



## Excursion Program

<b>Saturday, 3 August 2019</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
08.30	Pick-up from STOU Guesthouse, Novotel Bangkok Impact Hotel, Ibis Bangkok Impact Hotel and Best Western Plus Wanda Grand Hotel
09.30	Arrive at the Ayutthaya Historical Exhibition Hall, Ayutthaya Tourist Center
10.00	<p><b>Visit Wat Phra Mahathat</b></p> <p>Wat Phra Mahathat, Thailand, was a royal temple of the Ayutthaya Kingdom. It is one of the oldest and most significant temples in the history of Ayutthaya as it housed the Buddha's holy relic. Many important royal ceremonies of the Ayutthaya era had been hosted here. When the Ayutthaya Kingdom failed in 1767, Wat Phra Mahathat was severely damaged by fire and was since abandoned. Attractions include remains of important old buildings such as pagodas, octagonal pagodas, royal hall, small temples, murals under a Bodhi tree, and the famous sandstone Ayutthaya-style head of the Buddha image in a tree's root.</p>
10.30	<p><b>Visit Wat Phra Sri Sanphet</b></p> <p>The temple is not only a significant historical site, but also considered as the spiritual center of Thais for a long time. Situated within the royal palace grounds, Wat Phra Sri Sanphet is the royal monastery and therefore no monk is allowed to reside at. However, the temple served to conduct ceremonies within the royal court, such as the ritual to drink an oath of allegiance. It is also regarded as an equivalence of Wat Mahathat in Sukhothai and a model for Wat Phra Sri Ratana Sasadaram (the royal temple of the Emerald Buddha) or Wat Phra Kaew in Bangkok.</p>
11.00	<p><b>Visit Wat Chaiwattanaram</b></p> <p>One of the most visited historical site of Ayutthaya, rests on the bank of the Chao Phraya river, to the west of the city island. The temple was ordered to build in 1630 by King Prasat Thong to honor his mother, featuring the architectural style influenced by Angkor temple in Cambodia—its unique feature is a large, central prang (Khmer-style pagoda) surrounded by smaller prangs, symbolizing Mount Sumeru, the gods' mountain according to Hindu belief. The lighting at night makes the temple even more exotic and beautiful.</p>
11.45	Lunch
13.00	Depart for Bangkok
14.30	Visit MBK Shopping Center
17.00	Leave from Bangkok
18.30	Arrive at the hotels