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Thailand – 2027

Apr 4 – 18, 2027
Guided by Alvaro Jaramillo and expert Thai Birding Guide.

Oriental Pied Hornbill

Thailand is a country that we have visited as a pre-trip to our Bhutan tour. Yet in 2024 we ran our first full tour of the country, co-guided by Peter Burke and it went quite well. We have been back since, and made a few tweaks to the itinerary, which we will be offering it again early in 2027 this time with Alvaro co-guiding. This is a trip for birders who want to explore a wonderful nation, that is full of birds, and great food. Our team on the ground is great, and they will be able to show you an amazing trip, including central and northern Thailand, with Alvaro as your host and guide from North America. Thailand is the birding gem of Southeast Asia, and there are so many lodges and hides now setup

for seeing some difficult species, as well as the more common and easily visible abundance that is found in Thailand.

The Birding Sites We Visit

Bangkok Area and Spoon-billed Sandpiper – we will visit various public parks near the capital city, including mangrove forest and forested parks. There are ponds and rice paddies here too where Pheasant-tailed Jacana or Cotton Pygmy-Goose may be among your favorite birds. Key will be our time in the ponds looking for the rare and fantastic Spoon-billed Sandpiper at Bann Pak Thale. Not only will we have a good chance to find the Spoon-billed, but other uncommon Asian shorebirds are found here including the Asiatic Dowitcher, as well as Nordmann's Greenshank. Some other highlights include the Terek Sandpiper, Far Eastern Curlew, as well as two species of sand plovers.

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Kaeng Krachan National Park – This is a large national park on the west side of the country. It is huge and has not only a great deal of birds, but various mammals are found here from Giant Squirrels to Asian Elephant. The latter can be tough to see, although you do find evidence of their presence throughout. The birding highlights are almost too many to mention. But a description of how one birds the park is necessary. The access road reaches deep into the park, and stopping at various sections along the road is key. Lower down and close to the entrance we have a pond, and edge habitats, as one ventures farther along, the forest is taller and older. There is one area deeper in the forest where a walking trail is used which crosses the creek, such that you will require rubber boots to do so.

Khao Yai National Park and Eastern Thailand – On our way to Khao Yai NP we will stop in limestone rock habitat, and search for the Rufous Limestone Babbler. Khao Yai is another large National Park, with different habitats and avifauna compared to Kaeng Krachan. Similarly, the road gives access to various different habitats, and we will have two days to get acquainted with the various birds and forest in the park. In one spot in the park, five different flowerpecker species are possible. These endearing birds are some of the birds you will remember from birding in Southeast Asia. There are trogons, broadbills, hornbills, scimitar-babblers, pittas, forktails and nice kingfishers – lots to see.

Doi ang Khang National Park – This park in the north is quite different in the avifauna found here. It is also an area where the Thai, Burmese and Chinese cultures intermingle, and some fabulous local food is to be found. The park reaches elevations greater than 1000m, and thus is home to slightly more subtropical species such as Hume's Pheasant, and Mountain Bamboo-Partridge along with a number of colorful passerines including many thrushes, redstarts and colorful flycatchers. In the creeks the White-crowned Forktail is possible, and we may find the Giant Nuthatch as well. If you have not been to Southeast Asia before, the names of some of the bird groups are alluring enough – Laughingthrushes, Finchbill, Niltavas, Parrotbills, Sibias, Shrike-Babblers, Fulvettas, Yuhinas. We may even see the amazing looking Hodgson's Frogmouth.

Doi Inthanon National Park – Two days in this national park with a nice variety of habitats, including Dipterocarp Forest. This is a large park, encompassing the headwaters of four different watersheds, and where the highest mountain in Thailand is found. Doi Inthanon is the name of the mountain itself, which has its summit 2565 meters (8415 feet) above sea level. The road to the mountain allows for access to various elevations and therefore different habitats along the way. The Slaty-backed Forktail is in the creeks here, while birds like he Spectacled Barwing will be one of those birds that you think, why is it called a "barwing" and then you see it and understand. In the temperate highlands even, Eurasian Woodcock is a possibility. The highland forest is moss clad, and Rhododendron thickets can be found here, quite different from the warmer tropical lowlands. Even pine forests occur here.

