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Southeast Asia is the region of diversity and draws millions of travelers from around the world each year to experience its richness in culture, history, culinary arts, and natural beauty. Thailand, situated at the heart of ASEAN, is the natural gateway for you to start and end your journey to Southeast Asia. Million shades of experience await you, whether you are a culinary traveler, a student of deep culture and heritage, an active sportsperson, or a historian wannabe. In this book, we introduce 4 thematic travel routes that the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) have specially initiated to showcase the different shades of Thailand and its neighbors, including Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, and Cambodia. Each of the handcrafted travel experiences, A Journey of ASEAN Ancient Kingdoms, ASEAN Peranakan and Nature Trail, ASEAN World - Class Culinary and Heritage Cities, and Mekong Active Adventure Trail will surely last long in your memory. Let's start your unique journey to Thailand and beyond.

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Asean Ancient
KINGDOMS

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6 NIGHTS	



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Follow the path of ancient ruins and become immersed with the unseen past glory of great kingdoms in Northern Thailand and Myanmar.



Highlights

- Follow a legendary ancient city trail and view the first spot where the Mekong River flows into the Kingdom of Thailand through Chiang Rai.
- Take part in community activities and visit historical traces of the Hariphunchai Kingdom at Lamphun.
- Take a horse-drawn carriage ride to visit the ancient lost town of Wiang Kum Kam, Chiang Mai.
- Participate in a ceremony of washing the Mahamuni Buddha's face, one of the world's oldest and sacred Buddha images in Mandalay.
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Chiang Rai

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Wat Phra That Pa Ngao

The Glory of the Old Civilization and the Nexus of Traditional and Modern Arts

If we talk about a realm of ancient civilizations with its invaluable history for more than 700 years and an origin of Thai kingdoms including Yonok Nakhon Chai Buri Sri Chang Saen and Hiran Nakhon Ngoen Yang Kingdoms, it cannot be anywhere but Chiang Rai, located at the northernmost part of Thailand. As a land in the Golden Triangle neighbored by Laos and Myanmar, this old town, Chiang Rai, has left its traces of ancient civilization for the new generation to learn and appreciate. Such traces can be seen through the ruins of various ancient artifacts; such as, old temples with timeless exquisiteness of art and culture. In addition, Chiang Rai is a city of Buddhist art and architecture with a collection of rare masterpieces of Thai national artists. Wat Rong Khun and the Ban Dam Museum are two examples of such masterpieces, which have become two of the most famous cultural attractions, yielding Chiang Rai to be another renowned city of art in Thailand.

DAY

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Chiang Rai

Wiang Nong Lom,
Ancient Chiang Saen,
Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai,
Doi Sa Ngo,
Chiang Rai Emerald Buddha Temple



In this trip, we intend to visit Chiang Rai's legendary kingdoms one by one according to the kingdom's prosperity, starting with Wiang Nong Lom, the first capital city of Yonok Nakhon Chai Buri Sri Chang Saen. Legends say the collapse of this kingdom occurred after its inhabitants caught a white eel believed to be the King of the Nagas' child. This caused anger for the King of the Nagas leading him to take revenge by destroying the whole city.

Next, we will continue our journey to the Hiran Nakhon Ngoen Yang Kingdom, Chiang Saen's ancient town at the present time. This place is full of respectable old temples; such as, the famous Wat Chedi Luang in Chiang Saen with its biggest and highest pagoda in the Lanna architecture style, Wat Pa Sak with its most perfect mondop (shrine with a pyramidal roof), Wat Mahathat, a symbol of Chiang Saen old town and Wat Phra That Pa Ngao where the Pa Ngao Buddha Statue and a pagoda containing the Buddha's hairs are enshrined.

After immersing into the magnificence of ancient civilizations, we will alter the mood by moving towards the Golden Triangle, one of the most important trading areas during the colonization of European powers. A must-activity is cruising and viewing the picturesque scenery along the Mekong River connecting 3 nations : Thailand, Laos and Myanmar, followed by crossing over to Don Market on the Lao border and returning back to witness a stunning sunset at Doi Sa Ngo.



Good to know

Wat Pa Mak Nau is situated on an island in the middle of **Wiang Nong Lom Lake**. Legends say it was home of a widow who decided not to eat white eel and then survived from a massive earthquake. This is why it is also called “Widow Island”.



The Clock Tower built in honor of Her Majesty the Queen was nominated to be the most beautiful clock tower in Thailand. It is situated in the middle of Chiang Rai with a sound and light show at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. everyday.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Wiang Nong Lom

📍 Tambon Chan Chwa, Amphoe Mae Chan, Chiang Rai

🕒 24/7

Wiang Nong Lom, the first capital city in the north of Thailand and part of the Chiang Saen Lake, was an important Ramsar site for ecology in the region. It is believed that the Great Yonok Nakhon Chai Buri Sri Chang Saen Kingdom was situated here. However, the whole city was later sunk into the lake by a massive earthquake. There are other small islands in the lake where Wat Pa Mak Nau and Sri Yonok Chedi are located.

Ancient Chiang Saen



📍 Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai

☎ +66-53-777-084 (Chiang Saen Information Center)

🕒 24/7

An ancient town of Chiang Saen was the capital city of Chiang Rai in the rise of the Hiran Nakhon Ngoen Yang Kingdom after the fall of the Yonok Nakhon Chai Buri Sri Chang Saen Kingdom. It is known as a living ancient town where the locals and villagers still live next to 700-year-old archeological sites, with a large number of intact historical traces. These include ancient city walls and temples, which timelessly remain strong, beautiful, meaningful and invaluable.

Doi Sa Ngo



📍 Tambon Sridon, Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai

☎ +66-92-263-6394, +66-82-195-0138 (Village Leader)

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Doi Sa Ngo is a mountain, situated next to the Golden Triangle. It is 709 meters above sea level and is home of Akha and Tai Lu hill tribes. This mountain has one of the best scenic viewpoints in Chiang Rai as landscapes of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar as well as the Mekong River can be seen simultaneously. During winter, the sea of mist can be seen spectacularly. Another fantastic spot in Doi Sa Ngo is Akha huts nearby the cliff connected to one another by bamboo bridges, well-blended with the surrounding nature.

Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai



- 📍 Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-744-674- 5, +66-53-717-433 (Tourism Authority of Thailand) 053-777287 (Tourism Information Center)
- 🕒 24/7

The Golden Triangle is an area where 3 nations: Thailand, Laos and Myanmar are connected and where the Mekong River first flows into the Kingdom of Thailand. In the era of Hiran Nakhon Ngoen Yang Kingdom, this area was an important economic stronghold as it was an import hub and trading center for merchandise from Yunnan and surrounding kingdoms. During the colonization by Europe, this area became the most robust market due to a wide variety of products from Europe; such as, British products from Myanmar and French products from Laos. Given the economic prosperity, the use of gold as a medium of exchange and the connection among the 3 nations, this area became recognized as “the Golden Triangle”.

Chiang Rai Emerald Buddha Temple

- 📍 19 Mu 1, Trirat Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-711- 385
- 🕒 7.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.



The Chiang Rai Emerald Buddha Temple is the most respectable temple in the city. The discovery of Emerald Buddha, the national Buddha image of Thailand, took place in this temple. Based on historical evidence, the Emerald Buddha was found in 1354 in the reign of King Sam Fung Kan, the ruler of Chiang Mai at that time.

After an abandoned pagoda was struck by lightning, it revealed a hidden Buddha image covered with gold leaf inside the pagoda. Yet, cracking its surface further unveiled the spectacular Emerald Buddha image with engraved jade. Later, the Emerald Buddha temple was built for enshrining the Emerald Buddha.



Restaurants

Kua Thai Restaurant

- 📍 128 Mu 8, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-81-387-6145
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Cafe de Laos Chiang Khong

- 📍 Sai – Klang Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-86-115-4143
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Padthai Baan Yim

- 📍 27/3 Mu 8, Sai-Klang Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-90-135-4289
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Salung Kam Restaurant

- 📍 834/3 Phaholyothin Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-717-192
- 🕒 10.30 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Lu Lam Restaurant

- 📍 118/8 Mu 20, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-748-223, +66-81-998-6765
- 🕒 10.30 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Accommodations

Laluna Hotel & Resort

- 📍 160 Mu 14, Sanam Bin Road, Tambon RopWiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-756-570

The Mantrini Resort

- 📍 292/13 Mu 13, Phaholyothin Mai Road, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-601-555, +66-93-941-4456

I Am Chiang Rai White Brick Villa

- 📍 241 Mu 8, Tambon Sun Sai, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-151-270

Chezmoi Handicraft & Homestay

- 📍 34/2 Mu 15, Sun Kong Noi Road, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-89-148-5257, +66-89-747-5683

De Hug Hotel & Residence

- 📍 196/4 Mu 16, Sri Donchai Road, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-711-789

DAY

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Chiang Rai

Kad Luang, Oub Kham Museum
Wat Doi Ngam Mueang
Ban Dam Museum, Wat Rong Khun



After visiting two ancient kingdoms, today we will explore the beginning of Lanna, another great kingdom in Chiang Rai. First, we will learn the lifestyle of the people in Chiang Rai in the morning at Kad Luang, the biggest fresh food market in Chiang Rai, followed by visiting Oub Kham Museum to attain knowledge about the history of Lanna and other ethnic groups. After that, we will pay homage to Phaya or King Mengrai, the founder of the Lanna Kingdom who united





various small kingdoms, at the Phaya Mengrai Monument. Next, we will visit the Emerald Buddha temple where the Emerald Buddha, which is nowadays enshrined at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, was first discovered. Then, we will visit Wat Doi Ngam Mueang, a 500-year-old temple where King Mengrai's bones are kept.

In the afternoon, we will go to Ban Dam or the Black Museum, a house of a Thai national artist whose paintings and artworks are collected and displayed within a 100-rai area. His art creation is so touching that those visitors named this place as "Black Heaven".



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Oub Kham Museum

- 📍 26 Nahkhai Road, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-713-349
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

With a strong will to conserve a great foundation of Lanna, Master Julasak Suriyachai, a teacher and an art connoisseur, decided to establish the Oub Kham Museum to conserve Lanna's priceless heritage for the next generation to learn. Inside the museum comprises a wide variety of cloths and garments of the Tai people in the Lanna Kingdom. These include a 200-year-old ancient textile, items used by royal families, as well as those used in Khum Chao (homes of the Lord or Chao Luang) in Lanna such as Khum Chao Prae, Khum Chao Chiang Mai, and Khum Chao Nan.

Wat Rong Khun

- 📍 Tambon Pa Aor Don Chai, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-673-579, +66-53-673-967
- 🕒 6.30 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.



Wat Rong Khun was built by Master Chalermchai Kositpipat, a famous Thai national artist, with his strong intention to build a world-class Thai temple in order to show the greatness of modern Thai Buddhist art. He has devoted himself building this temple from 1997, and every year

he will remove or demolish some parts of the temple to renew and make a change, yielding Wat Rong Khun to be always up-to-date and unique. This place, thus, has become the must-see attraction in Chiang Rai and the destination for art lovers worldwide.



Wat Doi Ngam Mueang

📍 Arj Amnuay Road, Tambon Wiang,
Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

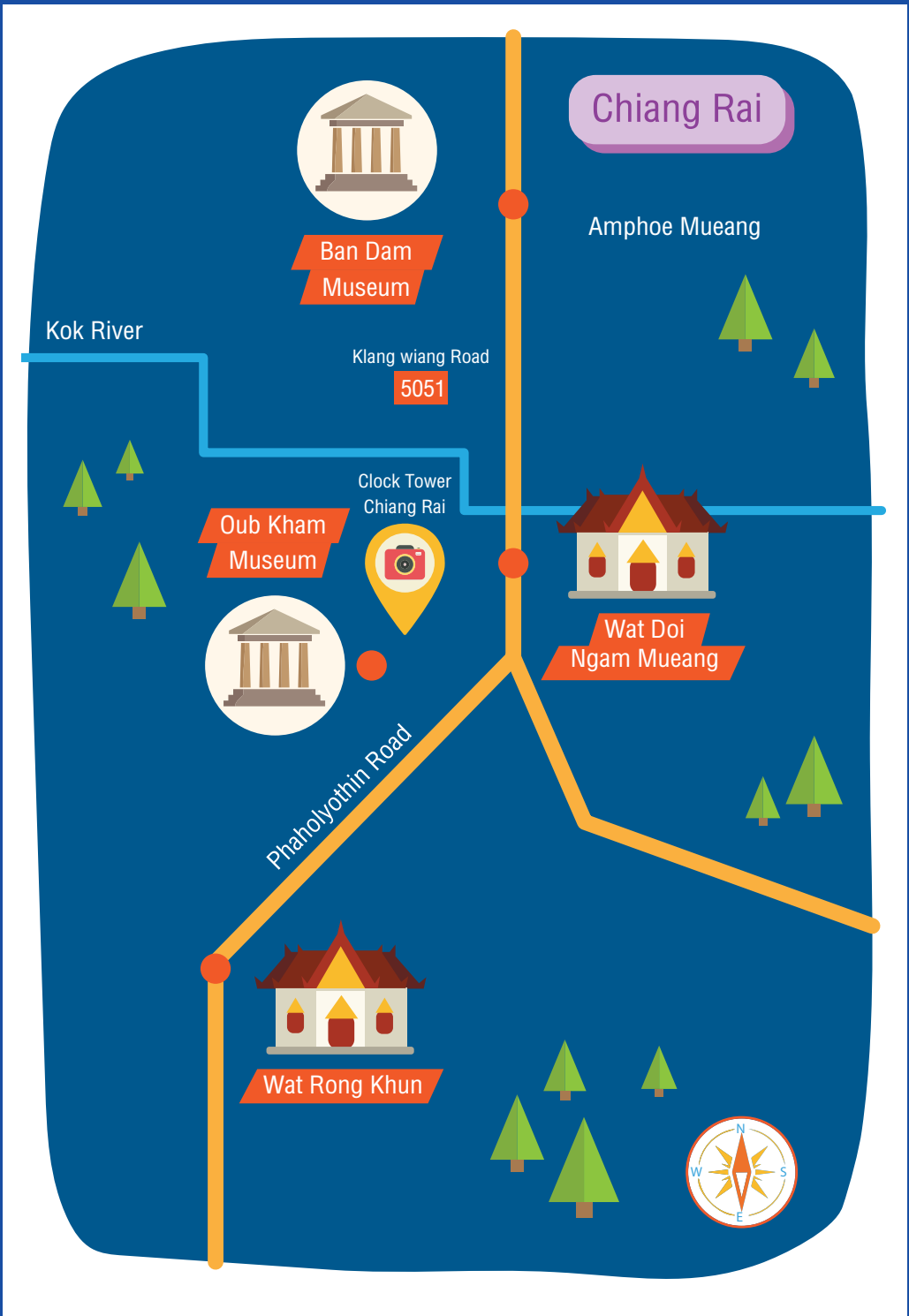
Wat Doi Ngam Mueang was built in 1317 by Phaya Chaisongkram, the son of King Mengrai the Great. Originally, there were only stupas (Koo) containing bones of King Mengrai. Then, history of this temple began after the death of King Mengrai. Phaya Chaisongkram, son of King Mengrai, then cremated his father. Yet, given that he did not prefer Chiang Mai, Phaya Chaisongkram returned to govern Chiang Rai instead and enshrined King Mengrai's bones at Doi Ngam Mueang. Later, Phaya Sornratchada Ngern Thong came to renovate this temple and renamed it as "Wat Ngam Mueang". Prince Yod Ngam Mueang, Lord of Chiang Sean's son, additionally reconstructed it and built a sanctuary and a residence for monks afterwards.



Ban Dam Museum

📍 414 Mu 13, Tambon Nang Lae, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
☎ +66-53-776-333
🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Ban Dam or the Black Museum was built by Master Thawan Duchanee, a Thai national artist who was very famous for his paintings and sculptures. Ban Dam's architecture is in Lanna style. Every building is painted in black, which is the main reason for the name "the Black" Museum". Black is also Master Duchanee's favorite color as well. Another distinctive feature of each building is carved wood decorations, a collection of horns such as buffalo and deer horns as well as animal bones such as elephant bones. Even though Master Duchanee passed away, his Black Museum is still open for visitors to experience such exclusive elegance.



Restaurants (Chiang Rai)

Barrab

- 📍 423/3 Banpharprakam Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-752-429
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

De Lanna Riverfront Cafe and Restaurant

- 📍 211/7 Mu 200, Kvae Wai Road, Tambon Ropwiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-52-050-808
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Phu Lae Restaurant

- 📍 Sai-Klang Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-81-882-9191, +66-53-600-500
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Nam Ngiao Pa Suk

- 📍 192/5 Sun Kong Noi Road, Tambon Wiang, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai
- ☎ +66-53-716-278
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Lamphun)

Gassan Marina Golf & Resort

- 📍 99 Mu 17, Tambon Ma Kuea Jae, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-266-700

Phaya Inn

- 📍 35/1, Jitwongwanrungsan Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-511-777

Maneenaksen Resort

- 📍 720 Mu 1, Tambon Pa Sang, Amphoe Pa Sang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-521-856

Huandalha Lamphun Resort

- 📍 118 Mu 15, Tambon Pa Suk, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-090-149

The Grand Jamjuree Resort

- 📍 325 Mu 6, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-000-889, +66-88-547-6878



Lamphun

Day 3



A Small Town with the Immense History, the Exquisite Way of Life, and the Enchanting Tradition

Even though it is a small province in Northern Thailand, Lamphun has one of the longest histories. This town is where the ancient kingdom named “Hariphunchai” was situated over 1,000 years ago, with Phra Nang Chamthewi as the first queen of the kingdom. However, after the seizure of King Mengrai, it later became part of the Lanna Kingdom. Although being governed by the other kingdom, the people in Hariphunchai played a key role on disseminating the outstanding and exquisite art and cultural heritage to the next generation. This can be seen through artworks in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. Even today, we can still sense the greatness of the Hariphunchai Kingdom from its traces including ancient city walls and over 100-year-old temples and some of them aged more than 1,000 years. Despite the distinctive architecture, the lifestyle of the people of Lamphun, which can be represented by the Buddhism’s moderate way of life, has also attracted many tourists who prefer a slow-life travel style.

DAY

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Lamphun

Wat Phra That Hariphunchai,
Wat Phra Nang Chamthewi,
Tok Sen Massage,
Khum Khantoke Dinner and Traditional Show



In the morning, we will head to the center of Lamphun to learn more about Hariphunchai's history, starting at Wat Phra Nang Chamthewi (or Wat Koo Kood) where the remains of Queen Chamthewi, the founder of the Hariphunchai Kingdom, are kept. Moreover, this temple was the place where Queen Chamthewi spent her life for over 32 years practicing Buddhism before passing away. After that, we will move to the Phra Nang Chamthewi Monument to pay homage. Here we can feel an endless respect of people in Lamphun towards Queen Chamthewi. Situated nearby the monument are city walls built in line with the ditches around the city. Historical traces can be found throughout the walls. Then, we will visit Wat Phra That Hariphunchai, the most important and significant temple in Lamphun for more than 1,000 years. Parts of the Buddha's relics are also enshrined here.





Wat Phra That Hariphunchai



Good to know

Wat Phra That Hariphunchai is recognized as the temple for those born in the year of rooster. It is believed that those born in the year of rooster who come to pay respect at Wat Phra That Hariphunchai will have good fortune in life.

After lunch, it is time to say goodbye to lovely Lamphun and head to Chiang Mai. First thing you may try after a long day of visiting temples and traveling is to experience the ancient massage technique unique to Northern Thailand called Tok Sen. This will give you a full relaxation. We will end our day with the traditional Lanna dinner, Khantoke, while watching the spectacular Northern Thailand traditional dance.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Wat Phra That Hariphunchai

📍 Inthayongyod Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun

☎ +66-53-311-104

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.



Wat Phra That Hariphunchai was built in 17th Buddhist Century by Phaya Arthitayarat, one of the kings in the Hariphunchai Kingdom. Legends say Phaya Arthitayarat desired to build a castle in this area. Yet, whenever he came to this spot, a crow always flew and defecated on his head. Later, he dreamt that the Buddha's relics were buried in the ground. After that, Phaya Arthitayarat took his residents to pray and participate in a ceremony of worship, and suddenly the Buddha's relics arose from the ground, leading to an immensely respect. Phaya Arthitayarat, therefore, built the 6-meter-tall pagoda to enshrine the Buddha's relics in the city's centre. Nowadays, it is the Phra That Hariphunchai.

Wat Phra Nang Chamthewi



📍 Chamthewi Road, Tambon Mueang Nga, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun

☎ +66-93-132-0411

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Wat Phra Nang Chamthewi or Wat Koo Kood is the old temple with a long history as it is where Queen Chamthewi practiced Buddhism during her end of life. It is also where the queen's cremation ceremony took place. Inside the temple is the pagoda that contains the bones of Chamthewi, built in the Bedhi Gaya Style from India.

Khun Tan National Park



📍 Tambon Ta Praduk, Amphoe Mae Ta, Lamphun

☎ +66-81-032-6341

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Khun Tan National Park is located on the border to Lamphun and Lampang provinces. At Khun Tan, you can experience the nature trekking trail. Also, there is "the Khun Tan Tunnel", Thailand's longest railway tunnel built during the reign of King Rama V. It is an important development at that time as it connects Northern Thailand to the rest of the country.

Tok Sen Massage



📍 Fah Lanna Spa, 57/1 Wiang Kaew Road, Tambon Sripoom, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-416191

🕒 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Now if you've ever been to Thailand and had the opportunity to visit Chiang Mai in the North, you may have felt a certain vibe on the street like "tap tap tap". It is the sound of the ancient Thai massage, Tok Sen, which still has been practiced today after 500 years. It was originally prescribed by a wife to a husband after a hard day of work in the fields. The wife would place the husband on the hard table and tap along the body with wooden sticks to ease his aching pain.

Khum Khantoke Dinner and Traditional Shows



📍 414 Mu 13, Tambon Nang Lae, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Rai

☎ +66-53-776-333 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Khum Khantoke, the Lanna cultural attraction and dining hotspot, is known as the reception room of Chiang Mai province. Preserving the traditional Thai lifestyle in combination with the traditional Lanna atmosphere of clothing, language, dining and performance, it is the place that visitors can experience the charm of Lanna cuisine and how it is served.

U-Mong Community-Based Tourism

📍 185 Mu 2, Soi 22, Tambon U-mong, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun

☎ +66-62-324-7951 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The U-Mong community is the charming and interesting small community in Lamphun. The simple and friendly way of life, the good atmosphere with surrounding nature and the local Lanna custom and culture have made the U-Mong community become a new tourist attraction in Lamphun.





Restaurants (Lamphun)

Kua Wandee Restaurant

- 📍 Chamthewi Road, Tambon Rim Ping, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-000-116, +66-81-883-6215
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Kua See Pee Nong Restaurant

- 📍 141 Mu 2, Tambon Baan Hong, Amphoe Baan Hong, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-591-295, +66-81-952-9358
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Dao Kanong Restaurant

- 📍 180, Chiang Mai–Lampang Road, Tambon Sri Bua Ban, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-553-841, +66-53-553-942
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Fai Kam Restaurant

- 📍 90 Mu 1, Tambon U-Mong, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-53-558-833
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Kanom Sen Mhor Din

- 📍 160 Mu 18, Moo Baan Road, Tambon Pa Sak, Amphoe Mueang, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-83-942-3818
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Ritcha Farm

- 📍 8 Mu 7, Mae Ta-Ta Juk Road, Tambon Tha Kum Ngern, Amphoe Mae Ta, Lamphun
- ☎ +66-81-459-1869
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Close on Wednesday)

Accommodations (Chiang Mai)

Banthomsathan Hotel

- 📍 7 Nimmanhaemin Soi 5, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-217-768

Chalnatt Hotel

- 📍 28/4 Nimmanhaemin Soi 11-13, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-94-759-9619

Royal Lanna Hotel

- 📍 119 Loi Kroh Road, Tambon Changklan, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-818-773

Villa de Chiang Mai

- 📍 31/1 Chang Moi Soi 2, Tambon Chang Moi, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-233-078

Lanna Tree Boutique Hotel

- 📍 204 Ratchapakhinai Road, Tambon Si Phum, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-91-854-8225



Chiang Mai

Day 4 And Day 5

Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

The Rose of the North where Its Past and Present Conjoin to Enrich All Your Senses.

A popular tourist city, rich in arts and cultures, filled with a long history and full of resources and beautiful nature can be no other but Chiang Mai. People were chanting that it is a destination you must visit before you die. Chiang Mai can trace its history back for more than 700 years. This old city was formally established as a capital city of Lanna in 1296 by Phaya Mengrai, the founder and the first King of the Lanna Kingdom. In particular, such establishment was considered to be the formal installation of the Lanna Kingdom. In the early days, Chiang Mai was the superpower in the north of Thailand, with a tremendous amount of territories and a large number of rice fields. This is where the name “Lanna” came from, as Lan means a million and Na means a rice field. What makes Chiang Mai a unique and remarkable city lies in the fact that it is not only the big capital city and the center of the Lanna culture, but it is also the center of Buddhism in the north of Thailand. Unsurprisingly, Chiang Mai is full of splendid temples and important places, with history traces for the next generation to learn and absorb its priceless exquisiteness.

