

# Andaman Luxury Cruise: Similan Islands & Gourmet Onboard Service

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination  
**Thailand**

Duration  
**7 Nights 8 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 1,45,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

Phuket · 1N

Andaman Luxury Liveaboard · 5N

Phuket · 1N

<https://tourgrids.com/packages/thailand/thailand-7-nights-8-days-package-924>

## Overview

a premium 7 nights / 8 days Thailand tour package crafted for travelers seeking a deluxe Thailand Beach tour package experience. Cruise the Andaman Sea aboard a luxury liveaboard, explore the world-famous Similan Islands, Koh Bon, and Koh Tachai, and enjoy gourmet onboard dining, personalized service, and expert-guided snorkel and dive excursions. Highlights include pristine white-sand beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and breathtaking sunset sails. This itinerary is ideal for those searching for a top-tier Thailand Beach package or a 7 and 8 Thailand Beach tour package offering a perfect mix of relaxation, adventure, and culinary indulgence.

### Highlights:

- Similan Islands National Park — crystal-clear water & exceptional snorkeling
- Koh Bon & Koh Tachai — iconic dive sites and manta ray sightings
- Phuket — arrival hub with cultural and culinary options
- Luxury liveaboard — spacious cabins, gourmet meals, and onboard comforts
- Guided snorkeling & diving — equipment, briefings, and expert guides included

Note: Itinerary is subject to weather and national park regulations. Some activities may be adjusted for safety.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: 1 night hotel in Phuket on arrival, 5 nights onboard luxury liveaboard (private or twin cabin), 1 night hotel in Phuket on return.
- ✓ Meals: All gourmet meals onboard (breakfast, lunch, dinner), welcome dinner, selected hotel breakfasts.
- ✓ Transfers: Airport-to-hotel arrival transfer, hotel-to-marina and marina-to-hotel transfers.
- ✓ Activities: Guided snorkeling, park entry fees for Similan Islands, guided shore excursions, onboard conservation talks, sunrise yoga (subject to schedule).
- ✓ Equipment: Snorkeling gear, safety equipment, basic dive briefing. Dive tanks and guided dives available at extra cost or as pre-booked add-ons.
- ✓ Services: English-speaking cruise crew and guides, luggage handling, daily housekeeping onboard.
- ✓

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International and domestic flights to/from Phuket.
- ✗ Visa fees, travel insurance, personal expenses, and gratuities for crew and guides.
- ✗ Optional certified scuba dives (beyond introductory dives), dive certifications, and advanced dive packages.
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages not included in standard meal package (can be purchased onboard or included in premium beverage package).
- ✗ Optional excursions onshore not listed in the itinerary, medical costs, and any COVID-19 testing if required.

Taxes & fees: Government taxes and national park fees as listed in itinerary.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

---

Day

1

### **Arrival in Phuket & Welcome Transfer**

Arrive at Phuket International Airport and receive a private transfer to your hotel. Check-in, relax by the pool or explore Patong or Kata beaches at leisure. In the evening, meet the cruise representative for a pre-embarkation briefing and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant or at your hotel.

Includes airport transfer and hotel check-in guidance. Early arrival recommended to rest before boarding.

Day

2

### **Embarkation & Sunset Cruise**

Board the luxury liveaboard in the afternoon and settle into your cabin. Safety briefing and ship orientation by experienced crew. Enjoy the first gourmet onboard dinner as the boat sets sail into the Andaman Sea. Relax on deck for a spectacular Andaman sunset and evening stargazing.

Please keep luggage light for easier embarkation.

Day

3

### **Cruise to Similan Islands & Afternoon Snorkel**

Sail toward Similan Islands National Park. After arrival, enjoy a guided snorkel at an iconic spot with vibrant coral gardens and tropical fish. Onboard marine naturalist provides briefing on local ecology. Evening free for relaxation and a themed gourmet dinner prepared by the ship's chef.

Park fees included. Swimming ability required for snorkeling.

Day

4

### **Explore Main Similan Islands & Beach Time**

Shore excursion to Island beaches with white sand and clear water — perfect for swimming, beachcombing, and photography. Optional guided nature walk to scenic viewpoints. Afternoon snorkeling and optional introductory dive sessions for certified or first-time divers.

