

## Group Flight Information

### Optional Chiang Mai Chaperoned Group Flight Package

We know that, for some, flying alone internationally can seem daunting. We have additionally received requests about opportunities for participants to be able to fly together from the United States to Chiang Mai (and back).

While we cannot arrange escorted flights from individual airports throughout the country, we are pleased to have made arrangements for a limited block of seats on flights between San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX) to escort participants on the international leg of their journey. Participants may therefore choose to meet WorldStrides staff in (and then say goodbye from) San Francisco instead of traveling the entire journey on their own.

These arrangements are optional, and the cost is therefore not included in the program cost.

**Reservations for the limited seats that we have on this chaperoned flight will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Note:** Only students and Family Program participants are eligible for the group flight package.

### Registration Details

- All students will be given the opportunity to enroll themselves or any Family Program participants in the Thailand Chaperoned Group Flight via their [travel.worldstrides.com](https://travel.worldstrides.com) page.
- Since this optional flight is an add-on to the program, participants wishing to be on the group flight must select the Chaperoned Group Flight as an add-on via [travel.worldstrides.com](https://travel.worldstrides.com)
- Enrollment in the Chaperoned Group Flight is subject to the same program Terms and Conditions and Standard Cancellation Policy acknowledged during the student's online enrollment.
- Space on the group flight is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Travel Logistics

The Thailand Chaperoned Group Flight will depart from and arrive at San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Participants must arrange their non-program flights to arrive into or depart from SFO with plenty of time to allow for immigration, baggage claim, check-in, and security processes, as well as unexpected delays or cancellations, even if this means a long layover.

The program recommends allowing a minimum 6-hour layover between your self-arranged hometown flight and the program flight.

**Note:** Should any flight delay or cancellation from your home city interfere with your ability to connect to the outbound program flight, you may lose your ticket and be required to purchase another flight at your own expense. The Program is not responsible for any delay or cancellation of the return program flight that causes a missed connection with a non-program return flight to your home city.

## **Chaperoned Group Flight Times**

### **Program Dates: June 23 – July 6**

- Travel to Chiang Mai
  - June 23, 2024 Departure Time from SFO to CNX: Approximately 1:20 AM Pacific Time
  - Arrange connecting flights to arrive at SFO well before 1:20 AM Pacific Time
- Return Flight to San Francisco
  - July 6, 2024 Arrival Time to SFO from CNX: Approximately 4:35 PM Pacific Time
  - Arrange connecting flights to depart SFO after 7:30 PM Pacific Time

### **Program Dates: July 21 – August 3**

- Travel to Chiang Mai
  - July 21, 2024 Departure Time from SFO to CNX: Approximately 1:20 AM Pacific Time
  - Arrange connecting flights to arrive at SFO well before 1:20 AM Pacific Time
- Return Flight to San Francisco
  - August 3, 2024 Arrival Time to SFO from CNX: Approximately 4:35 PM Pacific Time
  - Arrange connecting flights to depart SFO after 7:30 PM Pacific Time

## **Group Flight Inclusions**

- Round-trip airfare from San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX)
- Program staff on-site at SFO to assist with arrivals from home-city airports and departures to home-city airports
- Program staff on the flight to provide a safe, worry-free experience on the international journey
- Assistance with the international entry at Customs and Immigration

## **Cost and Payment Plan**

The cost for each round-trip chaperoned program flight varies by session. When elected as an Add On item on their [travel.worldstrides.com](https://travel.worldstrides.com) page, the group flight cost will be added to the student's existing payment plan, if applicable, or can be fully paid at the time of selection.