DAY

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Chiang Mai

Warorot Market, Wiang Kum Kam,
Wat Sri Suphan,
Chiang Mai Historical Center,
Lanna Folklife Museum



It is known that a place to experience local lifestyle deeply cannot be anywhere but a fresh food market! Therefore, we will begin our journey in the morning by going to the Warorot Market or Kad Luang, the source of all materials and consumables in Chiang Mai. Here, we can learn Chiang Mai locals' way of life, which is simple but warm and friendly. After that, we will follow the legendary town trail of Wiang Kum Kam, the long lost ancient kingdom sunk by a huge flood 700 years ago, by taking a horse-drawn carriage ride traversing traces of this ancient town.

After that, we will return to the city and we will first visit Wat Sri Suphan. This temple is mainly made of silver and is located in the famous silverware-making area. Then, we will move to attain further knowledge about the Lanna history, beginning with going to the old trading district to visit founders of Chiang Mai at the Sam Kasart (three kings) Monument, followed by absorbing the art, the culture, and the history of Lanna at the Chiang Mai Historical Center and the Lanna Folklife Museum. Lastly, we will track how Chiang Mai city was built by visiting important places such as Wat Inthakhin, the temple built for installing city pillar in the early days, Wat Chiangmun, the first temple in Chiang Mai built in order to exhibit the prosperity of Buddhism and Wat Chedi Luang, the temple where Inthakhin or the city pillar is installed nowadays.





Good to know

There are big night markets open every weekend in the city. Night market on Saturday is **Wua Lai Walking Street** at Wua Lai Road, whereas that on Sunday is **Tha Prae Walking Street** at Tha Prae Gate.



Red minibuses or **Rod Deang** are the signature local vehicles of Chiang Mai. If you have a chance to visit Chiang Mai, try them at least once!



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Warorot Market

- 📍 90 Wichayanon Road, Tambon Chang Moi, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- 🕒 4.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Warorot Market or Kad Luang is one of the largest markets in Northern Thailand and was named after the ruler of Chiang Mai, Chao Inthara Warorot Suriyawongse. It was famous for local foods such as the Northern-style fried pork (Moo Tod) and the Northern-style suasuage (Sai Ur).

Wiang Kum Kam



- 📍 Tambon Tha Wang Tan, Amphoe Saraphi, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-140-322 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The lost Lanna Kingdom after being hit by a huge flood and later remained underwater for more than 700 years. It was recently discovered. According to the historical evidence, after King Mengrai succeedingly seized the Hariphunchai Kingdom, he tried to build the capital city around this area. However, with the inappropriate site because of a heavy yearly flood, King Mengrai had been able to stay in Wiang Kum Kam for only 12 years, and then had to move to build the new capital city at Chiang Mai which had the better location.

Chiang Mai Historical Center



- 📍 Phra Pokklao Road, Tambon Sriphum, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-217-793
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Chiang Mai has a long history for more than 700 years. The Chiang Mai Historical Center's collection comprises invaluable historic traces of Chiang Mai since its establishment until the recent time. The insightful exhibition of Chiang Mai's past and present is open to the public in 2 floors of the center with 16 exhibition rooms.



Lanna Folklife Museum

📍 Ratvinit Road, Tambon Sriphum,
Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-217-793

🕒 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

The Lanna people have their own way of art, culture and tradition. Chiang Mai's uniqueness is largely reflected by principle, belief and faith towards Buddhism. The Lanna Folklife Museum is the place to showcase local way of life, architecture, and art including paintings and sculptures. The exhibition is open to all visitors wondering about the beauty and secret of the Lanna culture.



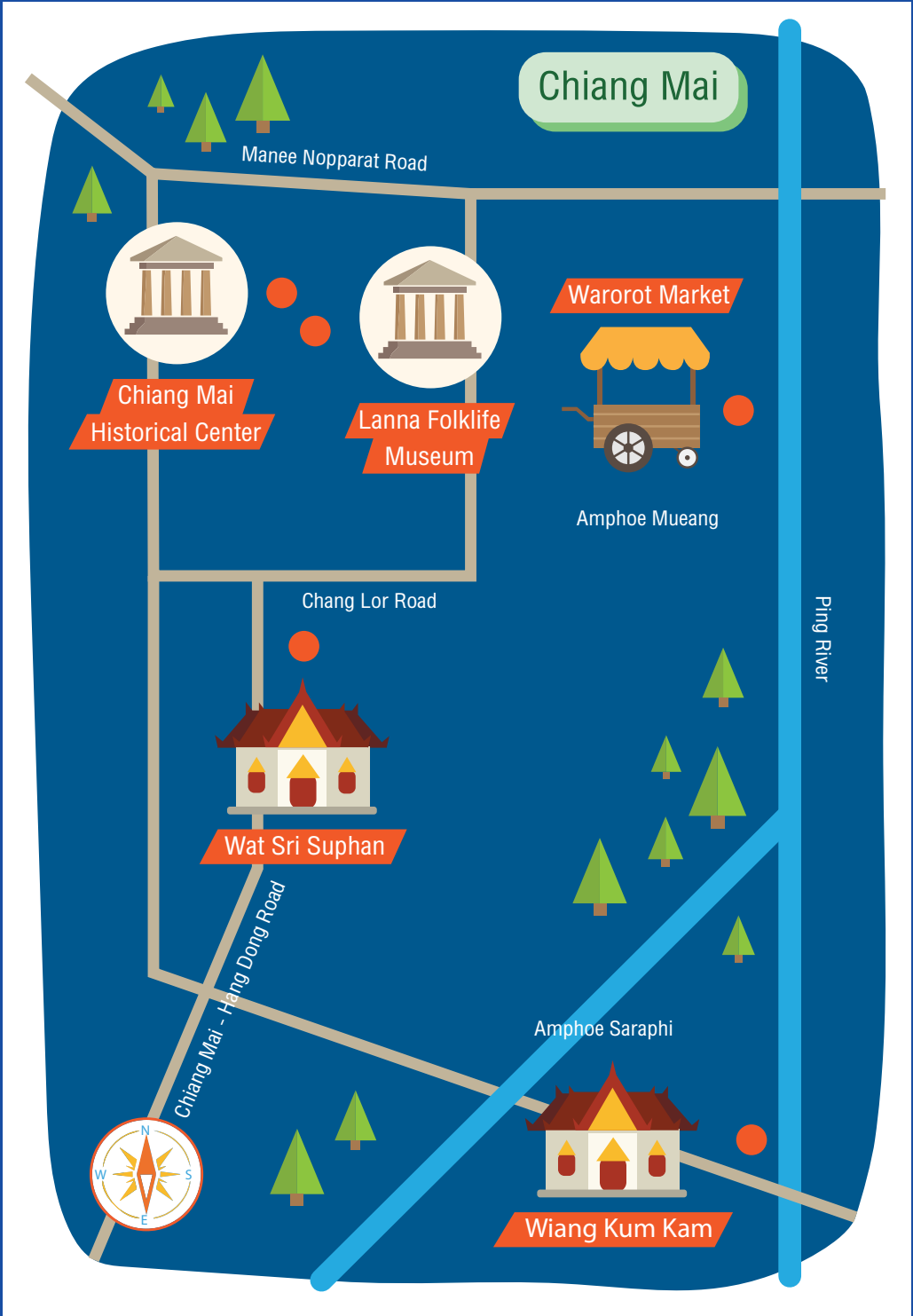
Wat Sri Suphan

📍 100 Wua Lai Road,
Amphoe Mueang,
Chiang Mai,

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Wat Sri Suphan is situated in Wua Lai area. Given this area is famous for silverware-making, locals have helped building this temple, by using silverware as a key material for building a chapel. Such effort has made this temple standing out and filled with the scent of local handcrafts.





Restaurants

Tong Tem Toh

📍 11 Nimmanhaemin Soi 13, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-894-701

🕒 11.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Huen Suntimee

📍 208 Pa Tun Road, Tambon Patun, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-872-707

🕒 4.00 p.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Rustic & Blue

📍 2 Nimmanhaemin Soi 7, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-216-420

🕒 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

(Tuesday – Friday)

8.30 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

(Saturday – Sunday)

Pad Thai 5 Ros

📍 71 Soi 3, Chang Mai Road, Tambon Chang Moi, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-84-378-7975

🕒 5.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Khao Tom Yong

📍 257/5 Nimmanhemim Road, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-277-942

🕒 4.00 p.m. – 2.00 a.m.

Accommodations

Rarin Jinda Wellness Resort & Spa

📍 14 Charoenraj Road, Tambon Watkate, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-303-030

Makka Hotel

📍 18 Soi 8, Phrapokklao Road, Tambon Phrasingh, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-281-636

The Rim Resort Chiang Mai

📍 51/2 Arrak Road, Tambon Phrasingh, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-903-999

137 Pillars House

📍 2 Soi 1 Nawatgate Road, Tambon Watkate, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-247-788

Rati Lanna Riverside Spa Resort

📍 33 Changklan Road, Tambon Changklan, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-999-333



DAY



Chiang Mai

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Kruba Srivichai Monument,
Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

Today we plan to go up to Doi Suthep, a famous tourist attraction in Chiang Mai, for a fresh air. Before heading to experience the natural beauty, we will stop by the Kruba Srivichai Monument to pay respect to Kruba Srivichai, a Buddhist saint of Northern Thailand who is very important for the people in Chiang Mai and the person who built a road up to Doi Suthep. After that, we will take a journey to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, the significant bethel in Chiang Mai since the early days and a symbol of Chiang Mai province. This temple was built to enshrine the Buddha's relics after being respectfully engaged from Sri Satchanalai. Visitors can either walk up via 300-step stairway or take a cable car to pay respect to the Buddha's relics.



Kruba Srivichai Monument



Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

In addition, Doi Suthep is another amazing viewpoint for visitors to enjoy a bird's eye view landscape of Chiang Mai city. After taking with the splendid view, we still have enough time for boosting up our energy with a lunch in the city before heading to Chiang Mai International Airport to catch a flight to Mandalay, the former capital city of Myanmar.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

- 📍 Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Road, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-295-002
- 🕒 6.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.

Wat Phra That Doi Suthep has been the significant and sacred temple in Chiang Mai since the early days. It was built in 19th Buddhist Century by King Kauna, the sixth King in Mengrai Dynasty. The historical evidence indicates that King Kauna respectfully placed the Buddha's relics on elephant's back and determined to build a pagoda where the elephant stopped wandering. The elephant finally stopped at Doi Suthep before walking clockwise and fell to death. Therefore, King Kauna made the order to build a pagoda to enshrine the Buddha's relics at the peak of Doi Suthep. Ever since the Buddha's relics are always with Chiang Mai and its people.

Chiang Mai Night Safari



- 📍 33 Mu 12, Ratchapruk Road, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-999-050
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Although its name is Chiang Mai Night Safari, this place offers both a night safari and a day safari. For those who love a bit of adventure, the night safari starts daily from 6.50 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. You will have a chance to ride a tram to experience some amazing animals close up such as giraffes, zebras, and red kangaroos.

Wat U-Mong (Suan Buddha Dhamma)



- 📍 135 Mu 10, Tambon Suthep, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-810-965, +66-53-811-100
- 🕒 4.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Wat U-Mong is the unique temple and famous meditation center built over 700 years ago by King Mengrai of Lanna. The temple is famous for its structure and surroundings, especially “the caves of Wat U-Mong” and the “talking trees”. It is one of the most serene Buddhist temples in Chiang Mai.



Wat Chedi Luang

- 📍 103 King Prajadhipok Road, Tambon Phra Singh, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-53-276-140
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Wat Chedi Luang is an old temple in Chiang Mai, built in the era of King Saen Mueang Ma, the 7th King of Mengrai Dynasty. It is presumably that this temple was built between 1385 -1402, Wat Chedi Luang is the ancient royal monastery, having been renovated several times. Its chedi or pagoda, which is nowadays 60-meter width for each side, is one of the most significant pagodas in Chiang Mai. Wat Chedi Luang is also where Inthakhin or the city pillar is installed nowadays.

Wat Phra Singh

- 📍 Singharat Road, Tambon Sri Phum, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
- ☎ +66-94-740-2294
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.



Wat Phra Singh was built in 1345 by Phaya Yoo during the Mengrai Dynasty. It is now one of the most important temples in Chiang Mai and is home to the Phra Singh, built in Chiang Saen art and one of the most sacred Buddhist statues in Thailand. Wat Phra Singh was named the national heritage and is believed to be the temple that a person born in the year of dragon should pay a visit and pray.





Restaurants (Chiang Mai)

Joke Somphet

📍 59-3 Sri Phum Road,
Tambon Sri Phum,
Amphoe Mueang,
Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-210-649

🕒 24/7

Khao Soi Nimman

📍 137 Nimmanhemim Soi 7,
Tambon Suthep, Amphoe
Mueang,
Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-894-881

🕒 11.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Roumjai Kaiyang Somtam

📍 Bunrueang Rit Road,
Tambon Suthep,
Amphoe Mueang,
Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-215-912

🕒 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.
(Close on Wednesday)

Huen Muan Jai

📍 24 Ratchapruk Road,
Tambon Changpuek,
Amphoe Mueang,
Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-404-998

🕒 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Huen Phen

📍 112 Ratchamanka Road,
Tambon Phra Singh,
Amphoe Mueang,
Chiang Mai

☎ +66-53-814-548

🕒 8.30 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Mandalay)

Yadanarbon Hotel Mandalay

📍 125 31st Street, Between
76th & 77th Street,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-27-1999

Triumph Hotel Mandalay

📍 1 26th Road, Between
55th & 56th Street, Aung
Myay Tharzan Township,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-97-7765-5593

Ostello Bello Hostel Mandalay

📍 28th Street, Mandalay,
Myanmar

☎ +95-26-7227

Royal Pearl Hotel

📍 196 29th Street, Between
80th & 81st Street, Chan
Aye Thar Zan Township,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95 26-5249

Ayarwaddy River View Hotel

📍 Strand Road, Between
22nd & 23rd Street,
Thirimarlar West, Aung
Myay Thar Zan Township,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-27-2373





Mandalay

Day 6



Mandalay Hill

The Cultural Capital of the Northern Myanmar with the Enchanted History.

If we talk about the most familiar neighbor of Thailand, we would definitely think of Myanmar, the land of history alongside Thailand for centuries and the country bordered to the north and the west of Thailand. The charm of Myanmar includes pure natural resources. Moreover, the way of life in Myanmar is very distinguished as Buddhism has played an important role in their people's daily lives. Unsurprisingly, the Buddhist culture in Myanmar stays very strong.

Mandalay is one of the upcoming destinations in Asia. It is the third largest city in Myanmar, after Yangon and Népidor. It was also the last independent city of Myanmar before being colonized by England. Mandalay has a large number of industrial estates and a great potential for traveling, due to its various archeological sites and richness of nature, attracting visitors worldwide.

DAY

6



Mandalay

Mahamuni Temple,
Mandalay Palace,
Kuthodaw Temple,
U Bein Bridge



We will start our first day in Mandalay early at 4 a.m. by joining a sacred ceremony which has been inherited in Myanmar for more than 1,000 years. The ceremony is called “Washing the Mahamuni Buddha’s Face”. In particular, the Mahamuni Buddha is known to be the living Buddha image and one of the top 5 most respected Buddha images in Myanmar. Then, we will return to our hotel to get prepared for visiting the Mandalay Palace later in the morning. This palace is known to be the last independent place before Myanmar was colonized. It was reconstructed after being destroyed by bombing during the World War II.

After being fascinated with such delicate and unique architecture, we will move to the Kuthodaw Temple, the place where the world’s biggest Buddhist scriptures (Tripitaka) are collected. Then, we will continue our trip to witness the spectacular Shwenandaw Royal Villa, made from premium teakwood and carved in the traditional Mandalay pattern, and the Atumashi Temple with the uncommon structure recognized by many for its distinctive beauty. In the afternoon, we plan to visit the Mandalay Hill, a symbol of Mandalay. We will first stop by 120-year-old Kusinara Temple located at the foothill, then going up to Mandalay Hill which is 236-meter high to indulge with the scenic view and the landscape of the historic Mandalay.

After that, we will head to another former capital city of Myanmar, Amarapura, to visit Bagaya Kyaung, the monastery believed to imitate heaven, followed by taking photos at U Bein Bridge, the world’s longest teakwood bridge. At the end of the day, we will go to Bagan, the ancient city well known for its sea of temples.



Mahamuni Buddha



Mandalay Palace

Good to know

The Mahamuni Buddha is known to be one of the most sacred and respected Buddha images in Myanmar. Only men can stay close and put gold leaf onto the Mahamuni Buddha, whereas women must wait outside.



To visit temples in Myanmar, visitors must take off their shoes before entering. The heat during daytime may cause pain. Visiting either in the morning or late evening is recommended.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Kuthodaw Temple



📍 62nd Street, Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-94-48008459

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Kuthodaw Temple or the White Pagoda Temple is one of the most sacred temples in Mandalay. It was built simultaneously with the city of Mandalay, by King Miang Dong in 24th Buddhist Century. It is also considered to be “the monument of the 4th revision of Tripitaka” as King Miang Dong ordered to engrave Tripitaka with 84,000 codes of morality on 729 pieces of marble, known to be the world’s largest collection of Tripitaka.

Mandalay Hill



📍 Mandalay Hill, Mandalay, Myanmar

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Mandalay hill is the symbol of Mandalay. Mandalay was named after this 236-metre-tall hill. Mandalay hill is the famous tourist attraction in which visitors often walk up to see a bird’s eye view of the city. In addition, there are elevators and escalators provided for going up to the top of the hill. Yet, if you seek adventure and desire to boost up your adrenarine, you can choose to walk up via 7,292-step stairway.

U Bein Bridge



📍 Amarapura, Mandalay, Myanmar

🕒 24/7

U Bein Bridge is the teakwood bridge connecting two sides of the Taungthaman Lake with over 1.2 kilometers in length, and recorded as the world’s longest wooden bridge. It was located at Amarapura city, another capital city of Myanmar, before being relocated to Mandalay. This bridge was made from teakwoods pulled down from Inwa Palace. It is believed that over 1,000 teakwoods were used to build this bridge.

Mandalay Palace

📍 Heart of Mandalay city,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-97-86007736

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.



Mandalay Palace is the last independent palace before Myanmar was colonized by England. It was built in 1857-1859 by King Miang Dong, the King who built Mandalay city. The whole palace was made from teakwood, and had been recognized as one of the world most striking teakwood palaces. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by bombing during the World War II. The palace was almost too damaged to be renovated. However, Myanmar government succeeded in reconstruction and decided to open it to the public.



Shwenandaw Monastery

📍 62nd Street, Mandalay,
Myanmar

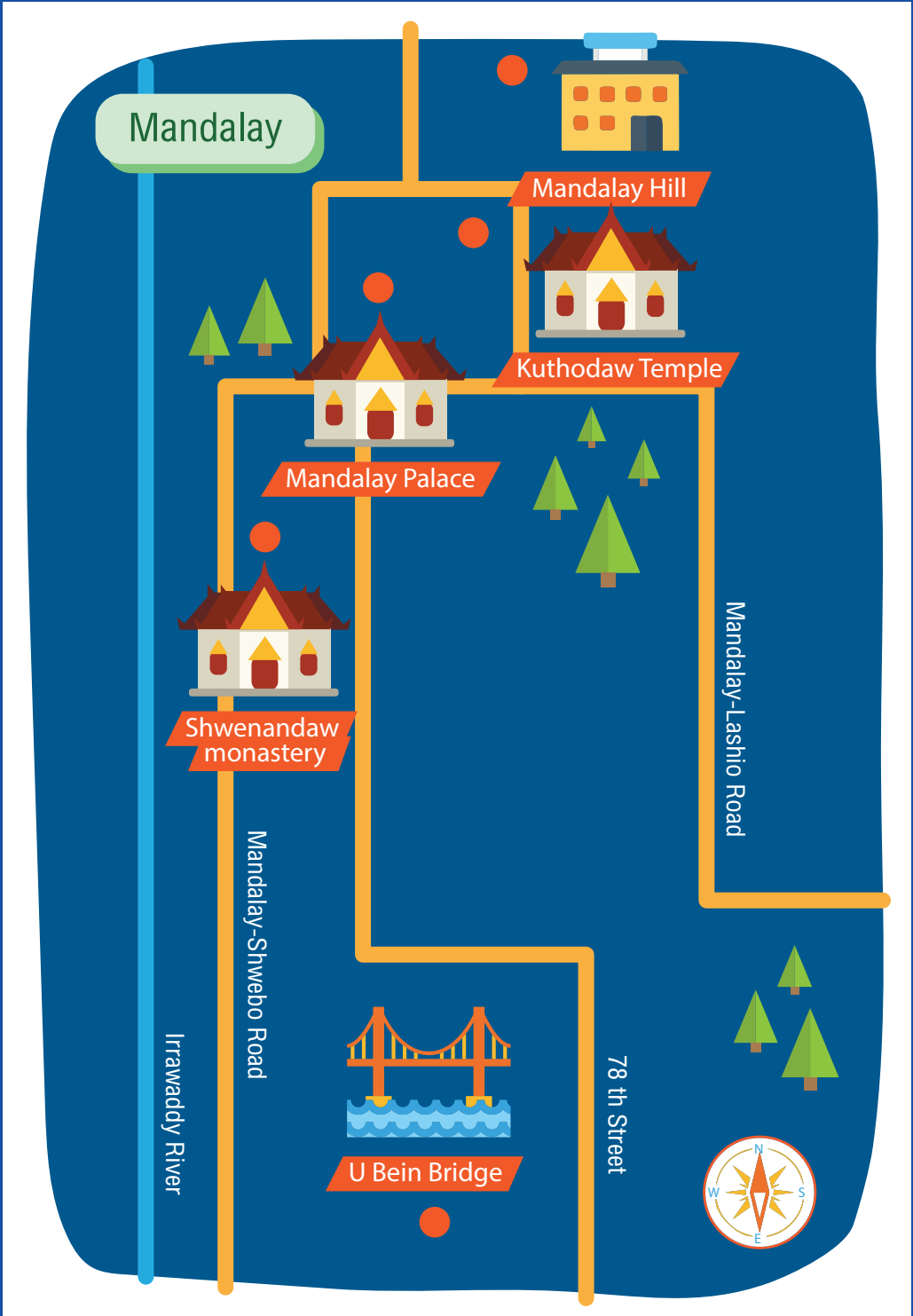
☎ Tel: +95-97-89899027

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Shwenandaw Monastery is the former royal villa located in Mandalay palace. It was the place where King Miang Dong stayed and passed away. Later, it was relocated outside the palace, thus it escaped bombing during the World War II. This monastery is known to be the only place in Mandalay

with Myanmar architecture in a perfect condition. The whole building was made from teakwoods and covered with gold leaf, thus, recognized as the golden monastery. Nowadays, the gold leaf covering the building is peeled off, leaving only the teakwoods, yet still remaining beautiful and elegance.





Restaurants (Mandalay)

Mingalaba Restaurant

- 📍 71st Street, Between 28th & 29th streets, Mandalay, Myanmar
- ☎ +95 26-0480
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pan Cherry Noodle House & Cafe

- 📍 25th street, Between 82nd & 83rd Streets, Mandalay, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-99-77186603
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Aung Lin Restaurant

- 📍 30th Street, Between 80th and 81st Streets, Mandalay, Myanmar
- ☎ +95 95-223151
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

A Little Bit of Mandalay Tavern

- 📍 1A-3, 28th Street, Between 52nd & 53rd streets, Mandalay, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-97-97735545
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Bagan)

Aye Yar River View Resort

- 📍 Between Royal Palace and Ayeyarwaddy River Bank, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-61-60313

The Floral Breeze Hotel Bagan

- 📍 Chauk-Nyaung U Road, New Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-61-65309

Bagan Lodge

- 📍 Myat Lay Road, New Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-61-65456

Ruby True Hotel

- 📍 Myat Lay Road, New Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-61-65043

Hotel Yadanarbon Bagan

- 📍 Myat Lay Road, New Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-61-65240





Bagan

Day 7

Bagan Viewing Tower

The Amazing Sea of Pagodas and the Ancient Roots of Southeast Asian Civilization

Those who fall in love with a charm of history must be impressed by Bagan, the land of the sea of 2,000 temples and pagodas. Bagan is known to be the ancient city with over 1,000-year history and one of the oldest cities in Southeast Asia. It was established in 11th Buddhist Century and believed to be the first capital city of Myanmar. In the early days, Bagan was so prosperous in Buddhism that every king built pagodas for his reign's good fortune, yielding this city to have more than 10,000 temples and pagodas and be recognized as the "City of the Sea of Temples". Yet, when time went by, some temples and pagodas were damaged. Additionally, the massive flood in the past blew away almost half of the existing temples, leaving only 2,217 pagodas left today. Although the number of temples and pagodas decreases, the charm of Bagan remains the same. This city of the Myanmar's old civilization is still full of prosperity in the early age, making it one of the most amazing historical tourist attractions in the world.

