grown adult.

### **Days 7-8 Kanchanaburi/River Kwai**

A sobering morning visit to the Hellfire Pass Memorial is followed by a saamlaw ride to the Jeath War Museum and the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai.

### **Days 9-10 Bangkok**

Returning to Bangkok, there is ample time to visit any number of sights before a river cruise and farewell dinner on the mighty Chao Phraya River.

