

JOURNEY TO A WORLD OF ENCHANTMENT

The experience of a lifetime on Anantara Cruises

Anantara Cruises will leave Bangkok for their first overnight journey under the Anantara name on July 1, 2011.

Touch the authentic Thai lifestyle along the River of Kings. Recline in the stylish luxury of a bygone age. Experience the exclusive tranquility of Anantara Cruises where it offers a unique opportunity to journey back to a time when the majestic Chao Phraya River was the heart of Thai life. Step aboard our exquisite fleet of 100-year old rice barges, painstakingly rebuilt from shining teak and lavishly converted to their present splendour. Guests can savour the sights and sounds of river life whilst being pampered with truly personalised service.

Set off on a three day, two night cruise for a one-of-a-kind journey on a water highway into the heart of Thailand. Enjoy indulgent days aboard the Anantara Song or the Anantara Dream while travelling north on [Ayutthaya Thousand Golden Temples Tour](#) or [Ang Thong Mystic River Tour](#).

Enjoy views of the former capital's crumbling city walls from the outdoor sun deck. Take a shore excursion to explore the grandeur of temples such as Wat Mongkhon Bophit, which was built to protect one of the country's largest bronze Buddhas, a statue that dates to the 15th century.

Marvel at stately temples and lively markets and observe Thailand's exquisite natural beauty from the deck of a majestic teak vessel. Discover a flawless fusion of Old World charm, lavish accommodation, and the personalised Anantara service. Glide by the peaked roofs of wats that glitter in the sun and relish the unparalleled service and comfort offered aboard our fleet of ships. Experience the unique rhythm of life upon the River of Kings.

ANANTARA SONG

The Anantara Song, dubbed 'The Orient Express of the River', is a 20-metre rice barge that has been carefully restored and lavishly converted into an ultra-deluxe river cruiser. Built upon the original 100-year-old solid teak hull, Anantara Song has been designed for up to four couples to explore Thailand's famous Chao Phraya River in style and comfort.

The vessel features four air-conditioned staterooms with queen-size beds, en suite bathrooms, an expansive lounge and dining area with a full bar and a separate sun deck. Private crew quarters and the kitchen are located in the aft section.

The creative design for Anantara Song was conceptualised by interior designer Kathleen Heinecke who used warm teak, padua, and mahogany woods throughout the vessel. Custom-made furniture covered with colourful Thai silks and cottons, oriental rugs, Thai and Southeast Asian art, sculpture, and artifacts complete the distinctive design.

A number of accessories were sourced from artisans working along the rivers and *klongs* (canals) of Thailand, as well as in more remote and rural areas.

"Some of these crafts are quite sophisticated and fine, while others are folk items or things that have been used by the Thai people for generations," Heinecke explains.

"We also wanted to reflect and recreate in a small way, some of the many early European influences that were embraced and encouraged by King Rama V. Many of these resulted in a good marriage of the styles of the time, both Thai and foreign, mixing local carving expertise with sumptuous fabrics," she added.

Thai master craftsmen were also employed on the construction of the boat itself. Most of the work was carried out in the same manner as it has been for centuries – using mostly a sharp eye and patience with simple tools in very experienced hands – skills that have been passed from father to son.

Each room's deluxe amenities include:

- Bathrobes and slippers
- Choice of herbal soaps
- Vanity and make-up mirror in bedroom
- Personal safe
- Hair dryer
- Regular and feather pillows

Boat features:

- Spacious upper deck with lounge and dining area
- Sun deck
- Fully provisioned galley
- Private crew quarters and bathroom
- Two-engines for safety and maneuverability
- Captain, Chief Steward and Assistant Steward on board
- Full bar available
- Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner

Anantara Song offers a variety of cruises including the regularly scheduled two-night/three-day Ayutthaya Adventure, departing every Monday and Thursday. Staffed by an experienced and attentive crew of four, it is also available for private charters and customised cruises. The Anantara Cruises pier is located on the riverfront of the Anantara Bangkok Riverside Resort & Spa but special arrangements can be made for alternate pick-up and drop off points.

ANANTARA DREAM – THAILAND'S MOST LUXURIOUS CRUISE

If you find traveling with hundreds of people exhausting, the Anantara Dream offers unrivalled privacy and luxury for exclusive overnight private charters along Thailand's famous Chao Phraya River.

Anantara Dream is even more spacious and more exclusive than the luxurious Anantara Song. The two staterooms, measuring between 20–25 square metres in size, are fully air-conditioned and feature elegantly-tiled ensuite bathrooms with a full shower and a comfortable two metre-square super-king-sized bed dressed with delicate linen. Each of the two suite staterooms features a library, deluxe branded amenities, a vanity counter with make-up mirror, bathrobe, slippers and hairdryer.

The Anantara Dream offers a choice of two distinctive itineraries, exploring the River of Kings – Thousand Golden Temples Tour to Ayutthaya and Mystic River Tour to Angthong.

Available for private charter only. The package price includes two nights' accommodation onboard, private round-trip limousine transfers, welcome champagne, deluxe turndown gifts, private cooking class, all meals and non-alcoholic beverages onboard, full ground tours programs with an English speaking guide and admissions charges at designated places.

Anantara Cruises is the perfect choice for the discerning traveler.

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Day 1

A short journey brings you to Wat Arun, one of Bangkok's best known temples, for a guided tour before a visit to the Royal Barges National Museum. Enjoy lunch and afternoon tea on board as you watch river life go by. Moor for the night at Wat Samakkee which offers a dramatic backdrop for your traditional Thai dinner this evening.

Day 2

An early start to give alms to the monks and tour the temple before breakfast and a morning of gentle cruising through the Thai countryside. After lunch visit Wat Pananchoeng before arriving in Ayutthaya for an afternoon exploring this beautiful and fascinating historical site with an expert guide. This evening's mooring, Wat Nivat, is an intriguing 19th Century Buddhist temple built in the style of an English gothic church!

Day 3

Enjoy a guided tour of Wat Nivat and beautiful Bang Pa-In, former summer palace of the Kings of Thailand, before a short visit to see the traditional houses and handicrafts of Bang Sai Village. After lunch on board and an afternoon of cruising, return to Bangkok.

Inclusions

- 2 nights accommodation on board
- all meals on board (incl 2 afternoon teas & nona-licoholic drinks)
- cruising & sightseeing as detailed
- English speaking guides.

Departs: Bangkok Monday & Thursday