DAY

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Bagan

Shwesandaw Pagoda, Manuha Temple,
Bagan Archaeological Museum,
Bagan Golden Palace,
Pah To Thamyia Temple,
Bagan Viewing Tower



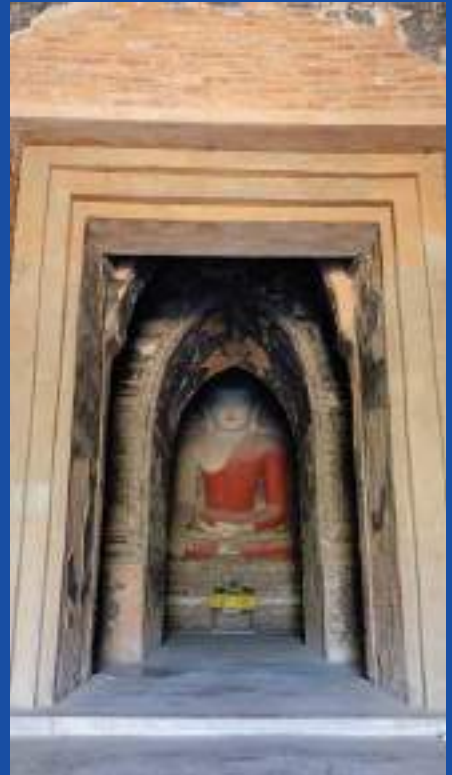
If you come to Bagan, you must not miss the most favorite activity that is watching sunrise over the sacred Shwesandaw Pagoda. A picture of the first light of the day that shines through the blue sky to shout out that the new day has come is not easy to find and it will definitely blow away your mind. After experiencing with the freshness of the morning light and feeling energetic, we will go to see the gigantic Manuha Buddha Image at Manuha Temple. Next, we will learn about the background of lifestyle and culture in Bagan at Bagan Archaeological Museum, followed by heading to witness the priceless beauty of Bagan Golden Palace which was very prosperous in the past and further learn more about the unique ancient Myanmar architecture at Shwegugyi Temple.

We will continue our journey by visiting Pah To Thamyia Temple, a little-known temple but full of highlights inside its dark chapel as the light will always shine through the body of Buddha Image. Another highlight of Bagan that cannot be missed is visiting Ananda Phaya, the temple where small Buddha images are used for decoration throughout the tunnel, attracting visitors from all over the world to witness with their own eyes. Lastly, we will get some relaxing time yet special by watching the spectacular view of sunset with the sea of temples on the background at the Bagan Viewing Tower to end our impressive ASEAN Ancient Kingdoms trip.



Good to know

One of the most desirable activities among visitors worldwide when visiting Bagan is to watch a bird's eye view of the sea of temples and pagodas by flying into the blue sky on a hot air balloon.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Bagan Viewing Tower

- 📍 1 Yaza Thingaha Road, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-96-502963
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Bagan Viewing Tower is situated in the Aureum Palace Hotel. It is the new viewing point that has become famous among local and international visitors. With over 60-meter tall from the ground, this tower has become one of the most beautiful sunset viewing spots in Bagan. Moreover, you can see the sea of temples in a bird's eye view.

Bagan Archeological Museum



- 📍 Bagan-Chauk Road, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- 🕒 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
(Close on Monday and Gazetted Holidays)

Bagan Archeological Museum was built in 1998 with the construction cost of more than 1,200 million kyat. It is considered to be the place where most historical story, culture, lifestyle and antiquities of Bagan are collected. It is recommended for visitors who are determined to learn and attain knowledge about Bagan.

Bagan Golden Palace



- 📍 3 Anawrahta Road, Zayawaddy Township, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- ☎ +95-92-59100006
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Bagan Golden Palace is the new imitation of the old palace built based on the great imagination of King Anawrahta, the first king of Myanmar history (reigned during 1044-1077) and the very important person who brought Buddhism into Bagan as well as the one who established Bagan as the first capital city of Myanmar.



Manuha Temple

- 📍 2 Myin Ka Bar, Bagan – Chauk Road, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

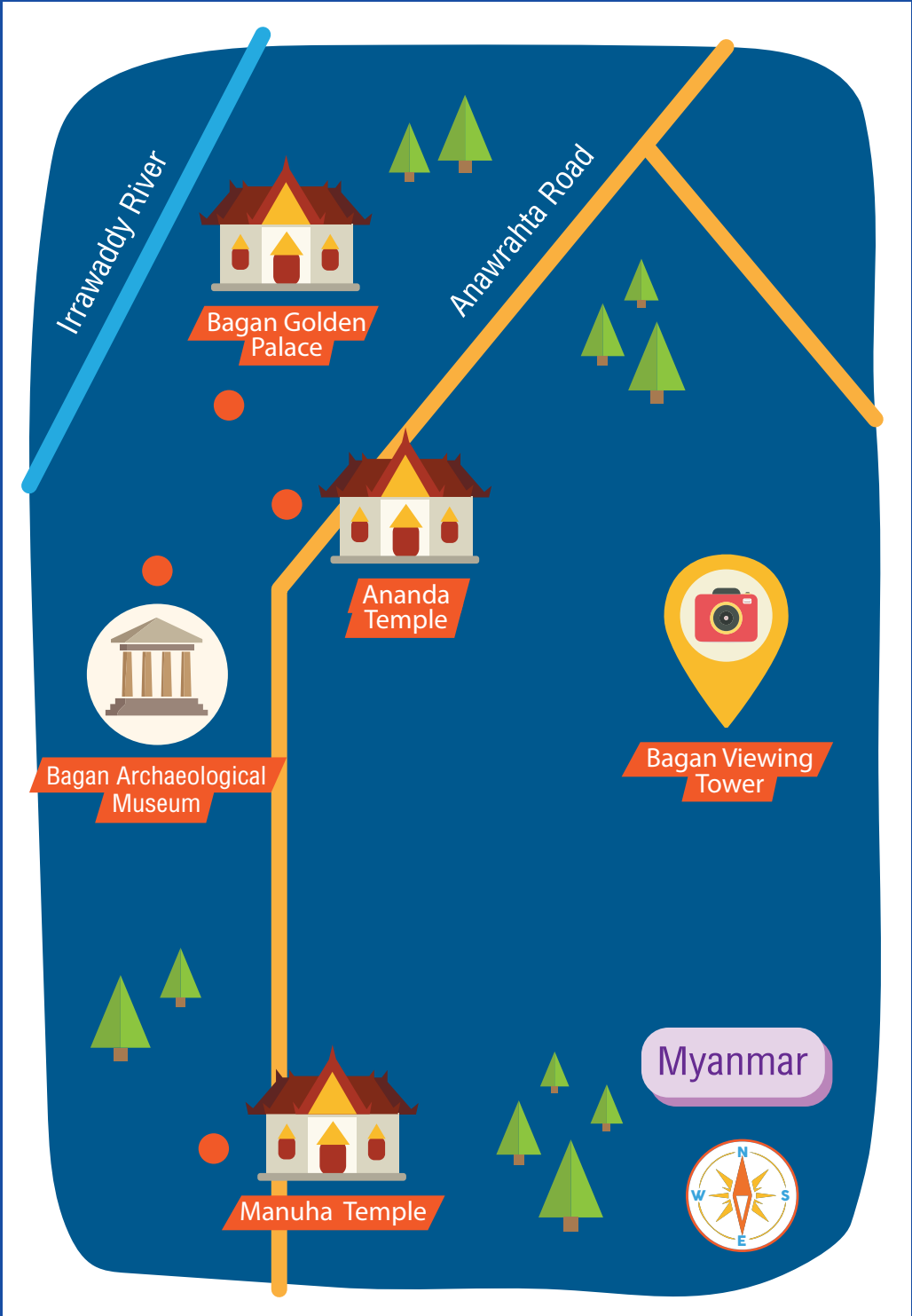
Manuha Temple is another highlight of Bagan where everyone must visit. The Buddha image in this temple was built by King Mahuna, the King of the Mon Kingdom who surrendered to King Anawrahta of Myanmar and was later held captive in Bagan. He decided to build the Buddha image with unusually large proportion as the sarcastic symbol to represent his displeasure at captivity.

Ananda Temple

- 📍 Anawrahta Road, Old Bagan, Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.



Ananda Temple or Ananda Koo Phaya is the white temple located at the eastern Bagan. It was built completely in 1091. Ananda Temple is known as one of the most beautiful Mon Architecture and recognized as the diamond of Bagan's architecture. With its perfect exquisiteness, King Yansitha ordered to execute all engineers and craftsmen who built this temple as he was afraid that the pattern and construction would be later copied.



Restaurants

Leo Restaurant

📍 Thi Ri Pyitsaya 4 Street,
New Bagan, Mandalay
Region, Myanmar

☎ +95-94-02559018

🕒 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

7 Sisters Restaurant

📍 79 Nweni Street, New
Bagan, Mandalay Region,
Myanmar

☎ +95-96-165404

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Kyaw Kitchen

📍 High School Street, New
Bagan, Mandalay Region,
Myanmar

☎ +95-92-59754811

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

HTI Bar & Restaurant

📍 25th Street, Between
82nd & 83rd Streets,
Mandalay, Myanmar

☎ +95-99-77182610

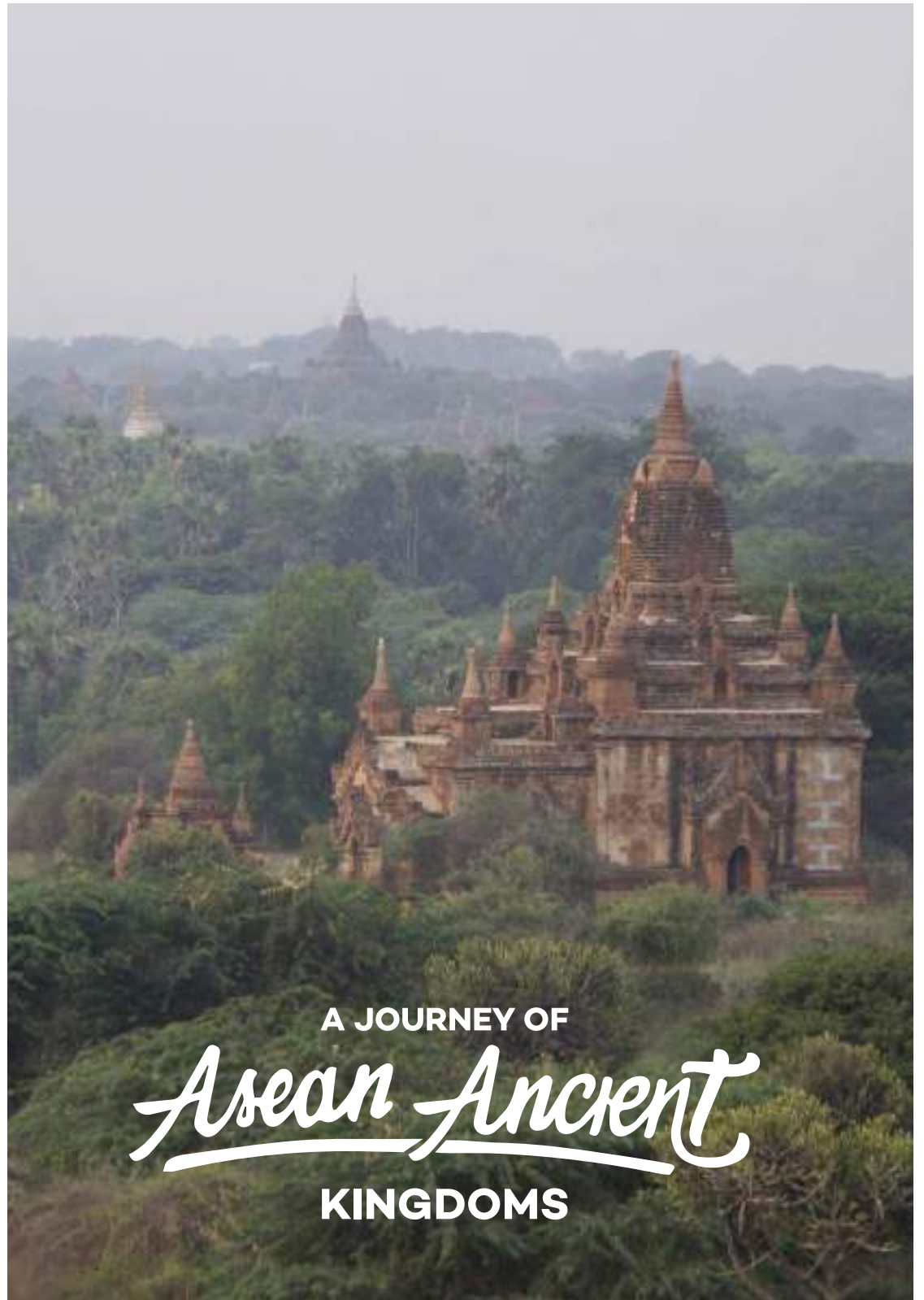
🕒 6.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

The Teak House Restaurant

📍 11 Khwar Nyo Street ,
Shwe Laung Quarter ,
New Bagan, Mandalay

☎ Region, Myanmar

☎ +95-92-63326927
10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.



A JOURNEY OF
Asean Ancient
KINGDOMS

Day 1 : Chiang Rai (Overnight: Chiang Rai)



9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Arrive at Wiang Nong Lom.



10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Arrive at the ancient town of Chiang Saen.



2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Arrive at the Golden Triangle, the firstspot where the Mekong River flows into Kingdom of Thailand, pay respect to King Lan Tau, cruise on a long-tailed boat, view a spectacular scenery of the Mekong River and then go up to visit the Don Market, a tax-free market on the Lao border.



5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Arrive at Doi Sa Ngo, Visit Akha village and watch beautiful sunset.



6.30 p.m.

Dinner and leave for city for Chiang Rai.



8.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Chiang Rai.

Remark

- ☑ Entrance fees at the Chiang Saen National Museum and Wat Pa Sak are 20 baht per person each place.
- ☑ Ferry ride fees along the Mekong River at the Golden Triangle is 500 baht for a small ferry accommodating 5 persons and 1,000 baht for a large ferry accommodating 12 persons.

Day 2 : Chiang Rai - Lamphun (Overnight: Lamphun)



8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Visit Kad Luang (municipality fresh food market) and experience the lifestyle of the people in Chiang Rai in the morning. There are a wide variety of food, local sweets and other items sold in the market.



9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Arrive at the Oub Kham Museum, Lanna's Heritage conservation center, where the collection of priceless items and Lanna's ancient culture are kept.



11.20 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Arrive at Wat Doi Ngam Mueang to pay homage to its stoopta where remains of King Mengrai the Great, the founder of the Lanna Kingdom, are kept.



12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch.



1.40 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Arrive at Ban Dam or the Black Museum built by Master Thawan Duchanee, a Thai national artist in visual arts. Nowadays, it has collected artworks which are considered to be the national treasure.



3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Arrive at Wat Rong Khun, the temple where all foreign visitors call it the "White Temple", built by Master Chalermchai Kositpipat, the Thai national artist who has established the modern Thai architecture with unquie beauty.



5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Dinner.



9.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Lamphun.

Day 3 : Lamphun – Chiang Mai (Overnight: Chiang Mai)



9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Arrive at Wat Phra Nang Chamthewi, the temple where remains of Queen Chamthewi, the great founder of the Hariphunchai Kingdom which was prosperous in the early days, are kept.



10.45 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Arrive at Wat Phra That Hariphunchai, the significant and sacred temple in Lamphun to pay homage.



12.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch and then commute to Chiang Mai.



2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Try “Tok Sen”, a hammer massage (tapping line), the Lanna traditional massage which has been transmitted for more than 500 years.



5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Arrive at Khum Khantoke Restaurant to experience a the eatery with Lanna style decoration and have a dinner with local food, followed by watching the impressive cultural plays.



8.30 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Chiang Mai.

Remark

 Prices of Khantoke buffet dinner at Khum Khantoke are 590 baht per adult and 390 baht per child.

Day 4 : Chiang Mai (Overnight: Chiang Mai)



9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Arrive at Kad Luang or Warorot Market, the biggest market in Chiang Mai and experience local lifestyle and local tastes.



10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Arrive at Wiang Kum Kam, the lost ancient city, take a tram to see history traces of this legendary town hit by a huge flood and embeded under the ground for more than 700 years and then return to the city.



12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch in the city of Chiang Mai.



1.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Arrive at Wat Sri Suphan. Learn about the silverware art at the Ancient Lanna Art Study Center.



3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Take a walk along Chiang Mai's old town. Visit the Sam Kasart Monument to pay respect to the founders of Chiang Mai, the Chiang Mai Historical Center, the Lanna Folklife Musuem, and Wat Inthakhin, the temple used to be a place where city pillar was installed.



7.00 p.m.

Return to an accommodation in Chiang Mai city.

Remark

- 📍 The Lanna Folklife Museum and the Chiang Mai Historical Center entrance fees are 90 baht per adult and 40 baht per child.
- 📍 Wau Lai walking street at Wau Lai Road is open every Saturday while walking street at Tha Pae Gate is open every Sunday.
- 📍 There are 3 fares for Wiang Kum Kam wandering: the horse-drawn carriage (2-3 people per carriage) for 300 baht, the small tram (1-10 people per tram) for 400 baht and the large tram (11 people and more) for 500 baht.

Day 5 : Chiang Mai - Mandalay (Overnight: Mandalay)



9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Arrive at the Kruba Srivichai Monument to pay respect to the very important person who built the road up to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep.



10.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Stop by a viewpoint on the way up to Doi Suthep. Watch a bird's eye view of Chiang Mai city before visiting Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, a symbol of Chiang Mai.



12.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Lunch.



2.00 p.m.

Arrive at Chiang Mai International Airport to get prepared for a flight to Mandalay.



5.20 p.m.


Arrive at Mandalay International Airport.



6.20 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Mandalay.

Remark

-  Bangkok Airways operates a daily flight from Chiang Mai to Mandalay (PG 725), which departs at 4.15 p.m. every day.

Day 6 : Mandalay – Bagan (Overnight: Bagan)



4.00 a.m. – 5.30 a.m.

Arrive at the Mahamuni Temple to experience and witness a sacred ceremony of washing the Mahamuni Buddha's face, the living Buddha image according to Myanmar people's belief.



6.00 a.m. – 08.30 a.m.

Get a rest and have breakfast.



9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Visit Mandalay Palace, the last independent palace before Myanmar was colonized by England.



11.00 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

Arrive at Kuthodaw Temple or the White Pagoda Temple, the significant temple of Mandalay where the world's biggest Tripitaka are kept.



12.00 a.m.-01.00 p.m.

Lunch.



1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Arrive at Wat Kusinara, the 120-year-old temple before visiting Mandalay Hill, the hill located in the middle of Mandalay city, to watch a bird's eye view of Mandalay including the Mandalay Palace and the Irrawaddy River.



2.45 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

Go to U Bein Bridge, the world's longest wooden bridge with over 2-kilometer length before leaving for Bagan.



4:00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Dinner and go to Bagan. Stay overnight at Bagan.

Remark

- Mandalay's archeological site entrance ticket fee is 10,000 kyatt per person. Those who hold a ticket can enter 5 sites within 5 days.
- Carrying a camera for photo-taking in Mahamuni Temple costs 1,000 kyatt per camera
- Mandalay Hill entrance fee does not include in Mandalay's archeological site entrance ticket. Additional charge is 1,000 kyatt per person.

Day 7 : Bagan



5.30 am – 6.30 am



6.30 am – 9.00 am



9.10 am – 9.55 am



9.30 am – 10.30 am



11.00 am – 12.00 pm



12.00-01.00 pm



2.00 pm – 2.30 pm



3.00 pm – 4.10 pm



4.15 - 4.30 pm

Watch sunrise at Shwesandaw, another highlight which is a must when visiting Bagan.

Get a rest and have breakfast.

Arrive at Manuha Phaya to pay respect to Buddha image at Manuha Temple.

Arrive at the Bagan Archaeological Museum to learn about history, culture, lifestyle, and background of Bagan and witness invaluable ancient items collected in Bagan.

Visit the Bagan Golden Palace or Thiri Zeya Bumi Bagan of the Bagan Kingdom

Lunch.

Arrive at Pah To Thamyra Temple where the chapel was built to show the prosperity of Buddhism.

Arrive at the Aureum Palace Hotel. Watching a splendid view of the sea of temples at Bagan Viewing Tower.

Get to the Bagan Nyaung Oo Airport to end the trip.

Remark

- 🕒 Bagan's Archaeological Site entrance ticket fee is 25,000 kyatt per person. Those who hold a ticket can enter 5 sites within 5 days.
- 🕒 The Bagan Golden Palace and Bagan Museum entrance fees do not include in Bagan's Archaeological Site entrance ticket. Additional charge is 5,000 kyatt per person.
- 🕒 The Bagan Viewing Tower entrance fee is 5 USD per person.





ASEAN *peranakan* AND NATURE TRAIL

Phuket – Krabi – Trang – Satun –
Langkawi – Penang

6

DAYS

Physical Rating

3/5

5

NIGHTS

Distance

728 km



Where We Travel

Day 1	Phuket
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Day 6	Penang



Immerse yourself into the Penerakan culture along one of the world's most beautiful and iconic coastal lines from Phuket to Penang.



Highlights

- Visit the most stunning and the most completed Sino-Portuguese buildings in Thailand.
- Watch the sunset at Promthep Cape, known as the most beautiful sunset spot in Thailand.
- Visit Baan Laem Sak, the village of 3 cultures in Krabi.
- Explore Trang's not-to-be-missed foodie scene and city landscape.
- Ride a cable car to the top of Gunung Mat Cincang Mountain to see a 360-degree view of Langkawi Island.
- Join a cooking class and learn to make Peranakan dishes at the vTropical Spice Garden in Penang.

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Khoo Kongsi
Wonderfood Museum
Kek Lok Si

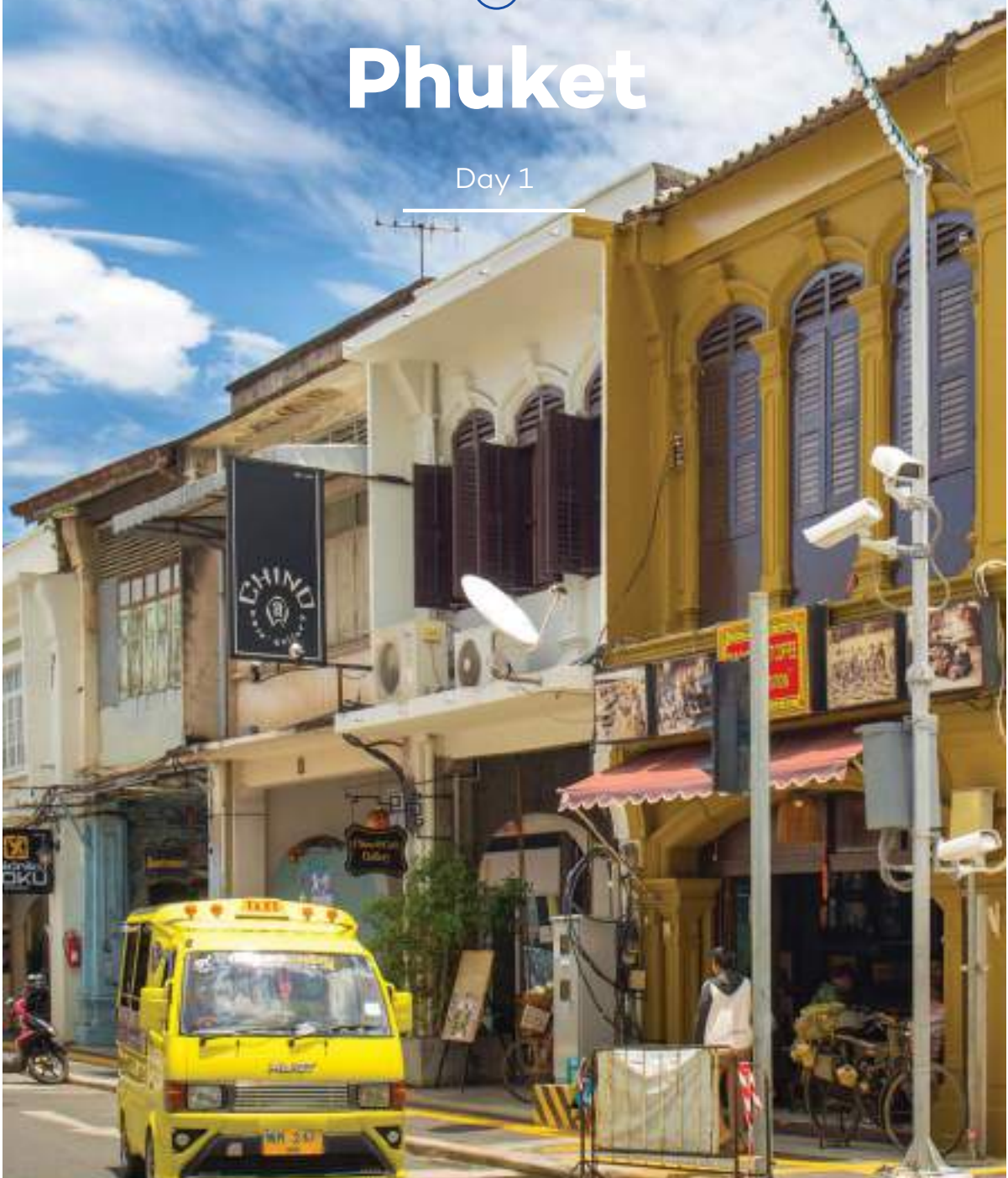
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Phuket

Day 1



Thalang Road

The Pearl of Andaman with the Experience beyond Sea, Sand, and Sun

Phuket is Thailand's biggest paradise island known to have the most stunning sunset. It is truly the pearl of the Andaman Sea. This coastal resort town has beautiful beaches and nature, and equipped with state of the art tourist facilities. Phuket is not only the tropical paradise, but also has its long history, various beliefs and intriguing cultures. It was an important port town of the Indian Ocean where merchants, especially the Chinese, going to India via the Malay Peninsula, had to pass. Being one of the two important channels, the Jungceylon Cape (the former name of Phuket) itself and the Malacca Strait, had brought economic prosperity to the island ever since. There was a time when tin was the most wanted mineral in the world, and Phuket with its rich tin resources attracted the Chinese escaping poverty in their home country and seeking fortune to work in tin mines. They founded the Peranakan culture and Phuket thus turned into the capital of the Chinese Peranakan culture in Thailand.

