

Cultural Connections Asia — A Kingdom's Celebration: New Year's In Thailand



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2025–2026

Hosted by David Wright

Boutique Travel & Cultural Education

December 22, 2025 – January 4, 2026

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Your Grand Holiday Journey Awaits

Welcome to a curated experience blending culture, comfort, and connection.

Discover Thailand at its most vibrant—from Bangkok's refined rooftop venues to the tranquil coastal beauty of Pattaya.

We invite you to select the journey that resonates with your vision for an unforgettable New Year.



The Grand Celebration — 14 Days in the Kingdom

Discover the essence of Thailand through a hosted, story-driven journey.

This experience is designed to balance cultural discovery with indulgent relaxation, curated for discerning travelers.

From the grandeur of the Grand Hyatt Erawan in Bangkok to the seaside elegance of Andaz Pattaya, every detail reflects thoughtful curation and personal hosting.

Journey Inclusions:

- **14 Days, 13 Nights** of curated luxury
- Personally hosted by **David Wright**
- Exclusive **New Year's Eve Gala Dinner & Rooftop Countdown**
- Daily Breakfasts, **6 Signature Dinners**, and rejuvenating **Spa Experiences**
- Private Airport Transfers and a **Health Check at Bumrungrad International Hospital**
- **Real Estate Information Session**
- **Golf Outing**

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The Signature Celebration — 10 Days in the Kingdom

Experience the essence of Thailand with our 10-day Signature Celebration, a refined journey offering an exquisite blend of cultural immersion and personal freedom, available for **\$6,750 USD**.

This curated luxury experience is designed for discerning travelers with busy schedules, providing captivating segments in a condensed format without compromising on indulgence.

- **10 Days, 9 Nights of meticulously planned experiences**
- **Expertly hosted journey by David Wright**
- **New Year's Eve Gala Dinner and festive celebrations**
- **Daily breakfasts, 4 signature dinners, and selected wellness activities**
- **Seamless private airport transfers**

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Highlights of Bangkok (Days 1-4) — Grand Hyatt Erawan Stay

Begin your hosted journey in Bangkok at the iconic Grand Hyatt Erawan, a landmark of elegance and Thai hospitality.

Highlights include a rooftop welcome dinner, exclusive spa experiences, and daily breakfast at the renowned Erawan Tea Room. Grand Tour guests will also enjoy their included Signature Experiences during this time, such as their wellness check and golf outing.

- • **4 Nights at Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok**
- • **Thai Cooking Class at Blue Elephant Restaurant**
- • **Wellness Check at Bumrungrad Hospital**
- • **Massage or Spa Day Experience**
- • **Cultural City Tour & Temple Walk**

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Pattaya Coastal Retreat (Days 11-14) — The Coastal Finale at Andaz Pattaya Na Jomtien

Following your vibrant Bangkok experience, immerse yourself in Pattaya's coastal grace at Andaz Pattaya Na Jomtien. Your luxury villa, surrounded by lush gardens, becomes a haven for reflection and celebration, marking the coastal finale of your journey.

- **Three nights at Andaz Pattaya Na Jomtien in a Suite or Villa.**
- **Experience an island excursion with speed boat transfer.**
- **Tour the revered Sanctuary of Truth.**
- **Dine at Harlan's Pattaya and savor brunch at Culture Lounge.**
- **Indulge in a golf outing or a serene beachside spa day.**

Here, elegance meets the tranquil sea, offering a refined coastal experience.

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New Year's Eve Gala & Countdown Celebration

Experience the highlight of your journey during your Bangkok stay (Days 1-10) — a dazzling evening of music, fine dining, dancing, and celebration beneath the Bangkok skyline.

Guests will enjoy an exclusive unlimited gourmet buffet dinner with dancing and live entertainment, culminating in a spectacular countdown to midnight.

- **Venue: 5th Floor Poolside — Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok with a view to the fireworks**
- **Date: December 31, 2025**
- **Dress Code: Elegant Evening Attire**
- **Includes: Live music, dancing, unlimited champagne and beverages, and midnight toast**

"Ring in the New Year in the Heart of the Kingdom."

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Inquire & Connect

Begin your journey with Cultural Connections Asia.

Each journey is personally hosted by David Wright, a Yale-educated scholar, long-time resident of Asia, and dedicated curator of luxury cultural experiences. Contact us for a complimentary consultation.

