



## Jim Thompson Behind The Scenes: Diethelm Standard (Full Day)

### Tour details

Discover Jim Thompson's original silk factory on an insider's tour to see the intricate dyeing process and explore contrasting areas of the city. First, visit a hidden temple amongst the shopping malls and skyscrapers of Siam: **Wat Pathum Wanaram**. Built around 200 years ago, the temple is a blend of old and new complete with interesting contemporary artwork in the main hall.

Next, explore a local community that produces **Thai silk for Jim Thompson's Factory**, one of the oldest historical silk cottage industries established by the now infamous American businessman. Walk along a colourful canal through the community passing a tailor-made suit factory, open-air goldsmiths and manmade silver houses. There are only two working houses left now and but you can still see the entire process of colouring and weaving from the local people.

From there, walk across the bridge to the opposite side of the canal for **lunch at a classic white house**, which is now a museum and restaurant. After enjoying lunch, tour the house, which was the former factory of a famous Thai herb brand, to see old medical equipment, typewriters and other interesting antiques.

Finally, it's on to **Jim Thompson's House** where Jim Thompson started his business of supplying fine Thai silk to overseas fashion houses, single-handedly saving what had been a dying cottage industry. An architectural gem, the main teak wood house is full of tastefully displayed Asian art and curios including Buddha images, ceramics and antique furniture. The Jim Thompson silk company continues to flourish today and, near the entrance to the property, there is a sizeable boutique selling quality silk items, books and prints.

Return to your hotel in the middle of the afternoon.

Fast facts	
Tour code	EXBFDJTC
Tour departure time	09:00 hours
Tour duration (approx.)	6.30 hours
Transfer to/from hotel included	Yes
Meal included	Lunch
Tour type	Private
Operates	Daily
Minimum/Maximum number of persons	1-8

### Why choose this tour?

Learn more about how famous Thai silk is made as well as the unique culture between Buddhists and Muslims mixed in the same community. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in an elegantly renovated old house that many people don't know about.

### Customise the tour

- If you are staying in Bangkok city centre (such as in Siam) it is easy to turn this into an extended walking tour
- Add to other excursions in Bangkok



Tour prices are in THB  
Validity: November 2019

Tier	1 pax	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5 pax	6 pax	7 pax	8 pax	Join in
<b>Diethelm Standard</b>	8,500	4,960	3,780	3,180	2,830	2,600	2,780	2,620	-

**Our tour prices are inclusive of:**

**Diethelm Standard inclusions**

- Round-trip transfers in private, air-conditioned vehicle from/to Bangkok city hotel
- Private sightseeing with local English/French/German/Russian/or Spanish-speaking guide
- Bottled drinking water and refreshing towel during transfer
- Admission fees to the specified sightseeing points
- Local lunch (food only)
- Tour insurance

**Not included**

- Optional tours
- Personal expenditures, such as drinks, tips, souvenirs, etc.
- Other language speaking guide that is not mentioned above (a supplement charge will be applied)
- Other services and meals that are not mentioned in the programme
- Private insurance

**Booking conditions**

- Book and confirm in advance

**Child policy**

- Not recommended for children under 5 years old
- No discount for children, priced same as adult

**Cancellation policy**

- 6 days or more prior to start of service: No charge
- Between 5 days and 3 days prior to start of service: 50% of price
- 2 days or less prior to start of service OR no show: 100% of price