



Bangkok, THAI

Ayutthaya Ancient Capital Tour

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Once considered the most spectacular city on Earth, the ruins of the capital of the Kingdom Ayutthaya are now a major tourist attraction easily accessible from Bangkok by car, train, or boat as either a daytrip or overnight excursion.

Ayutthaya is one of Thailand's historical and majestic highlights. The capital of Thailand, then known as the Kingdom of Ayutthaya, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya was glorified as one of the biggest cities in Southeast Asia and a regional power for 417 years.

The Kingdom of Ayutthaya reached its apex in terms of sovereignty, military might, wealth, culture, and international commerce in the 16th century, when the Kingdom's territory extended into and beyond present-day Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar. Ayutthaya had diplomatic relations with Louis XIV of France and was courted by Dutch, Portuguese, English, Chinese and Japanese merchants.



Itinerary—Highlights

- Chance to visit UNESCO World Heritage site of Ayutthaya
- Sprawling Buddhist temple compound & statues at Wat Maha Tat
- Bang Pa-In Royal Palace, former home of Thai kings
- Scenic riverboat cruise along the calm Chao Phraya River
- Lunch buffet of Thai specialties to satisfy your appetite



06:30

Gatherings Venue: Hotel Lobby- CHATEAU DE BANGKOK

09:30

BANG PA-IN PALACE



The Royal Palace at Bang Pa-In has a history dating back to the 17th century. According to a chronicle of Ayutthaya, King Prasat Thong (1629-1656) had a palace constructed on Bang Pa-In Island in the Chao Phraya River. The present-day royal palace dates from the reign of King Chulalongkorn (1868-1910), when most of the buildings standing today were constructed between 1872-1889. Today the palace is used occasionally by Their Majesties King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) and Queen Sirikit as a residence and for holding receptions and banquets.

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WIHAN PHRA MONGKHON BOPHIT



Viharn Pra Mongkolborpiti is situated on the south of Wat Prasrisanpetch and is where the bronze Buddha image in the attitude of subduing Mara is situated. This Buddha image has a lap measurement at 9.55 metres and height at 12.45 metres. This is one of the biggest Buddha image in Thailand. It was assumed

to be built during the Ayuttaya Era of King Srongtam. The King transferred the location from the east side to the west side which has been the location since then. After that the King ordered to build a dome on top.



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PEARL CRUISES



Next, hop aboard a riverboat and enjoy a Thai buffet lunch while cruising along the gentle currents of the Chao Phraya River. Observe locals going about their daily life along the waterfront, and see attractions like the Grand Palace and the towering spires of Wat Arun before making your way back to your hotel.

16:00

BACK TO HOTEL



PRICE: USD 80 / per person, including transportation, insurance, main tickets, tour guide and lunch.