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Sailors Thai and The Sarojin team up for a Thai Culinary Journey

Lovers of authentic Thai cuisine around Australia take heart! Leading restaurateur and the man who with his partner David Thompson was responsible for introducing authentic Thai cuisine to Sydney through the legendary **Sailors Thai**, Peter Bowyer, is inviting food lovers to join him for a culinary excursion to Thailand from 10th to 18th October 2008.

The trip will focus on authentic Thai cuisine, with highlights such as a visit to Bangkok's thriving **Or Tor Kor Market** with its dazzling array of local produce, trying street food prepared before your eyes, dining on fresh seafood by the **Chao Praya River**, and most importantly, having fun learning to cook exceptional dishes with experts.

The **Metropolitan Bangkok**, the hip hotel which is part of COMO Hotels and Resorts, provides three nights of accommodation for the first part of the tour, and a perfect base from which to explore the market, shop and hit the best bars and foodie haunts of the city, not to mention its own outstanding restaurants, Glo and Cy'an.

The tour moves to **The Sarojin Thailand**, recently voted Asia's best boutique hotel at the World Travel Awards for the 3rd consecutive year, where guests will learn to cook and experience firsthand the resort's outstanding cuisine, guided by their team of over 40 chefs and friendly staff against a stunning backdrop of the Andaman Sea and the five surrounding national parks.

Elephant trekking, cruising through the jungle by 'pleat' boat up the Takuapa River and sea kayaking through the caves of Phang Nha Bay will await those wanting to venture out when they're not savouring superb food or relaxing at Pathways Spa.

The Sarojin/ Met Bangkok and Sailors Thai Culinary Experience is priced from **\$3332**, and includes return economy airfares from Bangkok, three nights accommodation at the Metropolitan Bangkok, five nights accommodation and daily breakfast with sparkling wine at The Sarojin Thailand and many other inclusions which are listed in detail below.

For bookings call Julia Enders at Travelforce on 02 – 8235 5585 or email: Julia@travelforce.com.au / www.sarojin.com / www.como.bz

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8 NIGHTS MET BANGKOK / THE SAROJIN AND SAILORS THAI CULINARY EXPERIENCE – 2008

The Sarojin/Met Bangkok and Sailors Thai Culinary Experience includes:

- **3 nights accommodation** at the Metropolitan Bangkok
- **return transfers to/from Bangkok Airport**
- a visit to Bangkok's thriving **Or Tor Kor Market**
- **casual riverside seafood dinner by Chao Praya River**
- **return airfares from Bangkok to Phuket**
- **5 nights luxurious accommodation at The Sarojin** for 2 persons sharing
- **daily a la carte breakfast with sparkling wine** for 2 persons
- **2-way airport transfer by private car to/ from Phuket Airport** with refreshments and cold towels served for 2 persons.
- **return transfers to all excursions on same said addendum**
- **pleat boat river safari followed by Thai lunch at the river bank.** Takuapa river is situated in Khao Lak Lam Ru National Park, the protection of this area is very important for conserving the natural water sources for the province. Takuapa River is one of the most important rivers in Phang Nga province. Explore this magnificent river and its beautiful mangrove forest waterways by "pleat boats". The traditional "pleat" boats are especially designed to cruise shallow water areas and give a rare opportunity to enjoy a 'close up' of the spectacular scenery, fauna, flora and the local rural way of life within these waterways. Fully inclusive of safari style lunch, soft drinks and 1 bottle pb chenin blanc per person.
- **cruising ,sea cave canoeing and Thai cooking class Phang Nga Bay and full day on board traditional Thai long tail boat**

cruise at leisure and enjoy sea cave canoe journeys in Phang Nga Bay, beautifully located in Phang Nga Bay and 50 minutes by private car transfer from The Sarojin. Phang Nga Bay is renowned for its many dramatic limestone islands. These distinctive sheer rock formations jut vertically out of the emerald green water. At lower tides, cave tunnels are exposed amongst these huge rocks, allowing entrance by sea canoes through these areas of untouched nature and into the hidden lagoons behind. Cruise further to the floating Muslim village for a Thai Muslim cooking class and

lunch. This marine adventure is all inclusive of equipment, guides and fresh, cold towels. Lunch at the floating village is fully inclusive of mineral water and soft drinks only. No alcohol is allowed to be consumed at the floating village.

- **seafood barbecue dining and cooking experience** on The Sarojin beach, on the white sand shores of the beautiful Andaman Sea.
- **Thai cooking class at the Edge Restaurant and farewell dinner**

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