DAY

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Phuket

Thai Hua Museum
Jui Tui Shrine, Promthep Cape,
Chaitaram Temple, Baan Chinpracha



The first day's itinerary will highlight on historical and cultural sites of Phuket. Starting with an introduction to the Peranakan culture, we will visit the 72nd Anniversary Queen Sirikit Park, home to Hai Leng Ong or the golden dragon statue. The dragon is believed to be an auspicious creature. We will then continue our journey to see beautiful Sino-Portuguese buildings on Thalang Road and stop at the Thai Hua Museum exhibiting the history of Phuket and its Chinese residents.



On Krabi Road, we visit Baan Chinpracha, an over-century-old house where artifacts and items used by its owners are kept. Then we turn to Yaowarat Road, passing the Seang Tham Chinese Shrine, the Suryadhep Roundabout, and the Thai Airways Building, to visit the Jui Tui Shrine, the major site for the famous Phuket Vegetarian Festival. At this point, it is about mid-day so we will go up to Khao Rang Hill, the small hill in the middle of Phuket to have lunch and enjoy Phuket's beautiful townscape. After lunch, we will continue to Wat Chaitaram, an important temple of Phuket, to Phra Maha That Jom Thai Baramee, the pagoda where the Buddha's relics are enshrined, and to a fish market in the Rawai Fisherman Village. Before the sun goes down, we will rush to Thailand's most beautiful sunset point, the Promthep Cape, to experience the stunning natural phenomena before we part for the night.



Promthep Cape

Good to know

In June, Phuket Peranakan Association organizes Peranakan style or **Baba-Yaya** weddings. Visit www.phuketbaba.com for more detail.



On Sunday, there is a night market on **Thalang Road** called **Lad Yai** from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Those who love the Old Town's atmosphere should not miss!



Thai Hua Museum

■ Activities and Attractions ■

Thai Hua Museum



📍 28 Krabi Road, Tambon Talad Nuea, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket

☎ +66-76-211-224

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Thai Hua Museum is the first museum in central Phuket where visitors can learn about the way of life of the Chinese ancestors, Phuket's first immigrants who had established custom, tradition, and local wisdom that has been passed on to the next generation. It was also Phuket's first Chinese language school. After being renovated, it has served as the community-learning center where Phuket's history is exhibited with modern tools and technology. There are 13 galleries altogether.

Wat Chaitaram



📍 70 Baan Chalong, Chao Fah Road, Tambon Chalong, Amphoe Mueang Phuket

☎ +66-76-38-226

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Wat Chaitaram or Wat Chalong is a significant and famous temple in Phuket. It is home to Phra Maha That Chedi Phra Jom Thai Baramee, the pagoda where the Buddha's relics from Sri Lanka are enshrined, and to the wax sculpture of Luang Phor Cham, a Buddhist monk highly revered by the locals.

Jui Tui Shrine



📍 283 Soi Phathan, Ranong Road, Tambon Talad Nuea, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

The Jui Tui Shrine is a Chinese shrine in Phuket and is the soul center of the Phuket people. It is the ground for Phuket's important festivals and ceremonies like the Vegetarian Festival. Inside, there is the statue of Tean Hu Huan Soy (Lhao lea), the Chinese god of performing art. A large number of visitors come to pay respect to the shrine every day. It is another important tourist attraction for those who love culture and love to learn about the way of life of the Phuket people.



Promthep Cape

📍 Tambon Rawai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket

🕒 24/7



The Promthep Cape is located in the southern most part of Phuket. It is known to be one of the most stunning sunset viewpoints in Thailand. The trail from the cliff leads to the tip of the cape which is a perfect spot to take photos of the sunset. The spot is on every photographer's checklist.



Baan Chinpracha

📍 98 Krabi Road, Tambon Talad Nuea, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket

☎ +66-76-211-281

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
(Close on Sunday)

Baan Chinpracha is a heritage house belonging to the Tantawanich family. This over-a-century-old house is Phuket's first establishment to employ the Sino-Portuguese architecture. The house itself and its home appliances are in great conditions and exhibited by the owners who wish to turn this home into a live museum. A visit to the house will reveal Phuket's stories in the past dating back a hundred years.



Restaurants

Raya Restuarant

- 📍 Dibuk Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-218-155
- 🕒 10.00 a.m.– 10.00 p.m.

Mee Ton Peo Restaurant

- 📍 214/7-8, Clock Tower Phuket Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-216-293
- 🕒 10.00 a.m.– 6.30 p.m.

Tu Kab Khao Restaurant

- 📍 8 Phang Nga Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-608-888
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Phuket Muslim Restaurant (Roti Teaw Nam)

- 📍 Thepkasattri Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Dim Sum Ratcharose Restaurant

- 📍 Yaowarat Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-80-263-4664
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Accommodations

The Memory at On On Hotel

- 📍 19 Phang-Nga Road, Tambon Talad Yai, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-363-700

Sripanwa Phuket

- 📍 88 Mu 8, Sakdidej Road, Tambon Wichit, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket.
- ☎ +66-76-371-000

O'nya Phuket Hotel

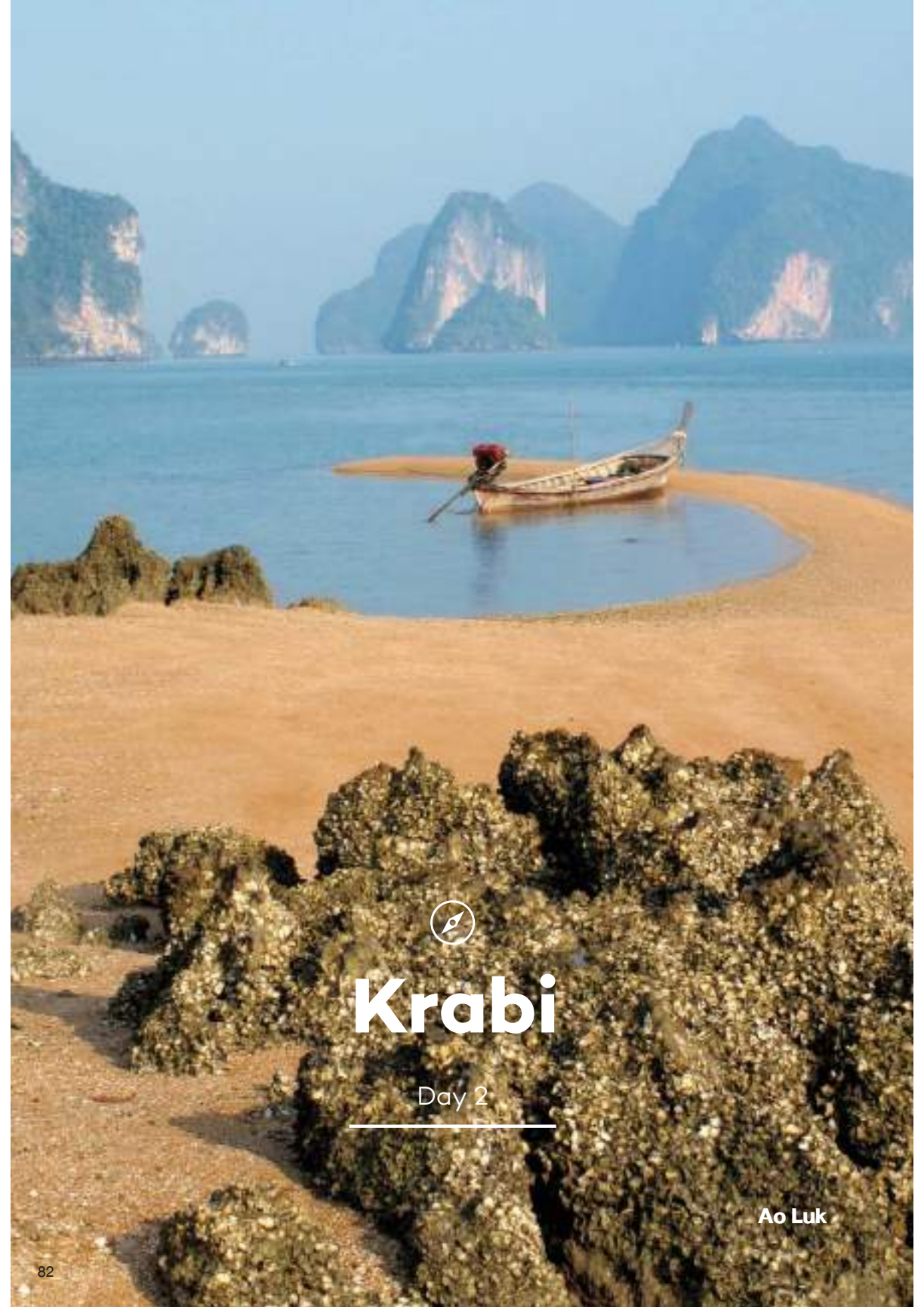
- 📍 46/8 Mu 5, Chalermprakiat Ror 9 Road, Tambon Wichit, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-304-378

Angsana Villas Resort Phuket

- 📍 142/3 Mu 6, Tambon Cherngtalay, Amphoe Thalang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-336-900

Little Nyonya Hotel

- 📍 63/2 Mu 4, Tambon Wichit, Amphoe Mueang, Phuket
- ☎ +66-76-355-901



Krabi

Day 2

Ao Luk

The Marvelous Ancient Monument with a Perfect Mix of Cultures

A cozy place with lovely locals and unseen natural travel attractions like valleys, beaches, islands, waterfalls, and mangrove forests. Krabi is a southern Thailand's charming destination which worldwide travelers have fallen in love with. Beside its natural beauty, Krabi is known for its ancient cultural diversity, a melting pot of people from different ethnicities, religions, and beliefs. Archeological evidences have shown that Krabi is one of the oldest ancient settlements in Thailand, dating back to the pre-historical periods. It is a favorite place for history buff. The land of a hundred islands is home to stone karst, amazing caves, mountains, plains, and over 154 islands. Its national parks cover jungles, streams, beaches, ocean, and one of the Earth's most fertile underwater world.

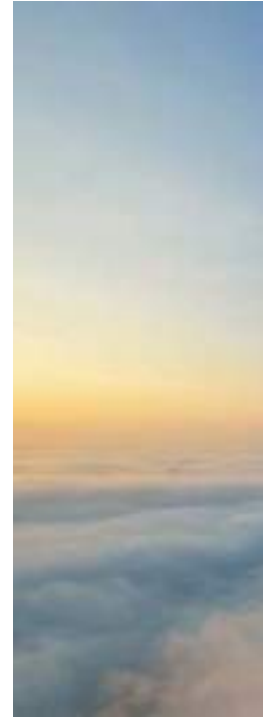
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Krabi

Baan Laem Sak,
Wat Laem Sak,
Baan Koh Klang,
Pee Hua Toe Cave



On the second day of the trip, we leave Phuket to Krabi early in the morning. The first stop is at Ao Luk district where we visit Baan Laem Sak, the village of 3 beliefs which are Thai Buddhism, Chinese Buddhism, and Islam. A trace of the Chinese Peranakan culture remains and is displayed via the Sok Po See Tea Chinese Shrine and the Sino-Portuguese buildings. We will explore the community on foot to learn about the local way of life, culture, and how the Muslim and Buddhist residents live side by side in peace.

Then we continue to Wat Laem Sak to enjoy the view of the Andaman estuary from the temple's hilltop shrine – another highlight of the area. Next is to head towards Krabi town to ride a Hua Tong boat, the iconic local transportation, along the Krabi River and appreciate the province's most fertile mangrove forest. Then, we head to Baan Koh Klang to eat fresh catches from seafood farms. After our stomachs are filled up, we head to Trang province which offers everything else plus beautiful beaches.





Wat Tham Sua



Good to know

Rong Ngeng is the traditional Thai Muslim dance which is widely practiced in Southern Thailand and some parts of Malaysia and Indonesia. The dance features graceful postures and beautiful movements of wrists, bodies, and feet. Visitors can watch this show at Bulan Anda Baba Resort.



Sok Po See Tea Chinese Shrine



Krabi has a long history. Mural paintings and cave men's bones were found in **Pee Hua Toe Cave**. They age over 1,000 years.

■ Activities and Attractions ■

Baan Laem Sak Community



- 📍 Tambon Laem Sak, Amphoe Ao Luk, Krabi
- ☎ +66-89-997-8915 (Community Leader)
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Baan Laem Sak is a small village situated in the north of Krabi. It is bordered by the sea. Being so culturally diversified, it has been given the name the Village of 3 Beliefs which are Hinayana Buddhism, Mahanayana Buddhism and Islam. There is the trace of Sino-Portuguese buildings and Chinese shrines which greatly reflect cultural diversity.

Baan Koh Klang Community

- 📍 Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

This Muslim community is located in Krabi River's estuary. Most of the villagers are fishermen and farmers living very simple life. It is surrounded by mangrove forests. The community's charms lie in its fertile and intriguing ways of life.



Wat Laem Sak



- 📍 207 Mu 3, Tambon Laem Sak, Amphoe Ao Luk, Krabi
- ☎ +66-83-140-0414
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Wat Laem Sak is the significant temple of Ao Luk district. It is the center of mind and soul of Buddhists in this area. The most distinctive aspect of this temple is Wat Laem Sak's pagoda where you can go up to take photos of the Andaman estuary.



Wat Tham Sua

- 📍 Tambon Krabi Noi, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi
- ☎ +66-84-068-4664
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Sacred by most of Krabi locals and travelers alike, this temple, built next to the cliff, has many magnificent sacred structures and visitors can climb up its stairways to witness the panoramic view of Krabi.

Pee Hua Toe Cave

- 📍 Than Bok Khorani National Park, Tambon Ao Luk Tai, Amphoe Ao Luk, Krabi
- ☎ +66-75-681-096
- 🕒 8.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.



This ancient cave is famous for the pre-historic paintings and it is the site that ancient human remains were found. Pee Hua Toe, literally meaning “the big head ghost” is named after such discovery.



Restaurants

Krua Tara Restaurant

📍 Nopparat Thara Beach, Tambon Ao Nang, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-75-637-361

🕒 11.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Roti Bang Nara

📍 93/37, Luang Por Road., Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-81-478-8486

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and 11.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Khao Kanab Nam View Seafood Restaurant

📍 Baan Koh Klang, Tambon Klong Prasong, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-85-933-3971, +66-86-266-7555

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Pak Chong Rice And Curry Restaurant

📍 299 Mu 2, Tambon Ao Luk Nuea, Amphoe Ao Luk, Krabi

☎ +66-81-970-0019

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Close on Sunday)

Ratcharos Dim Sum Restaurant

📍 289/15, Auttarakit Road, Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-86-479-9922

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Bulan Anda Baba Resort

📍 208 Mu 3, Tambon Laem Sak, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-75-685-111, +66-81-615-9398

Rai Preda Homestay

📍 105 Mu 5, Tambon Ao Luk Tai, Amphoe Ao luk, Krabi

☎ +66-89-866-4954

Rayavadee Resort

📍 214 Mu 2, Tambon Ao Nang, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-75-620-740-3

Ao Nang Ayodhaya Beach Resort

📍 112/2 Mu 2, Tambon Ao Nang, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-75-661-555

Islanda Hideaway Resort

📍 Baan Koh Klang Mu 3, Tambon Klong Prasong, Amphoe Mueang, Krabi

☎ +66-89-614-2333



Trang

Day 3



The Foodie Heaven with a Blend of Natural Beauty

If we are asked to name a travel destination in Thailand where there are picturesque beaches and rich culinary culture, Trang province is one of the tops to cross our mind. The coastal province is well-known among sealovers. It is packed with fertile natural attractions. Its 119-kilometer coastline is the access to over 46 islands in the Andaman Sea where quiet beaches are lined with emerald green water. Trang's hot springs attract tourists from all over the places. 20% of its rainforests are fertile evergreen forests. Its natural attractions are diverse. It was an old port town where the locals commerced with international merchants. Archeological evidences show that the pre-historical and early historical settlements existed here and they were related to the greater ancient empires in the south of Thailand. Trang is also known among Thais to be the first province to adopt rubber trees from abroad.

DAY

3



Trang

Trang City Walk, Tab Tiang Market,
Trang Church,
Wat Tantayapirom,
Kantang Train Station,
Old Trang's Governor House



We begin our first morning in Trang by visiting Sino-Portuguese buildings in the city center. These buildings on Ratchadamnoen Road, Kantang Road, and Rama VI Road are the charm of the Peranakan culture. Then, we will go to the Tab Tiang Market, Trang's largest market, to experience ways of life and try local delicacies. The market is best to visit in the morning for its vibrancy. Then, we will visit Trang Church, the historical site dating over a hundred years.

Next, we will go to Wat Tantayapirom, Trang's most beautiful Buddhist temple. Afterwards, we will move to the Kew Ong Iea Shrine, one of the first establishments of Chinese settlement in the area. Another must visit site in Trang is the Kantang Train Station, a strategic transportation hub which connected the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. This historical site shows Trang's significant role as a major town in the south of Thailand. Not too far away sits an old residence of Trang's famous governor Phraya Ratsadanupradit Mahitsaraphakdi (Kho-simbi Na Ranong) where you can learn about Trang's history and home appliances used in the past. Once we are done with the charming history, it is time to head to Satun, the southernmost province of Thailand.





Good to know

Low Mee or **Hokkien Noodle** is a national dish of the Chinese Peranakan ethnicity. You can find the dish in Trang, Phuket and even Penang Island. Rice noodle is the main ingredient but the sauces' recipes vary to the ingredients available in each area.



“Trang Pepper” or **Palien Pepper of Trang** is known as world-class pepper. Its quality has been acknowledged by many westerners.



Kantang Train Station



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Kantang Train Station

📍 Tambon Kantang,
Amphoe Kantang, Trang

The Kantang Train Station was a transportation hub among cities along the Andaman Coast. It is also a hub of international sea navigation as it is located next to the Kantang Port. The port was the strategic commerce center where commodities from Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia, were exchanged. A trace of cultural diversity is shown through the building which well preserve the old-time atmosphere.

Wat Tantayapirom



📍 Nam Pud Road, Tambon Bang Rak,
Amphoe Mueang, Trang

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Wat Tantayapirom is a significant temple of Trang built in the reign of King Rama V. It was the ground for the ceremony where government officers took an oath to be loyal to the king. It is recognized as the most beautiful temple in Trang. An icon of this temple is the five-tier bell-shaped pagoda which is the only one of its kind in Thailand and attract visitors from around the world.

Trang Church



📍 24 Huay Yod Road, Tambon Thap
Tiang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang

☎ +66-75-222-311

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The bright yellow Christian church displays the architecture that differs from those seen on Huay Yod Road in central Trang. It is an important historical site that ages over a hundred year. It is one of the must-visit Trang's attractions.

Old Trang's Governor House



The residence of Trang's former governor, Phraya Ratsadanupradit Mahitsaraphakdi (Kho-simbi Na Ranong), is a 2-storey wooden house which contains the governor's wax statue and his personal items. The local government and its people regard the house to be an important historical site deserved to be preserved and have turned it into a museum. It reflects the past way of living and old architecture perfect for history buff and unique architecture lovers.

- 📍 1 Kaipitak Road, Tambon Kantang, Amphoe Kantang, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-251-100
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Close on Monday)



Peninsular Botanical Garden (Thung Khai)

- 📍 Trang-Palien Road, Tambon Thung Khai, Amphoe Yan Ta Khao, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-280-166

This is the place for those who love flowers, herbs, and nature. The highlight is 175-meter-long canopy walkway overlooking the jungle.





Restaurants

Lay Trang

- 📍 13 Soi Sai Ngam 1, Sai Ngam Road, Tambon Thap Tiang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-217-700
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. , 5.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Ko Pee

- 📍 Trang Train Station, Tambon Thap Tiang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-214-225
- 🕒 7.00 a.m.– 5.00 p.m.

Ruan Thai Dim Sum restaurant

- 📍 63/5 Plern Pitak Road, Tambon Thap Tiang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-219-342
- 🕒 6.00 a.m.– 11.00 p.m.

Trang Roasted Pork (Trang Moo Yang)

- 📍 201/5, Huay Yod Road, Tambon Na Ta Luang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-89-723-9328
- 🕒 6.00 a.m.– 4.00 p.m.

Khao Pab Pa

- 📍 89 Mu 7, Trang - Phatthalung Road, Tambon Ka Chong, Amphoe Na Yong, Trang
- ☎ +66-86-470-4566, +66-81-077-4646
- 🕒 10.00 a.m.– 8.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Thumrin Thana Hotel

- 📍 69/8 Huay Yod Road., Tambon Thap Tiang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-82-796-3262-4

Anantara Sikao Resort

- 📍 198-199 Mu 5, Pakmeng Changlang Beach, Tambon Mai Fard, Amphoe Si Kao, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-205-888

Rua Rasada Hotel

- 📍 188 Trang-Phattalung Road, Tambon Thap Tiang, Mueang, Trang
- ☎ +66-75-214-230

Reef Resort Kradan Island

- 📍 221/2 Mu 2, Koh Kradan, Tambon Koh Libong, Amphur Kantang, Trang
- ☎ +66-86-948-8559

Secret Garden Trang Resort

- 📍 277 Mu 3, Tambon Na Ta Luang, Amphoe Mueang, Trang
- ☎ Trang +66-88-768-6148





Satun

Day 4

Tarutao National Marine Park

The Untouched Natural Wonder of the Andaman Sea

Satun is Thailand's southernmost province that is tiny but full of natural and cultural charms which visitors shall not miss. Satun is home to fertile rainforests and over 80 islands famous among tourists such as Tarutao, Ardung-Rawi, Lipe, and Petra. We can definitely call Satun the beautiful diamond of Southern Thailand's Andaman Sea. The north and the east is hilly and mountainous with the Buntad and the Sankalakiri Mountains bordering Thailand and Malaysia. Sitting right next to Malaysia, the residents of Satun are mainly Muslim. With its distinctive nature and unique local character, Satun is the place not to be missed.

DAY

4



Satun

Satun National Museum,
Mambang Mosque,
Po Je Keng Shrine,
Wat Chanathipchalerm,
Tarutao National Marine Park



We will start a new day in Satun by visiting Mumbang Mosque or the Satun central mosque, a landmark of Satun located in the heart of the city and considered to be the center of the Muslims' soul in Satun. Then we go to Buriwanich Road, the short road filled with Sino-Portuguese buildings along both sides, reflecting traces of the Chinese Peranakan settlement. Then, we will visit the Po Je Keng Shrine, the ground for Satun's Vegetarian Festival. The shrine reflects that the Peranakan people here were influential enough to build their religious site in the middle of the city. Our next stop is Wat Chanathipchalerm, the first temple of Satun built over 100 years ago. Then we head to the Satun National Museum or Ku Den Mansion, built to accommodate King Rama V.



Po Je Keng Shrine



Mambang Mosque

The museum exhibits history, artifacts and traditional home appliances. After being immersed with the atmosphere of Satun's old town, we move to the Tammalang Port to cross over to Langkawi Island, the land of intriguing stories. Once we arrive, we will take a cable car up to the top of Gunung Mat Cincang Mountain, the highest peak of Langkawi to watch a spectacular view of Langkawi and you can see over 108 small islands. This is an impressive spot to end the day.



