

Thailand 2022

Itinerary and Logistics

Program Dates

May 9 - May 29, 2022

Destinations

Bangkok, Thailand

Chiang Rai Thailand

Travel Itinerary

International Flights

Students are responsible for international travel. We have a recommended set of flights on May 9 and May 29, that we are encouraging they use. For the US to Thailand flight they start with the group in Philadelphia or they can join the group in either Chicago (ORD) or Tokyo (NRT) with connections from locations other than Philadelphia (PHL). This will facilitate Covid testing logistics on arrival in Bangkok.

Monday May 9 - 10 8:25 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Tuesday, May 10)

Philadelphia to Bangkok (via Chicago O'Hare and Tokyo Narita)

PHL - ORD AA2095

ORD - NRT AA8437 (Japan Airlines)

NRT - BKK AA8411 (Japan Airlines)

[Total travel time 27 h 35 m]

For the Thailand to US flights we are encouraging they follow this itinerary as far as Chicago, at which point they can diverge to flights to final destination.

Sunday May 29 12:25 a.m. - 5:21 p.m.

Bangkok to Philadelphia (via Tokyo Narita and Chicago O'Hare)

BKK - NRT AA8472 (Japan Airlines)

NRT - ORD AA8430 (Japan Airlines)

ORD - PHL AA699

[Total travel time 27 h 56 m]

Domestic Flights

Travel from Bangkok to Chiang Rai (and return) will be via domestic airlines. The itinerary is to fly to Chiang Mai (~ 2-3 hours driving time south of Chiang Rai) to allow group to visit several sites en route to our base in Chiang Rai. All lodging will be at the hotel indicated in Chiang Rai.

Wednesday May 18

Bangkok (DMK) to Chiang Mai (CNX)

Nok Air DD 124 9:05 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Tuesday May 24

Chiang Rai (CEI) to Bangkok (DMK)

Nok Air DD 101 9:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Hotels

Bangkok

In Bangkok we will utilize two hotels. The first is required as the 1-day quarantine site while awaiting the results of the RT-PCR test on arrival. It includes all aspects of the “Test and Go” protocol (transport from airport, PCR test, 1 night lodging). Afterwards we will move to a hotel located nearby to Kasetsart University.

Arrival Hotel (including Covid testing protocols) (May 10-11)

The Quarter Hotel - LadPrao

<https://www.quarterladprao.com>

Hotel Address: 80 Soi ladprao 4 Ladprao Rd., Chom Phon Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900, Thailand

Tel: +66 (0) 2056 2999

Fax: +66 (0) 2032 3579

Email : info@quarterladprao.com

Bangkok Hotel (May 11- 18; May 24 - 29)

Livotel Hotel Kaset Nawamin Bangkok

<https://www.livotelhotel.com/kaset/>

Tel: (+66) 2 941 9901

333 Soi Prasert-Manukitch 2 (or Soi Phahon Yothin 34), Phahon Yothin Rd., Sena Nikho, Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand, 10900

Chiang Rai (May 18 -24)

Poonyamantra Resort

<https://poonyamantraresort.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Poonyamantra/>

Hotel Address: 316 Moo 7, Tambol Mae Rai, Amphor Mae Chan, Huai Khrai, Mae Sai (Chiang Rai), Thailand, 57240

Phone: +66 53 763 111

Email : poonyamantra1@gmail.com

In-country transportation

While in Bangkok and Chiang Rai we will use Chartered Professional Vans (~ 8 passengers per van). We used this mode of transportation throughout the previous (2019) Thailand trip, and it worked very well. Van Drivers meet PSU Insurance coverage requirements, and Public Transportation - the recently opened SkyTrain (elevated metro) that serves Kasetsart University and provides a good connection to many locations inside the city of Bangkok.

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Daily Schedule

Monday, May 9

Depart U.S. - morning

BANGKOK

Tuesday, May 10

Arrive Bangkok, Thailand (11 p.m.)

Transport to Covid protocol (RT-PCR) testing site and 'quarantine' hotel (provided as part of 'Test and Go' program)

Wednesday May 11

Remain in Covid Isolation at hotel until Covid test results available (by late afternoon)

Transfer to main Bangkok Hotel

Evening: Group Dinner

Thursday, May 12

Morning: Handle local logistics items (local SIM cards; money exchange etc.); Class meeting to discuss plan, procedures and address any issues

Afternoon: Visit Wat Pho and Wat Arun historic sites in Bangkok [note: Wat indicates a Buddhist Temple]

Evening: Group Dinner - Navy Yards (near Wats)

Friday, May 13

Morning: Bangkok Flood and related projects (*Landprocess*)

Afternoon: Bangkok Flood Control projects

Evening: Free

Saturday, May 14

Morning: Chatuchak Open Air Market

Afternoon: Free Time

Evening: Group Dinner - Bangkok China Town

Sunday, May 15

All Day: Ayutthaya UNESCO Historic Park

Monday, May 16

All Day: Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) Meteorology and Earthquake groups

Evening: Dinner and activities at KU campus

Tuesday, May 17

All Day: Coastal remediation of sea level rise; Mangrove rehabilitation

Evening: Group Dinner

CHIANG RAI

Wednesday May 18

Morning: Travel to Chiang Mai (Nok Air DD124)

Afternoon: visit to Doi Suthep Temple (Chiang Mai); San Kamphaeng Cultural village on route to Chiang Rai; arrive Chiang Rai, late afternoon

Evening: Free

Thursday, May 19

Morning: Tham Luang Cave Rescue site (or alternate, since likely closed)

Afternoon: Mae Lao Earthquake effects (regional)

Evening: Group Dinner

Friday, May 20

All Day: Doi Tung Royal Economic Project (Agriculture, handicrafts, sustainability)

Evening: Group Dinner

Saturday, May 21

All Day: visit to indigenous communities in Chiang Rai region (handicrafts, culture, sustainability); visit to other cultural and agricultural sites in region

Evening: Group Dinner

Sunday, May 22

All Day: Khunkorn Forest Park (National Park)

Monday, May 23

All Day: Visit to Golden Triangle region

BANGKOK

Tuesday, May 24

Morning: Travel Chiang Rai to Bangkok

Afternoon: Work session at KU

Evening: Free

Wednesday May 25

All Day: Coastal Processes (sea level effects) Pattaya region

Evening: Group Dinner

Thursday, May 26

Morning: Visit government agencies (on or in vicinity of KU campus)

Afternoon: Group Tourism in Bangkok

Friday, May 27

Morning: Floating Market

Afternoon: Activities at KU; presenting results of student projects

Evening: Free

Saturday, May 28

Morning: Covid testing (Rapid) for return to USA;

Chatuchack Open Air Market

Afternoon: Wrap-up of course

Evening: Group Dinner

Sunday, May 29

Morning: Return to USA - AA 8472 (BKK-NRT)

12:25 a.m.

Afternoon: Arrive in US - AA699 (ORD-PHL)

5:21 p.m.