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Friendly Planet Travel Doubles the Dazzle With Its Latest Tour: Dazzling Dubai and Bangkok

Travelers can experience the innovative and unique combination of Dubai and Bangkok on this new 9-day tour, starting at \$1,899

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—**February 22, 2012**—Magnificent architecture, world-class cuisine, incredible shopping, and fascinating culture define <u>Dubai</u> and <u>Bangkok</u>. Two destinations not typically paired together, Dubai and Bangkok are the epicenter of modern luxury in Asia. Now, thanks to <u>Friendly Planet Travel</u>, a leading tour operator that offers high-quality, affordable vacation packages to exotic destinations worldwide, travelers can experience the best of these two destinations on its 9-day <u>Dazzling Dubai and Bangkok</u> tour for an ultralow price starting at \$1,899.

"Dubai and Bangkok are two of the most popular destinations in all of Asia," says <u>Peggy</u> <u>Goldman</u>, President of Friendly Planet Travel. "We are thrilled to be one of the first tour operators to be offering this unique and innovative combination of destinations at a price that simply cannot be matched. Travelers looking to explore these destinations on their own would pay at least \$650 more per person. And that would be after countless hours of searching the web trying to find deals and discounts."

Dazzling Dubai and Bangkok includes round-trip airfare from <u>LAX</u> (other gateways available for an additional cost) on <u>Emirates</u>, one of the top-five airlines in the world; fuel surcharges; airline taxes and fees; and all ground transportation and transfers. It also includes deluxe hotel accommodations; a daily buffet breakfast; touring programs, including entrance fees; professional, English-speaking tour directors and local guides; and more. Friendly Planet's

9-day <u>Dazzling Dubai and Bangkok</u> tour is available for \$1,899 on the departure dates of May 17 and Sept. 20.

Travelers begin their dazzling trip to Dubai by checking into the award-winning, centrally located deluxe hotel, the <u>Hyatt Regency</u>. From there, travelers can explore the city's picturesque <u>Dubai Creek</u>, dividing the city into <u>Deira</u> on the northern side and <u>Burj Dubai</u> to the south. A stop in the <u>Bastakiya district</u> to see the charming courtyard houses and narrow alleys, followed by a stop at the <u>Dubai Museum</u>, are all included in the tour of the city. Travelers also have the chance to experience one of Dubai's most reliable and inexpensive forms of transportation, an <u>Abra water taxi</u>. The remaining time spent in Dubai is at the leisure of the traveler who can see all that Dubai has to offer, including the <u>Burj Khalifa</u>, the world's tallest building, and the <u>Mall of the Emirates</u>, complete with indoor ski slopes, superior dining, and more. Optional tours of Modern Dubai or a dinner cruise on a traditional <u>dhow boat</u> on the Dhow Creek, as well as an optional desert safari tour are also available for those travelers looking for an adventure.

The journey continues to <u>Bangkok</u>, where travelers check into the five-star, deluxe, centrally located <u>Dusit Thani</u>. Travelers begin their tour of Bangkok center by seeing some of the most interesting of Thai Temples, such as <u>Wat Trimitr</u>, where travelers will view the 700-year-old Golden Buddha, the "Marble Temple," known as <u>Wat Benchamabophit</u>, and more.

Optional excursions are available, which include tours of <u>The Grand Palace</u> and the <u>Temple of the Emerald Buddha</u>, an evening extravaganza at the <u>Ratchada Grand Theatre</u>, a tour of the Thonburi Klongs (canals) and <u>Wat Arun</u>, the Temple of Dawn along the <u>Chao Phraya</u> <u>River</u>.

For travelers with more time who are looking to take advantage of the included round-trip airfare, Friendly Planet Travel is offering an optional extension to <u>Phuket Island</u>, Thailand's most popular resort, for just \$599. Travelers will stay at the <u>Kamala Beach resort</u>, located on the unspoiled Kamala Bay, with beautiful, sandy beaches and crystal clear water for swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving. And, it's just a short <u>tuk-tuk ride</u> to <u>Patong Beach</u>, one of Phuket's famous beaches.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel's <u>Dazzling Dubai and Bangkok</u> tour, please visit the company's website at <u>www.FriendlyPlanet.com</u>; the blog at

<u>blog.FriendlyPlanet.com</u>; or contact Jackie Zima-Evans at 610-228-2138 (office), 215-534-2973 (mobile), or write to Jackie@GregoryFCA.com.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit us at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on Twitter and Facebook.

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