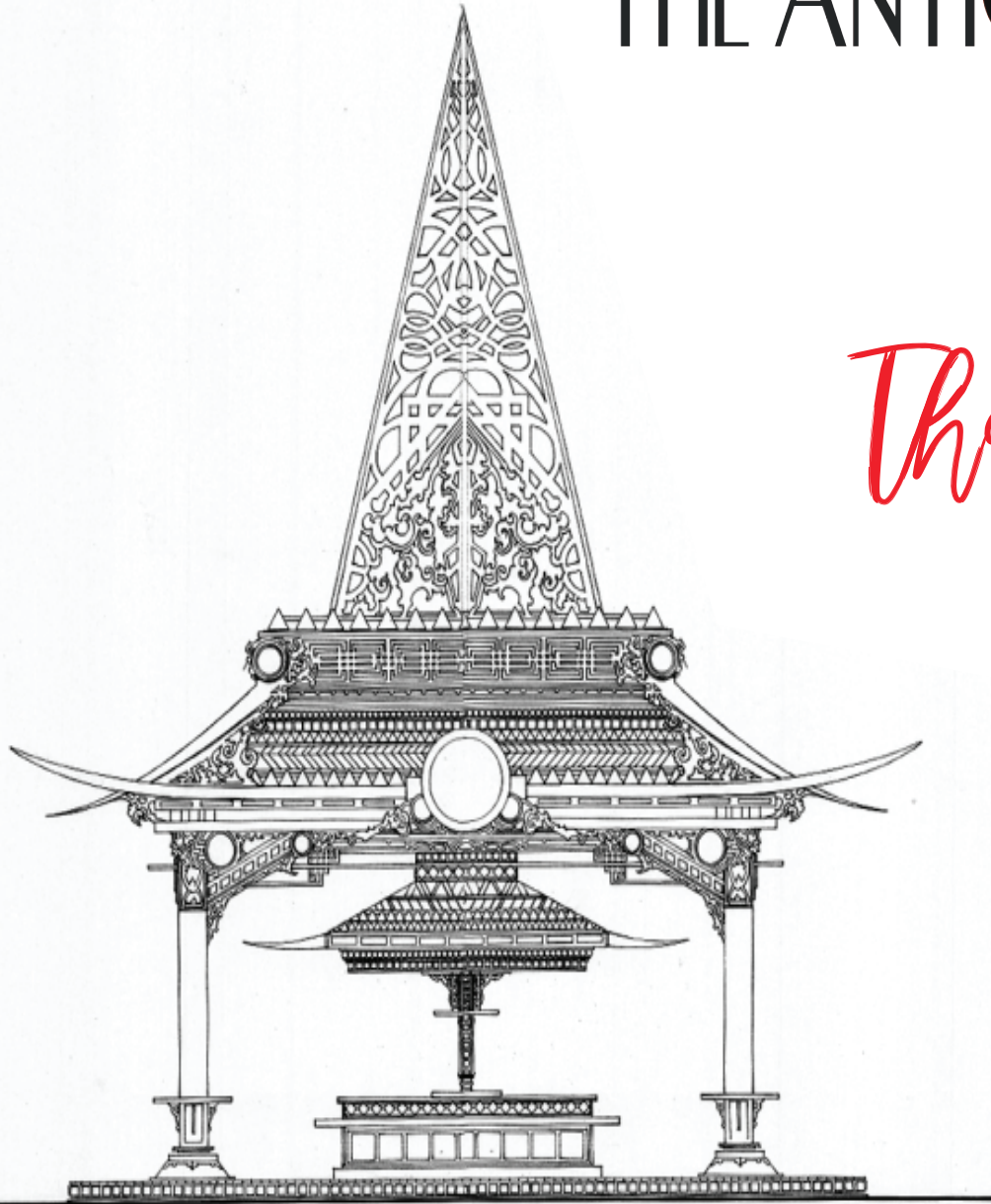


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Thailand Tours





1. Bangkok Antiques Tour Sunday - Sunday // 1 - 3 Day Tour

All roads lead to Bangkok. Being the major city of South East Asia, all antiques wind their way through this city – so you will find antiques from the rest of Thailand as well as Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Indonesia, India, and even China.