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Journey at a Glance — The 14-Day Celebration

Here's an overview of your luxurious 14-day journey through Thailand, blending cultural immersion with indulgent relaxation.

Days 1–10: Bangkok – The Festive Heart

- Arrival & Grand Hyatt Erawan check-in
- Cultural Tours (Grand Palace, Wat Pho, River Tour)
- Your four included Signature Experiences: Spa Day, Golf Outing, Bumrungrad Health Check-up, and Real Estate Tour
- Blue Elephant Cooking School masterclass
- The New Year's Eve Gala at the Grand Hyatt Erawan (December 31st)



Days 11–14: Pattaya – The Coastal Finale

- New Year's Day transfer to Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach
- Speedboat excursion to Koh Larn island
- Dining at Kulture and Harlands restaurants
- Departure from Pattaya to Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)

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Pricing & Booking Details

14-Day Grand Celebration with Tokyo Prelude

\$14,200 USD

Includes 14 Days / 13 Nights in Thailand, complemented by a 2-Night Tokyo extension.

14-Day Grand Celebration

\$10,900 USD

Experience Bangkok & Pattaya with the full itinerary, hosted experiences, and signature events.

10-Day Signature Celebration

\$6,750 USD

A condensed version from Dec 26 - Jan 4, featuring the New Year's Eve Gala and bespoke wellness.

All packages include private transfers, expertly guided activities, daily breakfast, and six signature dinners (four for the 10-Day Celebration).

Booking & Deposits

- **Deposit Only Option: \$1,000 per guest (non-refundable)**
- **Final Payment Due: November 30, 2025**
- **Special Offer: Pay in full upon booking by November 15, 2025, and receive a 5% discount on the total journey price.**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to common questions about your luxurious journey to Thailand. For any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

What are the travel requirements for Thailand?

A valid passport with at least six months of validity beyond your intended departure date is required. Most Western citizens can enter Thailand visa-free for up to 30 days. Please verify your specific country's requirements prior to travel. No specific vaccinations are mandatory, but we recommend consulting your doctor for advice on routine and recommended immunizations.

What is included and excluded in the package price?

All packages include luxury accommodation as specified, daily breakfast, four to six signature dinners, all hosted activities and excursions, private airport transfers, and the New Year's Eve Gala. Exclusions typically include international airfare, visas, travel insurance, personal expenses, additional meals or beverages, and gratuities.

What is the typical group size?

To ensure an intimate and personalized experience, each hosted journey is strictly limited to 12 discerning guests, allowing for a high level of personal attention and flexibility.

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Absolutely. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies at the time of booking. Our partners and selected restaurants are well-equipped to accommodate most requests, ensuring your dining experience is as enjoyable as it is safe.

What health considerations should I be aware of?

While the journey includes a wellness check at Bumrungrad Hospital for Grand Tour guests, we advise all travelers to consult their physician before departure. Travel insurance is highly recommended to cover any unforeseen medical emergencies or trip interruptions.

How do I book and what is the payment schedule?

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 USD per guest is required to secure your reservation. The final payment is due by November 30, 2025. Book and pay in full by November 15, 2025, to receive a 5% discount on the total journey price. Please contact us to begin your booking.

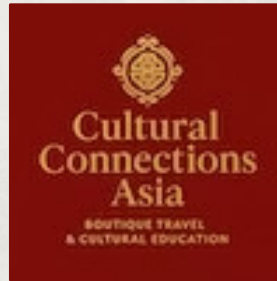
What is the cancellation policy?

The initial \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable. For cancellations made 90 days or more prior to departure, a full refund less the deposit will be issued. Cancellations between 60-89 days will receive a 50% refund less the deposit. No refunds are available for cancellations made less than 60 days prior to departure. We strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance.

Do you have any practical travel tips?

The local currency is the Thai Baht. While English is widely spoken in tourist areas, learning a few basic Thai phrases is appreciated. Thailand has a tropical climate; lightweight clothing, sunscreen, and insect repellent are advised. Wi-Fi is readily available at all accommodations. Electrical outlets in Thailand are generally compatible with phone and computer chargers, so adapters are usually not necessary for these devices. However, you may need an adapter for items like hair dryers (though hotel rooms typically provide them).