Good to know

Satun is recognized as a paradise of sea and beach lovers. There are a plenty of beautiful and world famous islands including **Lipe, Tarutao, Ardung, and Rawi islands.**



Tarutao Island in Satun is where Thailand's first Thai-English dictionary was written.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Satun National Museum

- 📍 Soi 5, Satun Thani Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-723-140
- 🕒 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
(Close on Monday and Tuesday)

Ku Den Mansion or the Satun National Museum is a western style 2-storey brick building. Its arch doors and windows reflect the European architecture. It was built by Phaya Phuminatphakdi, a former governor of Satun to accommodate King Rama V, even though the King had never stayed. It served as the residence and the town hall during the World War II. Nowadays, it is the museum collecting artifacts and providing knowledge on art, culture, and lifestyle of the people in Satun.

Mambang Mosque



- 📍 Satun Thani Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

This stunning and elegant mosque with modern architecture is a place for religious services for people in Satun, built in the time of Phaya Samantaraturin (Tunku Muhammad Arkem) who was a governor of Satun. Mambang is the former name of Satun. The building's architecture features a single dome which shapes like the lotus bud or the Thai Chess Boat. On top of the dome, there is the star and the crescent moon, symbols of the Muslim missionary. The building features the new-era Muslim architecture.

Po Je Keng Shrine



- 📍 Samuntapradit Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Po Je Keng Shrine is a spiritual center of Chinese Buddhist population, in Satun. It is also the ground for the Satun Vegetarian Festival. The Thai Chinese living in Satun and neighbouring areas travel to celebrate this significant festival which is organized in grandeur, featuring the Dragon Fire Balls Show.



Wat Chanathipchalerm

- 📍 Sulkanukul Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-725-055
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Satun’s first Buddhist temple ages over 100 years. It was formerly called Wat Mambang and built in 1882 to be the center of faith for Buddhists in Satun. The most remarkable spot of the temple is the 2-storey chapel (Ubosot) which was added to the complex later. The first floor of the Ubosot is built with bricks and served as the sermon hall. The second floor is built with woods and used for monk ceremonies. There is a balcony in the front and 2 staircases on both sides. Pillars and windows are carved with vine patterns.



Tarutao National Marine Park

- 📍 Tarutao National Park, Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe La Ngu, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-783-597 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

The gems of the Andaman Sea yet less known by travelers, the Tarutao National Marine Park is full of stunning beaches and unmatched diving opportunity. Furthermore, the UNESCO named the Tarutao National Marine Park on its natural heritage list for its splendor and diversity.





Restaurants

Nerkara Restuarant

- 📍 2/1 Salit Phubinat Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-87-292-8798
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Than Satun Restaurant

- 📍 Satun Thani Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-712-286
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Krua Rin Talay

- 📍 4052 Pakbara Beach, Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe La Ngu, Satun
- ☎ +66-83-1957-844, +66-87-794-0699
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Fah Sai Seafood Restaurant

- 📍 La Ngu – Pak Bara Road, Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe La Ngu, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-783-335, +66-89-468-5749
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Lan Khao Restaurant

- 📍 113 Mu 6, La Ngu – Pak Bara Road, Tambon Pak Nam, Amphoe La Ngu, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-773-200
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Bundhaya Beach Resort

- 📍 509 Mu 3, Tambon Tammalang, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-84-722-6699

The Gleam Resort

- 📍 61 Sathityuttitham Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-711-909

Sin Kiat Thani Hotel

- 📍 50 Buriwanich Road, Tambon Phiman, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-711-336

Sita Beach Resort & Spa

- 📍 149 Mu 7, Koh Lipe, Tambon Koh Sarai, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-74-750-816

The Box Resort Lipe

- 📍 144 Mu 7, Koh Lipe, Tambon Koh Sarai, Amphoe Mueang, Satun
- ☎ +66-86-957-2480





Langkawi

Day 5



LANGKAWI



Eagle Square

The Island of Mahsuri Legend

If we talk about a small island in the Andaman Sea, not far from Tarutao Island with the legend about Princess Mahsuri, it cannot be anywhere else but Langkawi. Langkawi Island is in the Andaman Sea. It is located on the northwestern coast of Malaysia, under the administration of Kedah State. The territory of Langkawi covers 99 tropical islands, recognized as an outstanding tourist town with many special things including beautiful beaches and fertile mangrove forests abundant with flora and fauna. Most of the locals are farmers and fishermen. Renting a car to explore the island is a good idea to experience the natural beauty of the countryside full of tranquil rice fields. Another highlight that you should try when visiting Langkawi is taking a cable car up to Gunung Mat Cincang, the second highest peak of Langkawi to watch the panoramic view of Langkawi and surrounding islands. The beauty at its best, Langkawi is a place you must not miss.

DAY

5



Langkawi

Makam Mahsuri, Black Sand Beach,
Galeria Perdana,
Atma Alam Batik Art Village,
Gurney Drive Hawker Center



We start our a journey on this cursed land early in the morning by visiting Makam Mahsuri the tomb of Princess Mahsuri or Princess of White Blood, who laid a curse on Langkawi that the island would face catastrophes and the curse would last for 7 human generations. It is the famous legend among the locals. The museum tells stories of the princess and background of the local culture. After that, we go to Black Sand Beach, another spot which is closely connected to the legend. It is believed that the beach was where Mahsuri’s mother-in-law, who condemned and executed the princess, was buried. The sand is believed to turn to black when the body was entombed, symbolizing the immorality and cruelty of Mahsuri’s mother-in-law. We will leave this legend for a moment and pay a visit to the Galeria Perdana, the museum that collects awards, gifts and valuable items in which Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad, the former prime minister of Malaysia, had earned. Langkawi Island’s curse was withdrawn in the time of Dr. Mahathir, therefore, people in Langkawi loved and respected him very much.



Then, we will visit the Atma Alam Batik Art Village to see batik cloth painting. The center exhibits arty pieces and masterpiece works. To end our journey for the day, we will visit the art gallery showcasing the work of Aza Osman, a leading artist from Langkawi. Then, we travel to the Langkawi International Airport to fly to Penang. In Penang, we head to the Gurney Drive Hawker Center to taste local delicacies in its vibrant atmosphere filled with locals and tourists before we check in to our hotel.

Makam Mahsuri



Good to know

The Langkawi Night Market rotates to different places in a week. Different communities on the island take turn to host the market.



Miss Sirintra Yayi, the 7th generation descendant of Princess Mahsuri, is the one who withdrew the curse on Langkawi. She now resides in Phuket.



Atma Alam Batik Art Village



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Makam Mahsuri



📍 Jalan Makam Mahsuri, Kampung Mawat, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
☎ +603-955-6055
🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The Tomb of Princess Mahsuri is a must-visit tourist attraction on Langkawi as it is the origin of the famous legend, the curse on the island. The Princess was believed to be unfairly executed and thus laid the curse on the Island which lasted for 7 generations. The tomb houses old appliances, models of traditional houses, and showcases of the way of life of the Muslim people in the past.

Eagle Square



📍 Kuah, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
☎ +601-745-8041-9 🕒 24/7

The Eagle Square is a symbol of Langkawi. In Malay language, Langkawi means the red eagle. It is the famous attraction where visitors love to stop by and take photos of its scenic views of sea, terrace and nearby bridges. At night, a spotlight shines on the eagle statue, highlighting on it.

Oriental Village



📍 The Oriental Village, Burau Ba, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
☎ +604-959-3099
🕒 10.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.

The Oriental Village is like a community mall. This is where the cable cars take off to the top of Gunung Mat Cincang. At this viewpoint, the panoramic view of 108 islands can be seen. Riding a cable car to the viewpoint is an activity not to be missed.



Galeria Perdana



📍 Jalan Ayer Hangat, Mukim Kilim,
Langkawi, Malaysia

☎ +604-959-1498 ⌚ 8.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Galeria Perdana is the museum housing awards, gifts and valuable items that Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad, the former prime minister of Malaysia, and his wife received from world leaders and other important persons. Each item reflects a unique culture and identity. Thus, this museum is known to house the most valuable exhibits in Malaysia.

Black Sand Beach

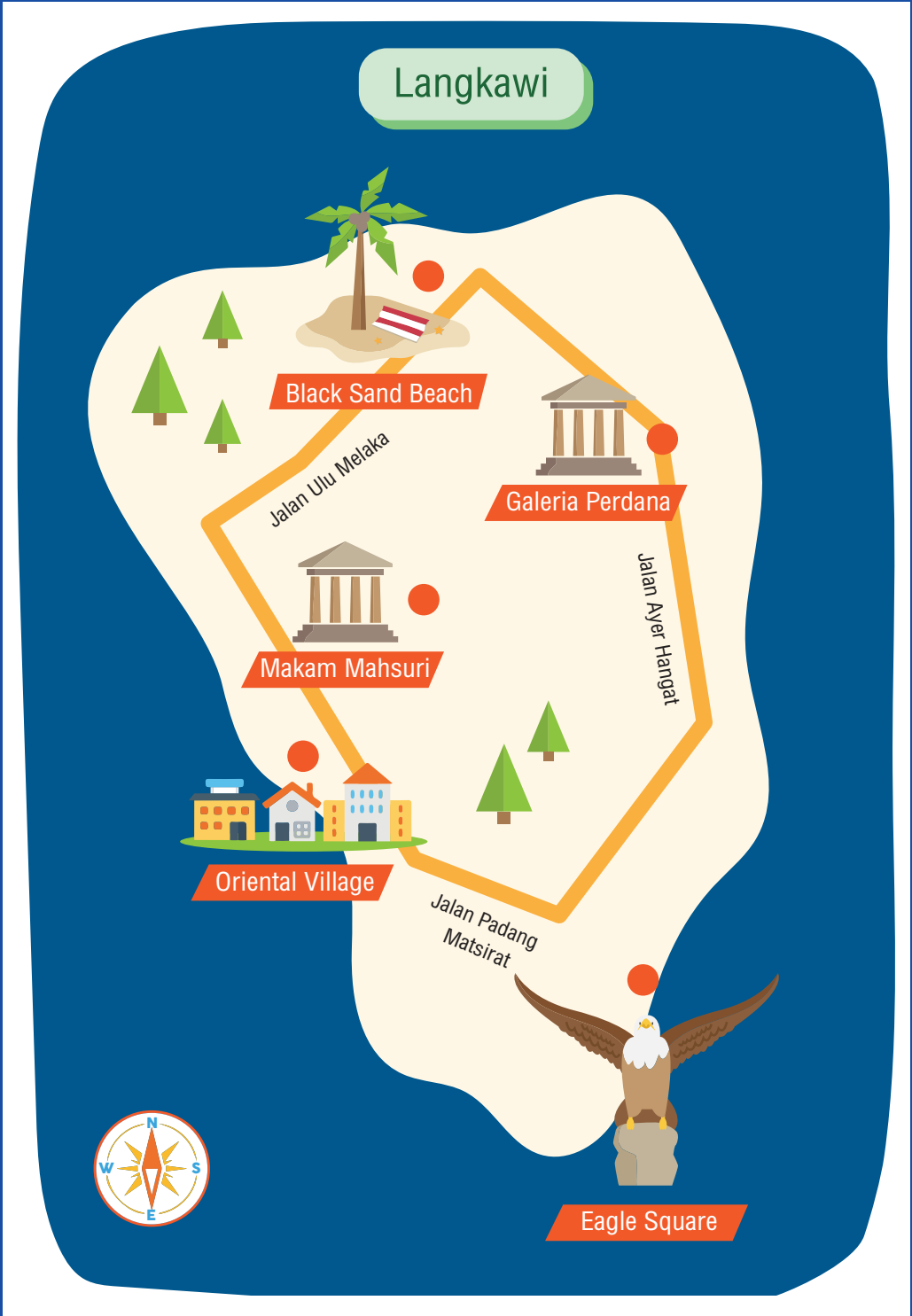
📍 Pantai Pasir Hitam,
Air Hangat,
Langkawi, Kedah,
Malaysia

⌚ 24/7



The Black Sand Beach is one of the most popular attractions of Langkawi. Science indicates that the sand has turned black because of the sedimentary minerals brought by the waves from the shore. Yet, the locals believe that it was Princess Mahsuri's curse that has caused the sand to turn black and the island would face catastrophe for 7 generations. The sand had gradually turned to its natural color, and eventually appeared in its normal state during the time of the princess's 7th generation descendant who is credited for withdrawing the curse on the island.





Restaurants

The Datai Langkawi

📍 Teluk Datai Street, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia.

☎ +604-950-0500

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Yam Yam Restaurant

📍 Teluk Baru Street, Pantai Tengah, Kedawang, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +604-952-3026

🕒 12.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Boat Restaurant

📍 2013, Pantai Tengah Street, Pantai Tengah, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +601-2475-5662

🕒 11.30 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Tom and Jerry Beach Cafe

📍 2 Pantai Chenang Street, Kampung Lubok Buaya, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +601-7548-9983

Jom Makan Restaurant

📍 41/17, Padang Matsirat Street, Kuah, Langkawi, Kedah. Malaysia

☎ +601-9594-9777

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Accommodations

The Danna Langkawi

📍 The Danna Telaga Harbour Park, Pantai Kok, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +604-959-3288

Casa del Mar Langkawi

📍 Pantai Cenang Street, Mukim Kedawang, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +604-955-2388

Adya Hotel Langkawi

📍 No. 1 PT, 4001, Persiaran Mutiara, Kuah, Langkawi, Malaysia

☎ +604-960-8000

Berjaya Langkawi Resort

📍 Karong Berkunci 200, Burau Bay, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ Tel: +604-959-1888

Bayview Hotel Langkawi

📍 1 Pandak Mayah Street, Pusat Bandar Kuah, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +604-906-1818



Penang

Day 6



Penang Street Art

The Cultural and Culinary – Rich World Heritage City

Many people may have seen the street art, which has become the symbol of Penang Island. But do you know that this ancient town full of art and culture has much more for visitors to see? Penang or the Pearl of the Orient is one of the most well-known towns in Malaysia as it has Chinese vibes and customs more than any other places. Moreover, it has charmed beaches and calmly warm sea. These have made Penang a villa for sea and sunshine lovers. In early days, Penang was economically prosperous as it was the strategic port of the country .

Thus, it was much influenced by other nations, particularly European countries, establishing a well blend of Penang's tradition with western culture, making it a unique city. Yet, when time went by, shipment became less important. However, traditional culture, simple way of life, and ancient architecture in George Town area can not be faded away from Penang, making it announced as the world heritage site by UNESCO These well represent a never-fading charm of Penang in which nowadays still draws travelers all around the world to visit.

DAY

6



Penang

Tropical Spice Garden,
Penang Peranakan Mansion,
Kek Lok Si ,
Wonderfood Museum,
Khoo Kongsi



This morning we will explore a world heritage site, Penang Island. First we visit the Tropical Spice Garden to learn about ingredients, spices and Peranakan food, join an exclusive Peranakan cooking class with local chefs, and have lunch made by yourself. After being satisfied with a great meal, we return to George Town to visit the Penang Peranakan Mansion, the building with a complete collection of Peranakan stories. The elegant building and complete sets of home appliance truly reflect the identity of the Peranakan culture. After that, we walk around to appreciate the street arts and graffitis on major roads of Penang, painted by famous local and international artists. Along the way, we stop at more must-visit places such as the Khoo Kongsi, the mansion acknowledged to be comparable to a Chinese palace in the past, the stunning Choo Chay Keong Temple, and the Wonderfood Museum where Peranakan and Penang’s food culture is exhibited in a fun and creative way.



Then, we continue to Kek Lok Si Temple that was once the largest temple in Southeast Asia. We end today’s journey with a picturesque sunset over a quarter of George Town which can be appreciated from this hilltop temple’s pagoda.



Wonderfood Museum



Penang Peranakan Mansion

Good to know

George Town, the capital city of Penang, was chosen to be the world heritage site in 2008.



Graffitis and wall paintings in **George Town** were done by famous Malaysian and international artists, a highlight visitors must not miss when in Penang.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Penang Peranakan Mansion



📍 29 Church Street, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-264-2929

🕒 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Penang Peranakan Mansion was built in the 19th century. It collects over 1,000 ancient items and artifacts. The renovation of this place, thus, proves to be the restoration of Baba-Yaya (Peranakan) culture in Penang. The building was designed by blending Chinese and European styles. There are stories of the culture in the Strait of Malacca provided for visitors to learn. If you love the Chinese and Peranakan cultures, you will fall in love with this place!

Tropical Spice Garden



📍 595 Mukim 2, Jalan Teluk Bahang, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-881-1797,

🕒 9.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.

Located just a half an hour drive from Penang city, travelers can visit this beautiful place to learn about tropical spices or even have a hands-on cooking class focusing on Penang cuisine.



Wonderfood Museum



📍 49 Lebuhraya Pantai, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-251-9095 🕒 9.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m.

The Wonderood Museum offers detailed, creative, and fun exhibitions on the food culture of Penang. Food is seen as the local identity. Museum displays over 100 giant models of different dishes including the Malay food like Laksa, Rojak, Kacang and the Japanese and the Chinese foods which arrived in Penang later.



Kek Lok Si

📍 1000 Tingkat Lembah Ria 1, Ayer Itam, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-828-3317

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.



Kek Lok Si, or the Temple of Supreme Bliss, is one of the biggest Buddhist temples in Southeast Asia and one of the most famous temples in Penang. The most outstanding spot of this temple is the Pagoda of King Rama VI of Thailand (The Pagoda of 10,000 Buddhas) built in 1930. This pagoda is decorated with over 10,000 bronze and white stone Buddha statues, symbolizing the unity of Mahayana and Hinayana Buddhism. While the base of the pagoda features the Chinese architecture, the body is the Thai architecture and the top is the Burmese. The top of the pagoda which can be accessed offers a panoramic view of Penang.

Khoo Kongsi

📍 18 Lebu Cannon, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-261-4609

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.



Khoo Kongsi is the old home of the Khoo family, a Hokkien Chinese family, built in 1890 in the Chinese architecture. Optimal wooden poles are used to support the weight of the roof. The curved red-tile roof has Chinese mythical and legendary animal carvings sitting on top. The house is decorated with elaborate wooden and expensive furnitures made with fine materials. Some say the home is as pretty and elegant as a Chinese emperor's palace.



Restaurants

Mama's Nonya Restaurant

📍 31-D Lorong Abu Siti, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-229-1318

🕒 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.,
6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
(Close on Monday)

Hameediyah Restaurant

📍 2 Pantai Chenang St., Kampung Lubok Buaya, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

☎ +601-7548-9983

Prosperous Dim Sum

📍 202-G5 Aboo Siti Lane, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +6010-383-2588

🕒 5.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Indigo Restaurant at The Blue Mansion

📍 14 Leith Street, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-262-0006

🕒 12.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Urban Spice Cafe

📍 89 Aceh Street, George Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-263-2899

🕒 7.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.
(7.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. on Monday)

Accommodations

Bayview Hotel

📍 25-A Farquhar Street, George Town, Penang

☎ Island, Malaysia
+604-263-3161

Eastern & Oriental Hotel

📍 10 Farquhar Street, George Town, Penang

☎ Island, Malaysia
+604-222-2000

Museum Hotel

📍 No. 72 Jalan A.S. Mansor, George Town, Penang

☎ Island, Malaysia
+604-226-6668

Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion

📍 14 Leith Street, George-Town, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-262-0006

Royale Chulan Penang

📍 1&2 Pengkalan Weld, Georgetown, Penang Island, Malaysia

☎ +604-259-8888



ASEAN

Peranakan

AND

NATURE TRAIL



Day 1 : Phuket (Overnight Phuket)



9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Visit the 72nd Anniversary Queen Sirikit Park, home to Hai Leng Ong or the golden dragon statue which is a landmark of Phuket.



10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Take a walking tour to see beautiful Sino-Portuguese buildings on Thalang Road. Learn about the history of Phuket and Peranakan culture at Thai Hua Museum, Baan Chinpracha and Jui Tui Shrine.



12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Arrive at Khao Rang Hill to, have lunch and enjoy a beautiful view of Phuket townscape.



2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Visit Wat Chaitharam, an important temple of Phuket. Pay respect to Phra Maha That Jom Thai Baramee, the pagoda where the Buddha's relics are enshrined.



3.45 p.m. – 5.10 p.m.

Arrive at the Rawai Fisherman Village. Experience the fish market and have dinner.



5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

End the day with a beautiful sunset at Promthep Cape.

Day 2 : Krabi (Overnight : Trang)



8.00 a.m.

Leave Phuket for Krabi.



10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Visit Baan Laem Sak to learn about the Peranakan culture in Krabi.



12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch at Baan Laem Sak.



2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Visit Baan Koh Klang Village to see the most fertile mangrove forest, learn about the fisherman life, and have a meal with fresh catches from seafood farms. Then, leave Krabi for Trang.



7.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Trang.

Day 3 : Trang (Overnight : Satun)



9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Take a walk in the old town of Trang. Visit Sino-Portuguese buildings, Tab Tiang market, and Trang Church.



12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch.



1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Visit Tantayapirom Temple, one of the most beautiful temples in Trang. Then, move to Kew Ong Iea Shrine.



3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Arrive at the Old Trang's Governor House, where you can learn about Trang's history.



4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Dinner before depart for Satun.



7.30 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Satun.

Day 4 : Satun (Overnight : Langkawi)



9.30 am – 11.30 am

Visit Mumbang Mosque. Then, see the Peranakan settlement at Buriwanich Road and Po Je Keng Shrine. After that, pay a visit to Wat Chanathipchalerm and Ku Den Mansion.



12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Arrive at Tammalang Port. Then, and get ready to take a ferry to Langkawi Island



3.15 p.m.

Arrive at Langkawi Island.



3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Visit the Gunung Mat Cincang Mountain and take a cable car up to the top to watch a spectacular view of Langkawi Island.



7.00 p.m.

Visit Langkawi Night Market to have a dinner.



8.30 p.m.

Stay at an accommodation in Langkawi.

Day 5 : Langkawi (Overnight : Penang)



9.00 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.

Visit the Tomb of Princess Mahsuri, who laid a curse on Langkawi, and learn about this interesting myth of this Island.



10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Visit the Black Sand Beach and learn about its story that connects to the Myth of Princess Mahsuri's curse.



10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Visit Galeria Perdana, the museum that collects awards, gifts and valuable items in which Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad, the former prime minister of Malaysia, had earned.



11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.

Lunch.



1.00 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.

Arrive at Atma Alam Batik Art Village to learn and participate in the cloth painting activity.



3.00 p.m.

Arrive at Langkawi International Airport and fly to Penang.



5.40 p.m.

Arrive at Penang.



6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Arrive at Gurney Drive Hawker Center for a dinner.

Day 6 : Penang



9.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Arrive at the Tropical Spice Garden. Learn about the local ingredients and cook your own Peranakan lunch.



2.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Arrive at Penang Peranakan Mansion, the building with a complete collection of the Peranakan story.



3.10 a.m. - 5.10 p.m.

Walk around George Town to see the famous street arts and unique places such as Khoo Kong Si and Wonderfood Museum.



5.45 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Visit Kek Lok Si, one of the largest temples in Southeast Asia and have a stunning view of George Town.

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TRAIL

Buriram - Surin - Sisaket - Ubon Ratchathani -
Champasak - Stung Treng - Kratie

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DAYS

Physical Rating

4/5

6

NIGHTS

Distance

867km



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Day 7	Kratie





Test your fitness and explore the lost world and natural wonders.



Highlights

- Be thrilled with a world-class sport facility and become a Muay Thai expert in Buriram.
- Play with, learn about, and save elephants in Surin.
- Chase the Mickey Mouse Rock in Sam Pan Bok.
- Trek a breath-taking trail and taste its Bolaven Plateau's local coffee.
- Adventure to Kone Phapheng, the biggest waterfall in Asia, known as the Niagara of Asia.
- Encounter and watch face to face with the endangered Irrawaddy Dolphin closely.

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Buriram

Day 1



New I-Mobile Stadium

The Enchanting Sport Destination and Legendary Past

If we talk about the land of stone castles in the Northeast of Thailand, Buriram must first cross our mind. Northeastern Thailand's place of fun, this province is full of history and culture. It is home to the prominent ancient Khmer civilization, the quality silk belonging to Napo subdistrict, and several extinct volcanoes. Besides being a historical province full of interesting attractions, Buriram is known for sports. The household-name football team, Buriram United, has brought fame to the province. The locals' love and passion for football has led to the development of a professional stadium which also turns into a must-visit tourist attraction. Besides football, Buriram has a world-class racing circuit for people who love speed and this adrenaline pumping activity. There are also several adventurous travel activities you can enjoy here. This is why Buriram has been crowned a leading sport tourism destination in Thailand.

DAY



Buriram

1

Prasat Hin Phanom Rung,
New I-Mobile Stadium,
Gokart Silachai,
Chang International Circuit



We start this morning in Buriram by visiting Prasat Hin Phanom Rung, the iconic stone castle of the province, which was built more than a thousand years ago in the ancient Khmer architectural style. What makes it unique is the castle itself which is set on the rim of an extinct volcano at about 200 meters above ground level. After indulging in the beauty of the archeological site, in the afternoon, we will get into the sport tourism atmosphere of Buriram by doing some soft adventure sports. We start with super fun go-kart racing at Gokart Silachai, a high-standard track. Next, we will visit Chang International Circuit, the only world-class racing circuit in Thailand. At this circuit, many international motor sport events have taken place.



