

Thailand Itinerary and Budget

Bangkok Travel Guide

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4 Days/3 Nights With Manila Layover

Trip Overview

Category	Details
Destination	Bangkok, Thailand
Duration	4 days/3 nights
Travel Route	Cebu → Manila → Bangkok → Manila → Cebu
Travel Style	Cultural sightseeing, shopping, food trip, night market, river cruise, leisure
Currency Used	Philippine Peso
Main Activities	Temple tour, mall-hopping, night market, river cruise dinner, shopping

Route Summary

1. Departure from Cebu to Manila
2. Manila layover and connecting flight to Bangkok
3. Bangkok shopping, city exploration, and river cruise dinner
4. Bangkok temple tour and cultural sightseeing
5. Departure from Bangkok and return to Cebu via Manila

Day 0:Departure and Manila Layover

Schedule

Time	Activity
10:50 PM	Flight departure to Manila
12:10 AM	Arrival in Manila
01:00 AM	Transfer to accommodation or condo near Manila
01:30 AM	Rest during layover
08:00 AM	Wake-up, breakfast, and preparation
10:00 AM	Airport transfer
03:00 PM	Flight departure to Bangkok
05:45 PM	Arrival in Bangkok
06:00 PM–08:00 PM	Immigration clearance and baggage claim
08:00 PM	Hotel transfer and check-in
09:00 PM	Dinner near hotel and rest

Layover Plan

This day is focused on transit, rest, and preparation for the international flight to Bangkok. A nearby accommodation or condo during the Manila layover helps make the connecting travel day more manageable.

Evening Options in Bangkok

Khao San Road

A lively nightlife and street food area with souvenir shops, bars, casual restaurants, and late-night energy.

Jodd Fairs Night Market

A popular night market with food stalls, shopping, drinks, desserts, and casual outdoor dining.

Estimated Budget

Expense	Estimated Cost
Manila layover accommodation share	PHP 500–1,500
Meals and snacks	PHP 500–1,000
Airport transfers and city transport	PHP 500–1,000
Optional night market spending	PHP 500–1,500
Estimated Day 0 Total	PHP 2,000–5,000

Day 1:Shopping, City Exploration, and River Cruise Dinner

Schedule

Time	Activity
07:00 AM–08:00 AM	Wake-up and preparation
08:00 AM	Breakfast
09:00 AM–11:00 AM	Chatuchak Weekend Market
12:00 PM–01:00 PM	Lunch
02:00 PM–05:00 PM	Shopping and mall-hopping
05:00 PM–05:30 PM	Hotel stop or freshen-up break
06:00 PM–08:00 PM	Dinner buffet river cruise
09:00 PM	Return to hotel
10:00 PM	Rest

Morning Activity:Chatuchak Weekend Market

Chatuchak Weekend Market is one of Bangkok’s most popular shopping destinations. It is ideal for souvenirs, clothes, bags, accessories, snacks, home items, handmade products, and pasalubong shopping.

Suggested Shopping Finds

- Thai snacks
- Clothes
- Bags
- Accessories
- Keychains and magnets
- Local handicrafts
- Souvenir shirts
- Beauty items
- Small home décor

Afternoon Shopping Stops

Siam Paragon

A luxury shopping mall with international brands, dining options, a large food court, cafés, and lifestyle stores.

ICONSIAM

A riverside mall known for scenic views, modern shops, Thai-style indoor market areas, restaurants, and photo spots.

Platinum Fashion Mall

A budget-friendly fashion mall for clothes, shoes, bags, accessories, and wholesale-style shopping.

Evening Activity:Dinner Buffet River Cruise

A river cruise dinner offers a scenic evening experience along Bangkok’s riverside landmarks. It

combines buffet dining, city lights, live entertainment, and photo opportunities.

Estimated Budget

Expense	Estimated Cost
Breakfast	PHP 200–400
Lunch	PHP 300–600
Shopping transport	PHP 300–600
Chatuchak shopping allowance	PHP 1,000–4,000
Mall shopping allowance	PHP 1,000–5,000
River cruise dinner buffet	PHP 1,500
Snacks and drinks	PHP 300–700
Estimated Day 1 Total Excluding Major Shopping	PHP 2,600–3,800
Estimated Day 1 Total With Shopping	PHP 4,600–12,800

Day 2:Bangkok Temple Tour and Cultural Sightseeing

Schedule

Time	Activity
07:00 AM–08:00 AM	Wake-up and preparation
08:00 AM–08:30 AM	Breakfast
09:00 AM–10:00 AM	Wat Arun
10:00 AM–10:30 AM	Ferry transfer to Wat Pho
10:30 AM–11:30 AM	Wat Pho
11:30 AM–12:00 PM	Transfer to Grand Palace area
12:00 PM–12:30 PM	Lunch
01:00 PM–02:00 PM	Grand Palace
02:00 PM–03:00 PM	Optional additional temple or café break
03:00 PM–04:00 PM	Return to hotel or proceed to mall
04:00 PM–06:00 PM	Free time
07:00 PM	Hotel return, packing, and rest
10:00 PM	Rest

Morning Stop:Wat Arun

Wat Arun is a famous riverside temple known for its tall central prang, intricate tile details, river views, and photogenic architecture.

