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MEET THE TEAM



Lawrence McLean

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



Andrea McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



William McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

“Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.”

– Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

 **USA → TH**

ARRIVE IN THAILAND



THAILAND HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

SUGAR CLUB

(For those who booked)

10:00 PM DEPART FOR CLUB

1:00 AM RETURN TO HOTEL

MONDAY, APRIL 21st



TOUR OF BANGKOK

8:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR/ WITH LUNCH
 Wat Phra Chetuphon
 Temple of Daw
 Temple of Emerald

2:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

4:30 PM DEPART FOR DINNER CRUISE

9:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd



FLOATING MARKET TOUR

7:00 AM DEPART FOR FLOATING MARKET TOUR

1:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



FLY TO PHUKET

4:00 PM CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO DMK

7:35 PM DEPART FOR PHUKET / via light No FD3011

9:00 PM ARRIVE IN PHUKET AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL

WED, APRIL 23rd



JAMES BOND ISLAND TOUR

10:00 AM DEPART FOR JAMES BOND ISLAND TOUR

6:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th



PHI PHI ISLAND TOUR

(For those who booked)

10:00 AM DEPART FOR PHI PHI ISLAND TOUR

7:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th



FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

ATV

(For those who booked)

8:30 AM DEPART FOR ATV

10:00 AM RETURN TO HOTEL

ELEPHANT BATHING

(For those who booked)

11:00 AM DEPART FOR ELEPHANT BATHING

12:30 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

YONA BEACH CLUB

(For those who booked)

5:00 PM DEPART FOR YONA

11:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THE ITINERARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th



FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

TIGER KINGDOM

(For those who booked)

1:30 PM DEPART FOR TIGER KINGDOM

3:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

PAD THAI COOKING CLASS

(For those who booked)

3:30 PM DEPART FOR COOKING CLASS

7:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



8:00 PM
FAREWELL DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th



PHUKET HOTEL
12:00 PM CHECK OUT



FLY BACK TO HOME

THE EXTENSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th



FREE TIME

MONDAY, APRIL 28th



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ARRIVE IN CEBU



RADDISON BLU

3:00 PM CHECK IN

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th



TOUR OF CEBU

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

- Kawasan Falls
- Tumalog Falls
- Whale Sharks

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THE EXTENSION

WED, APRIL 30th



FREE TIME

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

12:00 PM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



Wat Phra Chetuphon

The first iteration of Wat Pho (officially Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihana) was built in the 16th century as a late Ayuthaya-period monastery. Originally known as Wat Phodharam, it was restored in 1788 by King Rama I, who by then had built the Grand Palace next door and established Bangkok as the capital of Thailand. Much of what visitors see today was completed during the reign of King Rama III who extended much of Wat Pho in 1832, particularly the South Vihara and the West Vihara, where the Reclining Buddha is housed. The Reclining Buddha was completed in 1848 and remains the largest in Bangkok. The figure itself is modelled out of plaster around a brick core and is finished in gold leaf.



Temple of Dawn

Wat Arun Ratchawararam, meaning Temple of Dawn, is also known locally as Wat Chaeng. The temple, which is named after the Indian God Aruna (God of Dawn) sits majestically on the Thonburi side (west bank) of the Chao Phraya River and is easily one of the most recognizable and memorable landmarks of Bangkok's skyline. The most spectacular view of the glittering monument can be seen from the east side of the river at sunset as Wat Arun's colorfully decorated spires sparkle radiantly over the water. Wat Arun was envisioned by King Taksin in 1768. It is believed that after fighting his way out of Ayutthaya, which was taken over by a Burmese army at the time, he arrived at this temple just as dawn was breaking.



Temple of Emerald Buddha

History does not tell us where the Emerald Buddha originated from nor does it tell us who carved it. The first historical reference to the figurine is its discovery in Chiang Rai in northern Thailand in 1434 CE when lightning cracked open the stucco wall of a chedi (bell-shaped Buddhist stupa) and revealed its hiding place.



