



GORGEOUS SAFARIS

Thailand

What better place to satisfy the tired jaded overworked woman than Thailand - we've combined a quick "power shop" in Bangkok with the ultimate luxury of a 5 star island resort over looking the water where you are waited on hand and foot and have time to slow down and take some time for yourself. You can explore the island of Koh Samui, meet and be blessed by a Buddhist monk, discover some great finds in the shops...or simply indulge in massages and spa treatments and not move far from the resort.

In Bangkok we take you to our hotel by chauffeured limo - we stay at the opulent Shangri-La on the Chao Praya River. You may like to book ahead and treat yourself at the world class Chi Spa within the hotel in the 2 days we are there. After shopping and enjoying some great food in Bangkok, we fly to Koh Samui for the total relaxation part of the trip.

Accommodation is in luxury private villas in at the beautiful Karma Resort. There are three bedrooms in each villa, each with ensuite bathroom. There is a huge separate wing that is the sala or living area with fully equipped kitchen, stereo, television and DVD player, lounges you could stretch out on all day, plus a dining room table - the whole set up very modern and chic and still very Thai and tropical.

Each villa has its own infinity pool which looks out to the expanse of ocean and sky, there are banana lounges plus a queen-sized daybed in a special little gazebo that is perfect for lounging on and reading books...so there's enough space to escape the others in your villa.

The style of accommodation is ideal for 3 friends travelling together - what could be more fun and relaxed...but even if you are travelling solo, we will make sure you're together with people you'll get on well with or arrange single villa accommodation (though with a surcharge). For all our guests, our Gorgeous Safari is the perfect mix of enough time to yourselves and enough fabulous things organised.

Sample Itinerary – 8th - 15th June 2008

Day 1 - Sunday 8th June - D

Travel to Bangkok - Thai Airlines morning departure from Sydney, arrives BKK 4.15 pm.

Bring large empty suitcases

Limousine pick up at airport, drive to Shangri-La Hotel

Welcome drinks as we check in

If you're feeling energetic, this may be the time to visit some of the tailors and small stores around the hotel. If you want clothes copied, bring originals or photos.

Dinner tonight at a beautiful Bangkok restaurant

Day 2 - Monday 9th June - B, D

Breakfast - Sit on the outside terrace right on the Chao Praya River and enjoy one of the most extensive breakfast buffets filled with tropical fruit, freshly baked pastries hotcakes and a variety of breads, Thai noodle soups and the full-on eggs and bacon too...You'll need all your energy for the day ahead.

We will take you to explore department stores and boutiques, some featuring hot new Thai designers, great shoe stores - with shoes in Western sizes!, handbags and more.

Lunch is your choice at any number of cafes

In the afternoon return to the hotel for optional spa treatments at the world class Chi Spa (pre booking essential), lazing by the pool or continue shopping (you're only here once!)

Dinner at a charming Thai restaurant close to the hotel.

Day 3 - Tuesday 10th June - B, D

Breakfast at the hotel and your morning is free to explore some of the shops around the hotel...everything from Afghani jewellery to groovy t shirts, heaps of silk everywhere.

Depart for early afternoon flight to Koh Samui with its charming tropical open air airport...we'll be taken to the exquisite Karma Resort where you will settle into luxury villas then have just enough time for a massage before tropical cocktails (some of the best in the world!) and dinner at the elegant Padma Restaurant within the resort.

Day 4 - Wednesday 11th June - B, L

Delicious breakfast choices in the lovely open air restaurant overlooking the swimming pool and beach.

Half the group will visit the local produce market with our favourite Thai chef then enjoy a cooking class in your own sala (living room) - the many dishes made are your lunch (and dinner!) Others enjoy a driving tour of Koh Samui with lunch at one of the many restaurants around the island.

Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing, having treatments included in your package or strolling through the local shops which run from air-conditioned upmarket boutiques to market stalls with lots of cafes and bars along the way to pace yourself. Please note there is no 9 to 5 with shops - they are open well into the evening.

Dinner on your own - we suggest one of the restaurants along the beach.

Day 5 - Thursday 12th June - B, L

Breakfast at the resort then again half the group visit the local produce market with our favourite Thai chef then enjoy a cooking class while the others do a tour of Koh Samui with lunch at one of the many restaurants around the island.

Lazy afternoon filled with scheduled treatments, swims in your own pool, the large resort pool or at our own beach, walks around the area.

Dinner on your own - or join us to find some of the best "street food" and later, if you're interested in one of the more exotic parts of Thai nightlife, join us at one of the famous local "lady boy" clubs - a fun way to end a night with some incredible performers.

Day 6 - Friday 13th June - B, D

Yoga - for the 'sun worshippers' from 7am at the lower pool deck

Breakfast at the resort

Beach day at neighbouring Choeng Mon Beach

Thai style afternoon tea at the resort - fresh coconuts and yummy Thai sweets & 'five minute massage angels' to massage your shoulders

Special Gorgeous final night dinner with a barbecue overlooking the beach ...beautiful food finished with the launch of traditional "Thai Lanterns".

Day 7 - Saturday 14th June - B

Breakfast at the resort then take it easy by the pool or do some last minute shopping or treatments.

Fortune Teller at the resort between 9am-12noon – learn what 2008 beholds for you!

Depart Koh Samui 2pm

Day 8 - Sunday 15th June - Arrive Sydney early AM

The 8 day package includes:

Return flights with Thai Airways (business class available)

Return flights with Bangkok Airways to Koh Samui

2 nights twin share accommodation in the Shangri-La Bangkok, 4 nights in Karma Resort Koh Samui, with 3 to a large luxury pool villa. Single accommodation available at an additional cost.

Daily gourmet breakfast at Shangri-La and Koh Samui, 2 lunches and 4 Dinners

Treatments

Costs: \$4595 per person in spacious 3 bedroom villa, each bedroom with separate bathroom
Single supplement at Shangri-La Hotel - \$180

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Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure date.

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