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Moments Thailand



Gain access to a royal riverside residence in Bangkok and discover Thailand's regal heritage with a scholar of Southeast Asian art and textiles or head to the top of Bangkok for sunset cocktails at one of the city's tallest buildings followed by dinner.



Escape to the scenic mountains, villages and tea plantations of the Golden Triangle in northern Thailand and immerse in the rich arts and cultural traditions of the old Lanna civilization amid the rolling hills, forests and valleys of Chiang Mai.



Experience the tropical lifestyle of Thailand's southern coasts and islands. Head to Phuket or Krabi to swim, snorkel or dive among Phang Nga Bay's hidden lagoons and limestone cliffs or go island hopping around Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand.



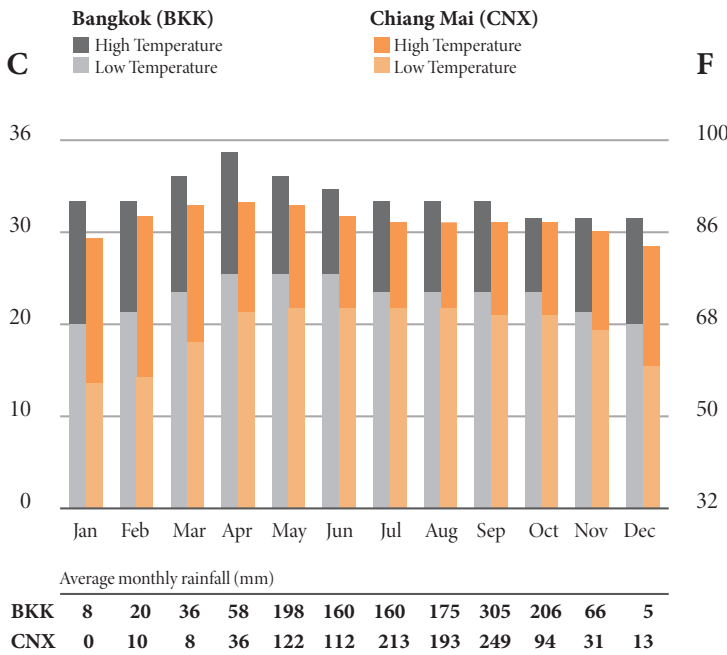
Spend a day with James Beard award-winning chef and Culinary Insider, Andy Ricker, who shares his passion for northern Thai food, from Chiang Mai's morning market to favorite local food producers and makers of fresh noodles and artisanal coffee.

Akorn Thailand

"With bustling cities, rolling mountains and idyllic beaches, Thailand is an inspiring destination with a long history and deep-rooted traditions. Our Insider Access and personalized experiences present a journey of discovery combined with rare and authentic insights into the nation's culture, arts, history and cuisine."

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BEST TIME TO GO

Thailand's peak travel season spans from October to March. This is a time of year when the country experiences the least rainfall. Typically, temperatures are more moderate in December and January while the hottest time of year is April, when the country celebrates the Thai New Year (Songkran festival).

The islands of Koh Samui and Koh Phangan are pleasant to visit between June and September as the islands enjoy a sheltered position in the Gulf of Thailand, while seasonal rains may reach the islands in October. The islands around Phuket, Krabi and Phang Nga Bay experience the highest rainfall from June to November.

Capital – Bangkok
Currency – Thai Baht (credit cards are accepted)
Time Zone – GMT +7 hours

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Passport holders of the following nations may enter Thailand without a visa for up to 60 days (by air):

- Europe & North America: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK and USA.
- Rest of the World: Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, UAE and Vietnam.

Passport holders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and South Korea may enter Thailand visa-free for up to 90 days (by air).

All other nationals may be eligible for a visa on arrival, or must apply for a visa at their nearest Thai embassy. The visa fee may vary depending on applicant's nationality.

DISCOVER THAILAND, LAOS AND CAMBODIA (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS)

Uncover the majesty of three Southeast Asian nations on an eight-day journey including UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as scenic natural wonders and immersive cultural encounters. Learn the art of Muay Thai kickboxing during a private training session in Bangkok, experience a traditional Thai massage and discover the secrets to some of the region's classic culinary dishes.

