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# **Best of Thailand Tour for Solo Travelers & Friends**

Designed by Solo Travel, organized and operated by world renowned Intrepid Travel exclusively for Solo Travel users



# **Tour: From Bangkok to the Golden Triangle**

Day 1 / Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022

Bangkok Arrival Day
Meals included: None

Thailand's bustling capital, Bangkok is famous for its tuk tuks, khlong boats and street vendors serving up delicious Thai food. Bangkok has so much to offer those with time to explore, so perhaps arrive a day or so early and take a riverboat to Chinatown and explore the crowded streets, uncover the magnificent Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, wander down the tourist mecca of Khao San Road, or indulge in some Thai massage.

18.00 hrs Meeting with the tour leader at hotel's lobby for briefing itinerary.

\*\* Standard check-in time at 14.00 hrs \*\*

#### **Arrival Transfer**

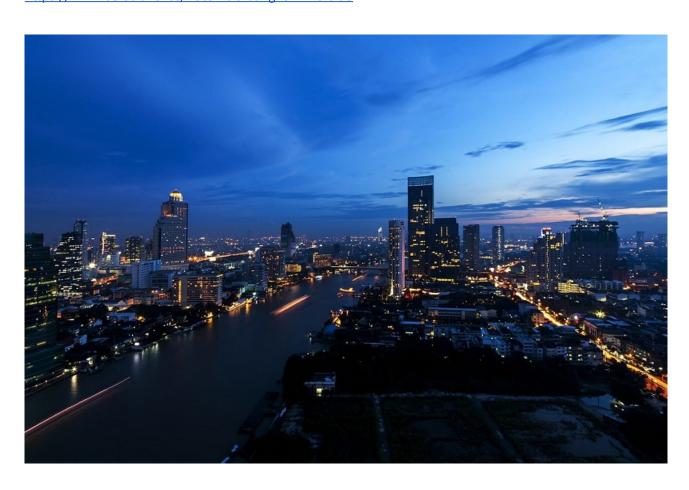
• Not included, but optional arrival transfer service available for booking (see price section below)

## Additional Night(s) before Day 1

- "Pre-Tour" Single or Twin Room optionally available for booking (see price section below)
- For getting used to the time zone, enjoying the pool, and for discovering even more of the city

#### Accommodation

Ibis Bangkok Riverside Hotel, Standard Room or similar <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-ibis-bangkok-riverside">https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-ibis-bangkok-riverside</a>







Day 2 / Date: Monday, January 31, 2022

**Bangkok City tour** 

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

You'll start with a short drive to public pier to board a long-tail boat to explore Bangkoker life nearby the river side. Chao Phraya River, or River of Kings, The name of the river perfectly reflects this part of the tour; you'll feel like royalty on your relaxing journey down the River of Kings! This is the reason why Bangkok is known as the 'Venice of the East', and you'll explore this nickname further on this Bangkok boat tour as you glide through the network of 'khlongs', or canals. Many of the khlongs have been filled in over the years and converted into roads. These roads have turned into little Thai communities, and as you swoop through the waters you'll discover insights into these little communities. This area of Bangkok feels like a world away from the busy streets and chaos, so this Bangkok canals tour is a welcome break from the bustling city center! Dock at a pier next to Wat Pho, another temple that is integral to the Buddhist religion in Thailand. It's home to the infamous golden reclining Buddha and is the birthplace of traditional Thai massage. This is one of the most popular things to do in Bangkok, and with our local guide to take you through the temples, you'll hear all the secret stories and local knowledge about the place.

Transfer to China town where you will have a short walk for exploring Thai-Chinese people life and their market. The original Chinese citizens were traders living in the village of Bangkok before it became the capital of the Kingdom of Siam. Along the road, it was bordered by old business buildings and warehouses, most of which are still operating today. Then take a break for lunch at local restaurant before continuing to Ayutthaya.

In the late afternoon, transfer to Ayutthaya, which was the second capital of Siam after Sukhothai, and it became one of the most powerful in Asia with over 1 million residents by AD 1700. Visit famous sights such as Wat Mahathat in the evening light feel.





