



# ANNUAL SPOUSAL/PARTNERS/FAMILY MEMBERS PROGRAMME Bangkok, Thailand 1 and 2 September, 2015

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As for many years now, Cargo Network prepared for you an exciting tour of the city over two days, while spouses/partners/delegates are sitting at the conference!

There are lots of things to do and see in Bangkok. You could happily fill several weeks in this bustling city and still not see it all. The capital of Thailand has something for everyone: temples, day and night markets, palaces, beautiful architecture, and hospitable local people.

During our two days we will be visiting examples of all this: looking at Buddhas, attractions, seeing traditional life, the Royal Palace, a boat trip, and many more. As usual, we will be staying together to have some refreshments and a bite\* at some of the cafes, to bond and chat, and make friendships across frontiers.

On both days, we will be back well in time, before our partners/spouses finish their meetings at the Conference, to catch up with them and ready for the evening entertainment.

Although the program can still be slightly modified, this is how it looks so far:

# 1<sup>st</sup> of September (Tuesday):

After breakfast at **10am**, meeting up in the Lobby, near the Concierge's desk.

On our first day programme only: **VERY IMPORTANT WARNING!**

**You have to wear long skirt or trousers, covering your legs, or have a sarong you can wrap around your legs/shorts/short skirts, as otherwise they do not allow you in!**

**Similarly your top has to be covered, but ordinary t-shirts are fine, perhaps covered with a scarf, to be on the safe side.**

**These rules are incredibly strict in Thailand, we have to adhere to them! Only for the first day!!!!**

Also: please, bring your most **comfortable walking shoes** and, just to make sure we chase away those nasty clouds: an umbrella (at least to Bangkok, then we will see, whether we need it or not on the day. HOPEFULLY: NOT!!!!)

On our first day, we will visit the world famous Royal Grand Palace (hence the restricting clothing). Having met up, after breakfast, at 10am, in our Hotel's foyer, at the Concierge desk, we will go straight to the Royal Palace. Built in traditional Thai architecture the Royal Grand Palace complex, the former official home for the Kings of Siam, is unquestionably one of Thailand's major tourist highlights.



The King still uses the Grand Palace for ceremonial occasions and the regal flavour within its royal grounds is still evident. The main centrepiece of the complex is the 45 centimetre Emerald Buddha. It is carved from just one piece of Jade and it is the holiest and most revered religious object in Thailand. The Emerald Buddha is housed within Wat Phra Kaew, which is a very ornately decorated building. Its roof tiles reach up towards the sky.



On our way back from the Palace we will visit more Buddha Temples.

## Second Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, Wednesday

We are meeting, again, in our Hotel Lobby, **at 10am**, at the same spot, as on our first day.

The Chao Phraya River meanders its way right through the heart of Bangkok and adds to the charm and appeal of this bustling capital.

Getting out on the river offers a break from the crowds and heat, making a trip on the water a popular Bangkok attraction.

We are going to go on a long-tail boat, and visit the way traditional life maintained along the river bank, in houses built on the water, along the many canals. We will also visit the Royal Barge Museum, included in our tour. This will constitute our second day programme.

Again, as the day before, we will have a break together, to grab some nice Thai food, and chat along, to complete the second day of our tour of exotic Bangkok.



This concludes our programme offer for the two days.

[\*Lunch/refreshments, which you yourself consume are the **ONLY** expense you will have to cover yourself, as per every year ! ]

All entrance tickets, guides and transport, between the sites - over the entire two days period - will be covered by: **Cargo Network**, the sponsor of the Spousal, Partner and Family Members' Programme in 2015 !

Further suggestion (for shopping):

If you are wondering what to do in Bangkok evening or daytime: this is a great place to try. It is friendly and has a fun and laid back atmosphere, thanks to the locals and the many tourists from around the world who come here every day and many evenings.

It is called: **Khao San Road** and it is offering typical Thai souvenirs and handicrafts. There are ample places to grab some authentic Thai food, too, while you are wondering around in this busy and popular neighbourhood. Or try a foot massage, after hours of shopping!

In case, this is too much activity for you, you can pick and chose, of course, nothing is compulsory with us. You will be able to join us, or leave us – at any point you wish. No problem, at all.

Otherwise, ALL are very welcome for the duration of the two days, and have loads and loads of fun enjoying each other's company and friendship, as per usual!

If you need any advice, or have ANY queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my email: [kpickvance@cargonetwork.nl](mailto:kpickvance@cargonetwork.nl)

Looking forward to seeing you all, this year: in Thailand, in the exotic city of Bangkok !

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