While you will certainly have the opportunity to purchase classic Asian antiques such as Buddha statues, Bangkok offers so much more. Ornate architectural salvage from temples and Thai homes as well as garden antiques such as Spirit Houses, benches, lanterns, and other pieces can be found in abundance. When it comes to furniture, our Guide will take you to hidden sources where you'll see Rattanakosin Period antique furniture, scripture cabinets, traditional Thai beds and tables, cabinets, mirrors, and Chinese furniture. For those who love decorative accessories, shop for red lacquer containers, betel boxes, hill-tribe weathered baskets, sturdy pottery, brass and wood carvings, and opium weights and tools. You'll also find textiles, costumes, amulets, gems, and Thai jewelry, as well as antique handicrafts from the many villages surrounding Bangkok. On our Thailand antiques tours we will translate and negotiate on your behalf, maximizing your time and money. We also liaise you with a shipper to get your purchases home.



2. Chatuchak Market: Bangkok's JJ Market Tour Saturday & Sunday (Limited Availability Mid-Week Upon Request) // Full Day Tour

Everyone knows the Paris Flea Market is the place to shop for antiques in Europe... In Asia the equivalent is Bangkok's Chatuchak Market (aka the JJ Market). It's massive and sprawling... and the best bits are hidden. Most tourists arrive amidst the tourist tack or get lost in the maze that sells literally everything from pets to candles to t-shirts. The lucky ones find their way to the housewares and decorative accessories – even the reproduction antiques – but to get to the true antiques, off the main soi's, tucked away in alleyways you need an expert's hand and that's where we come in. Our Thailand

Antiques Tours Diva Guides not only know the vendors, but they know the hidden antique warehouses, they know the fakes from the genuine pieces and they know how to avoid the heat – escaping occasionally from the brutal heat into AC and when and where to rehydrate with a fresh coconut. They even know the best loots. Shopping the JJ Market without The Antiques Diva & Co simply put is a waste of your time. We save you money by bargaining on your behalf – remember in Thailand negotiation is an art. And as we know the market like the back of our hand, we save you energy by helping you avoid both sensory overload and frustrating dead ends. What To Buy? Everything, but our favorites include Thai Wooden Carvings, Burmese Antique Teak Furniture, Buddhist Manuscript boxes, Handwoven Hill Tribe Baskets, Theater Chairs, Shophouse Display Furniture, Antique Textiles and Art Prints, Architectural Remnants, Vintage Garden Furniture, Khmer Stone Carving, Retro Accessories and billions of Buddah heads (both tourist market reproductions as well as original period pieces). And while these aren't antique we love them – Thai and Chinese silk and silk lanterns and lighting galore. Not to mention jewelry – both new and old – as well as fusion fashion. And let's not forget fabulous lunch. In Thailand it's all about the food – the Thai eat ALL DAY LONG, so you won't turn a corner without another opportunity to feed your mouth. And of course we know where the best bites are. Our guide meets you at your hotel and whisks you away to the market so you avoid getting lost in the crowds – taking you directly to the area of the market you're most interested in seeing.



3. Chiang Mai Antiques Tour Sunday - Sunday // 1 - 3 Day Tour

The Chiang Mai region is ideal for trade clients because it is home to the best wholesale antiques sources in South East Asia with the most variety of inventory from Thailand as well as from neighboring countries. In part this is because of the historical traditions and geographical positioning in what has traditionally been called the Golden Triangle where the borders of 3 countries meet – Myanmar, Laos and Thailand. Lanna culture has distinctiveness from the rest of Thailand. It was an independent kingdom for years, and you can see Indian and Chinese influences. It has distinctive architecture that incorporates hand carved woods and stylistic motifs. While Chiang Mai is Thailand's second largest city and has all the modern amenities of a modern city, the culture of the people is still reminiscent of the countryside where you find a slower pace of life, more personal interaction, and people are more patient and kind. There is also an influence of the hill-tribe culture in the region, which creates product variety because the hill-tribe handicrafts are different than the city and royal cultures. From antique furniture and decorative accessories to architectural salvage and beyond, Chiang Mai is a magical place to source a variety of Asian antiques. Whether you're looking to source small amulets or entire rice barns for architectural salvage, our Chiang Mai Antiques Buying Tour has a lot to offer. As always, on tour our Thailand Antiques Tours Guide will translate, negotiate, and liaise you with an international shipper.