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Painted Storks

About the Physical Requirements & Pace

This is a moderate paced birding tour, although days can be long and travel days may have us arriving at the hotel for a late dinner or after eating a dinner before arrival at the hotel. The aim is not to see every single species possible, but to have fun and have some amazingly diverse birding at various spots in Thailand. We will be looking for a wide variety of birds, but this is not a trip where we will be maxing out the pace to see every single possible bird along the route, although we do spend the whole day out in the field. The idea is for us to enjoy Thailand, its food and its birds. The trip takes place in the tropics so one must be ready for hot and humid environments, and always be ready for a chance of rain. Weather will be cooler and more pleasant in higher elevations. We will be primarily birding, but there will be visits to some sites that include cultural spots of interest, and we will be wishing to sample the local Thai food as well. The accommodation is rated as 3-4 stars by Thai standards, some spots will be less luxurious than others, but all are comfortable, safe and clean. A spa is available in at least one of our hotels. Thai food can be spicy, but it is flavorful and healthy. The chefs often tone down the heat for foreigners, but this varies restaurant to restaurant. Obtaining food with absolutely no spice, is not always possible.

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Note that rubber boots to cross creeks during one walk will be suggested. Or perhaps you can skip this one part of the hike if so desired. Note that if we are in areas where land leeches are found, a reality of forests in Southeast Asia, it will be necessary to have leech socks in a few spots.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Itinerary for Thailand 2027

Note that this itinerary is a guide, we may not visit every single spot noted on the itinerary and will be flexible to accommodate local sightings of interest and what we have or haven't found thus far in the trip.

Apr 4, 2027 (Day 0) - Arrival into Thailand. Arrive any time today, night at airport hotel.

Apr 5, 2027 (Day 1) – Airport Hotel to West Bangkok and Phetchaburi.

07:00 start when we will be picked up by our Thai guides at the lobby of our hotel near the airport. Then transfer to Lad Krabaung paddy field which is near the airport. This is a great introduction to local waterbirds and open country species. We may find the Golden and Baya weavers, Scaly-breasted Munia, Red Avadavat and Zitting Cisticola. Waterbirds might include Bronze-winged Jacana, Yellow Bittern, Indian and Javan pond herons, Pin-tailed Snipe, Black-headed Ibis, Painted Stork, Spot-billed Pelican, Gray-headed Swamphen, Indian and Little cormorants, White-browed Crake, Common Sandpiper,

Siamese Pied Starling, Chestnut-tailed Starling, Ashy Wood Swallow and perhaps shorebirds in the mudflats. We then drive 45 minutes to a stake out spot for the Java Sparrow, quite a local species in Thailand. We will be flexible as to where we bird, perhaps at Mahachai Mangrove Forest, or Wat Chalerm Phrakiet. We could run into the Coppersmith Barbet, Small Minivet, Common Iora, Common Koel and Openbill Stork. In the mangrove perhaps we could see Mangrove Whistler, Yellow-bellied Gerygone, Collared Kingfisher, Racket-tailed Treepie, Ruddy-breasted Crake, and Cotton Pygmy Goose. With luck the gorgeous Pheasant-tailed Jacana will be visible, along with the Oriental Pratincole. We will spend the night at the coastal town of Phetchaburi.

Apr 6, 2027 (Day 2) – Spoon-billed Sandpiper search and Kaeng Krachan. We will drive a short way to Bann Pak Thale to search for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. There are a few, this is a rare species but with good current information we have a very high chance of finding them. We will also look for Nordmann's Greenshank, Asiatic Dowitcher and more species of shore birds. Then we drive to Lame Pak Bia King Project & Rice paddy where we look for freshwater pond birds such as Painted Stork, Siberian Stonechat, Black Drongo, Black-winged Stilt, Black-caped Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Watercock and more. Overnight near Kaeng Krachan National Park.

