

**COLOURS OF THAILAND
A 14 DAYS /14 NIGHTs TRAVELLING
JOURNEY – Provisional Itinerary.**

**WITH ELISABETH VIGUIE CULSHAW
CELEBRATING DYEING AND WEAVING
With local artists...**

19TH November to 3rd December 2026



**Day 1 – Thursday 19th November 2026
BANGKOK 6PM**

Welcome to Thailand

Upon arrival to Bangkok airport, make your way to our hotel in the Siam area of Bangkok.

Our tour meeting is at 6pm. We will meet



each others and go through our program. This will be followed by a Welcome diner in a wonderful local restaurant.

**Meals included: Diner
Activity included: None**

**Day 2 – Friday 20st November 2026
BANGKOK**

On our first day we will join our Thai friend Agrinda a knowledgeable guide and Khon theatre traditional dancer to visit some traditional part of Bangkok and the Queen Sirikit Museum. He will share with us some of the wonderful Thai traditions.

We travel back on the Chaopraya river and by local BTS like locals.

Diner will be at a traditional Thai food restaurant in the Siam Area.

**Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and diner
Activity included: Visit of the Queen Sirikit Museum**

**Day 3 – Saturday 21nd November 2026
BANGKOK**

Today after a breakfast we will aboard a small bus and make our way outside Bangkok to a traditional coconut grove to meet our friend and tannin artist Kanida. After visiting her beautiful historic home, we will make our way to her studio under the coconut trees and spend the day mark making with banana tannin.

**Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Activity included: tannin drawing workshop**

**Day 4 – Sunday 22nd November 2026
SAKHON NAKHON TRAVEL DAY**

This morning We will make our way to the Jim Thomson House by foot to visit the home of the American business man who revived the Thai silk industry in the 1960“ in collaboration with the beautiful young Queen Sirikit. His beautiful home was made of traditional Teak houses and is abode with Thai Art. We will learn his story and how his influence is still strong today.

We will then travel by domestic flight to Sakhon Nakhon in Northern Thailand. This area is the rice farming and Indigo growing part of Thailand.

There we will spend wonderful 4 days discovering Cotton, Indigo and Dye plants with Mann Crafts in his unique Botanical garden.

After checking in our hotel, we will visit “Indigo Street” a weekly night week end market that brings together Indigo artisans of the area to show their wares.

Diner will be in Sakhon Nakhon.

Meals included: Breakfast, and dinner, lunch will be at your preference in the airport.



Activity included: visit to the Jim Thomson house and to the Indigo market.

**Day 5 – Monday 23th November 2025
SAKHON NAKHON DAY ONE**

Today we tour with our host around the local Weaving communities and we will visit cotton weavers as well as the

University led development center for silk production, dyeing and weaving.

We will get a chance to discover about sustainable local dyeing and weaving to produce garment and cloth.

Our day will be complete with a gorgeous evening meal in a local restaurant. All meals during our time in Sakhon Nakhon will give us a taste of ISAN.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and diner

Activity included: Textile tour

**Day 6/7/8 – Tuesday 24th /Wednesday 25th /Thursday 26th of November
SAKHON NAKHON DAY 2 to 4**

For three days we will spend the time in Mann’s garden to discover Indigo and Natural dyes processes and follow a hands on workshop as well as a visit to the botanical garden.

The aim is to create fabric and yarn samples to take home using local colors.

We will discover the dye garden and the story of our host. Please note the aim is to produce a color pallet not to dye products. There will not be time for personal projects there.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and diner

Activities included: Visit of the garden, dyeing activities, spinning and weaving demonstrations.

Day 9 – Friday 27th of November CHIANGMAI

Today we will travel by 2 internal flights to Chiangmai our last stop. A good day for reflecting on what we have done and seen so far, A good moment for sharing stories and relax. We will have an airport brunch and arrive mid-afternoon in our lovely main hotel. The Bamboo Nest. Built as an Eco-lodge it is a beautiful place and will host us until the end of the trip. We are taking over the location and the team will help us unwinding and will create wonderful food for us.

There will be some downtime upon arriving. Our hotel in Chiangmai is a

beautiful piece of architecture and we will enjoy a delicious welcome diner by the Burmese team who will look after us.

We have organized a wonderful welcome diner for that evening with some story telling and Michelin grade food by a chef from Myanmar. It will be a memorable evening and Nussara Thiengkate the owner of the Bamboo family market will join us to share her experience.

Meals included: Welcome Myanmar dinner



Day 10 – Saturday 28th of November CHIANGMAI

Today We will visit the JingJai market an organic food and craft market and a great place for picking up food souvenirs and finding snacks to eat for lunch.

The afternoon will be spent at Kalm Village a cultural center focusing on heritage and textile art. Coffee in the garden or viewing the exhibition our group will find the right activity for a Sunday afternoon. It is an option to walk to the Hmong market.

Diner will be early in the old town as next day will have an early start.

Meals included : Breakfast and dinner

Day 11 - Sunday 29th of November

Today we will have the chance to discover The Bamboo family market linked to our hotel location and its community.

I have asked two dye experts to run a shibori workshop at The Indigo Hug, Worn and Khung will be helping us to create wonderful patterns on individual pieces.

In the Bamboo market there will be great food with for example the famous Green Vegan Noodle from Burma, live local music and some great chance to mingle with the artisans and why no purchase some of their products.

As it is a short working distance it will be a possibility to chill and take a nap in your own hotel room.

We will dine early at the famous Meena Rice restaurant part of the market.