Next to the circuit is the New I-Mobile Stadium of Buriram United Football Club. It is said that one has not truly experienced Buriram if they have not visited this stadium. This is because Buriram United Football Club is the soul of the locals here. In the stadium, we can also learn Thai boxing at Buriram Be Boxing, a boxing training center. This is a great way to end the day. It makes our visit to this sport-loving province truly worthwhile.

Prasat Hin Phanom Rung



New I-Mobile Stadium



Good to know

If you wear a **Buriram United FC** shirt, some stores may offer you a special discount.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Prasat Hin Phanom Rung



📍 Mu 2 Tambon Ta Pek, Amphoe Chaloem Phra Kiat, Buriram

☎ +66-44-782-715, +66-44-782-715

🕒 6.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Phanom Rung Castle is a Hindu shrine of the ancient Khmer architecture and is over 1,000 years old. The castle is set on the rim of an extinct volcano and is the iconic landmark of Buriram. The image of the castle is also visible on the background of Buriram United Football Club's logo. It is being evaluated to become a World Heritage Site.



New I-Mobile Stadium & Buriram Be Boxing

📍 Mu 15 Buriram-Prakonchai Road, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram

☎ +66-44-666-448

🕒 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

This is the first and the only football stadium in Thailand without running tracks. It has been certified by FIFA, AFC and AFF world class standards. AFC considers it an A-Class stadium. It seats up to 24,000 people. In the stadium, there is a boxing school, Buriram Be Boxing, for those interested in Thai boxing.



Chang International Circuit

- 📍 444/5 Mu 15, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-38-381-331, +66-44-604-202
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

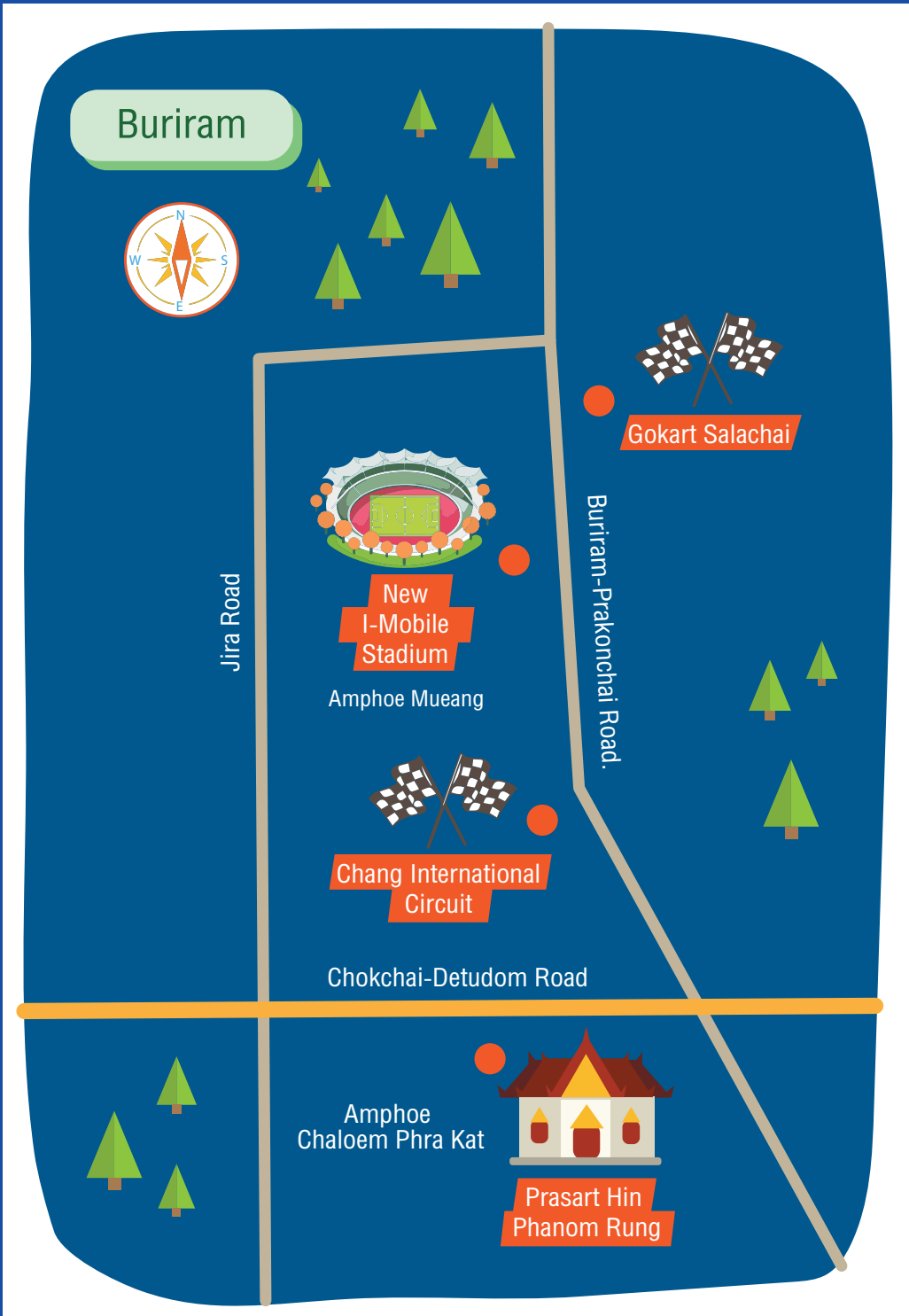
This is the first and the only world-standard car and motorcycle racing circuit of Thailand. 2,000 million baht was spent to construct it. It covers the area of 192 hectares. This 4.554 kilometer circuit runs clockwise with 12 corners. It can accommodate up to 50,000 spectators. Its unique feature is the main grandstand from which the spectators can see the entire race track. This brings watching experience to a whole new level.



Gokart Silachai

- 📍 30/2 Mu 15, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-83-888-7237
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Gokart Silachai is located just one kilometer from the New I-Mobile Stadium. It covers the area of 6,400 square meters and is considered the biggest and highest standard go-kart track in Buriram.



Restaurants

Baan Chay Nam Restaurant

- 📍 456 Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-620-713
- 🕒 4.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.

Jing Nam Stewed Pork Legs

- 📍 396-398 Chokchai-Detudom Road, Tambon Nang Rong, Amphoe Nang Rong, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-631-473
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Choklikhit Buriram

- 📍 246/14 Nivas Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-612-665
- 🕒 7.30 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Wang Hansa Buriram

- 📍 194 Mu 22, Tambon Chum Hed, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-614-394 Ext 11
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Amari Buriram United

- 📍 444 Mu 15 Buriram-Prakonchai Road, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-111-444

Phanom Rung Puri Hotel

- 📍 212 Nangrong-Lamplaimat Road, Tambon Nang Rong, Amphoe Nang Rong, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-632-222

Best Western Royal Buriram

- 📍 332/22-23 Jira Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-666-600

X2 Vibe Buriram

- 📍 405 Mu10, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-634-678

Cresco Hotel - Buriram

- 📍 333 Mu 4, Buriram-Prakonchai Road, Tambon Isan, Amphoe Mueang, Buriram
- ☎ +66-44-634-901, +66-44-634-902



Surin

Day 2

Surin Project

The Asian Elephant Capital Fragranced with the Lovely Scent of the Best Jasmine Rice.

Surin is known for its elephant raising, silk weaving, jasmine rice, and cultural and language diversity. A short distance between this province and Buriram makes them twin cities of the lower northeastern region of Thailand. In the past, Surin was an important military center of the Khmer Empire. Surin has been known for its big elephants and is said to be the city of Thai elephants. The province is the supplier of the high quality jasmine rice and of the nationally famous ancient gold brocade.

DAY



Surin

2

Surin Project,
Ban Tha Sawang Silk Weaving Village,
Surin City Pillar Shrine



This morning in Surin, we start by doing an activity with elephants, the famous animal of Surin, at the Surin Project. This is the elephant study center, established to provide assistance to mahouts and their elephants to prevent them from wandering around the streets in big cities. Here, visitors get to learn the way of life and the bond between the villagers and the elephants, as well as to observe the locals' intriguing traditions and culture.



Visitors can cook for the elephants or even give them a bath. In the afternoon, we head to the Surin City Pillar Shrine, the sacred and respectable place of the locals. When it was first built, it was merely a pavilion. The sacred City Pillar was added later. Recent renovations and reconstructions, combining traditional Thai and Cambodian architecture together, have made it grand. Then, we continue to Baan Tha Sawang, the high-standard silk production village, to learn about the weaving method of the ancient golden silk, a famous product of the province.

Surin Project

Good to know

Surin has the highest elephant population in Thailand. More than 700 elephants are registered here.



Surin City Pillar Shrine

■ Activities and Attractions ■

Surin Project

📍 Mu Baan Chang Baan
Ta Klang, Tambon
Krapoh, Amphoe
Thatum, Surin

☎ +66-84-482-1210

🕒 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.



This elephant study center is located in Baan Ta Klang Village. The area of rice paddies, scrub and sparse forests is suitable for elephant raising. There is the museum exhibiting history of Thai elephants, knowledge and information about the animals, and tools used to capture them.

Baan Tha Sawang Silk Weaving Village



📍 Baan Tha Sawang, Tambon Tha Sawang,
Amphoe Mueang, Surin

☎ +66-44-558-489

🕒 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Baan Tha Sawang Silk Weaving Village is supported by the Bureau of the Royal Household and the Foundation of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. In 2003, it was chosen to weave silk given as gifts to APEC country leaders - an assignment that has brought fame to the village. It is frequently visited by local and foreign tourists to see silk production process. One of the most frequented weaving groups in the village is Chan Soma Golden Brocade, the master of gold brocade weaving well-known nationwide.



Surin City Pillar Shrine

📍 Lak Mueang Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin

🕒 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Unlike other city pillar shrines throughout Thailand, Surin's shrine is influenced by the Khmer architecture. The shrine is in red color and there are representations of many Hindu gods, such as Siva and Vishnu. The shrine has been built for more than 100 years and it is the place housing Chao Pho Lak Mueang, the Thai God who protects the city.

Prasat Ta Muen

📍 Tambon Ta Mean, Amphoe Phnom Dong Rak, Surin

🕒 7.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.



Prasat Ta Muen is an ancient Khmer temple located in Thailand. It is dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and believed to have been built in the beginning of the 11th century. Unfortunately, during the Khmer ruge, the ancient temple had been looted to finance Khmer's army. However, you still can see many beautiful pagodas. To visit this temple, it is best to check with the local Tourism Authority of Thailand as it is close to the border of Thai - Cambodia.



Restaurants

Mae Pim Pla Pao

- 📍 555 Tessaban Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-514-371, +66-81-977-0096
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Ying Dee Restaurant

- 📍 2-4 Thanasan Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-511-925
- 🕒 5.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Tiparos Surin

- 📍 249-251 Thanasan Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-511-179
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Som Tam Petchmani

- 📍 Mulasat Sathorn Alley, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-89-423-6956
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Surin Coca Restaurant

- 📍 128 Tessaban 1 Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-512-390
- 🕒 10.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Thong Tarin Hotel

- 📍 60 Sirirat Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-514-281

The Grace Residence

- 📍 1/15 Promthep Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-512-164

PPS Home

- 📍 185/1 Surin Phakdi Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-85-831-4461

The Lion Residence

- 📍 128 Tessaban 2 Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-062-502

One Fu Hotel Surin

- 📍 280/1 Mu 1, Tambon Salakdai, Amphoe Mueang, Surin
- ☎ +66-44-041-054, +66-44-041-055



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Sisaket

Day 3

Phra That Ruang Rong

The ISAN Small Town with Big History and Untouched Nature

Though Sisaket is just a small border province in the lower northeastern region, it is packed with history, civilization, art, and culture from diverse ethnicities, especially that of the ancient Khmer which has blended perfectly into the Thai northeastern way of life. This makes Sisaket no less charming than any other northeastern province. Bordering with Cambodia, some locals can speak Khmer language. In markets, Thai northeastern and Cambodian food is commonly sold alongside. Sisaket is also the place for adventurers. Trekking to Pa Mor E-Daeng will give travelers a great viewpoint of Thai and Cambodian border as well as a moment to discover ancient mural paintings.

DAY

3



Sisaket

Khao Phra Wihan National Park,
Pa Mor E-Dang,
Wat Lan Kuad



Today we leave Surin in the early morning to the world-famous attraction, Khao Phra Wihan National Park in Sisaket. The park is situated on the Thai-Cambodian border and is home to fertile and beautiful nature. There are several attractions in the park. The Twin Stupas or Phra That in the local tongue are the two red cubic sandstone structures with round and large apices. The stupas are hollow inside and house ancient items and artifacts. Pa Mor E-Daeng is the viewpoint where tourists can go up to and snap a beautiful shot of Preah Vihear Temple. We can walk to the edge of the cliff while appreciating the panoramic view of the nature. Here we fill our lung with enough fresh air and leave for the next destination, Ubon Ratchathani. On the way to Ubon Ratchathani, we will visit Wat Lan Kuad, the temple solely built from green bottles.





Wat Lan Kuad



Pa Mor E-Daeng

■ Activities and Attractions ■



Khao Phra Wihan National Park

- 📍 Tambon Sao Thongchai, Amphoe Kantharalak, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-45-619-214, +66-81-264-8727
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Khao Phra Wihan National Park is home to fertile forests. There are several beautiful natural attractions in the park.

Wat Lan Kuad (Wat Pa Maha Chedi Kaew)

- 📍 Baan Don, Mu 2, Tambon Nonesoong, Amphoe Khun Han, Sisaket
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.



Built in 1984, the temple uses more than 1,500,000 bottles to decorate the walls, doors, facades, and windows of all edifices on the property from the entrance to gates, ordination hall, pavilions, belfry, monks' dwellings, crematorium and even toilets. Apart from the glass bottles, there are images made of bottle caps telling life stories of the Buddha.

Pa Mor E-Daeng



- 📍 Tambon Sao Thongchai, Amphoe Kantharalak, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-45-619-214, +66-81-264-8727
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Pa Mor E-Daeng is the cliff next to Thailand - Cambodia's border. It's claimed to be one of the best spots to see Cambodia's dense forest from above. Also, there are two groups of ancient bas-relief images and engravings, which are now the highlights of the area.

Prasat Sa Kamphaeng Yai



- 📍 Baan Kamphaeng Yai, Tambon Sa Kamphaeng Yai, Amphoe Uthumphon Phisai, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-44-514-447
- 🕒 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Prasat Sa Kamphaeng Yai was built in 11th-century as a shrine to Shiva. Today, the temple is a mixture between the Khmer ruin and the new style of Thai temple. One of the highlights here is an enormous statue of the former abbot. Another highlight is the statue of a big monk in a meditation post. Locals come here to pay respect to the statues for their prosperity and healthy life.



Restaurants (Sisaket)

Green Jaew Horn

- 📍 43/15 Srivised Road, Tambon Mueang Nuer, Amphoe Mueang, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-45-611-589
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.
(Close on Sunday)

Baan Lee Restaurant

- 📍 288 Mu 14 Baan Pa Mai Pattana, Tambon Nhong Ladya, Amphoe Kantharalak, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-98-956-2497
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Farm Thong Restaurant

- 📍 1228/39-40 Tapa Road, Tambon Mueang Nuer, Amphoe Mueang, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-45-622-567
- 🕒 7.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Suti Pochana

- 📍 27/1 Mu 11, Srisaket-Utoompornpisai Road, Tambon Ya Prong, Amphoe Mueang, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-45-634-044
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Kessiri Restaurant

- 📍 1102-1105 Khukhan Road, Tambon Mueang Tai, Amphoe Mueang, Sisaket
- ☎ +66-86-461-6485
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Ubon Ratchathani)

Sunee Grand Hotel

- 📍 512/8 Chayangkul Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani
- ☎ +66-45-352-900

V Hotel Ubon Ratchathani

- 📍 63 Chaeng Sanit Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani
- ☎ +66-97-334-4480

Pentahug Hotel

- 📍 13 Soi Sukha Uppatham 9, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani
- ☎ +66-45-285-400

The Outside Inn

- 📍 11 Suriyat Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani
- ☎ +66-88-581-2069

De Proud Hotel

- 📍 42/4 Chayangkul 40 Alley, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani
- ☎ +66-95-620-1919



Ubon Ratchathani

Day 4

Wat Phu Prao

The Gateway to Indochina and the Marvelous Religious Sites and Natural Landscape

Ubon Ratchathani is a big province located on a bank of the Mekong River. Its history dates back to more than 200 years. It is the country's easternmost province and is the first province to see sunrise in Thailand. Nicknamed the Land of Lotus Flowers, the province was founded by a Lao prince. Thus, traces of the Lao culture can be seen up to the present days. Ubon Ratchathani is home to famous religious and natural attractions such as Sam Pan Bok, Pha Taem National Park, and the magnificent Phu Prao Temple which is one of the unseen attractions in Thailand. Foodies will not be disappointed as Ubon Ratchathani offers a delicious hybrid of northeastern Thai and Lao cuisine which is spicier and saltier than Northeastern Thai food in general. Ubon Ratchathani is full of fresh water fish such as a red-tail mystus and a whisker sheatfish. Dishes made from these fish are very tasty and loved by foodies coming from all parts of the world.

DAY



Ubon Ratchathani

4

Sam Pan Bok,
Pha Taem National Park,
Wat Phu Prao



After a local breakfast in downtown Ubon Ratchathani, we venture to Sam Pan Bok, the Grand Canyon of Thailand. The Mekong River rocks eroded by strong currents over time appear in different and interesting shapes, such as the Mickey Mouse. Apart from its interesting landscape, visitors can experience the local way of life along the Mekong River.



We continue to another famous attraction, Pha Taem. Here, visitors can follow a small trekking trail to see the pre-historic color paintings on the cliff walls which are estimated to be more than 3,000 years old. The nearby Long Roo or Sang Chan Waterfall is a beautiful natural wonder. Long Roo means going down a hole and that simply explains the character of the waterfall - the water falls through a hole in the rock ceiling. Then, we will visit Wat Phu Prao, the unique temple which turns even more spectacular at night. The back of its ordination hall glows in the dark because it is decorated with fluorescent paint which absorbs daylight and glows at night. We end our trip in Ubon Ratchathani with this beautiful scene.



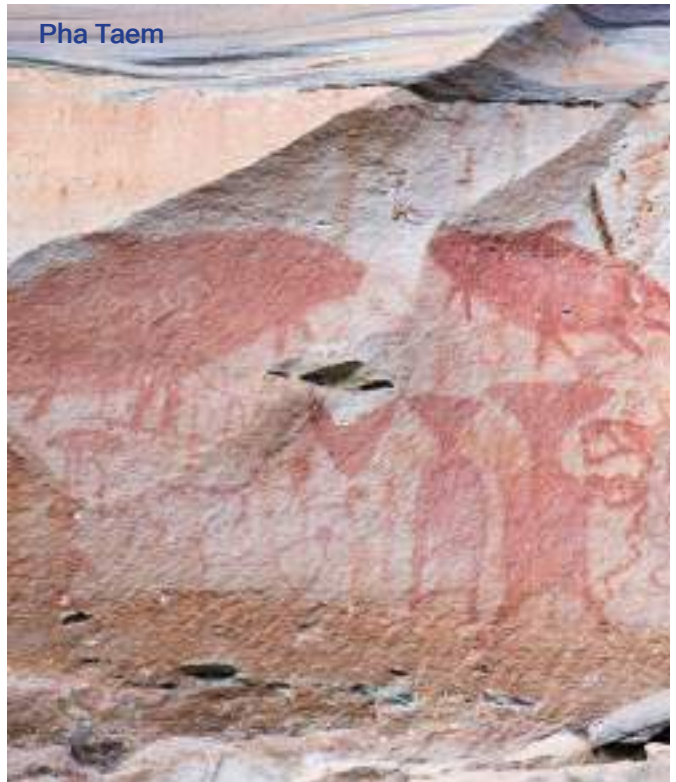
Sam Pan Bok

Don't Miss

When you are in Ubon Ratchathani, you must try **Moo Yor** or the local white pork sausage, the specialty of Ubon Ratchathani.



Pa Hin Taek



Pha Taem



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Sam Pan Bok



📍 Baan Phong Pao, Tambon Lao Ngam,
Amphoe Posai, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-338-057 🕒 24/7

Sam Pan Bok is nicknamed the Grand Canyon of Thailand. The canyon is about 3 to 7 meter-high and about 10 meters wide and is caused by water erosion over a thousand of years. Numerous eroded holes dot the canyon rocky surface. Such landscape appears on both side of the Mekong River, both on the Thai and Lao's territory. It spreads from Baan Pong Pao Village to Baan Pak Ka Lang Village in Song Khone Subdistrict, which is the distance of 5 kilometers long and covers the area of 30 square kilometers.

Pha Taem National Park



📍 Pha Taem National
Park, Tambon Huai
Phai, Amphoe Khong
Chiam,
Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-252-581
🕒 6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Pha Taem National Park covers the area of 140 square kilometers. It features plateaus and hills. There are irregular shaped sandstones which lay scattered around the park and beautiful wild flowers growing on the rocky ground. Besides its unique natural beauty, the park is home to the pre-historic wall paintings, thought to be around 3,000 – 4,000 years old. Pha Taem National Park also features a viewpoint where visitors can see the first sun light of the day.

Wat Phu Prao



📍 217 Tambon Chong Mek, Amphoe Sirindhorn, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-243-770 ⌚ 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Wat Phu Prao is a temple situated on top of a tall hill. Its structure and plan represent the mythical Himmapan Forest or Mount Kailash. On the top of the hill is a gold-brushed ordination hall. The temple's highlight is the mural painting of a wishing tree, which glows in the dark, at the back of the ordination hall. The perfect time to visit the temple and take pictures of the painting is between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Sirindhorn Dam

📍 Tambon Kham Khuean Kaeo, Amphoe Sirindhorn, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-366-081

⌚ 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.



The dam was named after HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. It impounds the Lam Dom Noi River, serving as a hydropower facility as well as supplying irrigation water. By the reservoir, the Sirindhorn Park is a beautiful place with colorful garden, sculptures, fountains, and guesthouses. There are also many water activities on offer such as rafting and jet ski.





Restaurants

Indo-China Restaurant

📍 168-170 Sappasit Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-245-584

🕒 10.00 a.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Porntip Isan Restaurant

📍 136 Sappasit Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-89-720-8101

🕒 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

99 Kuay Chab

📍 95 Pichitrungron Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-260-424

🕒 5.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Boeng Tawan Restaurant

📍 77 Mu 2, Tambon Khong Chiam, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-351-418,

+66-89-717-7627

🕒 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Somtam Jinda

📍 63/2 Pichitrungron Road, Tambon Nai Mueang, Amphoe Mueang, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-255-223

🕒 10.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Tohsang Khongjiam Resort

📍 68 Mu 7 Baan Huay-Mak-Tai, Tambon Khong Chiam, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-351-174

Khong Chiam Orchid Riverside Resort

📍 98 Mu 7 Baan Huay-Mak-Tai, Tambon Khong Chiam, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-93-116-3824

Baan Suan Rim Nam Resort

📍 505 Mu 1, Rim Mool Road, Tambon Khong Chiam, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-89-792-1204

Araya Resort Khong Chiam

📍 200 Rim Khong Road, Tambon Khong Chiam, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-45-351-191

Kayom House - White Meranti House & Resort

📍 134/1 Ban Ta Mui, Tambon Huai Phai, Amphoe Khong Chiam, Ubon Ratchathani

☎ +66-88-710-0086





Champasak

Day 5

Tad Yuang

The Peaceful Town of Waterways Escapade and Voluntarism Doings

Champasak is a cozy city with friendly locals. The city has no modern facilities and nightlife as if it has been frozen through time. Life is as simple as it was in the past. Champasak, with Pakse as its capital, is the southernmost province of Laos. It is the economic and tourism hub of southern Laos. On the Mekong River which passes through the province, there are numerous islands which give the province the name “the Land of 4,000 Islands” or Si Phan Don. Thanks to its natural abundance, there are many interesting attractions such as the Bolaven Plateau which is not far from Pakse. The plateau is a trekking paradise and has the fertile soil that makes it a great place to grow world-famous quality coffee. For those who love ancient temples, Wat Phu is a must-visit destination. The temple was built more than a thousand years ago, yet the temple is still in good condition and well reflects the ancient civilization that visitors love to explore. It has been registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site and is the only large Khmer temple complex outside of Cambodia. Another attraction on a checklist is the Khone Phapheng Falls, the biggest waterfall in Southeast Asia, which has earned a nickname, the Niagara of Asia. This is truly the place for a nature lover.

