

TOUR COSTS

Based on 20 participants

- Special Olbrich Botanical Society land cost per person, double occupan-
cy..... \$ 2 4 2 5
- Single room
supplement..... \$ 3 2 5

Specially-negotiated, economy-class group airfare from Chicago, including U.S. tax, is \$1260. Alternate gateway, business-class, and first-class fares are available on request. Airfares are subject to change without notice. Should the group air size be less than 10 participants, published rates may apply. Tour costs include a \$150 tax-deductible donation to Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Olbrich Botanical Gardens Or: Travel Plans
International
(608) 246-4583 (800)
323-7600 or

ENROLLMENT FORM

Detach here and Mail to:

Travel Plans International Olbrich Botanical Society
15 Spinning Wheel Road, Gardens of Thailand
Suite 24 January 31 - February 11,
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Please reserve _____ space(s) on Gardens of Thailand depart-
ing January 31, 2005. Enclosed is my/our deposit payment
in the amount of _____ (\$750 per person). I/We under-
stand that the deposit is refundable up to December 3, 2004,
less a \$250 per person administrative fee. Credit cards are not
accepted. Please make checks payable to: Travel Plans
International, Inc.

_____ I will share my room with
_____.

_____ I wish to share my room with another traveler, if
available.

_____ I desire single accommodations.

_____ Please confirm me / us on the group flight itinerary
from Chicago.

_____ I/we will also need connecting flights from
_____.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Queen Sirikit Botanical Gardens, Chiang Mai

King Rama IX Park, Bangkok

Queen Sirikit Botanical Gardens, Chiang Mai



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

THE TOUR COSTS INCLUDE: First-class hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, based on two persons sharing a room with private bathroom and/or shower; single room supplement will be charged when required or requested; intra-Thailand economy-class air transportation (Bangkok / Chiang Mai / Chiang Rai / Bangkok) including air tax; private air-conditioned ground transportation; meals as indicated in the itinerary based on daily breakfast, eight table d'hôte lunches, and four table d'hôte dinners including water, coffee or tea; wine with farewell lunch; group transfers provided in conjunction with group tour flights; all entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary; transportation and handling of two regular sized pieces of luggage per person; professional resident guide/tour director; local taxes and service charges; gratuities to drivers, porters, waiters, site guide, and resident guides/tour director for group functions.

THE TOUR COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE: Round-trip, economy-class international airfare Chicago / Bangkok / Chicago, including U.S. departure taxes (listed separately); passport fees; foreign departure taxes; cost of personal, trip-cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; all items of a personal nature, such as laundry and telephone; meals and beverages other than specified; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; portage and individual transfers to join or leave the group when traveling independently; and any item not specifically mentioned as included.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$750 per person is required to ensure your participation. Balance of the payment is due upon receipt of invoice, approximately 60 days before departure. Credit cards are not accepted.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Travel Plans International, Inc. When your cancellation is received, the following penalties on land costs will apply: \$250 at any time; 50% when less than 59 days prior to departure; 100% when less than 29 days. Once the tour has departed, there will be no refund for any unused portion of the trip. Should a cancellation by a share person result in the necessity to accommodate a roommate in single accommodations, the cost of the single supplement also will be deducted from refunds due, if any, to the cancelled person. Olbrich Botanical Society and Travel Plans International do not assume responsibility for cancellation fees imposed by air carriers due to itinerary or departure changes, and cancellations after ticketing deadlines.

UNUSED SERVICES: Rates are based on group participation, and there can be no refund for services or portions of the tour not taken. Refunds cannot be made to tour participants who do not complete the tour, for any reason.

TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: Olbrich Botanical Society and Travel Plans International, Inc. cannot be responsible or liable for loss, damage, or theft of personal baggage, nor can they be liable for personal injury, accident, or illness. We strongly advise travelers to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as protection against any emergency that may force cancellation before departure, or separation from the tour while it is in progress. Details of our specially designed insurance policy will be forwarded upon your enrollment.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: It is the responsibility of the traveler to advise Travel Plans International immediately of any medical problem or dietary restriction. There are no compulsory health precautions necessary for this tour; however, we suggest that you check with your personal physician and your local health department for additional information and recommendations regarding your specific needs. The Center for Disease Control recommends being vaccinated against malaria. Additional information can be found on their website at www.cdc.gov or by calling 800-311-3435. Please keep in mind that this tour requires that you be able to climb stairs, walk (sometimes on uneven ground), and stand at sites for lectures.

CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS: The cost of the tour is based on currency conversion rates in effect at the time of brochure production. In order to keep rates as low as possible, no allowances are built in to cover increases in conversion rates. Because currencies fluctuate constantly around the world, it may be necessary, before departure, to adjust the cost of the tour if substantial increases occur.

ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE CHANGES: : The right is reserved to change the dates of operation, the itinerary, or accommodations of any tour as conditions warrant. If a tour must be delayed, or the itinerary changed due to weather, transportation delays, government decisions, or any other contingency beyond our control, the cost of delays or changes is not included. Deviations and/or voluntary changes from the group itinerary made by the passenger incur a \$100.00 administrative fee per occurrence.

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS: Private functions, when planned, are subject to the availability of the respective sponsors at time of travel and, occasionally, similar activities may have to be substituted.

ITINERARY/TOUR MEMBER CANCELLATION: The right is reserved to cancel an itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants, strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstance, which may make operation of a tour inadvisable. For a tour cancelled by Travel Plans International, all tour payments received from the participants will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of our liability. We are not responsible for any expenses incurred by tour members in preparing for the tour, including non-refundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other tour-related expenses. The right is reserved to

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Above: Angkhang Nature Resort, Below Left: Grand Palace, Bangkok, Below Right: Gardens at Jim Thompson House



OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS
presents
GARDENS of THAILAND
JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 11, 2005

Dear Garden & Travel Enthusiast!

In 2001, Olbrich Botanical Gardens welcomed the gift of a Royal Thai Pavilion, a gift from the Government of Thailand and the Thai Chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Using our most creative gardening skills, Olbrich designed and built a "Midwestern-style tropical garden" for this amazing pavilion. In the process, we befriended UW alumni from Thailand, gifted Thai artisans, and Thais who live in the Madison area. We cultivated an interest in Thai culture and tropical gardening.

Now we have an opportunity to see and learn about the real thing! On behalf of the Gardens and Olbrich Botanical Society, I invite you to join me on an exotic adventure to see The Gardens of Thailand. Our tour includes the tropical gardens of central Thailand, the mountain flowers of the North, and many intriguing cultural destinations. At each stop, we'll hear from gardening and plant experts. Plus, we've arranged a special reception with

Jeff Epping
Gardens. Tour fees include a membership and \$150 tax-deductible donation to Olbrich Botanical Society. I hope you will join me on this very exciting 12-day tour.

Jeff Epping
Director of Horticulture

JEFF EPPING, TOUR LEADER
Jeff Epping has been Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens since 1994. He oversees the horticultural operations and garden designs of over nine specialty gardens, show-casing the best ornamentals for south-central Wisconsin. The gardens at Olbrich were recently included in the top ten most inspiring gardens in North America by *Horticulture* magazine. Epping's award-winning planting designs, enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year, include Olbrich's Sunken Garden (1998 Honor Award, Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects) and Perennial Garden (A.S.L.A. Award of Merit in 2000). He recently implemented his planting design for the new Thai

Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station Project



ITINERARY FEATURES

BANGKOK

- Six nights at the superior first-class Radisson Hotel
- The Grand Palace, including the Chapel of the Emerald Buddha
- Vimanmek Mansion, a complex of museums
- Wat Po, home to the Temple of the Reclining Buddha
- Suan Pakkard Palace and the Jim Thompson House
- Traditional Thai dining experience at Supatra River House
- King Rama IX Park, including a water park, botanical gardens, seven international miniature gardens, and the Siam Society
- Damnoen Saduak floating market, the Teakwood Handicraft Center, and King Rama II's Royal Commemorative Park
- Free time to explore the city

