



# Bangkok 2012 . . . "The Land of a Thousand Smiles"

## CONVENTION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

One of the most important parts of any RI Convention are the numerous breakout sessions which are held throughout the event. This year for club leaders there will be sessions in Membership Diversity, use of Social Media to strengthen clubs, and Best Practices for Club Web Sites to name just a few. Various Rotarian Action Groups will present sessions including Planning for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Projects; How RAGs Support Rotary's Disease Prevention Area of Focus; and A Changing World: Literacy, Education and the Future of Humanity. In all, there will be a total of 54 different sessions . . . something for everyone.

## PRE AND POST-CONVENTION TOURS AND CITY TOURS

A wide variety of tours for convention attendees have been planned by the HOC. There will be pre and post convention tours as well as half-day and full-day tours during the convention. Here are some examples of each.

**HALF-DAY CITY TOURS:** For the half-day tours, there will be two tours per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. (The US\$ pricing is approximate)

- Bangkok City and Temple Tour (\$28)
- Grand Palace (\$39)
- Canal Tour & Wat Arun (\$29)
- Flower Market, China Town, Wat Suthat (\$40)
- Ancient City (\$58)
- Cooking Classes (\$71-\$81)
- Golf Packages (\$162-\$201)

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**FULL-DAY CITY TOURS:** Lunch is provided for each of the following full day tours.

- River Kwai, Tiger Temple & War Museum (\$97)
- Elephant Ride & Bamboo Rafting (\$66)
- Sriracha Tiger Zoo (\$84)
- Floating Market & Thai Village Show (\$58)
- Pattaya, & Nong Nooch Garden (\$68)
- Pattaya Tour & Coral Island (\$66)

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**PRE/POST TOURS (THAILAND TREASURER):** Pricing is based on double occupancy in 3-Star and 4-Star hotels. What is included in each package varies. For full details on all of the Thailand tours available, visit the following:

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Following are some examples of the Thailand Tours

- Chiang Mai, the Old Capital (3 days) \$338-\$433
- Chiang Rai, the Golden Triangle (3 days) \$453-\$529
- Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai (5 days) \$758-\$895
- Hua Hin Beach Resort (3 days) \$584-\$641
- Pattaya Coral Island & Gardens (3 days) \$391-\$469
- The Andaman Sea's Treasure (3 days) \$263-\$290
- Samui, the Gulf Paradise (3 days) \$382-\$421
- Khmer Religious Monuments (3 days) \$916
- Sukhothai-World Heritage (3 days) \$624

**PRE/POST TOURS (INDOCHINA):** Pricing is based on double occupancy in 3-Star and 4-Star hotels. What is included in each package varies. For full details on all of the Indochina tours available, visit the following:

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Following are the basics of the Indochina tours.

- Myanmar-Taste of Yangon (3 days) \$485-\$510
- Vietnam-Ho Chi Min City (3 days) \$415-\$515
- Vietnam-Hanoi & Halong Bay (3 days) \$495-\$585
- Cambodia-Wonders of Angor Wat (3 days) \$395-\$475
- Laos-Luang Prabang Retreat (3 days) \$480-\$590

## UPDATE ON FLOODING IN BANGKOK

You may have questions about the flooding in Bangkok and if it will affect the convention. A report received on November 21 states that the flooding is restricted to an area near the Chao Praya River. According to local sources, the worst of the crisis is over and the waters are receding. The RI hotel area has not been affected and either has the Impact Convention Center. You can visit the RI web site <http://www.rotary.org> for flooding updates and the latest convention news.

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