Head north to Luang Prabang, Laos for a private helicopter excursion to the Plain of Jars and experience the early-morning almsgiving tradition. Continue to Siem Reap to witness the wonders of Angkor Wat and take a gondola ride at sunset. Consider extending the journey with a beach break in Phuket or Koh Samui.

Day 1	Arrive Bangkok	Day 5	Luang Prabang
Day 2	Bangkok	Day 6	Luang Prabang – Siem Reap
Day 3	Bangkok	Day 7	Siem Reap
Day 4	Bangkok – Luang Prabang	Day 8	Siem Reap – Depart Bangkok

Moments Vietnam



Sip Vietnamese coffee in the bustling streets of Old Hanoi where lively street vendors and small boutiques meet French colonial mansions and traditional temples. Start the day with a bowl of pho noodles and explore local markets filled with flowers, fruits and more.



Immerse in Ho Chi Minh City's cosmopolitan culture and uncover layers of history in the city's colonial architecture, traditional monuments and wartime landmarks. Head out of the city to discover local life, agriculture and a floating market in the Mekong Delta.



Cycle through the countryside to discover Hue's hidden gems, from a colorful incense village to an ancient Japanese-style bridge. Back in town, explore the imperial citadel, hear stories of past emperors and witness the city's 200-year-old martial arts tradition.



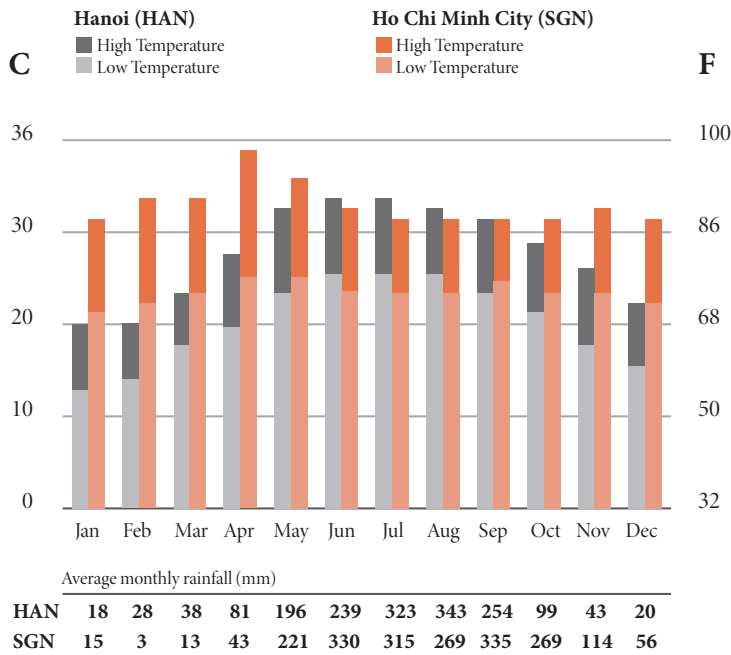
Wander the colorful old town of Hoi An where yellow painted buildings stand beside centuries-old mansions. Experience traditional farming and fishing life and taste the region's culinary specialties such as cau lau noodles, white rose dumplings and more.

Akorn Vietnam

"Vietnam's faded colonial charm blends seamlessly with the relics of an ancient imperial dynasty. From the serene highlands of Sapa and Ha Giang in the north to the dramatic limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay and the scenic landscapes of the Mekong Delta, Vietnam is a land of extraordinary beauty with rich and diverse cultural traditions."

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BEST TIME TO GO

North Vietnam (Hanoi / Ha Long Bay / Ninh Binh / Mai Chau / Sapa)
In the northern areas of Vietnam, the weather remains cool and dry from November to April and becomes hot and rainy from May to October. Typically, the highest rainfall occurs during the months between July and September.

Central Vietnam (Hoi An / Da Nang / Quang Binh/ Hue / Nha Trang)
Hoi An is hot and dry from January to August. In Hue, the weather tends to be cooler in the early months of the year. Central Vietnam tends to experience the highest rainfall in October and November and typhoons may occur. Further south, Nha Trang enjoys a longer dry season, with typically less rain and higher temperatures.

South Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City / Mekong Delta / Dalat/ Phu Quoc/ Con Dao)
The south of Vietnam experiences rainfall from May to November and dry season from November to May. The highest rainfall occurs in June, July and August. Temperatures in this region remain relatively constant and comfortable throughout the year.

Capital – Hanoi
Currency – Dong (credit cards and US Dollars are accepted)
Time Zone – GMT +7 hours

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The following nationals enjoy visa-free entry to Vietnam for up to 45 days: Germany, France, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Russia, Japan, Korea, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Belarus. Nationals of ASEAN nations enjoy visa-free entry for up to 30 days.

E-visas are available for nationals of 80 countries and are valid for up to 90 days, single or multiple entry. All other passport holders must apply for a visa either in advance at the Vietnam embassy, or upon arrival in Vietnam.

VIETNAM: NORTH TO SOUTH (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS)

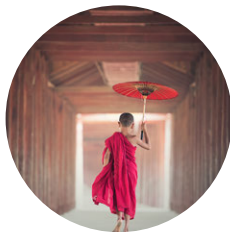
Experience the best of Vietnam on an immersive eight-day journey from north to south. Discover centuries of history and heritage in the old streets of Hanoi and immerse in the beauty of nature on an overnight cruise in Lan Ha Bay. In Central Vietnam, learn about agricultural, fishing and culinary traditions in the colorful town of Hoi An then head south to explore vibrant markets and contemporary lifestyles in Ho Chi Minh City.

Along the way, you have a chance to learn about local arts and crafts traditions, gain insights into the nation's many-layered history and spend time with local families who share their unique perspectives on life, history, culture, religion and architecture.

Day 1	Arrive Hanoi	Day 5	Hoi An
Day 2	Hanoi	Day 6	Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City
Day 3	Hanoi – Lan Ha Bay	Day 7	Ho Chi Minh City
Day 4	Lan Ha Bay – Hoi An	Day 8	Ho Chi Minh City Departure



Moments Myanmar



Observe evening prayers at a monastery in Mandalay, the cultural and spiritual heart of Myanmar. Walk across the iconic U Bein Bridge and discover the city's sacred arts traditions, from gold leaf paper to hand-woven tapestries and marble-carving.



Walk in the footsteps of 11th-century Pagan kings in the vast plains of Bagan. Witness the sunrise on a hot air balloon flight over the land of 2,000 pagodas and explore local villages that make lacquerware, woven bamboo and other crafts.



Head to the foothills of the Shan mountains and discover traditional communities amid the quiet countryside, stilted houses and floating gardens of Inle Lake. Have a private floating lunch and watch the Inthar fishmen at work on the lake.



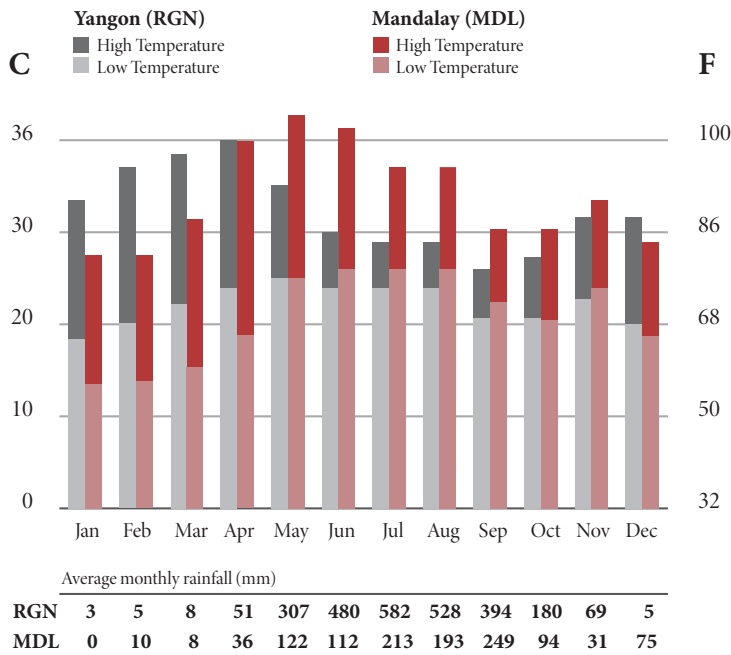
Travel in style on board Sanctuary Ananda, a custom-made river cruise that travels the Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers. Watch Myanmar's riverside scenes unfold and stop to explore temples, palaces and small, almost forgotten villages along the way.

