



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Thailand Study Abroad

1. When is the trip?

This trip is scheduled for COA's Spring Break 2022. The dates are April 15-24.

2. Who is eligible to participate?

COA students have first priority. However, COA faculty and staff as well as community members may join. All participants must be at least 17 years of age at the time of the trip.

3. How much does the trip cost?

*For travelers under the age of 23 (three or four participants per room), the cost is \$3,558. For travelers 23 and older (two participants per room), the cost is \$4,043. In addition, the **Travel Protection Plan Plus is required**, which allows a traveler to cancel for any reason and receive a majority refund. (Additional fee applies.)*

4. What is included?

Cost includes van travel from COA to the Norfolk airport and back, round-trip airfare, in-country transportation, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, most lunches, services of the professional tour director, guided tours/sightseeing, and visits to attractions not listed as optional.

5. What is not included?

The trip fee does not cover any costs associated with obtaining a passport, any airline fees for checked baggage, or some lunches when small groups may be allowed to go on their own (with chaperone) to choose their own lunch location. Participants are also responsible for their own meals on the air travel days.

6. Is there any financial assistance for students?

Through the generosity of the COA Foundation, regional Rotary Clubs, and Study Abroad Program fundraising, we are able to offer partial scholarships to COA students who meet certain criteria. Because the amount available depends upon the total number of students participating, we cannot give you an exact figure at this time. However, past scholarships have ranged from \$550 to \$900 per student.

7. What if the trip does not occur because of closures, government regulations, or travel restrictions due to COVID-19?

The program leader can move the tour to a new location with no fees associated, or if you have to cancel, with the required Cancel for Any Reason Travel Protection coverage (see #3), your cancellation fee will be just \$75.

8. How do I sign up?

Contact Dr. Dean Roughton at dean_rougton@albemarle.edu to receive a program participation application and a scholarship application (students only). Upon approval, create an account on the trip website portal and pay the \$50 deposit and the Travel Protection Plan Plus fee.