



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HONG KONG & BANGKOK**  
**Trip Preview**

Keith Mills, National Accounts Manager for Chamber Explorations was introduced. Chamber Explorations is a division of Premier World Discovery based in Redondo Beach, CA. They have been in business 13 years and provide inclusive trips to group travelers.

The airline for the trip is Cathay Pacific. They are specifically a long-distance carrier and have been named one of the top-rated airlines in the world. The flight is non-stop from New York and takes 16 hours. Three meals and three movies are offered. The flight goes North just missing the North Pole and flies over Siberia and Russia. The luggage limit is 50 pounds.

Day one (March 13) begins with a flight out of JFK at approximately 3 PM. Travelers should be to JFK no later than 12 Noon. We arrive in Hong Kong the next day (March 14) at 7 PM. From there we take a 2-hour flight to Bangkok. The time change is 12 hours. This trip is a mixture of both sight seeing opportunities and free time. Breakfast is provided each day. Dinner is provided once in Bangkok and once in Hong Kong.

Day three (March 15) is a city tour of Bangkok featuring a visit to the Grand Palace. Dress for the Palace is modest. It is suggested that you wear comfortable shoes although it is relatively easy walking. A Thai Dinner & Dance at Silom Village is included. Bangkok is the third most visited city in the world following London & Paris. We will be staying in a 5 Star hotel located in the financial district. (Similar to Wall Street) The population is 7 million, 14 million including the metro area. It is densely populated. March is the dry season and weather will be in the 80's and 90's. 95% of the nation practices Buddhism.

Day four (March 16) we tour the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Thai residents will be selling fruits & vegetables on the river. You won't find a ton of people speaking English. Tonight an optional dinner cruise is available.

Days five & six (March 17 & 18) are free days. Take the business card from the hotel with you in case of an emergency. It is a safe city with the biggest crime being pick-pocketing--similar to any big city. There are lots of great shopping opportunities. Clothing is a bargain. There are lots of knock-offs so you might want to seek guidance from your travel guide. You can "bargain" in the markets but not in shopping malls. There are many restaurant opportunities including American offerings. A nice dinner will cost you about \$10 in American dollars. An optional tour to Ayutthaya is available.

Day seven (March 19) we travel to Hong Kong and enjoy a city tour including the famous Suzie Wong area. The population of Hong Kong is about 7 million. It is very vibrant city

and rated one of the top five most beautiful cities in the world. It has a middle class economy and modern buildings. Hong Kong remains a separate political entity.

Day eight (March 20) is a full day of leisure.

Day nine (March 21) is free time until we transfer to the airport for the flight home. We arrive at JFK four hours after we leave Hong Kong.

A passport is required for travel but not a visa. No immunizations are legally required but it is highly suggested that you seek the guidance of your personal physician for advice. (Please note: The Wayne County Health Department may offer shots at a lower rate than your doctor's office).

Credit cards (MasterCard & Visa) are accepted everywhere. Do not rely on American Express or Discover. Please check with your individual phone carrier about international coverage.

Quotes are available for "land only" travelers and those who wish to share three to a room.

A \$500 deposit will guarantee your reservation. Spacing is limited to 44 travelers so we recommend sending your payment in quickly.