Wear reef-safe sunscreen. Follow guides for protected-area rules.

Day

5

### **Koh Bon & Koh Tachai — Premium Dive & Snorkel Sites**

Visit Koh Bon and Koh Tachai, renowned for their abundant marine life and dramatic underwater topography. Multiple guided snorkel sessions and optional certified dives; high chance to see manta rays and reef sharks. Return to the yacht for onboard spa options or sunset cocktails.

Advanced diver options available; book dives in advance. Weather may affect access to Koh Tachai.

Day

6

### **Leisure Sail & Marine Conservation Briefing**

Enjoy a relaxed sailing day with on-deck leisure, sunrise yoga session, and a marine conservation talk by the onboard naturalist. Afternoon free for snorkeling or diving at calm bays. Indulge in a multi-course chef's tasting menu featuring fresh seafood and international cuisine.

Dietary requirements can be accommodated with advance notice.

Day

7

### **Return Cruise to Phuket & Disembarkation**

Early morning cruise back toward Phuket. Breakfast onboard, final snorkel opportunity depending on timing, and disembark at the marina. Private transfer to your Phuket hotel for an evening at leisure — consider a sunset view at Promthep Cape or dinner in Old Phuket Town.

Disembarkation time subject to port scheduling. Keep passport and travel documents handy.

Day

8

### **Departure or Extended Stay in Phuket**

After hotel check-out, enjoy free time for last-minute shopping, beach relaxation, or an optional half-day Phuket city tour. Private transfer to Phuket International Airport for onward flights.

If extending your stay, concierge can arrange activities such as island-hopping, Thai cooking classes, or spa treatments.

## **🔍 Frequently Asked Questions**

---

## ❓ **When is the best time to visit Thailand from India?**

The best time to visit Thailand is during the cool/dry season from November to February, when temperatures range from 24–30°C with clear skies and minimal rainfall. This is perfect for beach activities on the Andaman coast (Phuket, Krabi) and sightseeing in Bangkok and Chiang Mai. However, this is peak season with higher prices and crowds. The hot season (March–June) offers good deals but temperatures can reach 35°C. During monsoon (June–October), the Andaman side experiences rough seas, but the Gulf side (Koh Samui) is often better July–September. Northern Thailand (Chiang Mai) can get quite cool in winter mornings (15–20°C), so pack layers. Book early for November–February travel.

---

## ❓ **How can I reach Thailand from India?**

Flying is the most convenient option with direct flights from major Indian cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad to Bangkok (BKK/DMK), Phuket (HKT), and seasonal flights to Chiang Mai and Krabi. Flight times are short: Kolkata (2.5 hours), Chennai/Bengaluru (3.5–4 hours), and Delhi/Mumbai (4–5 hours). Airlines like Thai Airways, IndiGo, Air India, and budget carriers operate these routes. There's no direct rail connection, and overland travel via Myanmar requires complex permits and is only recommended with specialist operators. Once in Thailand, domestic flights, trains, and buses connect major destinations efficiently.

---

## ❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Thailand?**

Visa requirements for Indian passport holders change frequently, so always check the latest policies before travel. Thailand has offered various schemes including visa exemption periods, visa on arrival, and e-visa options for Indians. Currently, you may be eligible for visa-free entry for short stays or visa on arrival, but policies can change based on diplomatic agreements. Keep multiple passport-sized photos handy and ensure your passport has at least 6 months validity with blank pages. Check with the Royal Thai Embassy or consulate in India, or visit the official Thai immigration website for the most current requirements. It's advisable to have proof of return tickets and accommodation bookings.

---

## ❓ **What are the local transportation options in Thailand?**

Thailand offers excellent transportation options. In Bangkok, use the BTS Skytrain, MRT subway, and Airport Rail Link for efficient city travel. Get a Rabbit Card for quick payments. Metered taxis, tuk-tuks, and Grab (ride-hailing) are widely available. For intercity travel, domestic flights are quick and affordable. The State Railway offers comfortable overnight sleepers to destinations like Chiang Mai and Surat Thani. VIP buses provide good connectivity between cities. For islands, ferries and speedboats are essential – book through reputable operators. In tourist areas, songthaews (shared pickup trucks) are common. Always insist taxi drivers use the meter, and compare Grab prices. Motorbike taxis are available but use caution and wear helmets.

