

Activities & Tour



Tour Itinerary

08:30 Pick up you and depart to Ayutthaya

09:00 Visit **Bang Pa-In Summer Palace**, was first used by the royal court as a summer retreat in the 17th century. However, the Palace was destroyed with the fall of Kingdom of Ayutthaya and was restored by King Rama IV in the mid-19th century. Most of the buildings that exist today date from the reign of King Rama V, who regularly spent his summers there. The structures represent a variety of architectural styles, set in a large park around ponds and waterways. The only royal residence open to the public is the Chinese-style Wehat Chamroon Palace, constructed entirely of materials imported from China. In addition, there is an Italian-style palace, a circular pavilion with steps leading down to a pool, the graceful Thai-style Aisawan Tippaya Asna Pavilion in the middle of a lake, and, across one of the waterways, a Buddhist chapel in the neo-Gothic style with stained-glass windows. Scattered around the extensive gardens are European statues as well as monuments ordered to be built by King Rama V in memory of members of his family, one of them a much-loved Queen who drowned in a boating accident.

10.00 Visit **Japanese Village**, Memorial Site of the Old Japanese Settlement in Ayutthaya. Japanese trade aboard was also boosted when the Japanese Authorities granted official permission to travel for trading purposes by issuing the "Shuin" (Red Seal). Along with the official ships bearing the seal, unauthorized ships also sailed to South East Asia with many Japanese. Among the travellers were those who came to Ayutthaya. The King granted permission to the Japanese, as well as other nationalities, to settle. At that time there were 800 to 3,000 Japanese reported to be living in Ayutthaya.

12:00 Thai Buffet Lunch at Krungsri River Hotel

13:00 Visit to **Wat Phra Si Sanphet**. This important and most outstanding monastery is located in grand palace compound used as a residential palace. It become a monastery in the reign of King Ramathibodi I.

14:00 Onward to **Wat Chaiwatthanaram**, one of the most imposing ancient Buddhist monasteries, was established by the command of King Prasatthong in 1630 A.D. It is believed that the wat is located on the site of his former home. The reason for building this monastery was to make merit for his mother. Prince Damrong Rachanuphap noted that its architecture was similar to that of Angkor Wat and inferred that the wat might have been built to commemorate the king's victory over Cambodia.

15:00 Depart from Ayutthaya back to Bangkok

17.00 Arrive in Bangkok.



Price per person : USD 100

Inclusions :

- Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver
- English speaking licensed guide
- All admission fees as mentioned in the program
- Lunch

Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature
- Tips or Gratuities to guide and driver
- Soft drink