Transfer:Chao Phraya River Ferry

A short ferry ride connects the Wat Arun side of the river to the Wat Pho and Grand Palace area. This adds a simple local transport experience to the temple route.

Second Stop:Wat Pho

Wat Pho is known for the Reclining Buddha and is one of Bangkok's most visited temple complexes. It features detailed murals, courtyards, and traditional Thai architecture.

Main Cultural Stop:Grand Palace

The Grand Palace is one of Bangkok's most important landmarks. It is known for ornate buildings, temple structures, historical significance, and detailed Thai craftsmanship.

Optional Late Afternoon Activities

- Thai massage
- Mahanakhon SkyWalk
- Last-minute shopping
- Nearby mall visit
- Street food stop
- Café break
- Night market visit

Temple Dress Code

- Shoulders covered
- Knees covered
- Comfortable walking footwear
- Light and breathable clothing
- Scarf or cover-up for added flexibility

Estimated Budget

Expense	Estimated Cost
Breakfast	PHP 200–400
Wat Arun entrance fee	PHP 159
Ferry ride	PHP 8
Wat Pho entrance fee	PHP 320
Grand Palace entrance fee	PHP 800
Lunch	PHP 300–600
Local transport	PHP 400–800
Snacks and drinks	PHP 300–600
Optional massage	PHP 500–1,500
Optional attraction/activity	PHP 1,000–3,000
Dinner	PHP 400–800
Estimated Day 2 Total Without Optional Activities	PHP 2,887–3,487
Estimated Day 2 Total With Optional Activities	PHP 4,387–7,987

Day 3:Departure from Bangkok and Return Home

Schedule

Time	Activity
07:00 AM	Wake-up and final packing
08:30 AM	Breakfast
09:30 AM–10:00 AM	Airport transfer
10:00 AM onwards	Airport check-in and immigration clearance
01:50 PM	Flight departure to Manila
06:10 PM	Arrival in Manila
06:10 PM–08:00 PM	Immigration, baggage claim, and dinner
08:00 PM	Check-in for flight to Cebu
10:25 PM	Flight departure to Cebu
11:50 PM	Arrival in Cebu

Departure Day Plan

This day is focused on airport transfer, international departure procedures, Manila layover, and the final domestic flight to Cebu.

Final Packing Checklist

- Passport
- Boarding pass or flight confirmation
- Travel documents
- Wallet and cards
- Phone and charger
- Power bank
- Hotel room check
- Souvenirs and pasalubong
- Liquids packed properly
- Baggage weight checked

Estimated Budget

Expense	Estimated Cost
Breakfast	PHP 200–400
Airport transfer	PHP 500–1,000
Airport snacks and drinks	PHP 300–700
Manila layover dinner	PHP 300–700
Extra baggage allowance, if needed	PHP 1,000–3,000
Estimated Day 3 Total Without Extra Baggage	PHP 1,300–2,800
Estimated Day 3 Total With Extra Baggage	PHP 2,300–5,800

Comprehensive Budget Breakdown, Estimated Cost Per Person in PHP

Expense Category	Estimated Cost
Round-trip airfare	PHP 12,487
Travel tax	PHP 1,700
Accommodation/Airbnb	PHP 7,000 (Good for 5 pax, you can divide per pax)
Temple entrance fees and ferry	PHP 1,287
Land transportation	PHP 1,500
Food allowance	PHP 3,000
River cruise dinner buffet	PHP 1,500
Estimated Total Excluding Accommodation	PHP 21,474

Temple and Activity Budget Details

Item	Estimated Cost
Wat Arun entrance fee	PHP 159
Ferry ride to Wat Pho	PHP 8
Wat Pho entrance fee	PHP 320
Grand Palace entrance fee	PHP 800
Estimated Temple Total	PHP 1,287

Transportation Budget

Transportation Item	Estimated Cost
Airport transfers	Included in land transportation estimate
Ride-hailing for long distances	Included
Short city transfers	Included
Mall and market transfers	Included
Temple route transfers	Included
Estimated Transportation Total	PHP 1,500