# **Included activity**

- Klong tour by long tail boat
- Wat Pho
- Short Walking at China Town
- Wat Mahathat

# Accommodation

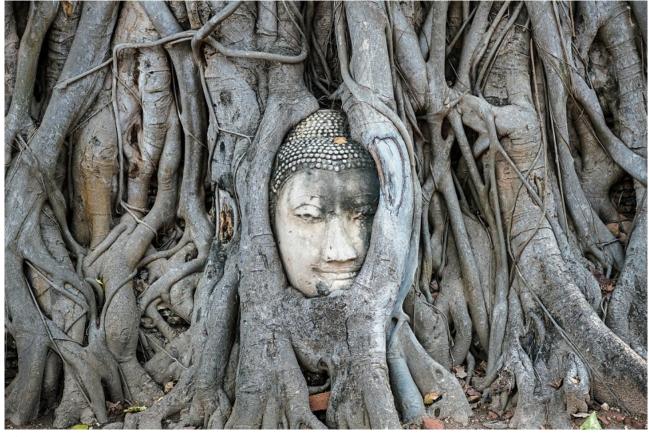
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Day 3 / Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Bangkok - Chiang Mai

Meals included: breakfast, dinner

Enjoy Bangkok morning at riverside then leave for flight to Ching Mai after breakfast.

# <u>Tentative Flight – Included</u>

Thai Smile: WE 160 / BKK CNX / 12:45 hrs – 14:00 hrs (economy class / one-way ticket, includes 20kg baggage allowance) need to be at the airport around 2 hrs before flight time.

Upon arrival at Chiang Mai Airport, meet the driver and transfer from the airport to hotel in Chiang Mai. Hotel check in, then explore Chiang Mai city with guide walking around area.

Nearby the hotel visit Wat Phra Singh temple which houses an important Buddha statue: the Phra Buddha Sihing which gives the temple its name. Try some traditional northern food at local restaurants and buy some souvenir at leisure.

In the evening, pick up by minivan and transfer from the hotel to have traditional Khantoke dinner with Thai cultural dance show.

#### **Included Activities**

- Guided walk around area in Chiang Mai
- Wat Phra singh
- Khantoke dinner

## **Airport Transfer**

Included on a group basis

# Accommodation

De Lanna Chiang Mai, Superior Room or similar <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-de-lanna-chiang-mai">https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-de-lanna-chiang-mai</a>







Day 4 / Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

In the morning, check out and jump in a minivan to the most famous viewpoint of Chiang Mai, Doi Suthep. Head off to explore the famous temple complex of Doi Suthep. A short drive (approximately 45 minutes) along a scenic and winding mountain road brings you to an impressive 300-step Naga-guarded stairway. The rewards justify the ascent to the top, with one of the most beautiful temples in Thailand on display, not to mention the fantastic panoramic views of the city.

After that, continue to the northeast province of Thailand, Chiang Rai. Drive through a windy road and stop for lunch. Before reaching Chiang Rai city, we'll visit the amazing temple Wat Rong Kun, known as the White Temple. Wat Rong Khun has an interesting story. It fell into disrepair in the late 1990s and was 'inherited' by a local artist, who took on the task of rebuilding it at his own expense; he's spent nearly a million pounds into the work so far. He wants the area next to the temple to be a centre for Buddhist learnings. Wat Rong Kun is pretty, intricate and elegant and the work is not expected to be completed until 2070.

## **Included Activities**

- Doi Suthep
- Wat Rong Khun

# Accommodation

Laluna Resort, Garden Bungalow or similar <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-laluna-chiang-rai">https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-laluna-chiang-rai</a>

















Day 5 / Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022

**Chiang Rai** 

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

After breakfast, transfer to visit the point of the Golden Triangle, where the Thailand, Myanmar and Laos borders meet. Stop at the border town of Mae Sai (approximately 1.5 hours), the most northern town in all of Thailand. It's a great place to do some souvenir shopping; full of colourful shops stacked with Myanmar lacquerware, gems, jade and other goods from Laos and China, all at some of the best prices around! Enjoy lunch overlooking the mighty Mekong River and then pay a visit to the House of Opium Museum for a deeper insight into opium culture and this area's problematic, drug-filled past.

This afternoon climb on board of a longtail boat and travel on the Mekong River to the old city of Chiang Saen, the ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom. On the way there you'll have the chance to set a foot into Laos. Chiang Saen is surrounded on three sides by impressive ramparts, with the Mekong forming the fourth wall. Ruins lie around this charming one-street market town of quiet wooden shophouses. The town is also famous for the local rice whiskey sold from distilleries on the banks of the river.

Head back to town and explore Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, the former center of the Lanna and other cultures. Marvel at a variety of crafts and souvenirs from Lanna to Lue, Lowland Thais and hill tribes, such as carpets, curtains, scarves, silk, bags, or jewelry.

