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## TREASURES OF THAILAND

February 1-15, 2018

**15 days for \$4,792 total price from Washington, DC**  
(\$4,495 air & land inclusive plus \$297 airline taxes and fees)



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## Dear VMFA Members,

We invite you to join us on a fascinating 15-day small group tour to experience Thailand's many treasures. From the rich culture and enigmatic traditions of the southern region to the peaceful tranquility of the north, this journey promises a memorable discovery of exotic and timeless Thailand.

Your tour begins in the Thai capital of Bangkok, including visits to the colorful Bangkok Flower Market, Wat Pho Temple, and the immense Grand Palace complex and a boat tour of "hidden" Bangkok. Continue on to Ayutthaya, once the world's largest city, and a UNESCO site, before traveling on to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the Cemetery of the Allied Prisoners of War, visit the village of Nong Khao, and enjoy several long-tail boat rides. In Chiang Rai, tour the infamous Golden Triangle, enjoy a boat ride along the Mekong, and visit the Wat Rong Khun "White Temple." Following a stay in peaceful Khum Lanna, where you take a Thai cooking class, visit an elephant sanctuary. Your tour concludes in Chiang Mai, where you discover the old city by rickshaw.

Space on this program is limited to only VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

## VMFA RESERVATION FORM: TREASURES OF THAILAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Treasures of Thailand** departing **February 1, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or, you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Cambodia: Angkor Wat & Phnom Penh" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Treasures of Thailand, February 1-15, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**     Check     American Express     Discover     MasterCard     VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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*Journey with us to Siam of old, where art and beauty reign, Lord Buddha is revered, nature's bounty is savored, and gentleness prevails. On this thoughtful small group tour, we encounter many of Thailand's treasures, both renowned and remote.*



## Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S.; Arrive Bangkok, Thailand

We arrive in the Thai capital late in the evening and transfer directly to our hotel.

**Day 3: Bangkok** After meeting our fellow travelers and tour director at this morning's briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to explore, beginning at the colorful Bangkok Flower Market. Then we ride "tuk tuks," traditional three-wheel open-air taxis, to Wat Pho Temple, home of the Reclining Buddha. Next we visit the immense Grand Palace complex where we see the elaborate Temple of the Emerald Buddha, with its venerated 31-inch-high statue carved from a single piece of jade. Then we board boats for a tour of "hidden" Bangkok. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 4: Bangkok/Ayutthaya** Today's first stop is Bang Pa-in, the historic summer palace of Thai royalty. Then we continue on to Ayutthaya, Thailand's ancient capital that in 1700 was the largest city in the world – and that by 1767 lay in ruins. It's the evocative remains of the palaces, pagodas, and monasteries that once stood here that we encounter today as we explore the historical park, now a UNESCO site. *B,L*

**Day 5: Bangkok/Kanchanaburi** This morning we visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, where vendors aboard hundreds of sampans laden with fresh flowers, fruits, and vegetables traverse the canals selling their wares. Then we travel on to Kanchanaburi, where we stop at the Cemetery of the Allied Prisoners of War, burial site of World War II prisoners who perished as forced laborers on the construction of the notorious Burma Railway. Next we visit the infamous bridge that spans the River Kwai, itself part of the "Death Railway" project and whose story is immortalized in book and film as *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. We end the day's touring with a long-tail boat ride along the River Kwai to our floating hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 6: Kanchanaburi** A look at Thai farming life is on tap as we visit the village of Nong Khao for a tour by local truck. We pay our respects at the village shrine then head out to the fan-palm orchard to see how locals collect the palm products for market. We

Avg. High (°F)	Jan	Feb
Bangkok	89	89
Chiang Mai	84	89
Chiang Rai	82	87

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Bangkok touring, including Wat Pho Temple and Grand Palace complex • Long-tail boat ride through "hidden" Bangkok • Ayutthaya UNESCO site • Damnoen Saduak Floating Market • Kanchanaburi's WWII cemetery and Burma Railroad memorials • Close-up looks at Thai farming life • Golden Triangle, including Mekong boat ride • Two-night stay at Khum Lanna nature reserve • Thai cooking class • Visit to an elephant sanctuary • Chiang Mai sightseeing and handcrafts

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Bangkok		
2-4	Bangkok	Royal Orchid Sheraton	Deluxe
5-7	Kanchanaburi	The Float House River Kwai	Not rated
8-9	Chiang Rai	Le Meridien	Deluxe
10-11	Phrao	Khum Lanna Resort	Not rated
12-13	Chiang Mai	Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort	Deluxe
14	Chiang Mai/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
15	Arrive U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

Cover Photo: We explore the ruins of the once-grand city of Ayutthaya, now a UNESCO site, on Day 4.



Visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market on Day 5.

sample some of the local goods and tropical fruits, and learn about the important role rice plays in Thai life. Before returning to our hotel, we see the wooden bridge of the Tham Krasae Death Railway. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Kanchanaburi** This morning we travel downstream to witness another poignant scene from the Death Railway: Hellfire Pass, where prisoners had only hand tools to cut through the largest rocks on the entire route of the Burma Railway. Named for the look of the prisoners (as if they had come from Hell), the pass today features a museum and memorial. Following our tour here we visit a tribal village of the ethnic Mon people. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Kanchanaburi/Chiang Rai** We board long-tail boats today for the ride upstream to the Sai Yok Noi Waterfall, part of a national park, where we can relax amid the beautiful scenery. From here we continue on to the Bangkok airport for our late afternoon flight to Chiang Rai. *B,L*

**Day 9: Chiang Rai** Today we tour the infamous Golden Triangle, where the Ruak and Mekong rivers meet, and where from a hilltop we can see views of Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), and Laos. Later we enjoy a leisurely boat ride along the Mekong. We take a scenic drive along narrow mountain roads to visit the Doi Tung Hill Tribe Project, a non-commercial ethnic village under royal patronage and where we tour the Royal Villa and Gardens. Back in Chiang Rai, we visit the Hill Tribe Museum and Educational Center. *B,L*

**Day 10: Chiang Rai/Phrao** This morning we visit the contemporary Wat Rong Khun, the unusual “White Temple” celebrating Lord Buddha’s purity. Then we continue on to Khum Lanna, our country retreat set amidst emerald-green rice fields and lush

orchards. This afternoon we have the opportunity to learn about and participate in Khum Lanna’s sustainable permaculture projects. The hotel grows fruits, vegetables, and herbs on the grounds, many of which will be used in tonight’s dinner. *B,L,D*

## Post-Tour Extension

February 14-19, 2018

### CAMBODIA: ANGKOR WAT & PHNOM PENH

5 days/4 nights  
for \$1,495 total price

Single Supplement: \$395

*Discover the amazing temples and  
statuary from the Angkorian Empire and  
the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Chiang Mai/Siem Reap; Siem Reap/Phnom Penh, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 1 night in Chiang Mai at Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa (Deluxe); 2 nights in Siem Reap at Sofitel Angkor (Deluxe); 1 night in Phnom Penh at Sofitel Phnom Penh (Deluxe); rooms reserved for late check-out in Phnom Penh
- 7 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Three days’ sightseeing of Angkor complex (UNESCO World Heritage site), including all entrance fees
- Phnom Penh sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

“THE FOOT FEELS THE FOOT  
WHEN IT IS ON THE GROUND.”

– GAUTAMA BUDDHA

**Day 11: Phrao** We rise early for a sunrise biking trip to see the colorful rice fields. Then we visit the morning markets, where we offer alms to the Buddhist monks. Back at our lodge we enjoy a late breakfast and learn about the “Rice for Life” ethos practiced here. This afternoon we visit the ancient city of Wiang Phrao Wung Hin to see a renowned Buddha image. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: Phrao/Chiang Mai** En route to Chiang Mai today, we stop to visit an elephant sanctuary where we can bathe and feed the magnificent creatures. We reach our hotel late afternoon. *B,L*

**Day 13: Chiang Mai** Today we discover the old city of Chiang Mai by rickshaw, traveling back in time past medieval temples and monasteries. We visit 14<sup>th</sup>-century Wat Pra Singh, Chiang Mai’s most famous temple complex; and see lovely Viharn Lai Kham, the gilded hall decorated with murals of everyday life. Then we drive up a winding mountain road to Wat Pra That Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai’s most important landmark with incomparable views of the city below. Last, we explore Chiang Mai’s handcraft trail at Baan Tawai village. Tonight we celebrate at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 14: Chiang Mai/Depart for U.S.** This morning we visit the “lost city” of Wiang Kum Kam, the royal capital that was abandoned some 700 years ago. Here we take a horse-and-carriage ride to see the archaeological site and modern-era temple. We return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure (our rooms are reserved for late check-out). After dinner at our hotel we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B,D*

**Day 15: Arrive U.S.** We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our flights home.

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and unrated hotels
- 31 meals: 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



See the Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, Bangkok.

## Tour Departs: February 1, 2018

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco \$4,492

Atlanta, Chicago,  
Dallas, New York,  
Phoenix, Portland (OR),  
Seattle, Washington, DC \$4,792

Boston, Denver,  
Houston, Minneapolis \$4,892

Baltimore, Charlotte,  
Cincinnati, Cleveland,  
Detroit, Miami, Orlando,  
Philadelphia, Tampa \$4,992

Land Only (transfers not included) \$3,395

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$297, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: \$3,895 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**Please note: This trip involves a considerable amount of walking on uneven terrain. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.**

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

**Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time  
For further information, contact VMFA  
Member Travel at  
804-340-1519**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

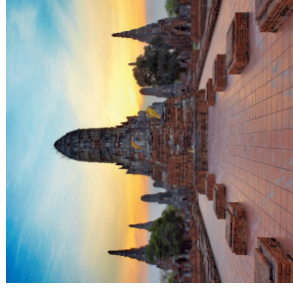
**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the VMFA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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