Apr 7 - 8, 2027 (Day 3 - 4) – Kaeng Krachan inside & outside park. Inside Kaeng Krachan National Park we will be birding in different parts of the park along the access road. The initial section from km 1 – 7 we will be in Secondary Forest & freshwater pond, looking for Little Grebe, Yellow Bittern, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Hoopoe, Ashy Woodswallow, Red-rumped Swallow, Pied Hornbill and more.

Km 7 –15 here we find a mixed forest habitat at 100-250 m elevation: Black-thighed Falconet, Black-naped Oriole, Blue-winged Leafbird, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Greater Yellownape, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black Baza (winter), Red-wattled Lapwing, Asian Barred Owlet, Orange-breasted Trogon, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Ochraceous Bulbul, Stripe-throated Bulbul, Green Iora, Green Magpie, Sultan Tit, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Greater Racket-tail Drongo, Ashy Drongo, Common Flameblack, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Green-eared Barbet, Striped Tit-Babbler, Great Hornbill and more could be found here.

Farther inside, in the Bann Krang unit km 15 – 18 we find evergreen forest 200-500 m: From the Ban Krang unit at km 15 the road becomes a walking path. We will have to walk for our birding here. We will need to cross the stream three times (no bridges, recommend wearing waterproof boots or mud boots). This route may take more than 3 hours, we will take water and snacks. Birding highlights here: Oriental Dwarf-Kingfisher (Apr.-June), Blue-Banded Kingfisher, Banded Kingfisher, Brown Hornbill, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Silver-breasted Broadbills, Javan Frogmouth, Gray-peacock Pheasant.

Even higher, at km. 27-26 we find the Phaneon Thung mountain forest 800-1,200 m: This is a good place for different bird species and mammals. We will be going up to

the top of the mountain by 4WD truck. You will enjoy an exciting search for Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Bar-backed Partridge, Kalij Pheasant, however, and possibly also Long-billed Partridge. Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Besra, Wreath Hornbill, Crested Jay, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Dusky Broadbill, Banded Broadbill, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, White-hooded Babbler, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Grey Treepie. Here there are 4 Species of hornbills Great Hornbill, Wrinkled Hornbill, Wreathed Hornbill and Plain-pouched Hornbill. For mammal watchers: White-handed Gibbon, Dusky Leaf Langur also present on top mountain.

There is also a bird hide (photo blind) outside park might have species such as Blue Pitta, Kalij Pheasant, Scaly-breasted Partridge, Bar-backed Partridge, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush, Greater-necklaced Laughingthrush, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, Red Junglefowl, Stripe-throated Bulbul, Black-crested Bulbul, Striped Tit-Babbler, Racket-tailed Treepie, Large Scimitar Babbler, White-browned Scimitar-Babbler, White-crested Laughingthrush, Green Magpie, Abbott's Babbler, Pied Fantail, etc. Overnight near Kaeng Krachan National Park.

Apr 9, 2027 (Day 5) – Kaeng Krachan - Pra Phutthabath Noi - Khao Yai. Birding a few hours in morning outside the park, then transfer 4 hr. to Wat Putthabath Noi, for a search for the Rufous Limestone Babbler. We will then continue for 1.20 hr. to Khao Yai, if time permits, we will go to the Pak Chong Agriculture station before we check in at the hotel. Overnight at Isaan Isan Boutique Resort Khao Yai