Meals included: Breakfast, and diner.
Activity: Market visits, Indigo dye workshop

Day 12 – Monday 30th November Chiangmai:



Today we will meet Prang and Booms, textile and dye specialist and researchers who will take us to the Lanna Museum of Chiangmai to talk to us about the origins of Chiangmai and the textile heritage linked with it. We will discover the tradition of weaving covers for buddhists manuscripts.

After lunch we will spend time with Prang

and Boom to try our hand at weaving, spinning fibre on a traditional wheel.



Diner will be hosted by Prang in a local traditional Thai restaurant in the old town.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and diner
Activity: Museum visit, fibre activity workshop.

**Day 13 - Monday 1st December
Chiangmai**

Today will be a day off for all to recharge batteries, shop, pack and enjoy Chiangmai

Meals available: Breakfast will be offered, Lunch and dinner are free although the group could decide to meet up for dinner if preferred.

**Day 14 – Tuesday 2nd December
CHIANGDAO**

Today is our last day together and we have prepared an exceptionally enjoyable day with two very special friends.

Today we will take a day trip to Studio Chiang Dao Blue in Chiang Dao for a day Indigo and Ebony dyeing. Our last workshop. In the company of Khun Siripohn an Indigo grower and dyer we will have the chance to dye a large-scale piece using her 200 liters vats. We will also visit her gallery.

On our way back we will visit a private Indigo farm and the country farmhouse of

a local retired industrialist turned farmer. We will sample his young coconut water.

Our last diner will be a treat as the next day we part.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Activity included: Indigo and Ebony seed dyeing day. Indigo farm tour.

**Day 15 – Wednesday 3rd December
CHIANGMAI**

Today is our parting day. After breakfast you will be checking out of our hotel and say Good bye. Check out is 10am unless organized otherwise with Bamboo Nest.

Our parting is done from Chiangmai and we can help organizing your transfer to the airport.

If you need help with sourcing flights we can give you some tips. If you are staying in Chiangmai we can assist you to transfer accommodation and can advise for choice of area. Off course further accommodation and transfers are at your costs.

THE FIBER AND COLOUR SEN FESTIVAL ORGANISED YEARLY BY THE BAMBOO FAMILY MARKET WILL RUN BETWEEN THE 4TH AND THE 7TH OF DECEMBER

THE CHIANGMAI DESIGN WEEK WILL RUN AROUND THE SAME DATES, MAKE SURE YOU ENQUIRE ABOUT BOTH OF THEM BEFORE FINALISING YOUR FINAL OVERALL DATES.

Notes:

- While overseas flights are not included and we cannot book them for you, we can give gentle advice towards your long haul flights.
 - Comprehensive notes about travelling in Thailand will be shared with the registered travellers. It is also possible to email me with questions before booking.
 - The phone network in Thailand is excellent and you can catch network of hi speed from everywhere for data messages.
 - Accommodation will be single rooms.
 - All our accommodation will feature, good air conditioning, wife, private bathrooms, Western style toilet. Access to drinking water, kettles in the rooms.
 - You need to be fit to travel, to carry your suitcase, to walk upstairs, to arrive from and leave to the airport without assistance... I am not a travel agent with a lot of staff... Just a friend you are travelling with.
 - If you have a mobility issue, I am so sorry this is not the trip for you.
- If you are vegetarian you have to be prepared to eat disjointed meals at time as the Thai cuisine contains a lot of fish sauce used instead of salt. For Vegan it is seriously difficult.
 - When in Chiangmai you will get the opportunity to bail out if you would like a few hours to explore by yourself but no refund will be made on behalf of the planned workshops.
 - While our time table is pretty fixed it is possible that some activities move around or are replaced if I find a more interesting activity, I would like to share with you.
 - A final itinerary will be communicated including details of hotels and specific places to registered travelers one months before leaving.
 - You will also receive closer to the time details of the individuals we will meet and their social media so you can research them. We will have a zoom chat to meet each other.
 - Most of our hosts, workshop leaders will speak enough English



- so you can communicate. For the rest... there is google translate.
- Please make sure you have plenty of space in your luggage for souvenirs and textile we made during our stay. But I will only book and pay for internal flights for one suitcase up to 20 kg. Anything above will be at your cost.
 - All places we will visit I am familiar with and I am confident you will love them as much as me.
 - I will advise at time of booking about potential events I am aware



off in the locations we are visiting should you want to revisit or stay longer.

- You should aim at arriving a little earlier to catch your feet with the jet lag or stay a little longer to have time for personal exploration.
- While we will in loads of case travel by minibus, I will share knowledge for local transport and mode of communication that you



should be able to use in a future visit.

- I will share ahead of time information about sim cards, banking apps and other practical information to make your trip easy.

Our trip in a few bullets' points

Museum and buildings visits:

- Jim Thomson
- Grand Palace and Queen Sirikit Museum of textile

- Bangkok art center
- Lanna museum Chiangmai

Transport:

- Sky train
- Local ferry boat
- Bus
- Internal flights

Workshops:

- Banana tannin Full day
- Indigo and natural dye of fabric and yarn at Mann's craft 4 full day
- Bamboo thread and bashed leaves
- Weaving of manuscripts. Half day
- Indigo and Ebony dye full day

Markets:

- Iconsiam
- Hmong market
- Bamboo market
- Chamcha
- Jingjai

Locations:

- Bangkok
- Sakhon Nakhon
- Chiangmai
- Chiangdao

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