

CHICAGO SCHOOL OF THAI MASSAGE

Application for CSTM Thailand Adventure

A complete application must include:

- a. The application form filled out completely
- b. \$500 Deposit -- Check made out to "Chicago School of Thai Massage" or Credit Card (Info at end of Application)

Please mail the application to:

Chicago School of Thai Massage
PO Box 6280
Evanston, IL 60204-6280

The next step:

Once we receive your completed application, we will contact you for a phone interview. We want to make sure that we are a good match to ensure a positive experience for all.

General Information

Date: _____

Birthdate: _____
Month/Day/Year

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Cell Home

Email _____
Please print legibly!

How did you learn about CSTM / Thailand Adventure program?

What is it that caught your interest about this particular trip?

Do you have a background in massage or bodywork? _____ If so, please describe.
Please include modalities practiced and training you have had.

Thai massage is done on a mat on the floor. Would you have challenges working on your knees? If yes, please explain.

Do you have a background in healing arts / spiritual endeavors? _____ If so, please describe.

We will be introduced to the Buddhist meditation practices of Thailand (Theravada). Do you have any background in meditation? _____ If so, describe below. (style and training)

Have you been to Thailand or Southeast Asia before? _____ If yes, describe.

We will be a group of people, sharing, working together, living together, learning about ourselves and the healing traditions and culture of Thailand. What do you hope to give and receive through this experience?

In the movie *The Darjeeling Limited*, three brothers go to India on a “spiritual journey”. They go to temples, go through the motions of making offerings, etc. While stopping briefly in a small country town, a local boy drowns despite their efforts to save him. They become caught up in the town’s grief and end up leaving the town changed individuals, truly connected in some fundamental way with the people in the small town. As they are leaving the town on the local bus after the funeral, a man asks them, “What are you doing in this place?” One of the brothers, face covered by bandages, says dejectedly, “Well, originally we came here on a spiritual journey, but that didn’t really pan out.”

We are doing our best to create the most amazing experience possible for you. However, you will come away without things that you expected and you will come away with many things you didn’t expect. It is essential that you come with an open mind, plenty of patience, and the understanding that you may not get everything you want. The hotel might not be perfect, the bus driver might be late, the Starbucks might obstruct your view of the temple. We will be as flexible as possible and try to help you as much as possible. We will do the best we can. We ask that you do the same. We ask that you understand that the point of this trip is to delve deep into the healing traditions and culture of northern Thailand. If you come away with an appreciation of these traditions as well as the Thai people and culture, then you will have received a wonderful blessing, something that few in the world have an opportunity to experience.

_____ I have read the previous two paragraphs and I agree wholeheartedly!

Statements of Understanding About the Thailand Adventure at CSTM

THAI Credits

_____I understand that the amount of credit received from the Thai Healing Alliance (THAI) is currently pending approval, and that it will be between 40 and 60 hours. In addition, I understand that if I aspire to become an Advanced Practitioner with THAI, this program satisfies the extra 10 hours of study (beyond the basic 300) required for cultural disciplines such as Thai Herbal Medicine, Southeast Asian or Buddhist studies, Thai language study, and other related cultural activities. I understand that I will not receive a certificate stating this; I will simply note it if and when I apply to THAI.

NCBTMB Credits

_____I understand that if I am a Nationally Certified massage therapist, this program offers 40 CE hours (adequate for submission to the NCBTMB) upon successful completion of the program.

_____I understand that the certificates I receive from my teachers in Thailand do not certify me to do anything. They only attest to the fact that I have studied for those hours, at that time, in that place, with that teacher.

_____I understand that all costs outside the stated costs of the program (see website for details), including the plane flight to Thailand, are my responsibility.

_____I understand that travel insurance is required and that the policy must be on file with CSTM before departure.

I certify that I have read and understand the previous Statements of Understanding.

Signature_____

Date_____

Chicago School of Thai Massage does not discriminate in admission practices on the basis of race, sexual preference, color, religion, age, marital status, national or ethnic origin.

Payment information

There are two programs that are being offered. Please visit the website to be clear on the differences so you can make an informed choice. There are two costs.

_____ I choose to study with Pichest (experienced practitioners only)

The cost is \$2575.

_____ I choose to study with Homprang (beginners and experienced practitioners)

The cost is \$2975.

There is a \$500 required deposit that will be deducted from the cost of the program. For example, if you do the Pichest program, your deposit will be taken from the \$2575, meaning you will have a balance of \$2075.

_____ Enclosed is my \$500 deposit (Check or Credit card)

The remaining payment balance must be paid one month before the trip begins (January 27th)

Upon receiving this application, someone at CSTM will contact you for a phone interview. If, after the phone interview, it is determined that we are not a good match, you will receive your check back or, if paying by credit card, your card will not be charged.

If paying by credit card:

Card Number (Visa or MC Only) _____

Expiration Date _____