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Crested Goshawk

Apr 10 - 11, 2027 (Day 6 - 7) – Khao Yai. Birding all day inside the park for two days. Various sites we will visit are noted here: Zone Thanarat Bungalow area is where we find scrub, grass fields, and forest edge birds as such Hill Myna, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Heart-spotted Woodpecker. In the Khao Khiew road: Orange-breasted Trogon, Red-headed Trogon, Blue Pitta, Siamese Fireback, Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo, Greater Flameback, Thick-billed Pigeon. At the Pha Diew Dai viewpoint, habitat is evergreen forest and hill forest. Birds as such Red-headed Trogon, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Puff-throated Babbler and more can be found here. Pha Kaw Mai Campsite will be where we look for Orange headed Thrush, Siberian Blue Robin, Hainan Blue Flycatcher and around campground you can see 5 species of flowerpeckers, such as Buff-breasted Flowerpecker, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Plain Flowerpecker, Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. The Forest Trail is a home of Great Hornbill, Wreath Hornbill, White-crested Laughingthrush, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Eared Pitta, Banded Kingfisher, Long-tailed Broadbill. Finally, Haew Suwat waterfall trail 2.8 km is where one could find White-crowned Forktail, Slaty-backed Forktail, Blue-eared Kingfisher. At some point we will visit a the entrance of a cave outside of the park where we can see thousands of emerging bats, as well as several species of raptors that try to feed on them. Overnight at Isaan Isan Boutique Resort Khao Yai

Apr 12, 2027 (Day 8) – Khao Yai - Bangkok Airport – flight to Chiang Rai - Doi Tung and overnight in Fang. Today we will spend a short time birding before we travel to Don Mueng airport, to take our domestic flight to Chiang Rai Province. Upon arrival we will drive an hour to Doi Tung where we have a good chance to see Grey-winged Blackbird, Green Cochoa, and perhaps Rusty-naped Pitta. If the flight is later than expected, we may not be able to do much birding on the way to the hotel. We have a 2.5-hour drive to our hotel in Fang. Overnight at the Tangerine Ville Hotel.

Apr 13, 2027 (Day 9) – Doi Ang Khang. Full day birding in Doi Ang Khang National Park. Here there are multiple places we will visit: Royal Project & Nature Trail where we may find the White-capped Redstart, White-crowned Forktail, Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush, White Wagtail, Black-breasted Thrush, Eye-browed Thrush, Dark-sided Thrush, Silver-eared Mesia, Large Niltava, White-tailed Robin, Scaly Thrush, Spectacled Piculet and more. The camping ground at the military base also good birding, with goodies such as Giant Nuthatch, White-browed Laughingthrush, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, Siberian Stonechat, Spectacled Barwing, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Crested Finchbill, Common Rosefinch, Spot-winged Grosbeak and more. Late afternoon drive of an hour to get to our hotel in Fang town. Overnight at the Tangerine Ville Hotel.

Apr 14, 2027 (Day 10) – Doi Sanju. We will spend full day birding at Doi Sanju, this is a great spot for birding & bird photography in Thailand. We will visit a photo hide and bird feeding spot along the security road of Thai Myanmar border 2,020 m. Arriving early here we have a chance to see the Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Hume's Pheasant, Ultramarine Flycatcher and more. After our visit to the feeding station, we will go birding along the road & different feeding station bird such as Large Niltava, Gray-headed Parrotbill, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Dark-backed Sibia, Long-tailed Sibia, Chestnut-flanked Bush Robin, Stripe-breasted Woodpeckers, Striated Bulbul, Whited-tailed Leaf Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Rufous-tailed Robin, White-gorgetted Flycatcher, Blue-winged Minla, Whiskered Yuhina, Striated Yuhina, Hodgson's Frogmouth (nesting Feb.-Apr.), Himalayan Cutia, Black Magpie, Grey Bushchat and more. This is a day where we may be walking for some time, birding roads and trails. Overnight at the Tangerine Ville Hotel.