CHIANG MAI

- Two nights at the first-class Rydges Tapae Hotel
- The Chiang Mai Flower Festival
- Traditional northern Kantoke dinner with entertainment
- Lanna Resort and the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden
- An elephant camp, including an elephant ride to a Lisu hill tribe village

DOI ANGKHANG

- Two nights at the first-class Angkhang Nature Resort
- Muser Hill Tribe villages of Khob Dong Village and Nor Lae Village
- Full day visit at the renowned Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station Project
- Mae Fah Luang Arboretum, and the Mae Fah Luang Garden

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES

- Resident guide/tour director
- Daily breakfast, eight lunches, and four dinners on table d'hôte basis, water, coffee or tea with all meals, wine with farewell lunch at Bangkok's Rose Garden
- Water provided in hotel rooms each night, and on

Typical Thai bedroom in Jim Thompson's House



CHICAGO / TOKYO

Monday, January 31
Leave at midday on a direct flight to Tokyo via United Airlines. Cross the International Date Line.

TOKYO / BANGKOK

Tuesday, February 1
Change planes and continue to Bangkok for a late evening arrival. Welcome orchid garland presented by ladies in traditional Thai costumes. Meet your escort/guide and transfer to the Radisson Hotel. Enjoy cold towels on the coach, and a welcome fruit basket in each room. The hotel is the perfect base from which to explore this magical city of sumptuous palaces and magnificent temples. The hotel welcomes you with traditional Thai hospitality.

BANGKOK

Wednesday, February 2
Following breakfast this morning visit the Grand Palace, situated along the Chao Phraya River. View the interior including the prominent Throne Hall, State Reception Hall, and Coronation Hall, each richly decorated in its own style in a fabulous array of colors. Within the compound is Wat Phra Keo, the Chapel of the Emerald Buddha, which houses undoubtedly the world's most pre-



Vimanmek Palace

cious image of the Lord Buddha. Please note that the Grand Palace is a national shrine and tour participants must be properly attired. Next visit Wat Po, Temple of the Reclining Buddha. The Reclining Buddha is a stunning sight, intricately embellished with mother-of-pearl. The temple is a traditional medicine center, which includes the famous Institute of Massage. Observe school in session before having lunch at a local restaurant.

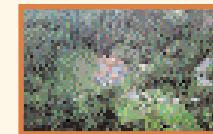
This afternoon continue to Vimanmek Palace. Billed as the world's largest teakwood building, Vimanmek Mansion was built as a royal residence in the first few years of the 20th century. Her Majesty the reigning Queen turned it into a museum reflecting Thai heritage from the dramatic reign of King Rama V. The Vimanmek Mansion Museum has grown to include more than 20 restored structures of the old Dusit Palace displaying everything from ancient artifacts of Thailand's pre-history to contemporary photographs donated by His Majesty the King. Return to the hotel for dinner and evening on own.

BANGKOK

Thursday, February 3
This morning visit Wang Suan Pakkard, the

"Lettuce Farm Palace," once the residence of Princess Chumbot of Nakhon Sawan. The Palace is a collection of five traditional Thai-style houses which are now home to a priceless Asian antique collection and display of exquisite woodcarvings. The landscaped grounds are a peaceful oasis complete with ducks and swans, and a semi-enclosed garden reminiscent of Japanese gardens. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Today's tour is completed with a visit to the private Thai-style house of Jim Thompson. Set in lovely gardens, it gives great insight into how the merchant class lived. On display in the main house are Thompson's splendid, small Asian art collection and his personal belongings. Visit the lovely garden of the Thai House, and if time permits, a stop will be made at the Jim Thompson shop for a chance to browse and shop.



Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden Overview

Health and happiness in living and dining is the traditional Thai way! Enjoy dinner at the Supatra River House, a two-story traditional Thai house on the banks of the Chao Phraya River near the Temple of the Dawn. Here you are among friends, for this is still very much a family house run in the traditional Thai way. While enjoying the meal, you can watch the sun setting and the lights coming on across the water from the Grand Palace.

