



2025/2026 Collette Group Tours presented with Join the Fun Tours

## **Asia/South Pacific**

### **Inclusions:**

- Overnight Car Parking – Ormond Beach & Viera
- Roundtrip Transportation to/from Orlando International Airport (Individual Guest Reservations have the option to be picked up/dropped off from home when not traveling with Group Departure Tour Dates)
- Gratuity to your Driver to/from Orlando International Airport
  - Roundtrip Standard Economy Airfare to/from Orlando International Airport (Guests who want upgraded airfare seating must be done at the time of booking)
  - (1) Checked Bag Per Person\*\*International Airfare Only
    - Collette Escorted Land Tour

### **Does not Include:**

\*Checked Baggage for Domestic Airfare

Gratuities to your Collette Tour Manager, Driver on Tour & Local Guides

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# Join the Fun Tours presents...

## Wonders of Thailand

### Discovering Ancient Wonders & Natural Beauty from Bangkok to Phuket



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**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**HIGHLIGHTS...** Bangkok, Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, Choice on Tour: Suan Pakkad Palace Museum or Marble Temple, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, Choice on Tour: Thai Massage or Dinner, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted Meal, Phuket, Tuk Tuk Rides

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 – 5 Amari Bangkok, Bangkok
- Days 6, 7 Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
- Days 8, 9 The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
- Days 10 – 12 Kantary Hills Chiangmai, Chiang Mai
- Days 13 – 15 Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket, Phuket
- Day 16 Kantary House, Bangkok

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*



**Small Group Travel** rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

**17 Days • 25 Meals:** 15 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 4 Dinners

## About the Tour

**Day 1: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 Overnight Flight** Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey featuring lavish temples, cultural discoveries, and its stunning natural beauty. From tropical vistas to gilded palaces and ancient ruins, Thailand offers up a piece of its soul to travelers – and your story starts here.

**Day 2: Thursday, October 23, 2025 Arrive Bangkok, Thailand** Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

**Day 3: Friday, October 24, 2025 Bangkok** Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. (B)

**Day 4: Saturday, October 25, 2025 Bangkok** Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sunday, October 26, 2025 Bangkok** Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace – the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson house and museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorized rickshaw – for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavor. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 6: Monday, October 27, 2025 Bangkok - Sukhothai** Today, **it's your choice!** Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 7: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Sukhothai** Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai – which means “dawn of happiness” – as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

**Day 8: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Sukhothai - Chiang Rai** Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. (B, L)

**Day 9: Thursday, October 30, 2025 Chiang Rai** Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's *all aboard* for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

**Day 10: Friday, October 31, 2025 Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai** Today, it's off to Chiang Mai – once a religious center, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* – lavish serpents – these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

**Day 11: Saturday, November 1, 2025 Chiang Mai** See elephants in their natural setting today during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means “relaxed elephants.” This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants.\* From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the mahout community. Travelers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavor during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

**Day 12: Sunday, November 2, 2025 Chiang Mai** Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labor with a simple lunch. (B, L)

**Day 13: Monday, November 3, 2025 Chiang Mai - Phuket** Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves, or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

**Day 14: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Phuket** Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes and ice cream shops. Explore this charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

**Day 15: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Phuket** It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the Old Town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

**Day 16: Thursday, November 6, 2025 Phuket - Bangkok** Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories – the best kind of souvenir. (B)

**Day 17: Friday, November 7, 2025 Bangkok - Tour Ends** Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)

## Highlights And Inclusions



### Your Tour Includes

- 6 Handpicked Accommodations
- 24 Meals

### Must-See Inclusions:

- Float along the waters of the Mekong River and see the Golden Triangle where Laos, Burma, and Thailand meet.
- Admire the Sino-Portuguese architecture of Phuket's Old Town.
- See the gilded Reclining Buddha, the sacred jade Emerald Buddha, and the dazzling Grand Palace in Bangkok.

### Cultural Experiences:

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.

### Culinary Inclusions:

- Savor the sweet, spicy, and salty flavors of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.

### Highlights

- Bangkok
- Reclining Buddha
- Emerald Buddha
- Bangkok Street Food
- Choice on Tour: Suan Pakkad Palace Museum or Marble Temple
- Sukhothai
- Chiang Rai
- The Golden Triangle
- Chiang Mai
- Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai
- Choice on Tour: Thai Massage or Dinner
- Lanna Home Visit
- Home-Hosted Meal
- Phuket
- Tuk Tuk Rides

## Activity Level



### Activity Level 3 - Active

You're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.