Apr 15, 2027 (Day 11) – Chiang Dao to Bann Pang Hong to Doi Inthanon. The itinerary may vary. But this is one of the possibilities of what we could do today. After breakfast we will drive 1.50 hours to Chiang Dao rice field and Wat Tham Pha Bong. The area is surrounded by evergreen forest and birds such as White-throated Fantail, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl (rare), Limestone Wren- Babbler, Black-hooded Oriole, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon can be found here. On the way we will stop at Nong Pan Jiang Lake to check for birds such as rarer waterbirds such as Mandarin Duck, Rufous Treepie, and Red-billed blue Magpie. Towards the halfway point of our drive, we will stop to bird at Mae Hiab agriculture area in Chaing Mai town (in case we can find some birds we have yet to see on the trip), before heading to Doi Lor to see Small Pratincole. Finally, a half

hour away is the Pang Hong wildlife reserve area to see Green Peafowl and then go to our resort inside park. Night at the Touch Star Resort.

Apr 16 - 17, 2027 (Day 12 - 13) – Doi Inthanon National Park. We have two full days birding inside the National Park. There are varied habitats here, like Dipterocarp Forest, where one can find Collared Falconet, Blossom-headed Parakeet. At the Wachirathar Waterfall within the park, we will look for White-capped Redstart, Blue Whistling Thrush, Plumbeous Redstart, and Slaty-backed Forktail. The site known as the Second Check Point is key for Rufous-bellied Niltava, Small Niltava, White-gorgeted Flycatcher, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Yellow-checked Tit, Grey-checked Fulvetta, Black-headed Sibia, Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Grey-headed Flycatcher, White-browed Piculet, Silver-eared Mesia, Spectacled Barwing, Grey-chinned Minivet, Scarlet Minivet, Flavescent Bulbul, Mountain Bulbul etc. Within the park the highest mountain peak is at the elevation of 2,685 m, the highest spot in Thailand. In these highlands we may find Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Lesser Shortwing, White-browed Shortwing, Eurasian Woodcock and more. Finally in Pine Forest one could find Orange-bellied Leafbird, White-headed Bulbul, Grey Treepie, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch, Scaly Thrush and Chestnut-flanked White-eye. Night at the Touch Star Resort.

Apr 18, 2027 (Day 14) – Doi Inthanon National Park - Chiang Mai airport. Return Home. We will spend half a day birding in the park or on our way to the airport. The stops depend on what we have yet to see. It is a 2-hour drive to the airport where we will get our flight back to Bangkok. Night at a hotel near the Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi Airport).

NOTE we will be returning by the late afternoon to Bangkok. A night flight back home tonight should be possible. Check with Alvaro's Adventures before booking your flight. If you prefer a flight out on the 19th. We can arrange an extra hotel night for you at the airport hotel.

Your Guides

Alvaro Jaramillo was born in Chile but began birding in Toronto, where he lived as a youth. He was trained in ecology and evolution with a particular interest in bird behavior. Research forays and backpacking trips introduced Alvaro to the riches of the Neotropics, where he has traveled extensively. He is the author of the Birds of Chile, an authoritative yet portable field guide to Chile's birds. Among various projects he recently authored the ABA Field Guide to Birds of California, and the sparrow chapter for the Handbook of Birds of the World, he is also writing a photo guide to the birds and wildlife of Patagonia. Alvaro was granted the Eisenmann Medal by the Linnaean Society of New York; it is awarded occasionally for excellence in ornithology and encouragement of the amateur.

He is one of the co-hosts of - Life List A Birding Podcast. Alvaro lives with his family in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada.

Panuwat Wongyahweh (nickname: Par) Par has been bird-watching since 1985. In 1992 and 1996, he won the second runner up prize from the Thailand Bird Race, held by the Bird Conservation Society of Thailand (BCST). He is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable Thai birders.

He had earlier volunteered as a bird leader for organizations such as Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Bangchak Petroleum Company (PLC), Rajabhat University's Bird Life Club, and many other groups and societies. Later, he became an earnest bird and wildlife photographer. However, with the development of digital cameras, he stopped taking photos and dedicated himself to hosting bird watchers and bird photographers.