---

## ❓ **Where should I stay in Thailand and what accommodation options are available?**

Thailand offers accommodations for every budget. In Bangkok, stay near BTS stations in Sukhumvit (shopping/nightlife), Silom (business district), or riverside areas for convenience. Chiang Mai's old city puts you near temples and markets. For beaches, Phuket offers variety from Patong (nightlife) to quieter Kata/Karon. Krabi's Railay Beach provides stunning limestone scenery. Koh Samui has family-friendly resorts and boutique properties. Options range from budget hostels (₹500-1500/night) and mid-range hotels (₹2000-6000/night) to luxury resorts (₹10000+/night). Popular chains include Anantara, JW Marriott, and InterContinental. Book early for peak season (November-February). Consider location carefully - beach proximity, transport links, and nearby attractions matter more than just price.

---

## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Thailand?**

Thailand's top attractions span culture, nature, and adventure. In Bangkok, visit the Grand Palace and Wat Pho temple, then explore floating markets and take a Chao Phraya river cruise. Ayutthaya's UNESCO ruins make an excellent day trip. Chiang Mai offers the old city's temples, Doi Suthep mountain temple, and vibrant markets. For beaches, Phuket and Phang Nga Bay provide island-hopping to James Bond Island. Krabi's Railay Beach offers world-class rock climbing and stunning limestone karsts. Koh Samui features palm-fringed beaches and Ang Thong Marine Park. Don't miss Kanchanaburi's Bridge on River Kwai and Erawan Falls. Sukhothai's quieter ruins are perfect for cycling. Each region offers unique experiences - temples in the north, beaches in the south, and urban energy in Bangkok.

---

## ❓ **What Thai food should I try and where can I find good restaurants?**

Thai cuisine offers incredible variety beyond the familiar Pad Thai. Must-try dishes include Tom Yum Goong (spicy-sour soup), Green/Red/Massaman curry (Massaman is milder), Som Tam (papaya salad), and Khao Soi (Chiang Mai's coconut curry noodles). Don't miss Mango Sticky Rice for dessert. For vegetarians, say 'gin jay' for vegan options without fish sauce. Top dining spots include Raan Jay Fai (Bangkok) for legendary crab omelette, Thipsamai for classic Pad Thai, and Gaggan Anand for progressive Indian-Thai fusion. In Chiang Mai, try Khao Soi Khun Yai for authentic northern flavors. Street food is generally safe at busy stalls with high turnover. Start with milder dishes and gradually increase spice levels. Always drink bottled water and eat at crowded local spots for the freshest food.

---

## ★ **Traveller Reviews**

---



**Suman Verma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Perfect Mix of Relaxation and Fun**

This tour struck the right balance between relaxation on the beaches and adventure in the cities. I appreciated the variety in activities.



**Tarun Singh**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Foodie's Delight**

Food lovers will find Thailand irresistible! The variety of flavors and dishes we experienced on this tour was phenomenal.



**Jasmin Ali**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Cultural Richness**

The depth of culture and tradition in Thailand is remarkable. The tour offered plenty of opportunities to immerse ourselves in local customs.



**Kavya Gupta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Thrilling Activities**

From scuba diving to zip-lining, every activity in this tour package was exhilarating. An adventure-seeker's dream come true!



**Ajay Kapoor**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Journey of a Lifetime**

Thailand was an incredible destination with amazing experiences. This tour truly made it a journey of a lifetime.

## **Why Choose TourGrids?**

---

Because your dream vacation deserves the best! From expert advice to personalized trips, easy booking, and unbeatable deals — we make travel stress-free and fun!

 **Expert-Guided Planning**

Personalized guidance from verified travel experts who understand your needs.

 **Customizable Packages**

Tailor your trip your way — destinations, experiences, budget. All up to you!

 **Hassle-Free Booking**

Smooth, secure, and simple booking process without any stress or confusion.

 **Best Price Guarantee**

Multiple free quotes and booking at the most competitive rates available.

---

For the latest pricing, availability, and customization options, visit:

<https://tourgrids.com/packages/thailand/thailand-7-nights-8-days-package-924>