



**An exclusive journey by Diethelm Travel Thailand
Kanchanaburi and the Luxury Eastern & Oriental Train**

An exclusive 2-day tour departing on November 2nd 2019

2-DAY 1-NIGHT

Kanchanaburi and the Luxury Eastern & Oriental Train

Days	Tour	Overnight
Day 01	Depart to Kanchanaburi Travel to Kanchanaburi, train journey on the death railway, visit Hellfire Pass & Bridge over the River Kwai	Kanchanaburi
Day 02	Journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with Lunch Travel to Bangkok on the Eastern Oriental Express train with a 4 course lunch and wines served throughout the afternoon	

Overview

This is a unique chance to journey on the world famous Eastern & Oriental Express Luxury Train from Kanchanaburi to Bangkok. Usually, it's only possible to book the Eastern & Oriental Express train journey from Bangkok to Singapore or Kuala Lumpur (& vice versa). Diethelm Travel, however, are offering an exclusive one-off departure from Kanchanaburi serving a sumptuous lunch along with alcoholic drinks, as the train travels through the countryside to Bangkok on the afternoon of Sunday November 3rd, 2019. The journey takes approximately four hours and after the meal sitting guests can enjoy complimentary alcoholic drinks in the various bar cars, including a piano bar where Pete the pianist plays, or in the outside observation carriage.

On this special two-day special trip visits are also included to iconic sights in Kanchanaburi such as Hellfire Pass and The Bridge over the River Kwai. We include an overnight stay at the classical Kanchanaburi Dheva Mantra Resort and Spa. This special two-day trip, leaving Bangkok on Saturday November 2nd is perfect for any traveller who wants to experience the Eastern & Oriental Express train journey combined with the history and beauty of Kanchanaburi and the River Kwai.

Highlights

- Travel on board one of the world's most iconic trains, the Eastern & Oriental Express
- Enjoy a sumptuous lunch with wines as the train travels to Bangkok from Kanchanaburi
- Relax in the piano bar or observation coach after your lunch enjoying alcoholic drinks
- Visit iconic sights in Kanchanaburi, such as Hellfire Pass and the Bridge over the River Kwai
- Travel on a local train over the famous 'Death Railway'

Why choose this tour?

This tour is perfect for anyone who wants to travel on board the Eastern & Oriental Express but perhaps doesn't have the time or budget to do the whole route from Singapore to Bangkok or vice versa. This is a one-off special departure and exclusively offered by Diethelm Travel Thailand. Kanchanaburi itself is synonymous with rail travel thanks to the famous Bridge over the River Kwai and the tour is a perfect way to discover the best of Kanchanaburi combined with an iconic luxury train journey.

Customize

- Travel a day earlier to Kanchanaburi and book an extra night staying in a floating bungalow on the River Kwai
- If you want to experience the whole incredible three-day journey from Singapore to Bangkok on the Eastern and Oriental Express, check with us for availability and price.

Detailed itinerary



**Day 1: Saturday
November 2nd
2019**

Kanchanaburi

B/L/-

07:30 hours

We depart from Bangkok this morning and along with your driver and guide travel the approximate 2.5 hours to Kanchanaburi.*

Kanchanaburi is located in a scenic natural setting on the River Kwai. It is best known for its recent history when, during World War II the Japanese forces began construction of the infamous "Death Railway". The museums, war memorials and eponymous Bridge are a poignant reminder of hardship and suffering endured by Allied prisoners of war (POWs) and conscripted Asian labourers, many of whom lost their lives, during the railway's construction.

10:00 hours

Upon arrival in Kanchanaburi, we visit the Bridge over the River Kwai, one of the most photographed landmarks in the city. The Bridge, which was immortalised in a book and film of the same name, was reconstructed after being bombed in the war and is still in use today.

10:45 hours

At 'Saphan Kwae Yai' train station we board a local train for a 45-minute scenic train ride through wonderful scenery. While the local train certainly does not offer the same comforts and luxury as the journey to come on the Eastern and Oriental on the Sunday (!), this is a fascinating journey notably when the train runs by the River Kwai and across the wooden Wang Po Viaduct (constructed by Allied POWs).

After departing the train, you will enjoy a tasty local lunch before delving further into the history with a visit to The Hellfire Pass Memorial Museum.