**Pre Night Stay**  
Hotel-Amari Bangkok



**Amari Bangkok**  
Nights 1-3



**Sriwilai Sukhothai  
Resort & Spa**  
Nights 4-5



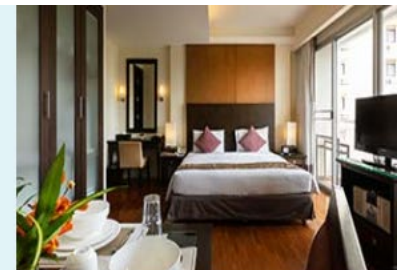
**The Legend Chiang Rai  
Boutique River Resort  
& Spa**  
Nights 6-7



**Kantary Hills  
Chiangmai**  
Nights 8-10

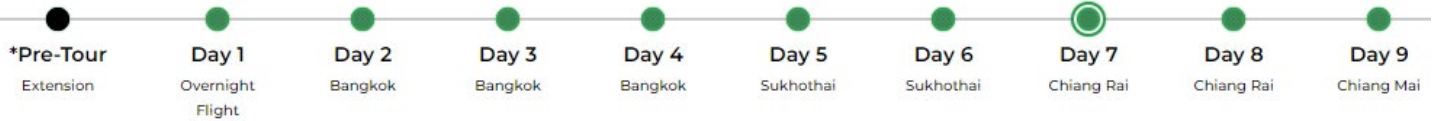


**Cape Panwa Hotel,  
Phuket**  
Nights 11-13



**Kantary House**  
Night 14





## **Join the Fun Wonders of Thailand Package includes:**

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- ✓ Gratuity to your Driver to/from Orlando International Airport
- ✓ Overnight Car Parking Ormond Beach & Viera
- ✓ Roundtrip Economy Airfare
- ✓ 1 Checked Bag Per Person
- ✓ (16) Days Escorted Collette Land Tour – (1) Pre-Night Hotel Stay
- ✓ All Sightseeing / Attractions
- ✓ (25) Meals – 15 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 4 Dinners
- ✓ Activity Level 3 – Active

**\$6,874pp Double or \$7,780 Solo – Call 386-235-3443**

- ✓ **\$699 Per Person Deposit to Guarantee your seat**
- ✓ **Partial Payment – 50% of Final Balance – Due January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- ✓ **Final Payment – Due June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- ✓ **Protect your Travel Investment & Experience – purchase Travel Insurance.**





# Join the Fun Tours presents...

## South Pacific Wonders

### Including New Zealand's North Island



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**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



**19 Days • 29 Meals:** 16 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 9 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Choice on Tour: Kiwi Birdlife Park or Skyline Gondola, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight
- Days 3, 4 Rydges Auckland, Auckland
- Days 5, 6 Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua
- Days 7, 8 Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch
- Days 9 – 12 Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown
- Days 13 – 15 Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook, Cairns
- Days 16 – 18 Novotel Sydney Darling Square, Sydney

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

## About the Tour

**Day 1 – 2: March 10 – 11, 2026 Depart from Home** Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

**Day 3: Thursday, March 12, 2026 Auckland - Tour Begins** Arrive in one of the world's most inspiring and sought-after destinations due to its clean air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture - New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails." Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands.

**Day 4: Friday, March 13, 2026 Auckland, New Zealand** Enjoy a day of leisure. Meet your travel companions at this evening's welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 5: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Auckland - Rotorua** Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration and learn about the warm-hearted Maoris as well as their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. (B, D)

**Day 6: Sunday, March 15, 2026 Rotorua** This morning you visit Whakarewarewa Thermal Village, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. After dinner, relax or explore this lovely city on your own. (B, D)

**Day 7: Monday, March 16, 2026 Rotorua - Christchurch** A short flight brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. (B, D)

**Day 8: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Christchurch** Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal. Then, learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Maori with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional *waka* (canoe). (B)

**Day 9: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Christchurch - Queenstown** Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner. (B, D)

**Day 10: Thursday, March 19, 2026 Queenstown** Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a "Kiwi" BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing back. This evening is yours to enjoy charming Queenstown. (B, L)

**Day 11: Friday, March 20, 2026 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

**Day 12: Saturday, March 21, 2026 Queenstown** A free morning offers an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed, or perhaps you'll want to shop or people-watch in the village. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. Gather for a "farewell to New Zealand" dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13: Sunday, March 22, 2026 Queenstown - Cairns, Australia** Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B)

**Day 14: Monday, March 23, 2026 Cairns** Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Enjoy an "Aussie" BBQ lunch before visiting Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. (B, L)

**Day 15: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns** Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island's walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, an optional outer reef tour is also available. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Cairns - Sydney** The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighborhood. Then, this afternoon, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B, D)

**Day 17: Thursday, March 26, 2026 Sydney** See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, and the Botanic Gardens. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. (B)

**Day 18: Friday, March 27, 2026 Sydney** Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbor, showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

**Day 19: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Sydney - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

## Highlights And Inclusions

### Your Tour Includes

- 4 Handpicked Accommodations
- 22 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

### Must-See Inclusions:

- Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.
- See where the original colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney.

### Cultural Experiences:

- Come to know Australia's ancient traditions at the Rainforestation Nature Park.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- Paddle the Avon River in a traditional Maori *waka* (canoe).

### Culinary Inclusions:

- Enjoy a Kiwi BBQ on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

### Highlights

- Christchurch
- Queenstown
- Milford Sound
- Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration
- Choice on Tour: Kiwi Birdlife Park or Skyline Gondola
- Cairns
- Great Barrier Reef
- Sydney Opera House

## Activity Level



### Activity Level 2 - Moderate

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet.



**Pre Night Stay**  
Hotel-Rydges Auckland



**Distinction  
Christchurch Hotel**  
Nights 1-2



**Millennium Hotel  
Queenstown**  
Nights 3-6



**Bailey Hotel by  
Crystalbrook**  
Nights 7-9



**Novotel Sydney  
Darling Square**  
Nights 10-12



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