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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Explore Thailand's City and Sea with Friendly Planet Travel's Latest Tour**

Travelers can discover Bangkok and the popular resort of Hua Hin, plus a Chiang Mai optional extension, starting at just \$1,699

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—June 7, 2012—Imagine exploring the best that Thailand has to offer with a visit to the bustling cosmopolitan city of Bangkok, the beautiful peaceful beachside resort of Hua Hin, and an optional extension to Chiang Mai, Thailand's second largest city, all for an unbeatable price. Now, thanks to [Friendly Planet Travel](#), a leading tour operator that offers high-quality, affordable vacation packages to exotic destinations worldwide, travelers can explore the highlights of Thailand on the 10-day deluxe [Thailand City and Sea](#) tour for just \$1,699.

“We are pleased to announce our latest tour, Thailand City and Sea,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “This scenic tour explores Thailand's city, sea and mountains as well as the famous temples and lively markets of one of the top travel destinations in the world. Travelers will experience this magnificent country's unique and fascinating culture, friendly people, exotic architecture and ancient ruins.”

The Thailand City and Sea tour includes round-trip airfare from [Los Angeles \(LAX\)](#) via [China Airlines](#), including fuel surcharges, airlines taxes, and fees; all intra-Thailand transportation and transfers; and deluxe hotel accommodations. The tour also includes a full daily buffet breakfast and a traditional Thai Set dinner in Bangkok; a Bangkok Flower Market and Canals tour; and a professional, English-speaking tour guide.

The journey begins in the capitol city of Thailand, [Bangkok](#), with a tour of the exotic [Pak Klong Talaat](#), Bangkok's flower market, where travelers experience the hustle and bustle of a busy market and see many of Thailand's exotic flowers. From there, enjoy an exciting canal boat ride through Bangkok's extensive water canals for an up-close look at traditional Thai life. Visit

the magnificent [Wat Arun](#), Temple of Dawn, before a traditional Thai Set dinner at the famous [Supatra River House restaurant](#), located on the banks of the [Chao Phraya River](#).

Two days at leisure provides travelers time to discover everything the majestic city of Bangkok has to offer. Several optional excursions are available, including a tour of the [Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha](#); a visually stunning cultural performance at the [Ratchada Grand Theatre](#), one of the biggest stages in the world; a tour of [Damnoen Saduak floating market](#); and a temple tour including [Wat Trimitr](#), which houses the largest Golden Buddha in the world.

Travelers then depart from Bangkok to [Hua Hin](#), one of Thailand's most popular resorts located on the shore of the Gulf of Thailand, and a favorite retreat for the Royal Family. The area boasts a superb tropical climate, beautiful beaches, fishing, national parks, and waterfalls. Stay at the [Dusit Thani Huan Hin hotel](#), filled with lush greenery and an unspoiled beachfront location, the hotel combines sumptuous comfort with wondrous style to provide the ideal luxury resort atmosphere.

In Hua Hin, travelers can relax at the outstanding resort, or join one of the available optional excursions: a visit to the fascinating [Kaeng Krachan National park](#) to explore the mountains, pineapple plantations, one of the largest waterfalls in Thailand, and enjoy an elephant ride at an elephant camp; or take a guided tour of the town of Hua Hin, visiting the Phraratchaniewet Marukhathayawan Palace, an exotic animal garden, and [Khao Takiab](#) with its wild monkeys.

For travelers looking to take advantage of the already included international airfare, an optional 4-day extension to [Chiang Mai](#) is available starting at \$499. "The Rose of the North" as it is called boasts an abundance of flowers grown in its cooler mountain climate, many temples, and a well-known night market. Travelers stay at [Rati Lanna Riverside Spa Resort](#), a 5-star luxury resort located on the bank of the Mae Ping River at the center of Chiang Mai. Enjoy this city that embodies modern Thai culture on an included temple tour that visits [Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep](#), one of the most revered temples in Thailand. Also available for travelers is a Lanna-style spa treatment, and a visit to an elephant camp for an elephant ride through the countryside and a first-hand look at the important role these mammals play in Thai life.

Friendly Planet's 10-day [Thailand City and Sea](#) tour is available for \$1,699 on the departure date of Nov. 6, if booked by July 11. Other dates are available at slightly higher prices. Friendly Planet Travel also offers two additional Thailand packages: [A Taste of Thailand](#) and [Incredible Thailand](#).

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com; the blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com; or contact Jackie Zima-Evans at 610-228-2138 (office), 215-534-2973 (mobile), or write to Jackie@GregoryFCA.com.

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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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