Food Budget

Meal/Food Item	Estimated Cost
Breakfasts and casual meals	Included
Lunches	Included
Street food and snacks	Included
Dinner allowance excluding river cruise	Included
Drinks and light refreshments	Included
Estimated Food Total	PHP 3,000

River Cruise Budget

Activity	Estimated Cost
Dinner buffet river cruise	PHP 1,500 per person

Estimated Total Trip Cost Per Person

Category	Cost
Airfare	PHP 12,487
Travel tax	PHP 1,700
Temple fees and ferry	PHP 1,287
Land transportation	PHP 1,500
Food	PHP 3,000
River cruise	PHP 1,500
Accommodation	PHP 7,000 (Good for 5 pax, you can divide per pax)
Estimated Total Before Accommodation	PHP 21,474

Accommodation Budget Options

Accommodation Type	Estimated Cost Per Person
Budget shared stay	PHP 2,000–3,500
Comfortable shared Airbnb or hotel	PHP 3,500–6,000
Mid-range hotel share	PHP 6,000–9,000

Estimated Total With Accommodation

Travel Style	Estimated Total Per Person
Budget stay	PHP 23,474–24,974
Comfortable shared stay	PHP 24,974–27,474
Mid-range stay	PHP 27,474–30,474

Suggested Additional Budget Allowance

Extra Expense	Suggested Budget
Shopping/pasalubong	PHP 3,000–8,000
Extra snacks and drinks	PHP 500–1,000
Thai massage	PHP 500–1,500
Emergency fund	PHP 2,000–5,000
Optional attractions	PHP 1,000–3,000
Extra baggage allowance	PHP 1,000–3,000

Recommended Total Pocket Money

Budget Type	Suggested Amount Per Person
Basic trip budget with light shopping	PHP 25,000–28,000
Comfortable budget with shopping and extras	PHP 28,000–35,000
Shopping-heavy budget with optional attractions	PHP 35,000–45,000

Sample Budget Plan

Basic Budget

Category	Estimated Cost
Core trip cost before accommodation	PHP 21,474
Budget accommodation share	PHP 2,500
Light shopping	PHP 3,000
Emergency buffer	PHP 2,000
Estimated Total	PHP 28,974

Comfortable Budget

Category	Estimated Cost
Core trip cost before accommodation	PHP 21,474
Comfortable accommodation share	PHP 4,500
Shopping and pasalubong	PHP 5,000
Massage or optional attraction	PHP 1,500
Emergency buffer	PHP 3,000
Estimated Total	PHP 35,474

Shopping and Activities Budget

Category	Estimated Cost
Core trip cost before accommodation	PHP 21,474
Mid-range accommodation share	PHP 7,000
Shopping and pasalubong	PHP 8,000
Optional attractions and massage	PHP 3,000
Extra baggage allowance	PHP 2,000
Emergency buffer	PHP 5,000
Estimated Total	PHP 46,474

Best Areas to Visit in This Itinerary

Area	Best For
Chatuchak Weekend Market	Souvenirs, clothes, accessories, snacks
Siam Area	Malls, food courts, shopping, city atmosphere
ICONSIAM	Riverside views, dining, photos, shopping
Platinum Fashion Mall	Budget fashion shopping
Wat Arun	Temple photos and riverside scenery
Wat Pho	Reclining Buddha and cultural sightseeing
Grand Palace	Historic architecture and major landmark visit
Khao San Road	Nightlife, street food, souvenirs
Jodd Fairs Night Market	Casual food trip and night market shopping

Food and Drink Ideas

Must-Try Thai Food

- Pad Thai
- Tom yum
- Mango sticky rice
- Thai milk tea
- Boat noodles
- Chicken rice
- Grilled skewers
- Coconut ice cream
- Thai fried chicken
- Pork basil rice

Best Food Stops

- Night markets
- Mall food courts
- Street food stalls
- Local restaurants near hotel
- Riverside cruise buffet
- Chatuchak food stalls

Travel Essentials

Documents

- Passport
- Boarding pass or flight confirmation

- Hotel booking confirmation
- Travel tax receipt
- Travel insurance details
- Copies of important documents

Daily Bag Items

- Cash in Thai Baht
- Phone
- Power bank
- Tissue and wet wipes
- Small umbrella
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Small medicine kit
- Crossbody bag or compact day bag

Clothing

- Comfortable walking outfits
- Temple-appropriate outfit
- Light jacket or cover-up
- Comfortable shoes
- Sandals
- Extra clothes for humid weather
- Outfit for river cruise dinner