13:00 hours

Hellfire Pass is notorious as the section of the "Death Railway" that claimed most lives. Walking through the 500-metre long and 26-metre deep section of rock that was cut out by Prisoners of War is an eerily silent and affecting experience. Soldiers were forced to remove the rock using no more than picks, hammers and their bare hands working shifts of 16-18 hours a day. At night the pass was lit by torches leading to the disturbing nickname of Hellfire Pass. The Hellfire Pass Memorial Museum is dedicated to Australians and other Allied Prisoners of War

and Asian labourers who suffered and died at Hellfire Pass and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific region during WW2. Proceed on the walking trail through the pass and listen to the informative audio commentary in your headphones.

15:00 hours

Next, depart towards Kanchanaburi town and check in at **Away Kanchanaburi Resort & Spa** for. This European Heritage style resort is surrounded by tropical vegetation just outside of the centre of Kanchanaburi town

16:00 hours

The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. You may want to relax by the pool, enjoy a massage or explore the nearby Kanchanaburi Town.

*please note there is limited luggage space on the Eastern & Oriental train for lunch guests. Therefore we request that each person brings an overnight bag only, no longer than approximately 60cm and 10Kg weight.

Accommodation at **Away Kanchanaburi Resort & Spa** – Superior Garden room

Meals included

Breakfast at the hotel
Lunch at a local restaurant



**Day 2: Sunday
November 3rd
2019**

Kanchanaburi to Bangkok on the Eastern & Oriental Express

B/L/-

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast and have a free morning to relax and enjoy the hotels facilities.

Alternatively, you may want to visit the Chong Kai War Cemetery situated on the banks of The Kwai Noi River and the resting place to the mostly British 1,740 prisoners from World War II.

11.30 hours

At approximately 11.30 hours check out and then you will be transferred to Kanchanaburi Train station.

12:00 hours

Prior to lunch, step into a world of glamour as you depart Kanchanaburi's historic train station on the world famous **Eastern & Oriental Express** to Bangkok (approximately a 4-hour journey).

The train journey is a travelling memoir of a more elegant age. The **Eastern & Oriental Express** hosts guests in unrivalled style on a timeless adventure.

The Eastern & Oriental Express has been making history since its inaugural journey from Bangkok to Singapore. This enchanting rail experience was the vision of American businessman James B Sherwood, who purchased the carriages of the Silver Star train built by Nippon Sharyo and Hitachi in Japan. The carriages were remodelled in Singapore with an elegant colonial aesthetic, echoing the spirit of classic Indochina. Launched in September 1993, the train has been capturing hearts ever since with magical moments across Southeast Asia.

Once on board, you will be escorted to the luxurious dining carriage decorated in floral motifs with decorative lacquered panels hand-painted with delicate flowers. Take your seat among sparkling crystal and silverware. Then you will be served a sumptuous four-course lunch accompanied by house wine, house spirits local beer and soft drinks.

Sample menu:

Pan-seared scallop gratinated with calamansi-chilli on green papaya and pomelo salad

Rolled masala chicken on lemongrass risotto served with fragrant Siamese yellow curry bouillon

Pineapple tarte tartin accompanied by vanilla ice cream

Mignardises with coffee and tea

***premium drinks such as premium wines, signature cocktails and champagne can be purchased on board for a supplement.*

Relax in the surroundings, enjoy lunch and raise a toast as you meander past the scenic countryside and quaint villages. Some journeys deserve to be savoured.

After lunch, you will be able to enjoy the second half of the journey from the bar car or observation carriage. You can continue to enjoy the house wines, local beers or house spirits for the rest of the journey.

The Bar Car boasts a jazz-club ambience, music lingering in the air as Pete the pianist plays, while stewards serve drinks. The open-decked Observation Carriage (located at the very end of the train) is the perfect place to relax amidst a colonial 'veranda' ambience with its teak wood flooring, panelled walls, rattan furniture and potted plants.

The train will arrive into Bangkok's **Hualamphong train station** in the mid to late afternoon where you will say goodbye to your fellow travellers.