BANGKOK / CHIANG MAI

Friday, February 4
Early this morning transfer to the Bangkok Domestic Airport, and depart on a flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, transfer to the Rydges Tapae Chiang Mai Hotel. Following lunch at the hotel visit Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, situated at the foothills of Doi Suthep-Pui Mae Rim, covering an area of about 560 acres. The Garden serves as a center of Thai flora for botanical study and research, and renders services concerning biodiversity and environmental conservation.

Return to the hotel for leisure time before enjoying a superb *Kantoke Dinner*, a traditional northern meal beside a roaring log fire in a lantern-lit glade. Kantoke is the customary northern Thai

Khum Kantoke Dinner



Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station Project

style of eating with food served on large platters at low tables while you sit on mats on the floor. As you enjoy your meal, let yourself be entertained by a selection of northern cultural performances.

CHIANG MAI

Saturday, February 5
This morning visit the Chiang Mai Flower Festival featuring beautiful flower displays, a beauty pageant, flower arrangement contests, and more. This is the best time to enjoy spectacular vistas with colorful and beautiful flowers such as the African marigold, globe amaranth, orchids, Ban Chun, chrysanthemum, celosia, and assorted roses such as the Fa Mui and thin Uang Dok Lek.

The highlight of the festival is the fabulous flower parade which includes a great number of beautifully decorated floral floats with beautiful girls dressed in traditional northern Thai costumes and marching bands going through main streets of the city to Buakhaad City Park.



Doi Angkhang

Following lunch on your own, depart for the Lanna Resort, where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful flowers and plants in the valley, as well as the services and facilities of the hotel. This evening visit the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar. With its wide range of goods at competitive prices, this easily rivals Bangkok's Chatuchak Market.

CHIANG MAI / DOI ANGKHANG

Sunday, February 6
After breakfast, drive to Chiang Dao to visit an elephant camp where you will see the elephants taking their morning bath and demonstrating some of their skills. Learn about the elephants



King Rama II Royal Commemorative Park

and the camp's conservation contribution. Next, take an elephant ride to a Lisu hill tribe village, trekking through some of the lovely forest scenery and along the river. Lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Doi Angkhang, one of the most spectacular natural sights in Northern Thailand. Its mountain location, cool climate and scenic beauty of the surrounding countryside make it the ideal getaway for nature lovers. Check in at Angkhang Nature Resort, then visit the Khob Dong Village, boasting a spectacular view and walkway to the top of the hill. Continue to the Nor Lae Village, which is inhabited by the people of the Palong Hill Tribe who are of Burmese descent and have their own unique language and culture. There is also a spectacular view into Burma from the peak. Return to the resort for dinner.

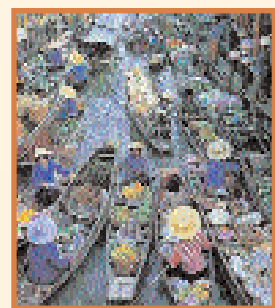
DOI ANGKHANG

Monday, February 7
Spend a full day at the Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station Project. The project was set up in 1969 under the auspices of His Majesty the reigning King Bhumibol. Primarily a research center, it focuses on developing a wider variety of marketable produce for the local hill tribes that were previously cash poor and dependant on growing illegal opium as their major source of income. In 1970 Prince Bhijatej Ratchani, Director of Royal Project, requested the faculty staff of Kasetsart University take on volunteer work in response to royal suggestion, and The Temperate Plant Experiment Station was established to grow a variety of temperate plants, passing them on to tribal people to grow. It was later named "Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station." At present, the Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station is a perfect model of a temperate plant experiment station and is well known both in Thailand and abroad.

DOI ANGKHANG / DOI TUNG / BANGKOK
Tuesday, February 8
After breakfast, visit Mae Fah Luang Arboretum at Doi Chang Mib. At 1,509 meters above sea level, it is the highest mountain in the Doi Tung Development Project area. Many new trees have been added, along with numerous varieties of

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Damnoen Saduak Market