



# ASIAN FUSION

THAILAND

## WHY GO?

Temples as ancient as the banyan trees; a tapestry of landscapes that takes in beaches, rice paddies, rainforests and cloud-poking urban jungles; a flavour-pushing cuisine that ticks off salty, spicy, sour, sweet; that famous Thai smile...

## THE TOP FIVE



Discover street food in Bangkok



Float along Chiang Mai's Mekong River



Splash around Ang Thong Marine National Park



Scale the hilltop tip of Koh Samui



Browse colour-bolt fabrics at Little India

## WHERE TO STAY

Bangkok's bustle can be deliciously overwhelming; when you crave some respite, retreat to the riverside **Siam Hotel**, designed by Bill Bensley. If you want to cool down on the coast, **Sri Panwa's** 52 luxury villas slope down to the sea via a private beach. Island calling? Hop on a boat to Ko Samui for **The Library**, or stake out seductive **Six Senses Samui**.

### From city to jungle...



**Siam Hotel**  
Handsome riverside hideout  
Don't miss a Muay Thai class



**Anantara Golden Triangle**  
Serene jungle getaway  
Don't miss elephant bath time

### Ocean colour scene



**Sri Panwa**  
Tranquil tropical villas  
Don't miss starlit soaks in your tub



**The Library**  
Novel beach hideaway  
Don't miss that blood-red pool



**Six Senses Samui**  
Ravishing rainforest escape  
Don't miss a wave-side meal



## SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Get into the spirit of things, literally, by immersing yourself in Thailand's sacred culture: visit underground cave shrines in Kanchanaburi and Phetchaburi, roam the hilltop temples in the north or sign-up for a meditation retreat in Chiang Mai.

## WHEN TO GO

Thailand has three official seasons: rainy (May–October), cool (November–February) and hot (March–May). You'll be part of a crowd during Christmas and New Year; in April, celebrate Thai New Year at the water-soaked Songkran festival.

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