



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS ASIA

Celebration in the Kingdom

New Year's in Thailand

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

Hosted by David Wright



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Experience Thailand During Its Most Festive Season

This year-end 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 reputation as one of the city's premier New Year's Eve venues. Guests joining the extended programs continue to Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach, where a more relaxed seaside stay follows 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.

Hosted by David Wright, who has spent more than thirty years traveling throughout Asia and more than twenty years living in Tokyo.

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Choose Your Journey

Four Ways to Celebrate the New Year in Thailand

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

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. International airfare and travel insurance are not included.

Maximum group size: 10 guests. All departures guaranteed. Solo travelers welcome.

5-Day

Bangkok

December 28 – January 1

USD 2,900

Includes:

Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok
New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
Blue Elephant Cooking School
Health Land Asoke Spa
Experience
Chao Phraya River Dinner Cruise
Lumpinee Muay Thai
MBK Center & Bangkok
Shopping Districts

7-Day

Bangkok

December 26 – January 1

USD 3,600

Includes:

Includes everything in the 5-Day Program, plus:

Thonburi Canal Tour
Frying Pan Jerk Grill
Qulture Lounge Bangkok
Salsa Dancing

8-Day

Bangkok + Pattaya

December 28 – January 4

USD 4,100

Includes:

Includes everything in the 7-Day Program, plus:

Three Nights at Andaz Pattaya
Jomtien Beach
Koh Larn Island Excursion
Qulture Jomtien
Pupen Seafood Restaurant

10-Day

Bangkok + Pattaya

December 26 – January 4

USD 4,750

Includes:

Includes everything in the 7-Day Program, plus:

Three Nights at Andaz Pattaya
Jomtien Beach
Koh Larn Island Excursion
Qulture Jomtien
Pupen Seafood Restaurant

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



Bangkok Highlights — Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok

At the Heart of the Journey

Guests stay in Club Level accommodations at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, including access to the Club Lounge. Located at the Ratchaprasong intersection, the hotel places guests at the center of Bangkok's holiday celebrations.

Highlights:

New Year's Eve Gala Dinner at Breezeway

Free-Flow Champagne

Live Entertainment and Traditional Thai Performances

Midnight Fireworks

Lumpinee Muay Thai

Chao Phraya River Dinner Cruise

Blue Elephant Cooking School

Health Land Asoke Spa Experience

MBK Center and Bangkok's Premier Shopping Districts

Thonburi Canal Tour

Frying Pan Jerk Grill

Bangkok's only authentic Jamaican restaurant

Culture Lounge Bangkok & Rooftop Bar

Salsa Dancing



Pattaya Coastal Retreat

Time to Slow Down by the Sea

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.

After several days in Bangkok, Pattaya offers a different side of Thailand. Guests enjoy time by the sea, a visit to nearby Koh Larn Island, excellent dining, and opportunities to relax before returning home.

Highlights:

Three Nights at Andaz Pattaya Jomtien Beach

Koh Larn Island Excursion

Dinner at Qulture Jomtien

Farewell Dinner at Pupen Seafood Restaurant



New Year's Eve

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 and 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.

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

Event Details

Venue:

Breezeway, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok

Date:

December 31, 2026

Included:

New Year's Eve Countdown Dinner at Breezeway

Elegant Evening Attire

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

Everything You Need to Know

What is the typical group size?

This journey is limited to a maximum of 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 purposes. Guests should verify the requirements applicable to their nationality before departure.

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.

What is included?

All programs include:

- Hotel accommodations as listed
- The New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
- All activities and excursions listed in the itinerary
- Airport transfers

Not included:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals not specifically listed
- Gratuities

How do I reserve?

Please contact David directly at bookings@cc-asia.com.

You will receive a personal reply within 48 hours.

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

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

What is the cancellation policy?

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 departure date, including no-shows:
100%

Travel insurance that includes cancellation coverage is strongly recommended.

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Yes. Please advise us of any dietary restrictions or allergies when making your reservation. Our restaurant partners can accommodate most dietary requirements.

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 included in the program.



Reserve Early for 2026–2027

Chieko

Japanese Language Coordinator

This journey is limited to a maximum of 10 guests. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the program reaches capacity.

Chieko is available to assist guests in Japanese before, during, and after the journey. From pre-departure planning through your return home, she provides support entirely in Japanese.

She can assist with restaurant reservations, shopping recommendations, and questions that arise during the trip.

For guests who prefer communicating in Japanese, support is always available.

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About David Wright

Host

“Every inquiry receives a personal reply within 48 hours.”

More than thirty years ago, David Wright’s connection with Asia began as a Yale-in-China Fellow in Hong Kong. After earning a master’s degree from Yale University and pursuing doctoral studies at UC Berkeley, he eventually settled in Tokyo, where he has lived for more than twenty years. He is fluent in Japanese.

Since 2015, David has hosted small-group journeys throughout Japan and Southeast Asia, combining cultural insight, local knowledge, and personal attention. Every journey reflects his belief that guests should be free to focus on the experience itself while traveling with someone who understands the details behind the scenes.

20+ Years Living in Tokyo

Fluent Japanese

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