



## Macquarie University Museum Studies Program

### Museums and Galleries Study Tour in Thailand January 2008

#### Preliminary timetable of events:

Note:

1. Some departure times may be altered depending on the advice of our tour bus driver who knows just how long traffic hold-ups can be.
2. Except for some days when lunch is provided, you will need to pay for your own lunch and dinner.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Sat 19 Jan</b>	<b>6.45am (no later):</b> Arrive at the airport <b>8.55am:</b> Depart Sydney	<b>14.14pm:</b> Arrive Bangkok <b>15.40pm:</b> Depart Bangkok <b>17.00pm:</b> Arrive Sukhothai	Transfer to the Ananda Hotel
<b>Sun 20 Jan</b>	<b>7.30am:</b> Breakfast <b>9am:</b> Meet in lobby. Depart for the World Heritage Site - the Sukhothai Historical Park . Sukhothai was the first Thai capital. We will visit excellently preserved archaeological wonders (Wat Mahathat, Wat Sri Sawai, Wat Sri Chum), and delightful museums, such as the Rakhmhaeng National Museum	Lunch will be within the Park. You will enjoy the markets that are a permanent feature of the Park. We may be able to fit in an elephant ride as well. When we sarrive home we will visit the Sangkhalok Museum which is adjacent to the Ananda Hotel.	Accommodation at the Ananda Hotel
<b>Mon 21 Jan</b>	<b>7.30am:</b> Breakfast <b>9am:</b> Meet in lobby. <b>10am:</b> Depart for the Si Satchanalai Historical Park with well preserved runins from the 13th to 15 <sup>th</sup> centuries. Wat Chang Lom is amazing!	Lunch will be at a restaurant near the River. We will then drive another 5 km north to see a small museum featuring the excavated kilns (still with pots inside). On the way home we will visit the Sawankalok Museum.	Accommodation at the Ananda Hotel
<b>Tues 22 Jan</b>	<b>6.30am:</b> Breakfast <b>7.15am:</b> Meet in lobby to depart for the Sukhothai airport. <b>9.55am:</b> Depart for Bangkok. <b>10.55pm:</b> Arrive in Bangkok	Lunch at Jim Thompson's House: a highly personal collection of antiquities and works of art (mostly Thai with important Burmese items) displayed in an unconventional house assembled from six teak houses dismantled and brought to Bangkok. The collection spans 14 centuries. Back to the vicinity of the Montien for orientation: Jim	Accommodation at the Montien Hotel

		Thompson's Silk shop and upstairs coffee place, Sarika Café, Asia Bookshop, and a Buddhist temple. Cool off in the pool at the Montien if so desired.	
<b>Wed 23 Jan</b>	<b>8am:</b> Depart Montien for a tour to Nakorn Pathom. We will be welcomed by the Director of the Institute at Mahidol University, learn about their museums program from Apinya and Prapassorn. Andrew will give a presentation about our programs. You have the opportunity to speak with Museum Studies students from Mahidol University.	Visit the Phra Patham Chedi Museum, the Phra Patham Chedi National Museum, etc. This will give you a comparison between a temple museum and a national museum.	We have been invited to lunch at Museum Studies Department at Mahidol University.
<b>Thurs 24 Jan</b>	<b>6am:</b> Early breakfast Depart at 7.00 am for day trip to Ayutthaya. Visit Wat Yai Chai Mongkhon (reclining Buddha); Wat Chai Watthanaram (1630) and Wat Phra Si Sanphet—state temple during the Ayutthaya period, built between 15 <sup>th</sup> century and 1767 when Ayutthaya was destroyed by Burmese.	Wat No Phra Men (1488-1491); Chao Sam Phraya National Museum: small but magnificent collection of gold artefacts from the central <i>prang</i> of Wat Ratcha-burana, bronze Buddha images and wooden door panels from wats around Ayutthaya. Time permitting, may include an elephant kraal.	LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED The tour bus will pick up and deliver us back to the Montien
<b>Fri 25 Jan</b>	<b>Depart 8am</b> to Wat Pho – Bangkok's oldest and largest temple, a centre for traditional medicine, home to the 46 m. Reclining Buddha, a striking cloister with golden Buddha images, and many other noteworthy items. Begin travel to your free choice venues about 11.30 am.	Free choice. Please decide by Monday evening which two you wish to visit so we can make up groups. Suggestions: such as: Royal Barge Museum + Pottery temple; Museum of Science and Planetarium; Royal Barge Museum + Doll Factory and Museum; Suan Pakkard Palace and new Shell Museum. Consult your text book (110 Museums in Bangkok) that we will give to you when you arrive in Thailand.	Train to River to Tha Si Phraya (3) to travel and by boat to Tha Tien (8) to visit Wat Po. Travelling in groups by metered taxis for afternoon venues.
<b>Sat 26 Jan</b>	<b>Depart 8am</b> Early start for the National Museum – one of the largest and most comprehensive collections in SE Asia. Excellent coverage of history and arts of Thailand, including some of the best murals in	A selection of the c. 100 shops marketing Thai, Cambodian, Burmese and Chinese art works including antiquities, e.g. River City (near the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel) and the Silom Galleria (Silom Rd).	Tour bus to National Museum. The bus will wait for us and then take us to River City—where there are excellent venues for lunch after

	Thailand in the Buddhaiswan Chapel (built 1787). Also of prime interest are the Wang Na Palace and the Royal Funeral Chariots Gallery. The gift shop has a wonderful array of books and other tasteful items.		which you will tour the shops with amazing antiquities..... Home by shared taxis. You should return to Bangkok in time to avoid heavy traffic so you will have time for packing and last minute purchases before heading off tomorrow for Phuket.
<b>Sunday 27 Jan</b>	<b>6am:</b> Depart Montien for Domestic airport for our flight to Phuket at 7.55am. Make sure you have paid any items charged to your room before checking out. Arrive at 09.15 am. Visit Wat Phra Thong (Temple of the half-buried Buddha) en route to the Royal Phuket City Hotel. Lunch in the vicinity of Hotel.	<b>1.30pm:</b> Meet in hotel lobby. Visit to Wat Chalong – c. 8 km S of Phuket - most beautiful Buddhist temple on Phuket; with a portion of the Buddha's ashes in its large stupa. visit to Phuket Sea Shell Museum – architecturally superb, world class, malacological museum with a contrasting floor devoted to kitsch generated from shells. Suggest dinner by the seaside close to the Shell Museum.	
<b>Mon 28 Jan</b>	<b>c. 7.30am or earlier:</b> Breakfast <b>c. 8.30am:</b> Depart for a visit the Butterfly Farm Museum. Then on to the Thalang National Phuket Museum . Lunch just outside the National Park that houses the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre.	Visit the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre (you may wish to 'adopt' a small sweetie). Next we will visit the Aquarium that houses many strange marine creatures. Back to Phuket Town to tour the Sino-Portuguese buildings, a relict of the gold and tin boom.	We will travel in 3 small buses from the Hotel. We may come back to the Hotel for lunch or have it enroute.
<b>Tues 29 Jan</b>	As for morning. You may also wish to visit the markets. Note: There is a good bookshop, <i>The Books</i> , within walking distance of the Hotel.	<b>4.30pm (or earlier)</b> Depart for transfer to Airport for Bangkok for flight departing Phuket at 19.40. Make sure you have paid any additional expenses charged to your room. Your flight to Sydney departs Bangkok at 23.59 and arrives in Sydney next day (30 <sup>th</sup> ) at 1pm.	