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Experience Thailand during its most festive season. This hosted New Year's journey combines the energy of Bangkok with the relaxed atmosphere of Thailand's eastern coast. Carefully selected restaurants, cultural experiences, and time to enjoy each destination at your own pace are balanced with the convenience of having every major detail arranged for you.

Our Bangkok base is the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, chosen for its central location, long-standing relationships, and role as one of the city's premier New Year's Eve destinations. Guests joining the extended programs continue to Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach for a more relaxed seaside stay after the celebrations in Bangkok.

From arrival to departure, accommodations, transportation, and featured activities are coordinated on your behalf, allowing you to focus on the experience rather than the logistics.

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### Tour Options

## Choose Your Journey

All programs include the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok New Year's Eve Gala Dinner.

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**5-Day Bangkok** | December 28 – January 1 | USD 2,900

**7-Day Bangkok** | December 26 – January 1 | USD 3,600

**8-Day Bangkok + Pattaya** | December 28 – January 4 | USD 4,100

**10-Day Bangkok + Pattaya** | December 26 – January 4 | USD 4,750

Single Supplement: 5-Day USD 1,200 / 7-Day USD 1,750 / 8-Day USD 2,150 / 10-Day USD 2,750

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. **International airfare and travel insurance are not included.** Maximum group size: 10 guests. Minimum operation: 1 guest. All departures are guaranteed upon booking. Solo travelers are welcome.



## Bangkok Highlights

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During the Bangkok portion of the journey, guests stay at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok with Club Level accommodations and Club Lounge access. Located at the Ratchaprasong intersection, the hotel places guests at the center of Bangkok's New Year's celebrations.

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**New Year's Eve Gala Dinner at Breezeway** — Champagne free-flow, live entertainment and traditional Thai performances, midnight fireworks

**Lumpinee Muay Thai** — Professional bouts at Bangkok's premier Muay Thai stadium

**Chao Phraya River Dinner Cruise** — Bangkok skyline, Wat Arun, and the Grand Palace from the river at night

**Blue Elephant Cooking School** — Market tour, cooking class, and lunch

**Health Land Asoke Spa Experience** — Three-hour spa session

**MBK Center and Bangkok's premier shopping centers**

**Thonburi Canal Tour** — Explore old Bangkok along the waterways

**Frying Pan Jerk Grill** — Bangkok's only authentic Jamaican restaurant

**Qulture Lounge Bangkok** — American soul food and Black culture experience, rooftop bar evening

**Salsa Dancing**



## Pattaya Extension

Following New Year's Eve in Bangkok, guests joining the extended programs continue to Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach for a more relaxed conclusion to the journey.

This portion of the program offers a slower coastal rhythm after the energy of Bangkok, with time for beachside relaxation, island exploration, excellent dining, and optional activities along Thailand's eastern coast.

- Three nights at Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach
- Koh Larn Island Excursion
- Dinner at Qulture Jomtien
- Farewell Dinner at Pupen Seafood Restaurant
- Optional golf, spa experiences, beach time, and the Sanctuary of Truth

# New Year's Eve at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok

New Year's Eve in Bangkok is unlike anywhere else in the world. The final evening of the year is the centerpiece of this journey, the moment around which the entire program is built.

Located at Bangkok's famous Ratchaprasong intersection, the Grand Hyatt Erawan sits at the heart of the city's New Year's celebrations. For years, the hotel has been one of Bangkok's most sought-after places to welcome the New Year, combining a central location with the comfort, service, and atmosphere of one of Thailand's leading luxury hotels.

Throughout the evening, the atmosphere builds as visitors from around the world gather to celebrate the arrival of a new year. The hotel's central location places guests in one of Bangkok's most festive districts, surrounded by holiday lights, celebrations, and the city's energy.

Just before midnight, guests raise a final toast as the countdown begins. Fireworks illuminate the Bangkok skyline, and the new year arrives in one of Asia's most vibrant capitals.

For many guests, this evening becomes one of the most memorable moments of the entire journey.

Guests enjoy reserved seating, free-flow beverages, live entertainment, and a front-row view of one of Bangkok's most anticipated nights of the year.

**Venue: Breezeway, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok**

**Date: December 31, 2026**

**Dress Code: Elegant Evening Attire**

**Included in the Evening:**

**New Year's Eve Countdown Dinner at Breezeway**

**International Buffet featuring Thai and international specialties**

**Free-flow champagne, wine, beer, and cocktails**

**Live music throughout the evening**

**Traditional Thai performances**

**Midnight countdown celebration**

**Fireworks and drone show**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the typical group size?

This journey is limited to 10 guests to ensure a personal and relaxed experience. The minimum departure requirement is one guest, and all departures are guaranteed once booked. Solo travelers are welcome.

## What are the entry requirements for Thailand?

A passport valid for at least six months beyond your planned departure date is required. Many nationalities may enter Thailand visa-free for tourism. Guests should verify the requirements applicable to their nationality before departure.

## How do I reserve?

Please contact David directly at [bookings@cc-asia.com](mailto:bookings@cc-asia.com). You will receive a personal reply within 48 hours.

A deposit equal to 20% of the tour price is due at the time of booking. The remaining balance is due 60 days before departure.

Payment may be made by bank transfer or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express).

## Are there any health considerations?

Guests are encouraged to consult their physician prior to travel. Comprehensive travel insurance covering medical emergencies, trip interruption, and cancellation is strongly recommended.

## Can dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Yes. Please let us know about any dietary restrictions or allergies when making your reservation. Our restaurant partners can accommodate most dietary needs.

## What is included?

All programs include the listed hotel accommodations, the New Year's Eve Gala Dinner, all activities and excursions listed in the itinerary, and airport transfers.

Not included: International airfare, travel insurance, personal expenses, meals not specifically listed, and gratuities.

## What is the cancellation policy?

Because New Year's holiday hotel accommodations and gala events require advance, non-refundable commitments, the following cancellation schedule applies:

**From booking through 61 days prior to departure:** 20% of the tour price

**60-31 days prior to departure:** 50%

**30 days prior to departure through the departure date, including no-shows:** 100%

**Travel insurance with cancellation coverage is strongly recommended.**

## What should I know before traveling?

Thailand's currency is the Thai baht. English is widely spoken in major tourist areas. Lightweight clothing, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at all hotels in the program.



# About David Wright

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Yale-in-China Fellow  
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David Wright has spent more than thirty years traveling throughout Asia and more than twenty years living in Tokyo. Fluent in Japanese and deeply familiar with the region, he leads small-group journeys that combine cultural insight, local knowledge, and personal attention.

His connection to Asia began more than thirty years ago as a Yale-in-China Fellow in Hong Kong. That experience eventually led to life in Tokyo and to creating hosted journeys designed to help guests experience Asia beyond conventional tourism.

Since 2015, he has hosted small-group journeys throughout Japan and Southeast Asia.

"Luxury is not about extravagance. It is about removing unnecessary worries so you can focus on the experience."

— David Wright

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