

The Holy
Cross Alumni
Association
invites alumni
and parents to
embark on the
Ultimate Thai
Adventure!

THAILAND

NOVEMBER 3-14, 2025

AIR & LAND
(from New York, NY):

\$8,195

P/P Double Occupancy

\$10,195

P/P Single Occupancy

Our tour includes: Roundtrip airfare from John F. Kennedy Airport, NY, Chiang Mai-Bangkok and Bangkok-Phuket; Nine nights five-star accommodations; seven dinners; two lunches, breakfast daily; Lantern festival experience with VIP seating, cooking class, all admission and tours per itinerary; Professional tour manager and step-on, local guides.



Our Daily Itinerary

(subject to change):

DAY 1

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Departure (Meals in flight)

Board your scheduled flight to Thailand where unforgettable adventure awaits.

DAY 2

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Arrival at Chiang Mai (D)

Welcome to Chiang Mai! Upon arrival at Chiang Mai Airport, meet your friendly English-speaking guide who will assist with your transfer to the hotel for check-in. Once settled, take some time to relax and enjoy the hotel amenities. In the evening, enjoy a delightful group Welcome Dinner, offering a perfect introduction to the rich, vibrant flavors of authentic Thai cuisine. Spend the night in Chiang Mai, soaking in the charm of this beautiful city. **Overnight:** Novotel Nimman or similar

DAY 3

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Chiang Mai (B, D)

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel before heading out to explore Chiang Mai's most famous temples. Visit the magnificent Wat Doi Suthep, perched atop a 1,000-meter mountain with breathtaking views of the city. Continue your temple tour with a visit to Wat Phra Singh, a stunning example of Lanna architecture, and the partially restored Wat Chedi Luang. Conclude with a visit to Wat Suan Dok, the final resting place of the Chiang Mai Royal Family. In the evening, immerse yourself in the enchanting Yi Peng Lantern Festival, a celebration held during the full moon of the second month of the Thai Lanna Calendar. As thousands of glowing lanterns fill the night sky, you'll feel the magic of this ancient tradition. Participate in the festivities by lighting two floating lanterns and a Kratong, which you'll release on the river for good fortune. Enjoy a traditional Northern Thai buffet while seated in VIP seating, giving you the perfect view of the mesmerizing lantern display and the accompanying demonstration show. Spend the night in Chiang Mai, reflecting on a day filled with culture, beauty, and celebration.

DAY 4
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Chiang Mai (B, D)

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at your hotel before heading to a renowned elephant sanctuary, committed to the protection and conservation of these magnificent creatures. At the sanctuary, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the remarkable intelligence and gentle nature of the elephants. You'll even get the chance to feed them and observe them in a natural, safe environment.

This heartwarming experience will leave you with lasting memories of the Thai elephants. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax and explore. Group dinner together this evening at a local restaurant. Spend the night in Chiang Mai.

DAY 5
NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Chiang Mai - Bangkok (B, D)

After a delightful breakfast at your hotel, check out and head to Chiang Mai Airport for your flight to Bangkok, Thailand's bustling capital. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your guide, who will transfer you to your hotel, where you can settle in and unwind. Once checked in, take some time to relax and soak in the energy of Bangkok, with its lively streets, vibrant markets, and historical landmarks. In the evening, prepare for a culinary adventure as you join a group cooking class to learn the art of Thai cuisine. Under the guidance of an expert local chef, you'll master the techniques behind preparing authentic Thai dishes using fresh, flavorful ingredients. After, enjoy the fruits of your labor during dinner, savoring the tastes of your freshly made dishes. **Overnight: Pullman Bangkok Hotel G or similar**

DAY 6
NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Bangkok (B, L)

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before heading to the famous train market, where vendors swiftly fold their stalls as trains pass through—a truly

unique experience. Continue to the vibrant Damnoen Saduak floating market, where you'll glide through lively canals on a charming boat ride, taking in the colorful sights and sounds. Following the market tour, have lunch together at a local restaurant. Then, explore Bangkok's rich history and culture with visits to Wat Traimit, featuring the stunning Golden Buddha, Wat Pho, home to the majestic Reclining Buddha, and the Grand Palace, where the revered Emerald Buddha resides. Dinner on your own this evening.

DAY 7
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Bangkok (B, D)

Enjoy breakfast before your excursion to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Thailand, just 90 kilometers from Bangkok. Explore the awe-inspiring Wat Phra Si Sanphet, known for its row of chedis, and the massive bronze Buddha at Viharn Phra Mongkol Bopit. Continue to Wat Chai Wattanaram and Wat Yai Chaimonkol, each offering rich history and stunning architecture. Lunch on your own and then enjoy a relaxing boat ride around the city, taking in unique views of the temples and ruins. Return to Bangkok and spend the night in this dynamic city. Group dinner together this evening at a local restaurant.

DAY 8
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Phuket (B, D)

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before checking out of your hotel and flying to Phuket. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel to check in and relax. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this tropical paradise at your own pace. Spend the night in Phuket. Group dinner together this evening at a local restaurant. **Overnight: Phuket Marriott Resort & Spa, Merlin Beach**

DAY 9
NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Phuket (B, L)

After breakfast, set off on a breathtaking day trip to Phi Phi Island, a tropical

paradise known for its stunning landscapes and crystal-clear waters. After a scenic speedboat ride, visit iconic spots like Maya Bay, Nui Bay, Camel Rock, and Monkey Beach, where you can swim and snorkel among vibrant marine life. Explore the Viking Cave, marvel at the towering cliffs of Pileh Lagoon, and relax at Loh Samah Bay. Enjoy a buffet lunch on Phi Phi Don, followed by a visit to Hin Klang, one of Southeast Asia's largest coral reefs. End your adventure unwinding on the serene shores of Bamboo Island before returning to the pier and spending the night and dinner on your own in Phuket.

DAY 10
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Phuket (B, D)

Start your day with breakfast before a scenic transfer to Cape Phromthep, one of the island's most iconic viewpoints. From here, take in breathtaking panoramic views of Phuket's stunning coastline. Continue to visit Wat Chalong, the island's largest and most revered temple, where you'll experience the serenity and beauty of this spiritual landmark. On your return journey, enjoy an informative audiovisual presentation showcasing the fascinating process behind the production of local Thai gemstones. Conclude the day and gather for your Farewell Dinner, reflecting on your amazing Thai adventure.

DAY 11
NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Phuket – Departure (B)

Enjoy a final breakfast in Phuket before checking out of your hotel and transferring to Phuket Airport for your flight back to the U.S.

DAY 12
NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Arrive back in the USA