Akorn Myanmar

"Home to rich, historical landscapes and warm, welcoming people, Myanmar is an incredible destination that never fails to awe and inspire. From dazzling pagodas to rare, archaeological treasures and small, ethnic villages, the country offers an endless stream of historical, cultural and artistic wonders to discover and explore."

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BEST TIME TO GO

Myanmar's peak travel season spans from October to March. The country experiences little rain during this period and more moderate temperatures typically occur in December and January. The hottest time of year is April, when the country celebrates the New Year (Thingyan water festival).

Travel between May and September offers the best value. While there may be heavy rains along the coastal regions and in Yangon, the northern regions, including Bagan, Mandalay and Inle Lake, enjoy more pleasant weather with less rainfall.

Ngapali, Myanmar's premier beach destination, is ideal to visit throughout the year, but enjoys particularly good weather from October to May. Further south, the paradise islands of the Mergui (Myeik) Archipelago enjoy warm, sunny weather and calm seas between November and April.

Capital – Naypyidaw
Currency – Kyat (credit cards are accepted)
Time Zone – GMT +6.5 hours

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Tourist visas must be obtained in advance, prior to arrival in Myanmar. An online eVisa system is available for passport holders of 100 nations. All other nationalities must submit an application at their nearest Myanmar embassy or consulate.

Visitors travelling with an eVisa must enter the country within 90 days of receiving the visa via one of the following ports: Yangon, Mandalay or Naypyidaw International Airports, or Tachileik, Myawaddy and Kawthaung Land Border Checkpoints. The visa requires a fee of USD 50 and is valid for a maximum stay of 28 days from date of entry.

Visa-free stays of up to 14 days are permitted for nationals of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Singaporean nationals may stay visa-free for up to 30 days.

BEST OF MYANMAR (11 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS)

Witness the magic of Myanmar on an 11-day journey from Mandalay to Bagan, Inle Lake and Yangon. Uncover the nation's important historical landmarks and off-the-beaten-track wonders, including a scenic train journey through the countryside and temple-hopping adventures in the golden plains of Bagan where over 2,000 temples have stood for several centuries. Continue to Inle Lake for a local life experience in traditional stilted house villages and discover history, art and culture in Yangon's heritage boulevards.

Consider combining your journey with a river cruise on Sanctuary Ananda, a custom-made vessel built by local craftsmen which travels the Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers.

Day 1	Arrive Mandalay	Day 7	Bagan
Day 2	Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin	Day 8	Bagan - Inle Lake
Day 3	Pyin Oo Lwin - Hsipaw	Day 9	Inle Lake
Day 4	Hsipaw	Day 10	Inle Lake - Yangon
Day 5	Hsipaw - Mandalay	Day 11	Yangon Departure
Day 6	Mandalay – Bagan		



Moments Cambodia & Laos



Discover treasures of the lost Khmer civilization in Siem Reap, home to the jungle-covered temples, lakes and forests of 12th-century Angkor. Witness sunrise at Angkor Wat and gain access to ongoing restoration and conservation works.



Hear the stories of old Phnom Penh from an expert in Cambodian history, cruise the Mekong River at sunset or go off the beaten track to discover market towns, fishing communities and silk weaving villages in the Cambodian countryside.



Experience the rich arts and spiritual traditions of Luang Prabang, the former capital of the Lan Xang kingdom where lush forested mountains meet meandering rivers. Take part in farming and noodle-making and discover local silk weaving traditions.