DAY

5



Champasak

Bolaven Plateau,
Tad Yuang, Wat Phou Salao,
Wat Phu



Wat Phu

This morning we leave Thailand for Laos via the Chong Mek Immigration Checkpoint. Then we go hiking in the Bolaven Plateau. The plateau is part of the southern plateaus of Laos. Sitting 1,200 meters above sea level, the climate is mild and cool all year round. The fertile volcanic soil has allowed it to be one of the best places in Laos to grow coffee and tea. On the hiking route, we visit Tad Yuang Waterfall, one of the most beautiful falls in Laos, and stop at villages along the trail to taste fresh coffee made from the beans harvested by villagers. As the plateau is packed with natural attractions, it is not surprise that each year many adventurous tourists visit the place. In this evening, we stay in Pakse. Before arriving the city center, we stop by Wat Phou Salao to pay respect to the Big Buddha, the biggest Buddha image in the province. The Buddha image is positioned to face the city so as to guard it. This temple is also a great viewpoint of Pakse city.



Wat Phou Salao



Bolaven Plateau

Don't Miss

Located on the Bolaven Plateau, **Tree-Top Hotel** features tree-house rooms accessible via a zipline. Riding the zipline, visitors get a canopy experience and pass by a beautiful waterfall. It is a great choice for



adventurous lovers but you must have at least 2 days to spend.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Bolaven Plateau

📍 Bolaven Plateau, Champasak Province, Laos

🕒 24/7

The plateau is part of the southern plateaus of Laos. It sits 1,200 meters above sea level allowing the temperature to be cool and mild all year round. The weather also permits it to be a perfect place for tea and coffee plantations. There are several activities for adventure lovers.

Tad Yuang

📍 Paksong, Champasak Province, Laos

🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.



Tad Yuang is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the Bolaven Plateau. There is a pathway where you can go down to see the waterfall up close. There are also many activities to do here such as trekking nearby the waterfall or picnicking on the top of the fall.



Wat Phou Salao

📍 Phou Salao, Pakse,
Champasak Province,
Laos
🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

This temple is located on the top of the Salao Hill, across the Mekong River from Pakse. You can either take a 4 kilometer hike up to the top or ride on a tuk tuk to the hill. On the hilltop, there is the giant Buddha looking out over the city. This is also the best spot where you can capture the most beautiful view of Pakse.

Wat Phu

📍 10 Kilometers
Southwest of
Champasak
🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.



Wat Phu was named a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 2002. It is a ruined Khmer Hindu temple complex, situated on a hillside. The complex offers stunning views over the Mekong River. The temple is perfect for art and history lovers as you can still see many temple pillars, barays, pediment, terrace, and shrines. Currently, the temple has become a center of Theravada Buddhist Worship.





Restaurants

Daolin

- 📍 24th Road, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-20-55-733-199
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Sabaidee Pakse Restaurant

- 📍 24th Road, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-20-59-032-222
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Sinouk Cafe

- 📍 Ban Lakmuang, Xe Don River Front, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-214-716
- 🕒 7.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Dok Mai Lao Caffe Restaurant

- 📍 24th Road, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-20-58-447-879
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Le Panorama

- 📍 5th Road, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-212-131
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations

Residence Sinouk

- 📍 Ban Lakmuang, Xe Don River Front, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-214-716

Alisa Guest house

- 📍 13 Southern Road, Ban Phathana, Lakmuand, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-251-555

Champasak Grand Hotel

- 📍 Lao Nippon Bridge Mekong Riverside Road, Mekong River Front, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-255-111

Sang Aroun Hotel

- 📍 13 Southern Road, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-252-11

Pin Dao Hotel

- 📍 125, 13 Southern Road, Ban Phathana, Lakmuand, Pakse, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-215-588





Stung Treng

Day 6

Mekong Blue Woman's
Development Center

The Peaceful Town of Waterways Escapade and Voluntarism Doings

Stung Treng had been just a small city until the setup of an immigration checkpoint. It is a sparsely populated province and located in the northernmost of Cambodia. It shares border with Champasak province of Laos. Many tourists are aware of this province because it is often used as a pathway to Phnom Penh from Laos. As Stung Treng used to be part of Laos in the past, it is common to hear locals communicating in Laos language. Because it is surrounded by the Mekong River and located on the bank of the San River, the majority of the population here are engaged in fishery and agriculture. Life here is simple and peaceful, suitable for those seeking to get away from a busy city life. The locals here are friendly and the area is surrounded by water. This is an inviting atmosphere which draws lots of tourists looking for water adventure activities, such as kayaking, into the city. Stung Treng is also the place for voluntourism because of a number of foundations operated by NGOs. Among these is the Mekong Blue Foundation, the organization aiming to create income generating activities for local women through weaving.

DAY

6



Stung Treng

Khone Phapheng Waterfall,
Li Phi, Don Khon,
Mekong Blue Women's Development
Center



Today we go down to the southernmost part of Laos, Si Phan Don, an area where there are up to 4,000 islands on the Mekong River. The adventure begins by boarding a boat at the Nakasang Pier in order to go to the second largest island, Don Khon, and visit Tat Somphamit Waterfall or Li Phi Waterfall as called by the locals. Apart from the famous beautiful waterfall mist, visitors can enjoy cycling and motorcycle sidecar riding to see the local way of life on the island. Kayaking on the Mekong River is also available. In the afternoon, we move to Khone Phapheng Waterfall to admire the beauty of the biggest waterfall in Southeast Asia. After an amazing experience at the waterfall, we head south to Stung Treng, in Cambodia.



Li Phi

Nakasang Pier

Good to know

Mekong Blue is considered a leading Cambodian brand in silk production which gains a lot of popularity in Japan. For those interested in buying the products, the price at Mekong Blue Women's Development Center is 3 times cheaper than that offered in Japan!



Our first visit in Cambodia is at Mekong Blue Women's Development Center, an organization promoting vocational training for low-income women through silk weaving. The profits gained are contributed to vocational trainings, hospitals, and preschools for kids from low-income families. You can be proud that your holiday contributes to supporting the local community. Then we head to Kratie, where we spend a night.

Stung Treng



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Khone Phapheng Waterfall

📍 Road 13, Don Khon, Don Phapheng, Champasak Province, Laos

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

The waterfall is regarded as the Niagara of Asia because it is the biggest waterfall in Southeast Asia and even looks similar to the Niagara in the USA.



Li Phi

📍 Don Khon, Champasak Province, Laos

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Li Phi is the magnificent waterfall on Si Phan Don. It was formed as a result of an attempt by the French colonizers to bomb rocks to clear the way for the ships to pass through. The explosion was not powerful enough to create a canal, thus, a waterfall was formed instead.

Don Khon



- 📍 Ban Khone Village,
Don Khon, Champasak
Province, Laos
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Don Khon is an island in Si Phan Don. It can be accessed by boat from Ban Nakasang Village on the mainland. The island offers the laidback riverside vibe and you can see the beautiful sunset view here. There are also a lot of fun activities such as kayaking or bicycling around the island. If you are lucky, you will see the rare Irrawaddy Dolphin, swimming south of the island too.

Mekong Blue Women's Development Center

- 📍 Street 2, Sre Po Village, Stung
Treng, Cambodia
- +855 (0)12 -609-730
- 🕒 7.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
(Close on Sunday)



The Mekong Blue Women's Development Center is the vocational training center for low-income local women. The participants are given a silk weaving training without charge. The products are sold all over the country. The profits are contributed to vocational trainings, hospitals, and preschools for kids from low income families.





Restaurants (Champasak)

Sala Don Khon Restaurant

- 📍 No. 09 Unit 01 Ban Khon Village, Don Khon, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-31-260-940
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Chez Fred et Lea

- 📍 Ban Khone Tai, Ban Khon Village, Don Khon, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-20-22-128-882
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Lao Long

- 📍 Main Street, Don Khon, Champasak Province, Laos
- ☎ +856-20-99-426-110
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Ponika's Palace

- 📍 Street 61, Krong Stung Treng, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-12-919-441
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Mekong Bird

- 📍 Thmey Village, Krong Stung Treng, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-12-925-182
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Kratie)

Le Tonle Tourism Training Centre

- 📍 724 Road No. 3, Krong Kracheh, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-72-210-505

Arun Mekong Guesthouse

- 📍 Koh Trong Island, Kbal Kaoh, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ Tel: +855-17-663-014

River Dolphin

- 📍 Sangkat O Russei, Kapou, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-72-210-570

Heng Heng II Hotel

- 📍 Street No. 10, River Front, Doun Chroam, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-72-791-613

Le Bungalow

- 📍 308 Street No 5, Riverfront, Soramarith Quay, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-23-215-651





Kratie

Day 7



The Adventurous Destination and the Home of Irrawaddy Dolphins

Kratie is abundant with marine life, especially the nearly extinct Irrawaddy Dolphins. This eastern province of Cambodia shares its southern border with Vietnam. The majority of its population live along the banks of the Mekong River. This makes the province able to maintain its charming countryside atmosphere. Kratie is also well known for being the best place to watch the Irrawaddy Dolphins. There are many activities for those seeking for adventurous activities such as boat trips, hiking, cycling around the village in Koh Trong, staying in a local homestay, and kayaking. Kratie is one of the few provinces in Cambodia that was not physically affected by the war which leaves its beautiful French architecture to remain.

DAY

7



Kratie

Watching Irrawaddy Dolphins
Kampi Rapids,
Koh Trong, Skuon Market



For the last morning of this trip, we take a little adventure with the Tuk Tuk and the long-tail boat in search of Irrawaddy Dolphins, one of the must-see highlights in Kratie. Afterwards, we will stop by to taste local bamboo rice, a famous local dish, and to observe the way of life of the locals in the floating village of Kampi, where we have lunch. After chilling out in a tranquil atmosphere and seeing people swimming happily in the water, it is time to head to Koh Trong. Here, we will ride bicycles around the island for about 9 kilometers. On the way, we get to experience farmers' way of life, taste pomelos and fresh coconuts,





Watching Irrawaddy Dolphins

Don't Miss

The Deep-fried Giant Spider is a favorite snack for the locals. Its may look intimidating but it is delicious. It tastes just like soft shell crab. You can find the snack in the Skuon Market on the intersection between National Highway 6 and National Highway 7 of Kampong Cham Province, 2 hours away from Phnom Penh.



visit an organic farm, and plant saplings to reforest the area. After filling the natural fresh air into our lungs, it is time to set out for Phnom Penh to fly back to Thailand. On the way, we stop by the Skuon Market and the end trip with a bizarre local snack, the Deep-fried Giant Spiders.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Watching Irrawaddy Dolphins

- 📍 National Road 7 (North of Kratie to Kampi about 20 kilometers), Kratie, Cambodia
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.



The Irrawaddy Dolphin is considered the sacred animals by Cambodians. A large population of them live in the Mekong River between Kampi and Kratie. Taking a boat trip to the Dolphin Pool, tourists can see them emerging from the water surface to breathe and jump.

Kampi Rapids



- 📍 National Road 7 (North of Kratie to Kampi about 15 kilometers), Kratie, Cambodia
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The Kampi Rapids is a huge connected bamboo pontoons floating on the slow current of the Mekong River. This is the local's favorite picnicking, hanging out, dining, and swimming spot. Food and drinks are available for purchase.



Koh Trong

📍 Koh Trong Island,
Kbal Kaoh, Kratie,
Cambodia

Koh Trong is a quiet lovely island in the middle of the Mekong River, opposite to Kratie town. Here, visitors can go cycling to see the way of life of farmers, and taste pomelos and fresh coconuts. You can also visit an organic farm and plant trees to reforest the land.



Skuon Market

📍 The intersection of National Highway 6 and
National Highway 7, Cheung Prey, Kampong
Cham, Cambodia

At first sight, Skuon Market looks like any other market in Asia. However, this market quickly becomes a world famous tourist attraction for bizarre-loving foodies who want to try Deep-fried Giant Spiders. Here, you will often see a women carrying a large tray, full of fried and spiced spiders, just try one! A spider is considered the delicacy in Cambodia.



Restaurants (Kratie)

Le Tonle Restaurant

- 📍 724 No. 3 Road, Krong Kracheh, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-72-210-505
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Local Food Stalls at Kampi Rapids

- 📍 National Road 7 (North of Kratie to Kampi about 15 kilometers), Kratie, Cambodia
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Sorya Cafe

- 📍 426 Street 6, Krong Kracheh, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-90-241-148
- 🕒 7.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Jasmine Boat Restaurant

- 📍 10 Street, Preah Saramrith Quay, Phum Wat, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-96-331-1998
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Tokae Restaurant

- 📍 In front of the Market, No.10 Road, Krong Kracheh, Kratie, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-97-297-2118
- 🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Phnom Penh)

The Blue Corner Boutique Hotel

- 📍 37 Corner Street 63 & Street 180, Preah Trasak Paem St. (63), Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-23-979-888

Okay Boutique Hotel

- 📍 174 Street 19z, Doun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-23-979-666

Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort

- 📍 8 Street 73, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmorn, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-11-775-752

Anise Villa Boutique Hotel

- 📍 18 Street 400, BKK1, Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-12-985-400

Aquarius Hotel & Urban Resort - Phnom Penh

- 📍 5 Street 240, Sangkat Chakto Mukh, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- ☎ +855-23-972-088

MEKONG
Active Adventure
TRAIL



Day 1 : Buriram (Overnight: Surin)



8.00 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.

Breakfast in Buriram.



9.45 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Arrive at the Phanom Rung Historical Park and explore one of the most famous archaeological sites of Thailand, another landmark of Buriram.



11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Lunch at a restaurant at the foot of the Phanom Rung Hill. Then, Head back to Buriram city center.



1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Arrive at Gokart Silachai and enjoy go-karting, a soft-adventure activity.



2.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Visit the Chang International Circuit, the FIA certified racing circuit in Thailand.



2.50 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.

Visit the New I-Mobile Stadium of Buriram United, a leading football club of Thailand.



3.20 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.

Learn the Thai boxing at the New I-Mobile Stadium (Buriram Be Boxing).



5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Dinner



8.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Surin

Remark

- Phanom Rung National Park admission fee for Thais is 20 bath per person and for foreigners is 100 bath per person.
- Gokart Silachai ticket is 200 baht for 5 minutes.

Day2: Surin – (Overnight: Surin)



6.30 a.m. – 7.00 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Ta Klang Village where the Surin Project is located.



8.00 a.m.

Arrive at Ta Klang Village. Check in to Baan Chan Homestay, the head office of the Surin Project.



8.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Do activities with elephants such as collecting plants to make food for the animals, elephant walking, and elephant bathing.



12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch at the Ban Chang Homestay.



2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Arrive at Ban Tha Sawang Village to see the process of ancient gold brocade weaving.



5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Return to an accommodation in Surin.

Remark

- ☞ Khao Phra Wihan National Park admission fee for Thais is 40 baht per person and for foreigners is 100 baht per person.
- ☞ It is recommended to visit the Surin Project on Wednesdays and Fridays as you can feed and baht them in the river.
- ☞ It is best to wear shorts when participating in activities at the Surin Project. You may get wet from bathing the elephants. Please also bring clean clothes to change after the activities.
- ☞ A half-day program at the Surin Project costs 500 baht per person.

Day 3 Sisaket – (Overnight: Ubon Ratchathani)



6.30 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.

Have breakfast and leave for Sisaket.



11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Arrive at Khao Phra Wihan National Park. Stop for lunch. Then, walk along the trekking trail of Pa Mor E-Daeng. Visit the Twin Stupas and walk to the viewpoint at the edge of the cliff to overlook Phra Wihan Temple.



6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Visit Wat Lan Kuad and stop for dinner.



9.00 p.m.

Arrive in Ubon Ratchathani and stay overnight in the city center.

Day 4 : Ubon Ratchathani (Overnight: Ubon Ratchathani)



8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Sam Pan Bok.



10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Arrive at Sam Pan Bok and visit the Grand Canyon of Thailand caused by water erosions. There are over 3,000 eroded holes caused by rushing currents. Take a boat ride to appreciate a beauty of the islands in the Mekong River. Take photos of rocks in various shapes and colors like the vase-shape and the Mickey-Mouse-shape rocks.



12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Lunch.



2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Arrive at the Pa Taem National Park. Visit the Earth Pillars and the Knob Stone Ground. Walk along the two-kilometer nature study trail of the park. Along the way, ancient color paintings aged more than 3,000 years-old can be found.



5.45 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Arrive at Wat Phu Prao or the Glow-In-The-Dark Temple where the painting of a wishing tree at the back of the ordination hall grows at night.



7.10 p.m.

Stay overnight around the Sirindhorn Dam.

Remark

- There are two rates for a boat trip in Sam Pan Bok, 500 baht for a small boat and 1,000 baht for a big boat .
- A round-trip transfer service from the parking lot to the pier is 200 baht.
- Pha Taem National Park admission fee is 100 baht per person, Vehicle fee is 50 baht per passenger.

Day 5 : Ubon Ratchathani – Pakse (Overnight: Pakse)



8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel.



9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Arrive at the Chong Mek Immigration Checkpoint on the Thai-Lao Border. After passing through the immigration clearance, we will head to the Bolaven Plateau.



10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Trek on the Bolaven Plateau. On the way, visit Tad Yuang Waterfall, the coffee village and do a few more soft adventure activities.



5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.


Dinner.



7.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Pakse.

Remark

 Tad Yuang Waterfall and Tad Fang Waterfall admission fee is 20 baht for person.

Day 6 : Strung Treng - Kratie (Overnight: Kratie)



6.30 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel



9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Arrive at Si Phan Don (4,000 islands). Get on the boat at Nakasang Pier to visit the Don Khon Village and the Li Phi Waterfall. Do activities such as cycling, motorcycle sidecar riding around the village, or kayaking in the village.



1.30 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Arrive at the Khone Phapheng Waterfall, the biggest waterfall in Southeast Asia, also known as the Niagara Falls of Asia.



2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Arrive at the Nhog Nok Kien Immigration Checkpoint on the Lao-Cambodian border. Pass through the immigration clearance. Head to Stung Treng.



3.40 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.

Arrived at the Mekong Blue Women's Development Center. Visit the vocational center for low-income women. Appreciate local handicrafts like fabric weaving.



5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Dinner.



9.00 p.m.

Arrive at an accommodation in Kratie.

Day 7: Kratie (Trip End in : Phnom Penh)



7.00 a.m. – 7.30 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel.



8.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Get on a Tuk Tuk ride to sightsee the town, taste Cambodian bamboo rice, and take a long-tail boat ride along the Mekong River to see Irrawaddy Dolphins at the Dolphin Pool. Lunch in Kampi Floating Village.



12.15 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.





Ride a ferry to Koh Trong. Ride a bicycle around the village. Visit an organic farm and plant trees to reforest the land.



2.15 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Stop by Skuon Village to try the Deep-fried Giant Spiders and have dinner. Head to Phnom Penh's airport to fly back to Thailand.

Remark

-  A round trip on Koh Trong ferry costs 2,000 KHR per person.
-  A round trip motorbike taxi between Koh Trong's pier and the village is 2,000 KHR
-  Bicycle rental costs 8,000 KHR each.
-  Sambok Hill and Irrawaddy Dolphin watching trip costs 23 USD per person.





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Masjid Negara
Little India
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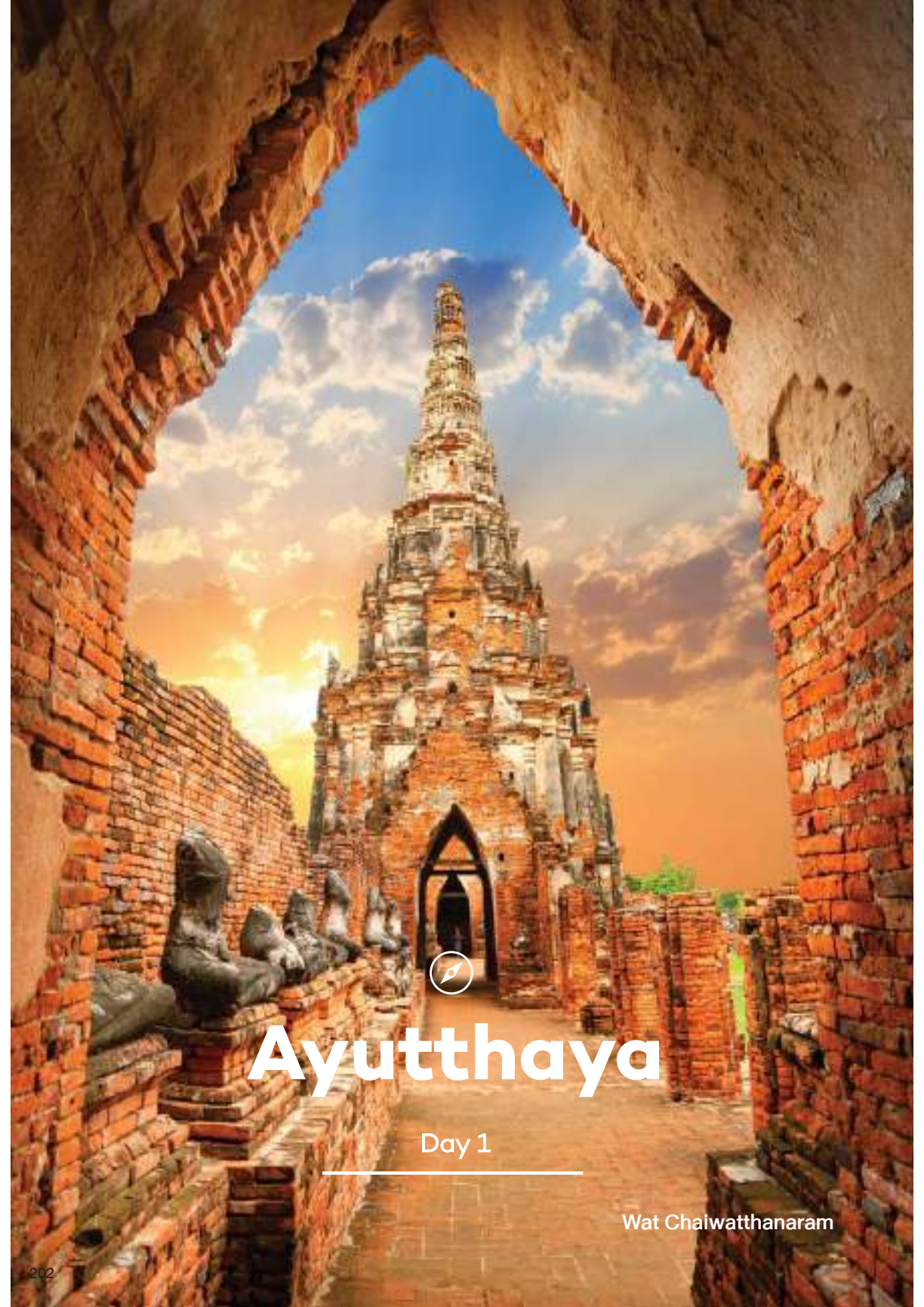
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Song Fah Bak Kut Teh
Kampong Glam
Boat Quay and Clarke Quay
Jumbo Seafood

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Ayutthaya

Day 1

Wat Chaiwatthanaram

The Historic Capital of Arts, Culinary, and Culture

Some people love beaches, others love mountains. But if you love history, Ayutthaya, a world heritage site, must be on top of your list! Ayutthaya, or its full name Pranakorn Sri Ayutthaya is the longest lasting old kingdom in Thai history with the capital of the same name. It is located in central Thailand, 76 kilometers north of Bangkok. The landscape of Ayutthaya is a plain. There are no mountains. Three major rivers flow to join one another, circling Ayutthaya, and making it an island with houses and residences along both sides of the rivers. 417 years of Ayutthaya proved to be the most prosperous and powerful ancient Thai kingdom which laid out the unique civilization recognized and remarked by other civilized nations at the time. Destroyed by wars and aging over time, the graceful history and beauty of Ayutthaya remains, earning it a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its archaeological sites such as temples and royal palaces as well as the richness of the local food culture has made it a destination for foodies and all sorts of visitors.

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Ayutthaya

Or Tor Kor Market (Bangkok),
Ayutthaya History Exhibition Hall,
Baan Watcharachai,
Wat Phanan Choeng,
Ayutthaya Dinner Cruise.



We start the first day of our journey with a breakfast at the Or Tor Kor Market, the 4th best fresh food market in the world ranked by CNN Travel. We will enjoy Thai style breakfast with fresh vegetable and a variety of premium exotic fruits delivered from quality farms. After that, we will head to Ayutthaya. We will first visit the Ayutthaya History Exhibition Hall to learn how Ayutthaya was founded and learn about Thai food.



We have lunch at Baan Watcharachai, the famous restaurant featuring Thai ancient dishes such as Ma Hor and Crab Dip. Then, we will continue to the stunning Wat Phanan Choeng, one of the oldest and most sacred Buddhist temples in Ayutthaya. Another must-not-miss activity in the old city is to learn to make Roti Sai Mai or cotton candy, a famous local dessert from Ayutthaya. Delicious dinner is served on a river cruise where you can enjoy the romantic and tranquil atmosphere of Ayutthaya at night.





Good to know

Exotic fruits such as Durian, mango steens and mangos are the must-try when in the **Or Tor Kor Market**.