Private Dinner Cruise

Sail along the famous Chao Phraya River as the sun goes down on this elegant dinner cruise. From your spot on the luxury boat, enjoy the views of Bangkok's skyline or head to the cabaret bar for a special performance or to see a classical Thai dance show. On the open air deck, dance the night away, or simply relax and dine in luxury in the bar and dining room.



Floating Market Tour

The floating markets of Bangkok are foodie heaven! Away from the hustle and bustle of the city is a tranquil escape into the local Thai culture. Floating to these food stalls along the riverbanks is an outstanding way to taste delectable local treats. With your amazing Bangkok local by your side, you will have an adventure of a lifetime in a floating market tour!



Tiger Kingdom

Tiger Kingdom Phuket is located in the central part of Phuket Island. Visitors can get up close and personal with majestic and beautiful tigers of all ages and watch them play. All tigers here have been receiving training since birth so visitors can feel safe getting close to them. Animal trainers encourage visitors to trust the tigers as they have been accustomed to human contact their whole lives.



Pad Thai Cooking Class

Based on your choice of dish, a culinary expert will lead participants through a traditional Thai recipe. Beginning with an overview of the ingredients, your instructor will review cooking preparations and culinary techniques to use in the kitchen, and provide tips for selecting the best ingredients for future cooking experiences.



Phi Phi Island Tour

The Phi Phi islands are an archipelago of 6 islands, with the 2 main islands being Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Leh. Just a 45-minute speedboat trip or a 90-minute ferryboat ride from either Phuket or Krabi, these picture postcard islands are excellent tropical getaways in Southeast Asia. Phi Phi has pristine beaches, stunning rock formations, and vivid turquoise waters teeming with colorful marine life. The larger and inhabited Phi Phi Don attracts hundreds of travelers to its lovely shores, while the smaller uninhabited Phi Phi Leh has beautiful bays and beaches, including the iconic Maya Bay.



James Bond Island Tour

A starring role in the 1974 James Bond movie “The Man With the Golden Gun” put the towering limestone islands of Ko Khao Phing Kan and the 66-foot-tall (20-meter) islet Ko Tapu firmly on Thailand’s tourist trail. While boats are forbidden from getting too close to the islands, opportunities for sightseeing abound in the surrounding area.



CEBU

Cebu is the largest island in the Visayas region, and is particularly rich in Spanish colonial history. The original capital of the Philippines until the 17th century, ‘the Queen of the South’ contains 6 major cities – Cebu, Danao, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue, Toledo and Talisay. To this day, Cebu Island still remains a prominent and popular part of the archipelago, boasting the most ethnically diverse population. Its inhabitants are an interesting bunch, made up of Malay, Chinese, Filipino and an ever-growing number of westerners. It’s now considered to be the most dynamic island in the Philippines, attracting native and international tourists in droves.



KAWASAN FALLS

Kawasan falls Cebu is a peaceful natural place where you can enjoy many waterfalls of natural spring water located near the southern tip of Cebu Philippines.. A gentle hush of rushing ice cool water.. All this and more in Badian’s Kawasan Falls! Just 130 kilometers southwest of Cebu City and about three hours bus ride, the Kawasan Falls is located inside the mountains of Barangay Matutinao, Badian. From the entrance, you will have to walk uphill for about 1.5 km to get to the first waterfall. Along the way, souvenir shops are selling accessories such as beaded necklaces, bracelets, and Kawasan print t-shirts.



TUMALOG FALLS

Tumalog Falls is characterised by a huge, rugged cliff where several waterfalls cascade into one large but shallow pool. It is too shallow to swim but you can definitely sit and cool off or have a wade. Even after a spell of very dry weather the falls provide a pretty powerful shower too. It’s a place that was made for instagram. It’s a beautiful, lush setting that felt like it should have been deep in the jungle but was actually incredibly easy to get to. As with so many waterfalls in the Philippines the water colour has to be seen to be believed.

ACCOMODATIONS



AMARI BANGKOK



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AMARI PHUKET



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RADISSON BLU CEBU