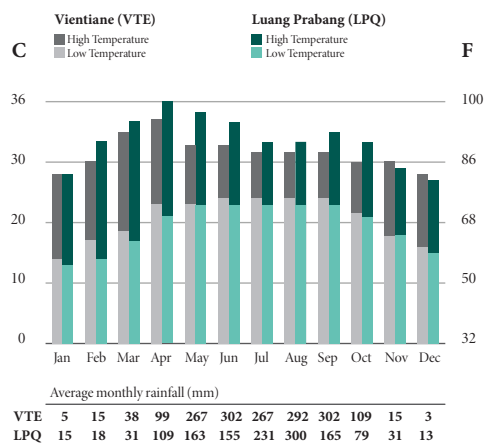
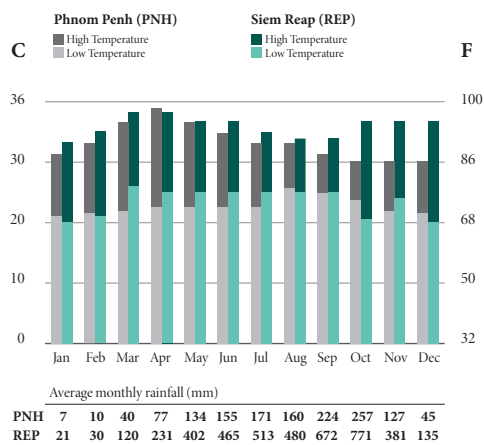
Fly by helicopter to the Plain of Jars for a private Champagne picnic lunch. Gain a deeper understanding of this thousand-year-old mystery while exploring the historical landscape with a specialist guide.

Akorn Southeast Asia

"From the hustle and bustle of modern-day cities to the serenity of remote mountains and villages or the sun-kissed shores of paradise islands, Southeast Asia is made to inspire and awaken the senses. Akorn Southeast Asia takes pride in delivering excellence in luxury travel, including tailor-made experiences with cultural insiders and experts throughout our region."

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CAMBODIA VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa on arrival is available for nationals of several countries, including USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand and most of Europe and South America. A fee of USD 30 per person is required and the visa is valid for a maximum stay of 30 days, single entry. Alternatively, e-visas can be obtained online prior to arrival.

Visas on arrival and e-visas are not available for nationals of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Please apply for a visa in advance at your nearest Cambodian embassy.

Capital – Phnom Penh
Currency – Riel (US Dollars are accepted)
Time Zone – GMT +7 hours

LAOS VISA REQUIREMENTS

For most visitors, visas may be obtained on arrival at international airports or international border checkpoints. However, passport holders from some African and Middle Eastern nations are required to obtain a visa in advance through their nearest Laos embassy.

The visa is valid for up to 30 days and fees range from USD 30-45, depending on applicant's nationality.

Visa-free entry is available for visitors from the following nations:

- Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam (30 days)
- Japan, Luxembourg, Russia, South Korea and Switzerland (15 days)
- Brunei and Myanmar (14 days)

Capital – Vientiane
Currency – Kip (US Dollars & Thai Baht are accepted)
Time Zone – GMT +7 hours

Flight from	To	Travel Time (approx.)	Distance
Buenos Aires	Bangkok	26hrs	10,480 miles / 16,865 kms
Cape Town	Bangkok	17hrs	6,301 miles / 10,140 kms
London	Bangkok	11hrs 25mins	5,923 miles / 9,532 kms
Mexico City	Bangkok	23hrs 15mins	9,785 miles / 15,747 kms
New York	Bangkok	19hrs 10mins	8,658 miles / 13,933 kms
Paris	Bangkok	11hrs 15mins	5,868 miles / 9,433 kms
Sao Paulo	Bangkok	22hrs 15mins	10,185 miles / 16,391 kms
Sydney	Bangkok	9hrs 30mins	4,682 miles / 7,534 kms
Tokyo	Bangkok	7hrs 10mins	6,301 miles / 10,140 kms
Bangkok	Chiang Mai	1hr 15mins	471 miles / 758 kms
Bangkok	Ho Chi Minh City	1hr 30mins	465 miles / 748 kms
Bangkok	Koh Samui	1hr 10mins	292 miles / 470 kms
Bangkok	Luang Prabang	1hr 40mins	439 miles / 706 kms
Bangkok	Phuket	1hr 20mins	422 miles / 679 kms
Bangkok	Siem Reap	1hr	243 miles / 391 kms
Bangkok	Yangon	1hr 20mins	358 miles / 576 kms



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