



AFA Vietnam & Thailand Experience

March 12–21, 2027

Join Agriculture Future of America for an immersive international experience exploring agriculture, food systems, culture and leadership across Vietnam and Thailand. Throughout the 10-day program, participants will engage with farms, agricultural businesses and local communities while experiencing some of the region's most significant cultural and historical sites.

Agenda is subject to change as visits and travel details are finalized.

Friday, March 12 | Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Participants will arrive independently in Ho Chi Minh City, where the group will be welcomed by the local Tour Manager.

Following arrival and lunch, we'll begin exploring the city with visits to several of Ho Chi Minh City's notable cultural and historical sites, including:

- War Remnants Museum
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- Central Post Office
- Saigon Opera House

The evening will conclude with dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City

Hotel: Orchid Saigon Hotel or similar



Saturday, March 13 | Agriculture & History in the Cu Chi District

Ho Chi Minh City Area

The day begins with a trip to the Cu Chi district to explore agricultural production firsthand.

Participants will visit a family-operated farm to learn about:

- Orchid production
- Mushroom cultivation and distribution
- Worm farming and its use in animal and crop production
- Rubber tree production

Following lunch, the group will visit the historic **Cu Chi Tunnels**, an extensive underground network used during the Vietnam War.

Dinner will be at Ngon Restaurant.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City

Sunday, March 14 | Ho Chi Minh City → Cai Be → Can Tho

After breakfast, we'll travel south toward Vietnam's Mekong Delta for a day focused on food and agricultural production.

Stops will include:

- **Than Cuu Nghia Vegetable Cooperative** to learn how vegetables are grown and supplied to the Ho Chi Minh City market
- A rice cleaning facility and rice store
- A look at local rice wine production

The group will then continue to **Can Tho**, the largest city in the Mekong Delta and a center for the region's agriculture, waterways and commerce.

Overnight: Can Tho

Hotel: Ninh Kieu Riverside Hotel or similar



Monday, March 15 | Exploring Agriculture in the Mekong Delta

Can Tho

The morning begins at the **Cai Rang Floating Market**, where boats gather along the river to trade fruit, vegetables, food and other goods.

Participants will then visit a local farm to learn more about the region's fruit and tree crop production.

After lunch in a local home, the group will visit a fish farm to see how fish are raised in cages for both local consumption and export.

An optional traditional massage may also be available at participants' own expense.

Overnight: Can Tho

Tuesday, March 16 | Can Tho → Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, we'll begin our return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Along the way, the group will visit **Kimmy's Chocolatier** to learn about the chocolate-making process — from cacao beans to finished products — and explore how local flavors are incorporated into chocolate production.

After arriving in Ho Chi Minh City, participants will have free time to explore and shop before dinner.

An optional late-evening visit to the **Binh Dien Wholesale Agriculture Market** may also be available.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City

Hotel: Orchid Saigon Hotel or similar



Wednesday, March 17 | Ho Chi Minh City → Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand

After breakfast, the group will travel to the airport for the flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok.

Upon arrival in Thailand, we'll transfer to the hotel and have free time to explore Bangkok.

The evening will feature a **dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River**, offering a unique introduction to the city.

Overnight: Bangkok

Hotel: Holiday Inn Silom Hotel or similar

Thursday, March 18 | Bangkok → Kanchanaburi Province

The group will leave Bangkok for a day exploring agriculture and wildlife in Kanchanaburi Province.

Our first visit will be **Bor Ta Chin Shrimp Farm** to learn more about local shrimp production.

We'll then visit **Elephant Haven Thailand**, where participants will have lunch and the opportunity to interact with, feed and bathe elephants.

Overnight: Kanchanaburi

Hotel: Felix River Kwai Resort or similar

Participants are encouraged to bring:

- Hat
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Sandals or flip-flops
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera
- Bug repellent
- Dry change of clothes



Friday, March 19 | Kanchanaburi → Bangkok

Following breakfast, participants will explore several of Kanchanaburi's important historical sites, including:

- Bridge on the River Kwai
- JEATH War Museum
- Donrak Cemetery

The group will then travel to **Erawan National Park**, home to the famous seven-tiered Erawan Falls and its emerald-green pools.

