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No visit to Thailand is complete without a trip on the River of Kings. Combining old world splendour and ultra-luxurious modern comfort, Loy Pela Voyages, the best river cruise from Bangkok to Ayutthaya, offers unforgettable heritage journeys along this legendary waterway.



# Day 1

11.00 AM

## Leave the resort

### Explore Wat Arun

Explore Wat Arun, a Buddhist temple (wat) in Bangkok Yai district of Bangkok, Thailand, on the Thonburi west bank of the Chao Phraya River. The temple derives its name from the Hindu god Aruna, often personified as the radiations of the rising sun. Wat Arun is among the best known of Thailand's landmarks. The first light of the morning reflects off the surface of the temple with pearly iridescence. Although the temple had existed since at least the seventeenth century, its distinctive prang (spires) were built in the early nineteenth century during the reign of King Rama II.

Leave Wat Arun at 12.30 hrs.

### Lunch served on board.

### Tuk Tuk ride and explore Sunandha Palace

Take a tuk-tuk ride (10 min) to the Sunandha Palace.

The museum is a beautiful former Royal palace. It was used as a centre of arts training for Royal women in ancient Siam. More recently, it was developed into a teaching training facility, then became Rajabhat Institute and is now Suan Sunandha University. About a century ago, Suan Sunandha was regarded as the first royal culinary college for ladies of the court. Inspired by his experiences during his second visit to Europe, the king ordered the construction of a new royal residence with lush green gardens.

# Day 1

## Explore Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Worawihan

*“Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Worawihan”*, which literally is *“Glorified Grand Temple”*, is an ancient temple of more than 160 years old, situated in the Bang Si Mueang district in Nonthaburi. It was built in 1849 by King Nangklao (Rama III) in dedication to his mother (Queen Consort Sri Sulalai) and grandparents, who resided in the area. This temple has a unique characteristic that is unlike other temples in the country, as it is fortified like the walls of the Grand Palace. This once was the site of the old fort named *“Pom Thaphim”* before.

## Dinner served

## Over night at Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Worawihan

# Day 2



7.00 AM

## Breakfast

### Explore the canals of Ayutthaya by boat

A private longtail boat trip around the historical island of Ayutthaya provides a relaxing way to see some of the most famous temples in the area. You'll also have the chance to observe local life and people that live around the river and more recent, active Buddhist temples. Grab some great photo opportunities.

## Lunch

### Explore Bang Pa In Palace

Take a short walk to the Bang Pa In Summer Palace. The original palace was built by King Prasat Thong on the island and was used as a country residence for the later kings of the Ayutthaya period. However, after the capital moved to Bangkok, Bang Pa In was abandoned for 80 years to be revived by King Rama V, who commanded the construction of additional theatres, temples and monuments in a mixture of European, Chinese and Thai styles.

### Explore Ayutthaya Historical town

Drive to Ayutthaya. When surrounded by these ruins, now listed as a UNESCO world heritage site, it's not difficult to imagine the grandeur that once was the kingdom of Ayutthaya. While driving around we explore Wat Phra Sri Sanpetch with its three large bell-shaped stupas. Visit Wat Rat Burana, one of Ayutthaya's most impressive Kmer style temples and look out for the head of Buddha trapped amidst the roots of a banyan tree at the famous Wat Mahathat.

### Sunset cocktails followed by wine pairing dinner

### Overnight at Wat Bangchak

# Day 3

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**9.00 AM**

Wake up on the final morning. Spend the entire day at leisure on deck with a lavish buffet brunch, brimming with gourmet Thai delicacies. Raise a glass of bubbly and toast an exceptional journey as you travel back to Bangkok.

**2.00 PM**

**Arrive at the Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort pier.**



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