#### **Included Activities**

- Mae Sai Market
- Golden Triangle Khong River boat trip
- Opium Hall
- Chiang Rai Night Bazaar

#### Accommodation

Laluna Resort, Garden Bungalow or similar <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-laluna-chiang-rai">https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-laluna-chiang-rai</a>









Day 6 / Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Chiang Rai Departure Day Meals included: breakfast

There are no activities planned for the final day and you can leave the hotel at any time before hotel check out time or use the included group transfer to the airport (see below for the optional onward flight options).

Hotel Check out at 12:00 noon.

The tour finishes in Chiang Rai - We can arrange a flight either back to Bangkok or onto Samui (see Beach Part). Below you'll find the guide prices for these flights.

## **Tentative Flight**

#### Chiang Rai to Bangkok

Thai Smile: WE 131 / CEI BKK / 10:05 hrs – 11:35 hrs (economy class / one-way ticket, includes 20kg baggage allowance) need to be at the airport around 2 hrs before flight time.

Guide price € 120 pp / approx. US\$ 144

# **Departure Transfer at Chiang Rai**

• Included on a group basis

\*\*\* Services end at Bangkok Airport\*\*\*

Please find below the prices for the tour.





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Tour: From Bangkok to the Golden Triangle
EUR 995 / approx. US\$ 1199 in total per solo traveler in comfy rooms for single use
EUR 995 / approx. US\$ 1199 per person for friends who want to share double or twin rooms
(see inclusions and exclusions below)
Flight (optional): Chiang Rai to Bangkok (Tentative Flight: WE 131 / CEI BKK / 10:05 hrs – 11:35 hrs / economy / one-way ticket, includes 20kg baggage allowance)
Guide price EUR 120 / approx. US\$ 144 per traveler
(flight at the end of the tour - optional, but relevant for beach extension - see below)
Pre Tour Single or Twin Room (optional): Additional night(s) in Bangkok hotel before Day 1
EUR 80 / approx. US\$ 97 per room per night
(For getting used to the time zone, enjoying the pool, and for discovering even more of the city)
Arrival Transfer (optional): from Suvarnabhumi airport to the hotel in Bangkok (other aiports on request)
EUR 45 / approx. US\$ 54 per vehicle (max. 2 persons)

# What's included

# Leader/Guide

English speaking guide throughout (Female Tour Leader – Subject to availability)

# Meals/drinks

As per itinerary

## Accommodation

Beautiful Hotels - 5 nights

# **Included Activities**

As per the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.

# Transport

Domestic flight day 3 Air-Conditioned vehicles

# **Assistance**

24-hour support from our local office





#### **Exclusions:**

- International arrival/departure flights
- International airport departure tax
- Tour guide for free time or days
- Optional activities
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Early check in or late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance

Minimum number of participants: 10. Maximum number of participants: 16.

# **Deposit required**

EUR 410.00pp / approx. US\$ 500pp + cost of the optional flight from Chiang Rai to Bangkok (relevant for the beach extension - or if you wanna fly back to Bangkok). Balance due 8 weeks before departure.

Intrepid Travel's special booking terms & conditions will apply to your reservation (see end of this document). By making payment you are agreeing to these special booking conditions.

#### **Important Notes**

- All airfares are subject to availability at time of booking and are not guaranteed until purchased and e-tickets have been issued. We will only ticket the flights once we are holding payment.
- Flight prices are just a guide. We will re-check the flights again closer to departure as the flight schedules are still unconfirmed due to COVID-19 situation.
- We are not currently holding any of the accommodation and services so they are subject to availability.

