

TRAIN : Eastern & Oriental Express

JOURNEY : The Ancient Kingdom Of Lanna

Journey Duration: Upto 3 days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1: Bangkok.

Check-in at 15:00hrs at the Hualampong station to begin your journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express and settle into your private cabin, enjoying a refreshing afternoon tea as the train travels out of Bangkok and heads north. As the sun sets, dress up for dinner, then make your way to the Bar car for cocktails before proceeding to the Restaurant car to savour the delightful meal presented by the team of chefs.

Day 2: Lampang – Chiang Mai.

After breakfast we arrive in **Lampang**, a northern Thai city rich in history and culture. Disembark from the train and begin your excursion of the city by riding in its trademark horse-drawn carriages. These delightful carts were originally imported from England for use by Thai nobility in Bangkok. The leisurely carriage ride brings you to Ban Sao Nak – House of Many Pillars – which was built in 1895 by a prosperous teak merchant. A distinguishing feature of the house is that it is raised on a base of 116 pillars. It is now a museum and is a remarkably well-preserved structure of Burmese and Lanna architectural styles. Tour the house and enjoy a morning tea break before returning to the train in the late morning.

Brunch is served on the E&O as we continue onwards to our next destination of **Chiang Mai**. Chiang Mai was the capital of the northern Thai kingdom of Lanna from 1296-1939, and attained the height of its golden age in the 15th century. Today this charming and attractive city bears the remnants of the historical architecture with sections of the original great brick walls and towering gates which protected the city from invading armies over 700 years ago.

Upon arrival in the central city you will proceed on the tour of your choice.

Either: Discover the essence of Chiang Mai or Indulge in an afternoon of shopping, visiting a selection of Chiang Mai's many cottage industries.

Day 3: Bangkok.

Spend a leisurely morning onboard the train, enjoying breakfast as the train travels toward Bangkok. Lunch is served as you view the passing scenery and complete your final packing before arrival and disembarkation at 16:00hrs.