Following lunch, we'll return to Bangkok and visit **Khao San Road**, known for its night market, street food and lively atmosphere.

Overnight: Bangkok

Hotel: Holiday Inn Silom Hotel or similar

Saturday, March 20 | Sustainability, Food & Culture in Bangkok

Bangkok

The morning begins with a visit to **Poomjai Garden**, where participants will learn about the family's work in land reclamation, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Next, participants will take part in a **Thai cooking class**, followed by lunch featuring the dishes prepared during the experience.

Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Bangkok

Sunday, March 21 | Bangkok & Departure

Our final morning will highlight several of Bangkok's most significant cultural sites. Depending on departure schedules, visits are expected to include:

- **The Grand Palace**
- **Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew)**
- **Wat Pho and the Reclining Buddha**

Following lunch, the group will prepare for departure. One group transfer to the airport will be arranged based on the majority of participant flight times. Participants may book departing flights for the **late afternoon or evening of March 21**.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in the experience?

The program includes:

- Nine nights of 4-star hotel accommodations
- English-speaking Tour Managers
- Ground transportation by comfortable coach
- Entrance fees for scheduled activities and attractions
- A minimum of two meals per day — breakfast plus lunch and/or dinner
- Gratuities
- Internal flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok
- One group airport transfer upon arrival and one group airport transfer for departure, scheduled around the majority of participant flight times

What is not included?

Participants should plan separately for:

- Entry visas for Vietnam and Thailand
- International airfare
- Early hotel check-in or late check-out
- Meals not identified as part of the itinerary
- Beverages
- Optional travel insurance
- Personal expenses, including shopping and additional meals
- Optional activities identified in the agenda

What is the arrival and departure information to book my travel?

Registrants should plan to **arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, during the morning or early afternoon on March 12**. Participants should arrive early enough to clear customs and join the group for the afternoon program.

A group airport transfer will be coordinated based on the majority of participant flight arrival times.



Participants are able to **depart Bangkok, Thailand, in the late afternoon or evening on March 21**. A group transfer to the airport will be provided based on the majority of departure flight times.

Are meals included?

Yes. At least two meals per day are included in the program. Breakfast is included daily, along with lunch and/or dinner based on the day's itinerary. Any meals not specified as part of the program are the participant's responsibility.

Will transportation be provided during the program?

Yes. Ground transportation during the experience will be provided by coach. The internal flight between Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok is also included.

Group airport transfers will be arranged for arrival and departure based on the majority of participant flight schedules.

Where will participants stay?

The itinerary currently anticipates accommodations at the following hotels or similar properties:

- **Ho Chi Minh City:** Orchid Saigon Hotel
- **Can Tho:** Ninh Kieu Riverside Hotel
- **Bangkok:** Holiday Inn Silom Hotel
- **Kanchanaburi:** Felix River Kwai Resort

Final hotel details will be shared with participants as travel arrangements are confirmed.

Will I need a visa?

Entry visas for Vietnam and Thailand are **not included** in the program. Participants will be responsible for obtaining any required entry documentation prior to travel. Additional information regarding travel requirements will be shared with registered participants.



What should I pack?

In addition to typical international travel essentials, participants should plan for warm weather, significant walking and outdoor agricultural experiences.

Recommended items include comfortable walking shoes, sandals or flip-flops, sunscreen, a hat, bug repellent, a reusable water bottle, a camera and clothing appropriate for outdoor activities. Participants should also bring a towel and change of clothes for the Elephant Haven experience.

Is the agenda final?

Agricultural visits, cultural experiences, hotels and daily timing may shift as arrangements are finalized. Participants will receive updated travel and program information prior to departure.