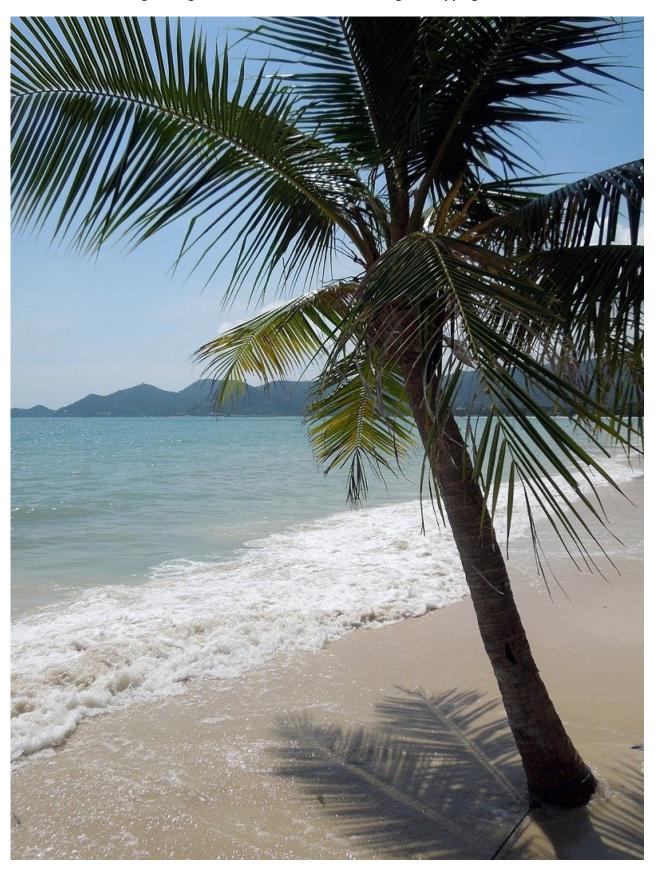
See below for the optional beach extension on a dream island.





# Beach Stay: Enjoy & Relax on a Dream Island

Small island airport known worldwide for its beauty, white sandy beaches, turquoise-blue sea water, palm trees, delicious food, great nightlife, sunsets, moonrises, massages, shopping, island excursions ...





Day 6 / Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

#### <u>Tentative Flight</u>

# Bangkok to Samui

Bangkok Airways: PG 145 / BKK USM / 13:35 hrs – 14:45 hrs (economy class / one-way ticket includes 20kg baggage allowance) need to be at the airport around 2 hrs before flight time.

Guide price € 200 pp / approx. US\$ 245

#### Arrival in the beautiful beach hotel

Meals included: Breakfast (in Chiang Rai, see tour part above)

Upon arrival at the airport, you will meet the representative/driver and be transferred from the airport to the hotel on the beach.

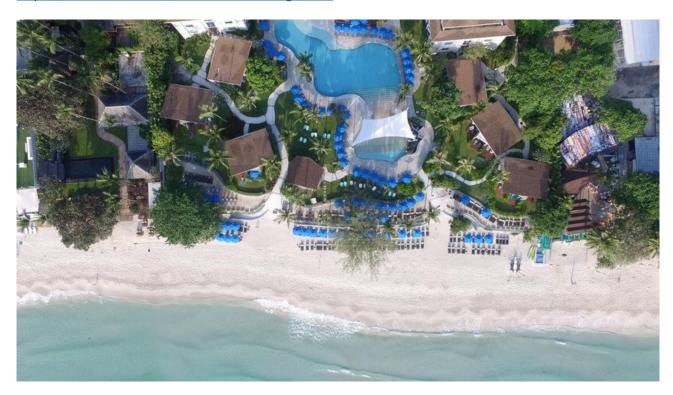
Day at your own leisure after check-in time
\*\* Standard check-in time at 14.00 hrs \*\*

# **Included Transfer**

• Airport Transfer included on a group basis

#### Accommodation

OZO Chaweng Samui | "Sleep" room or similar https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-ozo-chaweng-samui



Days 7-8 / Dates: Saturday, February 5, 2022 to Sunday, February 6, 2022

Enjoy the beautiful beach hotel and its spectacular surroundings

Meals included: Breakfast

Days at your own leisure

You'll find many easily bookable excursions via <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/en/thingstodo/">https://www.solotravel.cc/en/thingstodo/</a>, at one of the many





local travel agencies, or eventually directly at the hotel reception.

# Accommodation

OZO Chaweng Samui | "Sleep" room or similar

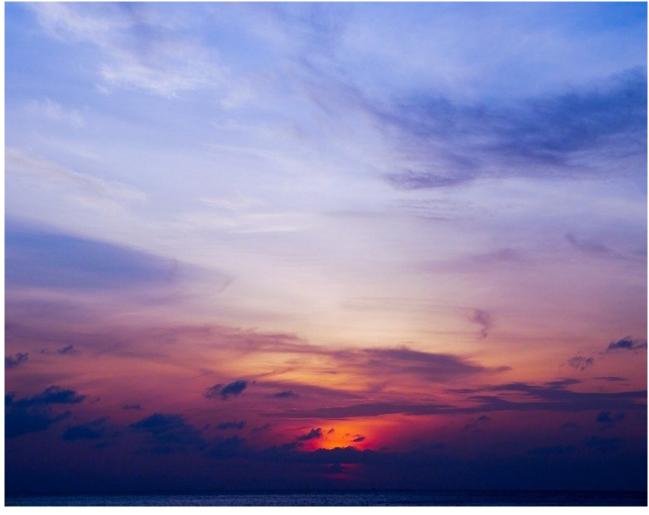
https://www.solotravel.cc/hotel-ozo-chaweng-samui















Day 9 / Date: Monday, February 7, 2022

Enjoy the beautiful beach hotel, then leave for the airport (or extend your stay)

Meals included: Breakfast

Meet the driver and transfer from beach hotel to the airport.