For any questions not covered here, please reach out to David Wright directly:



The Hosted Journey — by Cultural Connections Asia

Cultural Connections Asia invites travelers to experience Asia through the eyes of a scholar, curator, and long-time resident.

Every journey is personally hosted by David Wright — Yale-educated, Berkeley-trained cultural historian and founder of Cultural Connections Asia LLC.

Our mission is to foster meaningful connections through curated travel, cultural storytelling, and shared celebration.

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Guest Reflections

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"Our trip to Japan was so incredible that we booked another before even finishing the first! David's guidance and warmth made all the difference. Every moment felt curated with purpose and care."

— J. & M. Miller (Texas)

"Initially, I was hesitant about joining, but David's genuine hospitality quickly put me at ease. He was patient, kind, and deeply knowledgeable — I left Thailand seeing the country in a completely new light."

— K. Chen (Boston)

"I've been all over the world and seen a lot, but this small-group setting made it easy to connect. The New Year's rooftop party was a highlight — joyful, intimate, and unforgettable."

— D. Rodriguez (Miami)

"At first, I thought including a wellness check was unusual, but after visiting Bumrungrad Hospital, I was amazed by how professional yet personal the experience felt. I left feeling both healthy and inspired."

— E. Green (Denver)

"Thank you to Laurus Travel, and our wonderful tour leader, Katie, for an amazing journey on the 'Best of Japan' 14 day tour! We found the itinerary to be an excellent blend of fascinating places and sites! The hotel accommodations were always very comfortable and some were exceptional! We both definitely came away with a greater appreciation of the care and art put into the making of a traditional Japanese meal! One of the many highlights of the trip was the exquisite meal and extraordinary

ライトさんのおかげで、日本の方だけでなくタイの方々とも知り合うことができ、とても充実した時間を過ごせました。特に食事やレストランの選び方が素晴らしく、ホストの温かさを感じました。

"Thanks to David, I was able to meet not only fellow Japanese travelers but also local Thai people. The restaurant choices were excellent, and his kindness made the whole experience special."

— Y.K. (大阪)

カジュアルながら高級感があり、毎日のようにスパやマッサージを楽しめました。ライトさんとスタッフの丁寧なサポートで、安心して過ごすことができました。

"It was both relaxed and elegant — daily massages, warm service, and true peace of mind thanks to David and his staff."

— K.T. (北海道)

グランドハイアットでの年越しパーティーは忘れられない思い出です。食事も雰囲気も素晴らしく、ホストと参加者の一体感に感動しました。

"The New Year's Eve party at the Grand Hyatt was unforgettable. The atmosphere and the sense of community made it truly special."

— R.S. (京都)

タイの文化や人々に触れる機会が多く、どの瞬間も温かいおもてなしを感じました。グループでの会話も自然で楽しく、初めての方ともすぐに打ち解けられました。

"I felt genuine warmth from everyone we met. Conversations flowed naturally, and even as a first-time participant, I felt completely at home."

— S.O. (名古屋)

ホテルも移動も完璧で、安心して参加できました。ホストの案内で訪れた市場やレストランはどこも魅力的で、タイがもっと好きになりました。

"Every hotel and transfer was seamless. David's personal recommendations helped me discover parts of Thailand that felt instantly familiar — like a second home."

— F.M. (広島)



About the Host — David Wright

David Wright is a Yale-educated scholar and cultural historian with over two decades of lived experience across Asia.

He is the Founder and CEO of Cultural Connections Asia LLC, a boutique travel and cultural education company dedicated to fostering understanding through immersive, high-touch experiences.

David's signature Hosted Journey model combines intellectual depth, luxury travel, and genuine hospitality — offering travelers a rare opportunity to explore Asia through the eyes of someone who has made it home.

Credentials:

- **M.A., Yale University (Afro-American Studies)**
- **PhD Studies, UC Berkeley (American History)**
- **30 Years in Asia (Japan, Thailand & Hong Kong)**

"I believe luxury travel should pamper the body, stimulate the mind, and nourish the spirit." — David Wright

Reserve Your Place for 2025–2026

Your Hosted Journey awaits.

Join an intimate group of travelers for an unforgettable New Year's celebration blending cultural discovery, five-star hospitality, and authentic connection.

Exclusivity: Each Hosted Journey accommodates a maximum of 12 guests, ensuring a personalized experience.

Contact & Booking

A deposit option is available to confirm your reservation.

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