

A Kingdom's Celebration

New Year's Eve in Thailand

December 26, 2026 – January 4, 2027 · Bangkok & Pattaya

A New Year's journey built around Bangkok's energy and a coastal transition to Pattaya. The experience balances structured evenings, well-placed reservations, and time to relax — without the logistical friction that typically comes with holiday travel.

The Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok anchors this program — selected for its location at the center of the New Year's celebration, a long-standing relationship with the property's team, and its role as both a base of operations and part of the experience itself.

From arrival to departure, every transition is handled. You move between city, coast, and celebration without managing the process.

"Luxury is not what surrounds you. It is what you don't have to think about."

— David Wright, Founder & Host, Cultural Connections Asia

YOUR HOST

David Wright

David Wright has been coming to Bangkok for thirty years and has lived in Tokyo for more than twenty. He speaks Japanese, knows how these cities actually function, and has been designing and personally hosting private journeys across Japan and Southeast Asia since 2015.

Based	Tokyo, Japan · 30 years in Asia
Bangkok	Thirty years of direct experience · Personal relationships at the Grand Hyatt Erawan
Languages	English · Japanese
Background	Yale-in-China Fellow · Yale MA · UC Berkeley PhD study
Experience	Personally hosting journeys since 2015 · Guests from the United States and Japan

ANCHOR PROPERTIES

Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok

Bangkok · December 26 –
January 1

Selected for its location at the Ratchaprasong intersection — the center of Bangkok's New Year's Eve celebration — and for a relationship with the hotel's team built over more than twenty years. Club Level rooms with access to the Club Lounge throughout the stay.

Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach

Pattaya · January 1 – 4 ·
Extended program only

A coastal transition from Bangkok's energy to the quieter pace of the Gulf of Thailand. Available to guests on the 8-Day and 10-Day programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

New Year's Eve Gala

December 31 · Grand Hyatt
Erawan

The Breezeway Countdown Dinner — champagne free-flow, live music, traditional Thai dance, and a direct view of the Ratchaprasong fireworks at midnight. Included for all guests.

Blue Elephant Cooking School

December 29 · Bangkok

Morning market tour followed by a hands-on cooking class at one of Bangkok's most respected culinary institutions. Royal Thai cuisine, small group, professional instruction. Lunch included.

Health Land Spa

December 30 · Asok,
Bangkok

A full-day spa experience at Bangkok's most respected mid-to-high-end massage institution. Timed the day before New Year's Eve as deliberate preparation.

MBK Center

December 30 evening ·
Bangkok

Bangkok's most iconic shopping center — eight floors, 2,000 stalls. Visited with guidance: vendors, pricing, and negotiation handled directly. Genuine leather goods, Thai silk, electronics accessories.

Luxury Mall Shopping

December 31 afternoon ·
Bangkok

An afternoon at Bangkok's premier luxury retail corridor — Central World, Siam Paragon, and Siam Discovery — before the New Year's Eve gala dinner.

Koh Larn Excursion

January 2 · Pattaya extension
only

A half-day island excursion by speedboat. Extended program guests only.

JOURNEY CONFIGURATIONS

Choose Your Program

Four configurations are available. All programs include the New Year's Eve Gala Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Erawan.

5-Day Bangkok	USD 2,900	Dec 28 – Jan 1
NYE Gala · Blue Elephant Cooking School · Health Land Spa · MBK Shopping · Luxury Mall Afternoon		
7-Day Bangkok	USD 3,600	Dec 26 – Jan 1
All 5-Day inclusions + Thonburi Canal Tour · Two additional Bangkok days		
8-Day Bangkok + Pattaya	USD 4,100	Dec 28 – Jan 4
All 5-Day inclusions + 3 nights Andaz Pattaya Jomtien · Koh Lam excursion · Qulture Jomtien		
10-Day Bangkok + Pattaya	USD 4,750	Dec 26 – Jan 4
All 7-Day inclusions + 3 nights Andaz Pattaya Jomtien · Koh Lam excursion · Qulture Jomtien		

All prices are per guest, land only. Airfare and travel insurance are the responsibility of each traveler and are not included.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Included

Not Included

- ✓ Personally hosted throughout by David Wright
- ✓ Hotel accommodations as specified (Club Level at Grand Hyatt Erawan)
- ✓ New Year's Eve Gala Dinner — Breezeway Countdown Dinner, champagne free-flow
- ✓ Blue Elephant Cooking School — market tour, class, and lunch
- ✓ Health Land Spa — full-day session
- ✓ MBK Center visit with guided vendor access
- ✓ All private transfers within Thailand
- ✓ Curated meals, reservations, and activity fees as specified

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and gratuities
- Meals not specified in the program

GUEST REFLECTIONS

“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. ·
United States

“The New Year's Eve party at the Grand Hyatt was unforgettable. The sense of community — guests from different countries who would not otherwise have met — made it truly special.”

— R. S. ·
United States

“Thanks to David, I met local Thai people and fellow travelers from Japan and beyond. The restaurant choices were excellent, and his kindness made the experience genuinely special.”

— Y. K. ·
Japan

RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Begin the Conversation

This program is capped at 10 guests. Solo travelers are welcome. David reviews every inquiry personally and responds within 48 hours.

Email bookings@cc-asia.com

Response Within 48 hours — directly from David

Languages English · Japanese

Group size 1 – 10 guests · Solo travelers welcome

Currency Pricing in USD · Payment arrangements flexible

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