Meals included

Breakfast at hotel

4 course Lunch on E & O Express Train including house wines, beers and spirits

Accommodation Overview

Check in time: 14:00 hours and check out time: 12:00 hours

Destination	Accommodation	Room type	Hotel Category
Kanchanaburi	Away Kanchanaburi Dheva Mantra Resort & Spa	Superior Garden Room	4-Star

All our prices are in USD per person in twin/double sharing room

Tour Price in join-in with English speaking guide

Service	Join in (minimum 2 pax)	Single Supplement
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Additional accommodation in Bangkok (not included in main tour price)

4 Star Hotel Option

Destination	Accommodation	Room type	Hotel Category
Bangkok	Riva Surya	Riva Room	4*

Price in USD per full paying guest in twin/double sharing room in a party of

Validity	1 pax in single room	2 pax	Extra bed
Oct 1 – Oct 31 2019	165.00	82.50	34.00
Nov 1 – Dec 20 2019	179.00	89.50	34.00

5 Star Hotel Option

Destination	Accommodation	Room type	Hotel Category
Bangkok	The Siam	Siam Suite	4*

Price in USD per full paying guest in twin/double sharing room in a party of

Validity	1 pax in single room	2 pax	Extra bed
Oct 1 – Oct 31 2019	528.00	264.00	147.00
Nov 1 – Dec 23 2019	626.00	313.00	153.00

Additional Transfers in Bangkok (not included in main tour price)

One way private 'Diethelm Standard' transfer from Bangkok Hualamphong train station to city centre hotel with English speaking guide

Price in USD per person in a party of

1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	8 Pax
1,820	920	620	460	380	320	540	680

One way private 'Diethelm Standard' transfer from Bangkok Hualamphong train station to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport or from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport to Bangkok city centre hotel (vice versa) including English speaking guide

Price in USD per person in a party of

1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	8 Pax
1,820	920	620	460	380	320	540	680

Our tour prices are inclusive of

- Accommodation in shared Twin/Double room with air-conditioning and private bathroom
- All sightseeing tour and transfer services with private air-conditioned vehicle as detailed in our itinerary
- Join-in price is valid from a minimum of 2 pax
- Eastern & Oriental Express Train journey from Kanchanaburi to Bangkok with a 4 course lunch along with a selection of drinks including house wines, beers and spirits. The drinks are available after the meal in the bar cars and observation deck as well.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner
- Entrance fees for the places as mentioned in the program
- Transfers and tours with English guide
- Service charges, room tax and baggage handling
- Drinking water and wet towels available on the vehicles
- All arrangements as specified in the itinerary

Not included are

- Meals other than mentioned in the programme
- Premium alcoholic drinks and cocktails on the Eastern & Oriental train
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the programme
- Optional tours, accommodation in Bangkok and transfer from station to airport/hotel when the train arrives back in Bangkok at the end of the departure.
- Expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, tips, souvenirs, laundry, etc.
- Travel insurance (cover against all cancellation costs, medical expenses, including repatriation, in the event of accident or illness)



Deposit and Payment

- To secure the space on the Eastern & Oriental Train trip we require a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the per person package price to be received at least 90 days before November 2nd, 2019
- The remaining balance will be due 35 days before the departure date (date)
- Bookings confirmed within 90 days of departure require 100% payment from which 50% will be non-refundable.

Cancellation policy

- Cancellations received between 0 & 35 days prior to arrival and no show: **100%** of package price charged
- Cancellations received between 36 & 90 days prior to arrival: **50%** of package price charged
- Cancellations received 91 days or more prior to arrival: No charge

Important note

- Please note there is limited luggage space on the Eastern & Oriental train for lunch guests. Therefore, we request that each person brings an overnight bag only, no longer than approximately 60cm and 10Kg weight.
- Please note that all timings given are approximate and subject to change.
- Certain parts of the tours on offer are provided by independent third parties, such as airlines, hotels, transport operators and local tourist offices. Diethelm Travel is therefore not responsible for any loss, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmes. Additional expenses incurred due to delay, accident, natural disaster, political actions and unrest shall be borne by the tourists.
- We advise that due to frequent flight changes, delays and cancellations by the various domestic airlines and trains we cannot fully guarantee that the proposed itinerary can be carried out as planned. Based on our experience, changes of departure times and/ or cancellations can occur at very short notice even after confirmation of a flight has been received. The same applies for train travel: Schedule changes occur frequently; often without prior notification. In case of schedule changes or flight cancellations we always try everything possible to arrange an alternate programme within the framework of the original quoted costs. However, we reserve the right to charge any cost exceeding the original budget to the tour operator/ travel agent or to the participant of a tour after consultation with the agent.
- Programmers, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.
- For air ticket reservations, we require the guests' full names AS THEY APPEAR IN THEIR PASSPORTS. Airfares are subject to availability at time of booking, may change without notice and are not guaranteed until purchased and the e-tickets have been issued.
- Please be advised that prices may be adjusted periodically in case of fuel price increase by our suppliers and hotel room availability at time of booking



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