## **Included Transfer**

• Airport Transfer included on a group basis

#### <u>Tentative Flight not included in the package</u>

Bangkok Airways: PG (economy class / one-way ticket, includes 20kg of luggage) need to be at the airport around 2 hrs before flight time. – Times TBC – Looking at afternoon flight

Guide price € 210 pp / approx. US\$ 257

All airfares are subject to availability at time of booking and are not guaranteed until purchased and the etickets have been issued

Please find below the prices for beach extension.

# **Beach Stay: Prices**

The beach stay is just bookable for those who have booked the tour (see above)!
Flight (optional): Bangkok to Koh Samui (Tentative Flight: PG 145 / BKK USM / 13:35 hrs – 14:45 hrs)
Guide price EUR 200 / approx. US\$ 245 per traveler
(optional, but relevant for the connection from Chiang Rai - see tour part above - to Samui)
☐ Hotel: 3 nights in the stunning beach hotel "OZO Chaweng Samui" including breakfast
EUR 569 / approx. US\$ 689 per solo traveler or per each friend in a comfy room for single use
Extension of stay (optional): per additional night in the beach hotel including breakfast
EUR 189 / approx. US\$ 229 per solo traveler or per each friend in a comfy room for single use
Flight (optional): Koh Samui to Bangkok (Tentative Flight: TBC)
Guide price EUR 210 / approx. US\$ 257 per traveler

Flight on the day the standard hotel stay ends (see itinerary above). Other flight dates or times on request (for ex. if your international flight from Bangkok departs earlier or later, or if you extend your stay). Airport transfer on a group basis just offered in combination with the above mentioned flight. Alternative airport transfers will probably be available via the hotel reception or local travel agencies.





#### What's included

## Leader/Guide

No guide for beach extension

#### Meals/drinks

As per itinerary

#### Accommodation

Beautiful Hotel - 3 nights

#### **Included Activities**

As per the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.

#### **Transport**

Arrival and departure transfers on a group basis

#### **Assistance**

24-hour support from our local office

## **Exclusions:**

- International arrival/departure flights
- International airport departure tax
- Tour guide for free time or days
- Optional activities
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Early check in or late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance

Minimum number of participants: 2. Maximum number of participants: 16.

# **Deposit required**

EUR 275.00 pp / approx. US\$ 337pp + cost of the domestic flights. Balance due 8 weeks before departure.

Intrepid Travel's special booking terms & conditions will apply to your reservation (see end of this document). By making payment you are agreeing to these special booking conditions.





## + Entry Requirements to Thailand:

Before booking the tour, make sure that you meet any potential visa or vaccination requirements!

You'll find official and up-to-date info on the website of your foreign ministry, the embassy of your country in Thailand, or at a Thai embassy within your country, for instance.

You can also search for info for ex. via Google - make sure to select official and trustworthy sources:

https://www.google.com/search?q=Entry+requirements+to+Thailand

(right mouse click to open the link in a new window!)

#### → Practical Information on International Flights and Individually Extended Stays:

We didn't include international flights in the tour, so that you can book your preferred flights and class from whereever you want and for the exact dates you prefer. Here's some practical advice:

- Don't book your flights before the tour is confirmed (unless you want to fly to Thailand independently of this tour, or unless you accept potential flight cancellation fees)
- Take care to book a flight that arrives in time (flights might not arrive before the next day!)
- You'll easily find cheap (and comfy) flights using our flight search:
   <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/en/flights/">https://www.solotravel.cc/en/flights/</a> in German: <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/flugsuche/">https://www.solotravel.cc/flugsuche/</a> (right mouse click to open the links in a new window!)
- Consider paying a bit more for direct flights, a cancelable or changeable fee, a better class, or more convenient departure and arrival times!
- You'll also find neat and easily affordable hotels for an extended stay using our hotel search: <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/en/hotels/">https://www.solotravel.cc/en/hotels/</a> - in German: <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/hotels/">https://www.solotravel.cc/hotels/</a> (right mouse click to open the links in a new window!)
- For transfers within Thailand (like boat transfers to nearby islands or the mainland), check out our various transfer search options (they're probably also bookable at one of the many local travel agencies, or eventually directly at the hotel reception):
   <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/en/transfers/">https://www.solotravel.cc/en/transfers/</a> in German: <a href="https://www.solotravel.cc/transfers/">https://www.solotravel.cc/transfers/</a> (right mouse click to open the links in a new window!)

