



# 2024 THAILAND

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS





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# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean**

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT  
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



**Andrea McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



**William McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

**"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."**

**– Steve Jobs**

# THE ITINERARY

## MARCH 24, SUNDAY

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ARRIVE IN THAILAND



THAILAND HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

## MARCH 25, MONDAY



### TOUR OF BANGKOK

8:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR/ WITH LUNCH

- ☐ Wat Phra Chetuphon
- ☐ Temple of Daw
- ☐ Temple of Emerald

4:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

7:00 PM DEPART FOR PRIVATE DINNER CRUISE

9:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

## MARCH 26, TUESDAY



### FLOATING MARKET TOUR

8:00 AM DEPART FOR FLOATING MARKET TOUR

2:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



### FLY TO PHUKET

4:00 PM CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO DMK

7:35 PM DEPART FOR PHUKET / via light No FD3011

9:00 PM ARRIVE IN PHUKET AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL

## MARCH 27, WED

### TIGER KINGDOM

(For those who booked)

**11:00 AM** DEPART FOR TIGER KINGDOM

**3:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

### PAD THAI COOKING CLASS

(For those who booked)

**4:00 PM** DEPART FOR COOKING CLASS

**8:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



# FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

## MARCH 28, THURSDAY



### PHI PHI ISLAND TOUR

**8:00 AM** DEPART FOR PHI PHI ISLAND TOUR

**6:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



### JAMES BOND ISLAND TOUR

**8:00 AM** DEPART FOR JAMES BOND ISLAND TOUR

**6:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



**9:00 PM**  
FAREWELL DINNER

# THE ITINERARY

**MARCH 30, SATURDAY**

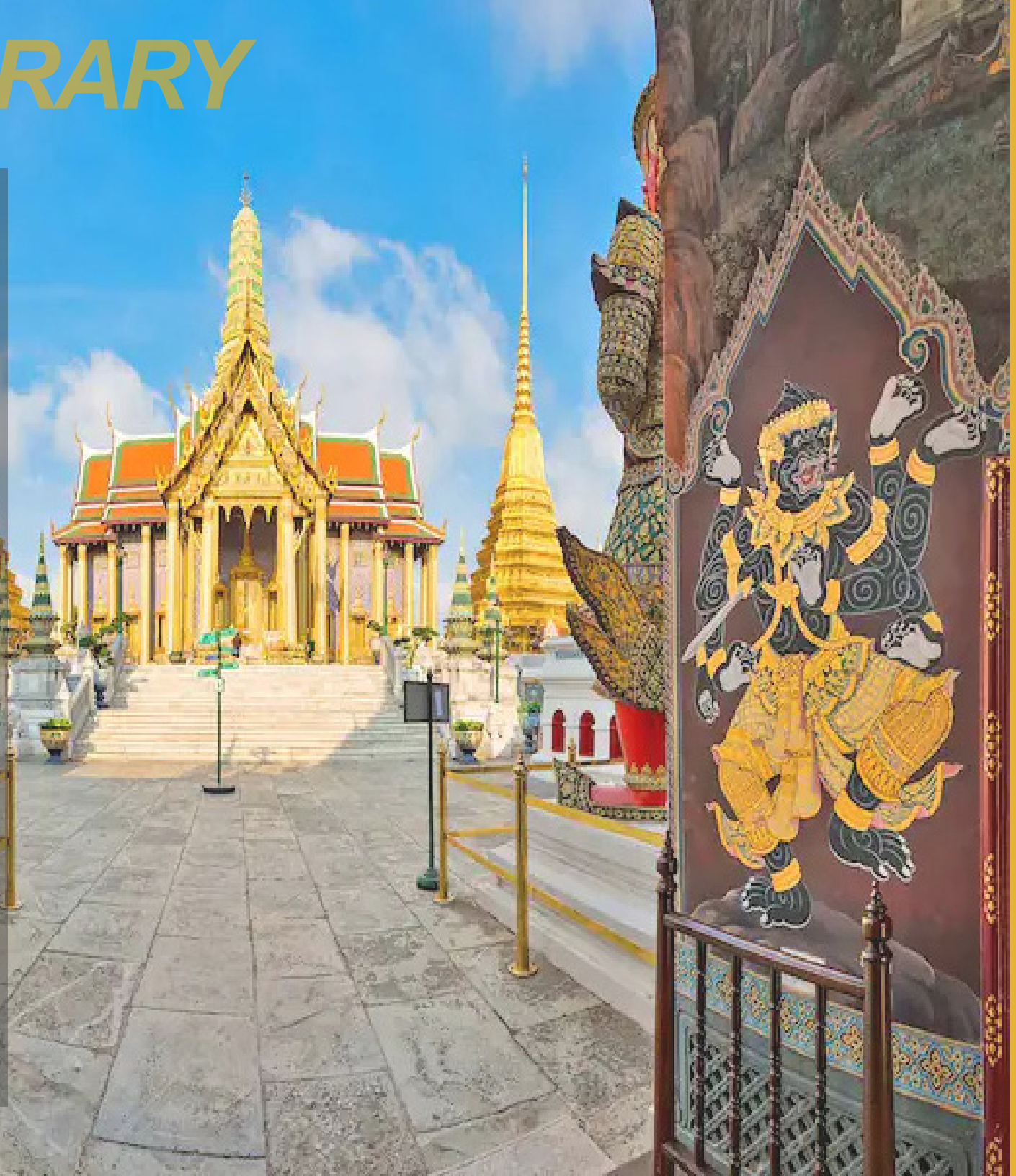


PHUKET HOTEL

12:00 PM CHECK OUT



FLY BACK TO HOME







### ***Wat Phra Chetuphon***

The first iteration of Wat Pho (officially Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihana) was built in the 16th century as a late Ayuthaya-period monastery. Originally known as Wat Phodharam, it was restored in 1788 by King Rama I, who by then had built the Grand Palace next door and established Bangkok as the capital of Thailand. Much of what visitors see today was completed during the reign of King Rama III who extended much of Wat Pho in 1832, particularly the South Vihara and the West Vihara, where the Reclining Buddha is housed. The Reclining Buddha was completed in 1848 and remains the largest in Bangkok. The figure itself is modelled out of plaster around a brick core and is finished in gold leaf.



### ***Temple of Dawn***

Wat Arun Ratchawararam, meaning Temple of Dawn, is also known locally as Wat Chaeng. The temple, which is named after the Indian God Aruna (God of Dawn) sits majestically on the Thonburi side (west bank) of the Chao Phraya River and is easily one of the most recognizable and memorable landmarks of Bangkok's skyline. The most spectacular view of the glittering monument can be seen from the east side of the river at sunset as Wat Arun's colorfully decorated spires sparkle radiantly over the water. Wat Arun was envisioned by King Taksin in 1768. It is believed that after fighting his way out of Ayutthaya, which was taken over by a Burmese army at the time, he arrived at this temple just as dawn was breaking.