For 7 consecutive years, from February 2004 to March 2011, he was the first Thai birder invited as a guest columnist in the weekly bird-watching scoop for Kom Chad Luek Newspaper, Thailand's second highest selling newspaper (www.KomChadLuek.com). Par has published his own pocket guide book, named "Song Klong Mong Nok" (meaning: Watching birds through binoculars) to assist Thai readers and clients in learning more about bird-watching.

Financial Information

FEE: $6200 from Bangkok. Price includes internal air flights. For a group of 4 or 5 a small group surcharge of $600 will be charged.

DEPOSIT: $1000

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Dec 5, 2026.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): $750

LIMIT: 10. Minimum 4 (but see small group surcharge above)

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Additional Information

DOCUMENTS: A current passport valid six months beyond the date of your return is necessary for US citizens to enter Thailand. If you are not a US citizen, please check with the Thai consulate nearest you for entry requirements. Information about consulates and entry requirements is generally available online or phone or e-mail Alvaro's Adventures and we can look this up. Passports should have an adequate number of blank pages for the entire journey. No visa is required for Thailand if your stay is under 30 days.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Please plan to arrive in Bangkok by Apr 4, 2027. Flights back home at the end of the tour can be booked at night on Apr 18, 2027. We will be back at the airport in the evening of Apr 18, so a night flight back home on that day may be possible. Be sure to check with Alvaro's Adventures to confirm that the flights you have chosen will work with our itinerary and to confirm that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate. If you will be leaving on Apr 19, we can organize an additional hotel night for you at the airport hotel.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS: The tour fee is $6200 for one person in double occupancy from Bangkok, note the small group surcharge for groups of 4 or 5. It includes all lodging from Day 0 (arrival) through Day 13, all meals from breakfast on Day 1 through lunch on Day 14, all ground transportation, internal flights, entrance fees, tips for baggage handling and meal service, and the guide services of the tour leaders. Alcoholic beverages and items of a personal nature are not included. The above fees do not include your airfare to and from Thailand, airport taxes, visa fees, optional tips to local drivers and guides, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

The single supplement for the tour is $750. If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee.

TOUR REGISTRATION: To register for this tour, complete the Registration/Release and Indemnity form and return it with a **full payment**. If registering by phone, a deposit and the Release and Indemnity form must be received within fourteen days, or the space will be released. **Full payment** when you register**. We will bill you for the final payment at either 120 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later.** Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refund of deposit and payment, less $100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 120 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 70 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable.

This policy only applies to payments made to Alvaro's Adventures for tour (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of the insurance is not refundable, so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airlines restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. The right is reserved to substitute another guide for the original one. Where this is necessary, notification will be given to tour members, and they will have the right to cancel their participation and receive a full refund.

TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE: Thailand requires that you have emergency medical insurance covering $50,000 and covering Covid related issues. We also strongly recommend you consider purchasing trip

cancellation insurance to cover your investment in case of injury or illness to you or your family prior to or during a trip. Because we must remit early (and substantial) tour deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer any refund when cancellation occurs within 70 days of departure, and only a partial refund from 70 to 119 days prior to departure (see CANCELLATION POLICY). In addition, the Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. US medical insurance plans seldom cover health costs incurred outside the United States unless supplemental coverage is purchased. Furthermore, US Medicare and Medicaid programs do not provide payment for medical services outside the United States.

When making a decision regarding health insurance, Americans should consider that many foreign doctors and hospitals require payment in cash prior to providing service and that a medical evacuation to the United States may cost well in excess of $50,000. Uninsured travelers who require medical care overseas often face extreme difficulties. When consulting with your insurer prior to your trip, please ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas healthcare provider or whether you will be reimbursed later for expenses that you incur.

RESPONSIBILITY: For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Alvaro's Adventures, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the reverse side of the registration form. Alvaro's Adventures acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. Alvaro's Adventures accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Alvaro's Adventures reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Alvaro's Adventures reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, and other pertinent matter provided by Alvaro's

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Adventures. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

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