## → Practical Information on Luggage:

What you need to bring will vary according to the trip style you have chosen, the countries you are visiting and when you are travelling. Generally speaking, we recommend you pack as lightly as possible and make sure that you are able to carry and lift your own luggage, and walk with it for short distances or up or down a flight of stairs. Our travellers usually find the smaller their luggage is, the more they enjoy the trip not having to worry about carrying heavy bags! Aim to keep your main luggage under 15kg.

Many travellers carry their luggage in a backpack, although an overnight bag with a shoulder strap





would suffice if you travel lightly. Smaller suitcases or backpacks with wheels are convenient although we recommend your bag has carry straps or handles.

If you are taking overnight trains, or primarily using public transport then the smaller your luggage the easier it will be to store under or above bunks.

A lockable bag or small padlock will be useful especially when travelling on public transportation as well.

You'll also need a day pack/bag to carry water, camera, and jacket etc. when you're exploring during the day.

Below we have listed the essentials for this trip:

Intrepid's ultimate packing list



#### **Intrepid Travel's Special Booking Terms & Conditions**

#### Cancellation by you:

56 days or more prior to departure, we will hold the deposit amount as a credit

55 days or less we will retain 100% of monies paid.

Any credit resulting from a cancellation under this clause 7 (Cancellation by you) does not have an expiry date and may be applied towards anyother available trip offered by us. This credit is not transferrable or redeemable for cash. This credit excludes flights or insurance as they will have their own booking conditions.

You are strongly advised to take out cancellation insurance at the time of booking. If you leave a trip for any reason after it has commenced we are not obliged to make any refunds for unused services. If you fail to join a trip, join it after departure, or leave it prior to its completion, no refund will be made. The above cancellation terms are in addition to fees which may be levied by accommodation providers, travel agents or third-party tour and transport operator fees.

# Cancellation by you due to Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances:

You have the right to cancel your confirmed holiday beforedeparture without paying a cancellation charge in the event of "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" occurring at your holiday destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the holiday or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause 7, "unavoidable and extraordinarycircumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

This clause 7 outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 (Directive 2011/83/EU).

# Cancellation by us:

If we have to cancel your trip, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of:

- (a) a 100% credit of monies paid for your trip; or
- (b) having a refund of monies paid.

We will tell you the procedure for making your choice. Please read any notification carefully and respond promptly as if you do not respond to us within the timescale given your booking may be cancelled.

If you choose to accept a credit resulting from a cancellation under this clause 8 (Cancellation by us):

- it does not have an expiry date and may be applied towards any other available trip offered by us;
- excludes flights or insurance as they will have their own booking conditions.

If you choose to accept a refund:

(a) we will provide a full refund of your travel insurance premiums if you paid them to us and can show that you are unable to transfer or reuseyour policy;





(b) we will pay reasonable compensation except where the cancellation is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means asituation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

We are not responsible for any incidental expenses that you may have incurred as a result of your booking including but not limited to visas, vaccinations, travel insurance excess or non-refundable flights.

## Booking amendments and transfers of bookings:

Transfers to a third party are only permitted when operationally possible and where the transferee meets all the requirements in relation to thetrip. Certain fees may apply. Please note that there may be addition to any charges levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. Prices are setannually as defined in clause 5 above. No amendments are permitted to your booking within 21 days of departure.

If you or any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that person is introduced by you and satisfies all the conditions applicable to the holiday;
- (b) we are notified not less than 7 days before departure;
- (c) you pay any outstanding balance payment, as well as any additional fees, charges or other costs arising from the transfer; and
- (d) the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, any cancellation charges as set out in clause 7 (Cancellation by you) will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

Amendments to any other arrangements made in conjunction with your trip may incur additional charges levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines.

Important Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended or transferred after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

#### Acceptance of risk:

You acknowledge that the nature of the trip may be adventurous and participation involves a degree of personal risk. You may be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives.

You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols on your trip.

We use information from government foreign departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, it is also your own responsibility to acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information, including applicable health risks, and the nature of your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made in light of consideration of this information and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept no liability in relation to these additional risks.