### ***Temple of Emerald Buddha***

History does not tell us where the Emerald Buddha originated from nor does it tell us who carved it. The first historical reference to the figurine is its discovery in Chiang Rai in northern Thailand in 1434 CE when lightning cracked open the stucco wall of a chedi (bell-shaped Buddhist stupa) and revealed its hiding place.



## *Private Dinner Cruise*

Sail along the famous Chao Phraya River as the sun goes down on this elegant dinner cruise. From your spot on the luxury boat, enjoy the views of Bangkok's skyline or head to the cabaret bar for a special performance or to see a classical Thai dance show. On the open air deck, dance the night away, or simply relax and dine in luxury in the bar and dining room.



## *Floating Market Tour*

The floating markets of Bangkok are foodie heaven! Away from the hustle and bustle of the city is a tranquil escape into the local Thai culture. Floating to these food stalls along the riverbanks is an outstanding way to taste delectable local treats. With your amazing Bangkok local by your side, you will have an adventure of a lifetime in a floating market tour!



## *Tiger Kingdom*

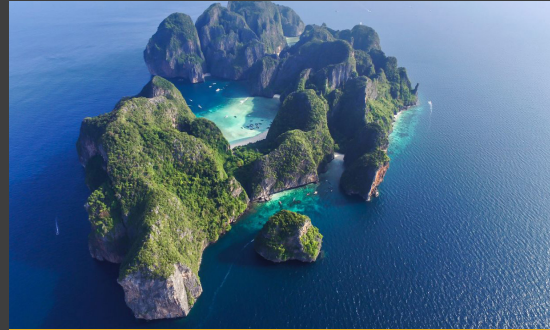
Tiger Kingdom Phuket is located in the central part of Phuket Island. Visitors can get up close and personal with majestic and beautiful tigers of all ages and watch them play. All tigers here have been receiving training since birth so visitors can feel safe getting close to them. Animal trainers encourage visitors to trust the tigers as they have been accustomed to human contact their whole lives.





## ***Pad Thai Cooking Class***

Based on your choice of dish, a culinary expert will lead participants through a traditional Thai recipe. Beginning with an overview of the ingredients, your instructor will review cooking preparations and culinary techniques to use in the kitchen, and provide tips for selecting the best ingredients for future cooking experiences.



## ***Phi Phi Island Tour***

The Phi Phi islands are an archipelago of 6 islands, with the 2 main islands being Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Leh. Just a 45-minute speedboat trip or a 90-minute ferryboat ride from either Phuket or Krabi, these picture postcard islands are excellent tropical getaways in Southeast Asia. Phi Phi has pristine beaches, stunning rock formations, and vivid turquoise waters teeming with colorful marine life. The larger and inhabited Phi Phi Don attracts hundreds of travelers to its lovely shores, while the smaller uninhabited Phi Phi Leh has beautiful bays and beaches, including the iconic Maya Bay.



## ***James Bond Island Tour***

A starring role in the 1974 James Bond movie “The Man With the Golden Gun” put the towering limestone islands of Ko Khao Phing Kan and the 66-foot-tall (20-meter) islet Ko Tapu firmly on Thailand’s tourist trail. While boats are forbidden from getting too close to the islands, opportunities for sightseeing abound in the surrounding area.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



BANGKOK HOTEL



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PHUKET HOTEL