Roti Sai Mai

■ Activities and Attractions ■

Or Tor Kor Market (Bangkok)



- 📍 139/4 Mu 1, Samsen Nai,
- 📞 Phayathai, Bangkok
- 🕒 +66-22-792-080
- 6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Ranked by CNN Travel as the world's 4th best fresh market, the Or Tor Kor Market is the hub of quality ingredients and fresh product. It is also the center of delicious Thai dishes such as Pad Thai, SomTam and Gai Yang.

Ayutthaya Dinner Cruise

- 📍 45/2 Mu 1, Rojana Road,
- Tambon Pratuchai, Phra
- Nakhon Si Ayutthaya



The cruise around the Ayutthaya Island allows you to experience the romantic and tranquil atmosphere of the old city, and the way of life along the rivers while dining with delicious Thai food.



Ayutthaya History Exhibition Hall



- 📍 108/22 Mu 4, Rojana Road, Tambon Pratuchoi, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-44-666-448, +66-91-716-3355
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

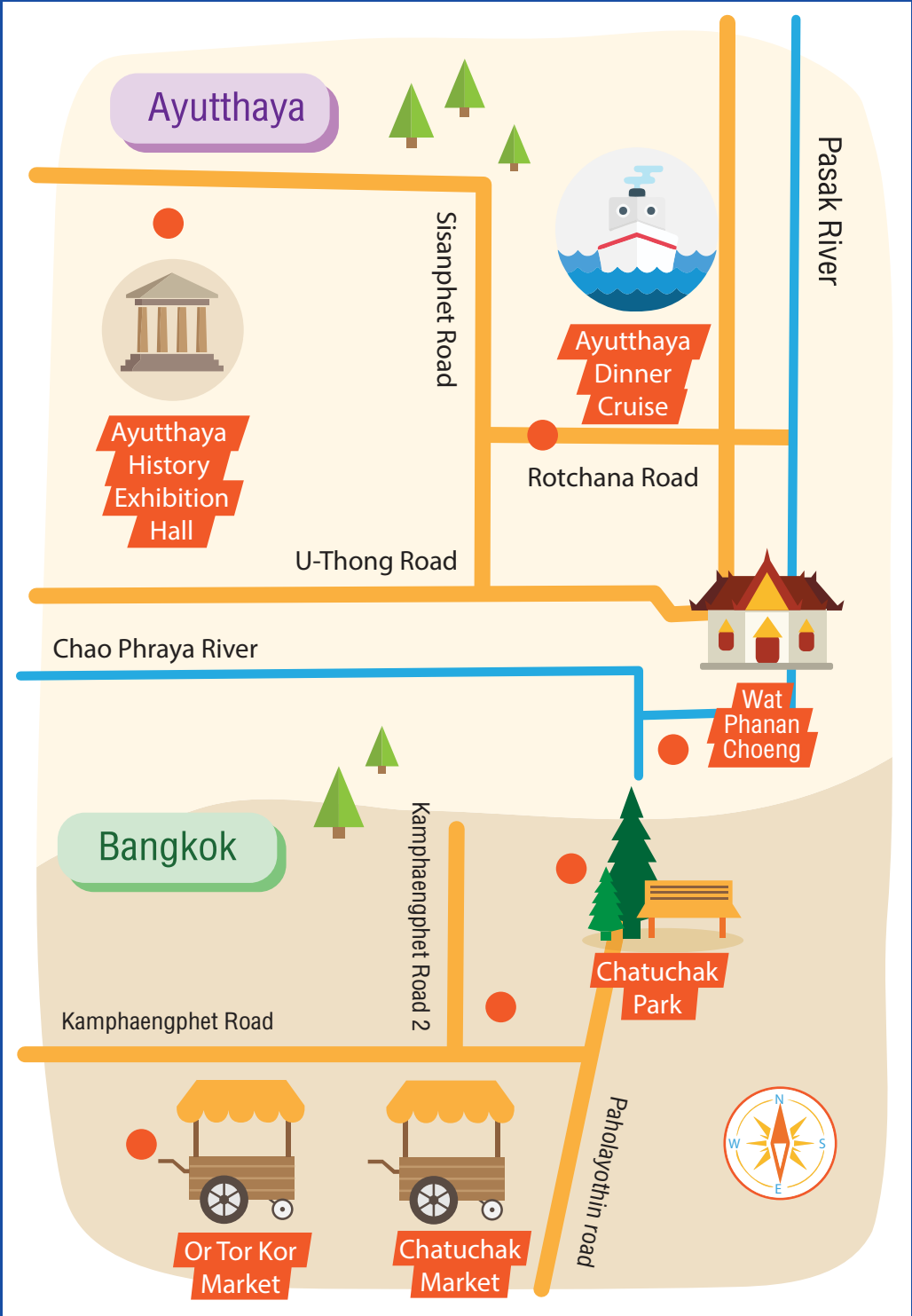
The Ayutthaya History Exhibition Hall is located in the Ayutthaya History Study Center. The hall houses a collection of stories about temples, customs, tourist attractions, fine arts, local wisdom, and Thai food in different periods of the Ayutthaya Kingdom.

Wat Phanan Choeng



- 📍 120 Tambon Klong Suan Plu, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-246- 076
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

The much-revered temple of Thai - Chinese Buddhists, Wat Phanan Choeng is built as a memorial for the sad love story of Sai Nam Phung, an Ayutthaya King, and his lover, the Chinese princess Soi Dok Mak. It features the Buddha statue named Phra PhutthaTrai Ratana Nayok, or Luang Pho Tho, or Luang Pho Sam Po Kong called by the Chinese. The beautiful statue is made of stucco finished with lacquer and gilded gold, in a seated meditation position. With the height of 14.20 meters and the width of 19.20 meters, Phra Phuttha Trai Ratana Nayok is the biggest statue ever produced in the Ayutthaya Kingdom.



Restaurants

Baan Watcharachai

- 📍 Mu 7, Tambon Ban Pom, Amphoe Maharat, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-801-333
- 🕒 9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Ruan Thai Kung Pao

- 📍 1/2 Mu 4, Tambon Ratchakhram, Amphoe Bang Sai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-81-269-5061
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Ton Nam River View

- 📍 26 Mu 6, Tambon Bang Len, Amphoe Bang Yai, Nonthaburi
- ☎ +66-35-261-006
- 🕒 10.00 a.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Baan Som Tam

- 📍 25/5 U-Thong Road, Tambon Hor Rattanachai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-86-500-4695
- 🕒 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Bung Imron's Roti

- 📍 16/4 Mu 3, Tambon Klong Suan Plu, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-97-921-9465
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. (Weekday), 9.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. (Weekend)

Accommodations

Sala Ayutthaya

- 📍 9/2 Mu 4, U-Thong Road, Tambon Pratuchai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-242-588

Ayutthaya Retreat

- 📍 54/4 Mu 4, Tambon Baanpom, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-93-886-5968

Iudia Hotel

- 📍 11-12 Mu 4, U-Thong Road, Tambon Pratoochai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-323-208

Baan Thai House

- 📍 Phai Ling, Tambon Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-259-760

Baan Tye Wang Guesthouse

- 📍 223/18 Mu 8, Tambon Pratuchai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-323-001

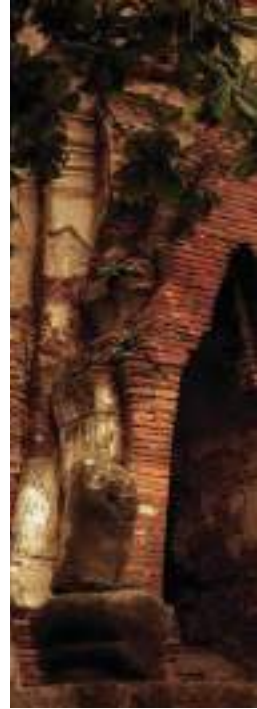
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Ayutthaya - Bangkok

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Ayutthaya Historical Park,
Ruan Thai Kung Pao,
Bang Pa In Royal Palace,
Bangkok Tuk Tuk Foodie Tour



We start the day with a soft work-out by cycling around the Ayutthaya Historical Park, to sightsee the stunning historical ruins which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. After that, we will travel to Bang Pa In where we will taste the famous local delicacy, the giant river prawns as big as the lobsters complimented by the spicy dip.

After lunch, we visit Bang Pa In Royal Palace situated in the middle of the water. This summer palace of the Ayutthaya Kings was a prototype built based on the European architecture.



We will tour the palace on foot and enjoy its shady and peaceful atmosphere for a bit. Then, we will leave for Bangkok. In Bangkok, we will take a tuk tuk (a 3-wheeler) ride to experience the city's night beauty and hop on and off to eat famous Bangkok's street food with Bangkok Tuk Tuk Foodie Tour.





Ayutthaya Historical Park



Good to know

Giant River Prawns are very popular among Thais who say the best part is the fat. One of the best ways to enjoy the dish is to put the creamy fat on hot steamy rice, season it with delicious sauce and mix everything well together. The fat is as good as the meat itself we guarantee.



Ayutthaya Boat Noodle



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Wat Mahathat (Ayutthaya)

📍 Tambon Tha Wa Su Kri,
Amphoe Phra Nakhon Si
Ayutthaya, Phra Nakhon Si
Ayutthaya

☎ +66-83-004-0423

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Wat Mahathat is one of the most significant and sacred temples in Ayutthaya. It is located in the heart of the historical park near the main royal palace. It was the ground for royal ceremonies and served as the residence of high-rank Buddhist monks throughout the Ayutthaya Kingdom. Its important edifice is the Principle Stupa where Buddha relics were enshrined. The stupa is raised on the square-shape base, and sits in a compounded wall. The stupa was built in the early Ayutthaya period and was influenced by the Khmer architecture. It is surrounded by smaller stupas in 4 directions, most of which are just ruins now.

Ayutthaya Historical Park



📍 Srisanphet Road, Tambon
Pratuchai, Amphoe Phra Nakhon
Si Ayutthaya, Phra Nakhon Si
Ayutthaya

☎ +66-35-242-284

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

The Ayutthaya Historical Park is located in the old city Ayutthaya, the ground for royal palaces. The area of 3,000 rai was listed the UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. Visitors usually sightsee the beauty of its ruins and the archaeological sites on bicycles.

Bang Pa In Royal Palace



- 📍 Prasarthong Road, Tambon Ban Len, Amphoe Bang Pa In, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-35-261-044
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m

The Bang Pa In Royal Palace is King Rama V's favourite residence thanks to its tranquil atmosphere on the water and his father used to stay here during his visits to Ayutthaya. The palace is divided into 2 main parts: the inner court which is the residence of the king and the outer court serving as his social space and royal ceremonies. Only the latter part is open for visitors. There are several beautiful edifices on the property such as the Aisawan Dhipaya Asana Pavilion, the Khmer-style stupa, the Varobhas Bimarn Residential Hall, and the Corinthian-Order Greek-style Pavilion.

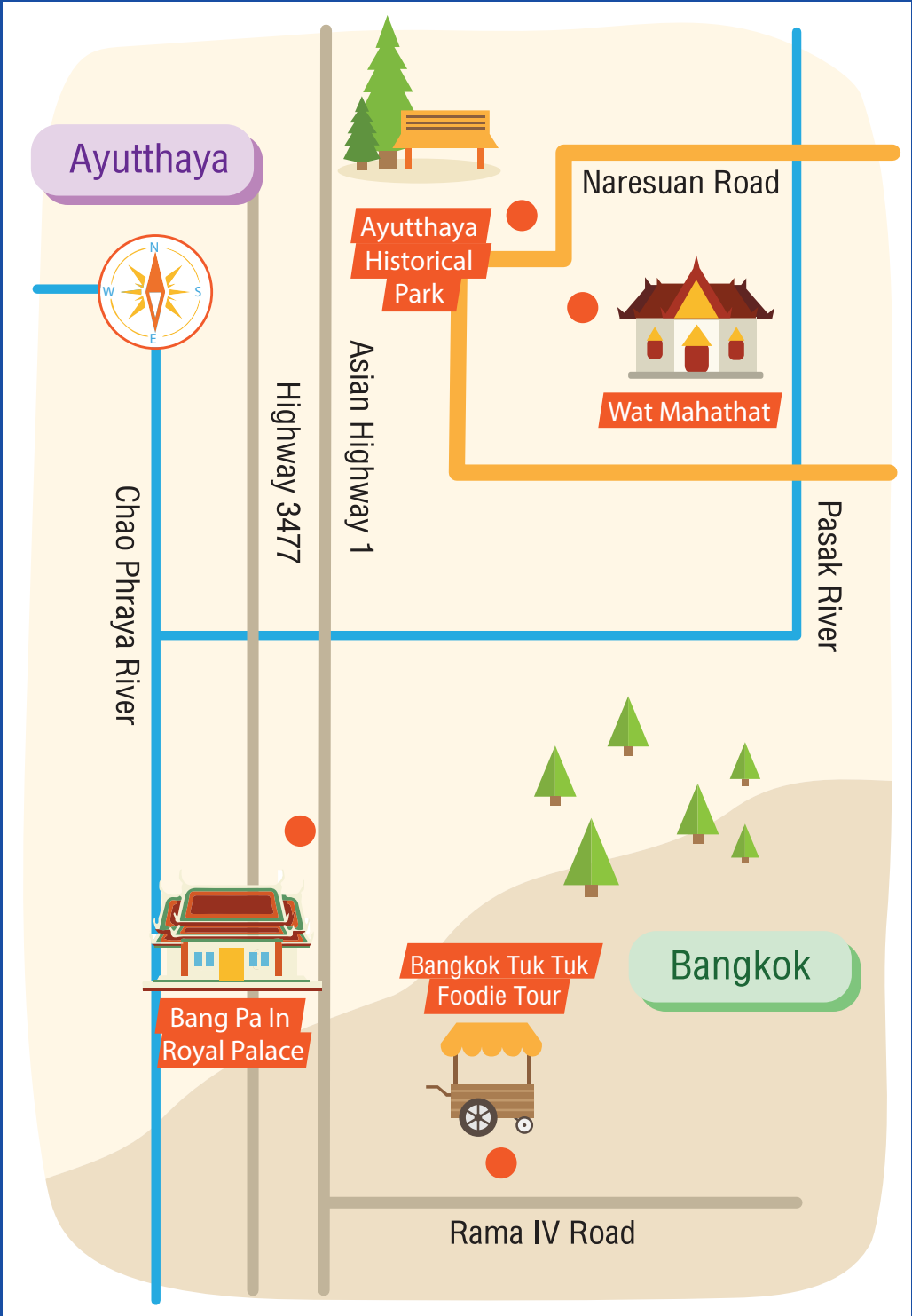
Bangkok Tuk Tuk Foodie Tour

- 📍 Chamchuri Square Unit 227, 2nd Floor, Phayathai Road, Patumwan, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-95-943-9222
- 🕒 7.00 p.m. – 12.00 a.m.



Enjoy the street food tour programs with stops at Bangkok's sacred sites and its iconic attractions. Experience the beauty of Bangkok at night on tuk tuk, the local's favorite vehicle.





Restaurants (Ayutthaya - Bangkok)

Kauy Tiew Pak-Wan

- 📍 48/3 Mu 1, Soi U-Thong 4, U-Thong Road, Tambon Hor Rattana Chai, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya
- ☎ +66-81-936-1075
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

The Local

- 📍 32-32/1 Sukhumvit 23, Khlong Tan Nuea, Watthana, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-640-664
- 🕒 11.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. (Lunch), 5.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (Dinner)

Bo.Lan

- 📍 24 Sukhumvit 53, Khlong Tan Nuea, Watthana, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-44-620-713
- 🕒 6.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. (Tuesday - Friday), 12.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. (Saturday - Sunday)

Thipsamai Pad Thai

- 📍 313-315 Maha Chai Road, Samran Rat, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-266-666
- 🕒 5.00 p.m. - 2.00 a.m.

Eagle Nest Bar

- 📍 47-49 Soi Tha-Tien, Maha Rat Road, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-222-932
- 🕒 5.00 p.m. - 12.00 a.m.

Accommodations (Bangkok)

St.Regis Bangkok

- 📍 159 Ratchadamri Road, Lumpini, Patumwan, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-077-777

Ad Lib Bangkok

- 📍 230 Sukhumvit 1, Sukhumvit Road, Khwaeng Khlong Toei Nuea, Watthana, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-057-600

Sala Arun

- 📍 47-49 Soi Tha Tien, Maha Rat Road, Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-222-932

Loogchoob Homestay

- 📍 Luk Luang Road, Si Yaek Maha Nak, Dusit, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-89-678-8215

Riva Surya Bangkok

- 📍 23 Phra Athit Road, Chana Songkram, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-335-000



Bangkok

Day 3

Grand Palace

The City of Angels and the Heaven of Food Lovers

Bangkok is always one of the top destinations on world travelers' minds, as it is filled with cultural diversity and unique way of life. The capital of Thailand, the Land of Smiles, is recently ranked the most visited city in the world. It is situated on the Chao Phraya River Delta. The river divides the city into 2 sides: Phra Nakhon and Thonburi. The all-time charm of Bangkok remains in the locals' smiles and friendliness. The beauty of the city lies in the cultural diversity brought by its residents of different ethnicities. The combination of modern and old city makes a paradox that has proven to attract visitors from all over the world.

DAY



Bangkok

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Thai Cooking Class, Grand Palace,
and The Temple of Emerald Buddha,
Gaggan, Sirocco (Rooftop Bar)



Today, we learn how to make Thai dishes with a Thai cooking class. First, we will shop for ingredients to bring to the class to make your own lunch, instructed by a professional chef. A sample of the dish you can make is Tom Yum Kung, the world's famous Thai food. After lunch, we will head to the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Thailand's iconic attractions, to appreciate their fine and delicate architecture. The beauty of these places has drawn thousands of visitors to witness everyday. Our dinner awaits at Gaggan, the exclusive Indian restaurant famous for its Indian molecular gastronomy. It was ranked as the world's top 50 restaurants and is known for the unique food presentation. Then, we will say goodbye to Bangkok from Sirocco, the highest rooftop bar in the city. Here you will relax and enjoy the view of Bangkok at night, the city that never sleeps.



Wat Pho

Good to know

Rooftop Bar at **Sirocco** is featured in the movie “the Hangover 2”. The most popular spot for photo taking is its golden dome.



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Yaowarat

📍 Yaowarat Road, Samphanthawong, Bangkok

🕒 24/7

The Bangkok Chinatown or what locals call Yaowarat is the biggest street food bazaar in Bangkok. At day time, the area is busy with gold shoppers as it is full with gold shops. At night, Yaowarat turns to be a food heaven. There are all kind of street foods you can find in Thailand. The seafood here is something you should not miss as it is in good quality with affordable price.

Grand Palace and The Temple of Emerald Buddha



📍 Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang,
Phra Nakhon, Bangkok

☎ +66-26-235-500 🕒 8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

The Temple of Emerald Buddha is built by King Rama I in 1782 as part of the Grand Palace. It is located on the east side of the Grand Palace, in the outer court. The Emerald Buddha, the most significant Buddha Image in Thailand, is enshrined in the temple. All visitors must be properly attired. Those who do not dress properly can borrow clothes from the Bureau of the Royal Household at the entrance.





Wat Pho

📍 2 Sanamchai Road,
Grand Palace,
Phra Nakhon,
Bangkok

☎ +66-22-259-595

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Wat Pho or Wat Phra Chetuphon Vimolmangklararam is a Royal Monastery and another significant temple in Bangkok. The temple houses inscriptions of knowledge and textbooks. It is recognized as the first university in Thailand. The temple has the largest number of pagodas in Thailand, 99 in total. In 2008, UNESCO announced Wat Pho the UNESCO Memory of the World in Asia-Pacific. And, in 2011, the organization registered 1,431 stone inscriptions at Wat Pho as the Memory of the World.

Thai Cooking Class by Bai Pai



📍 8/91 Ngam Wongwan
Road, Soi 54 Ladyao,
Chatuchak, Bangkok

☎ +66-25-611-404

🕒 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Learning to cook Thai food is another must-do activity when visiting Bangkok. The class mostly starts with shopping for ingredients yourself. Then, we will learn to cook Thai food step-by-step with the close instruction from a professional chef. Finishing this class, you can definitely make Thai dish by yourself. One of the recommended Thai cooking school is Bai Pai.



Restaurants

Sirocco

- 📍 1055 State Tower, Silom Road, Bang Rak, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-249-555
- 🕒 6.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m.

Krua Apson

- 📍 169 Dinsor Road, Bowonniwet, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-26-854-531
- 🕒 10.30 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Gaggan

- 📍 68/1 Soi Langsuan, Ploenchit Road, Bangkok
- ☎ +662-652-1700
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Ban Khun Mae Restaurant

- 📍 458/6-9 Siam Square Soi 8, Rama 1 Road, Patumwan, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-501-953
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Baan Khanitha

- 📍 36/1 Sukhumvit 23, Klongteoy Nua, Wattana, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-584-128
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Go Ang Pratunam Chicken Rice

- 📍 960-962 Phetchaburi Road, Makkasan, Ratchathewi, Bangkok
- ☎ +662-252-6325
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. - 2.00 a.m.

Accommodations

Cabochon Hotel & Residence

- 📍 14/29 Sukhumvit 45, Sukhumvit Road, Klongton Nua, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-592-871

Anajak Bangkok Hotel

- 📍 65/5 Phayathai Road, Ratchathewi, Patumwan, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-528-899

The Sukosol Bangkok Hotel

- 📍 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-22-470-123

Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort

- 📍 257/1-3 Charoennakorn Road, Thonburi, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-24-760-022

Chatrium Hotel Riverside Bangkok

- 📍 28 Charoenkrung Road, Watprayakrai, Bangkholame, Bangkok
- ☎ +66-23-078-888



Samut Songkram

Day 4

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

The Famous Land of Canals and Floating Markets with Freshest Produce You Can Taste

If you are looking for a travel destination not far from Bangkok, easily accessed from the city, and offers a lot of attractions, you can think of Samut Songkram. The province that will not disappoint travelers is only 80 kilometers away from Bangkok. Despite the tiny size of the province, its natural resources are fertile and it is home to the 23-kilometer coastline on the Gulf of Thailand. The natural fertility is thanks to its location on the river delta which yields to great quality of soil for agriculture. This small province features the way of life along its numerous canals and several world-renowned floating markets that have drawn both local and international visitors. Besides the local way of life, the province is big on fresh seafood and beautiful temples. All these make Samut Songkram another Thailand's top destination where visitors can have a memorable and authentic local experience.

DAY



Samut Songkram

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Meklong Railway Market,
Damnoen Saduak Floating Market,
Don Hoi Lod,
Jalan Alor Food Street



We leave Bangkok early in the morning for Samut Songkram, a small province full of charming attractions. Our first stop is the Meklong Railway Market, or Rom Hoob Market, the one and only market in the world sitting on the train track. Only a few minutes before a train leaves from and arrive to the adjacent Meklong Train Station, all vendors and sellers would hurriedly roll their umbrellas and stalls up to give a way for the train to pass. As soon as the train passes, stalls and umbrellas resume their usual positions and life goes on as if nothing has just happened. Next, we go to the world-famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market to experience the local way of life and to see how the delicacy coconut palm sugar is made. The market also offers a variety of seafood, perfect for lunch. After the meal, we will travel to Suvarnabhumi Airport for our next destination, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city. Arriving at night, we are ready to have dinner at the Night Hawker Center on Jalan Alor, the famous spot for street food. A must-try dish is BBQ chicken wings available at several stalls on the street.





Meklong Railway Market



Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

Good to know

8 trains pass through the **Meklong Railway Market** daily. Trains arrive to the **Meklong Railway Station**. at 8.30 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 5.40 p.m., and depart at 6.20 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Meklong Railway Market



- 📍 Soi Srichampa, Tambon Meklong, Amphoe Mueang, Samut Songkram
- 🕒 6.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Rom Hoob Market or the Meklong Railway Market is located in Samut Songkram, with its unique character of having a train track cutting through the market. This place is interesting for those who love street photography as they can experience an exotic way of life at one of its kind market.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market (Ratchaburi)



- 📍 Bangpae-Samut Songkram Road, Tambon Damnoen Saduak, Amphoe Damnoen Saduak, Ratchaburi
- 🕒 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market is the Thai traditional floating market aged over 100 years and well-known across the world. King Rama IV ordered a canal dug to connect the Meklong and the Ta Chin Rivers so people could commute and trade. The canal was called Damnoen Saduak to symbolize the easy commute for the people in Ratchaburi, Samut Songkram, and Samut Sakhon provinces. This old floating market has preserved its charm and authenticity. Visitors can cruise the canal to experience the way of life, visit fruit orchards, and see how coconut palm sugar is made.

Don Hoi Lod



📍 Sor Sor 2003 Road., Tambon Bangchakeng,
Amphoe Mueang, Samut Songkram

🕒 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Don Hoi Lod was named after the abundant of Hoi Lod or razor clams in this area. There is a seafood market, which provides cheap and quality seafood. The area is also very popular for locals to have seafood lunch. A local dish called Hoi Lod Pad Cha, or a spicy stir-fried razor clams, is what you should not miss when you come to Don Hoi Lod.



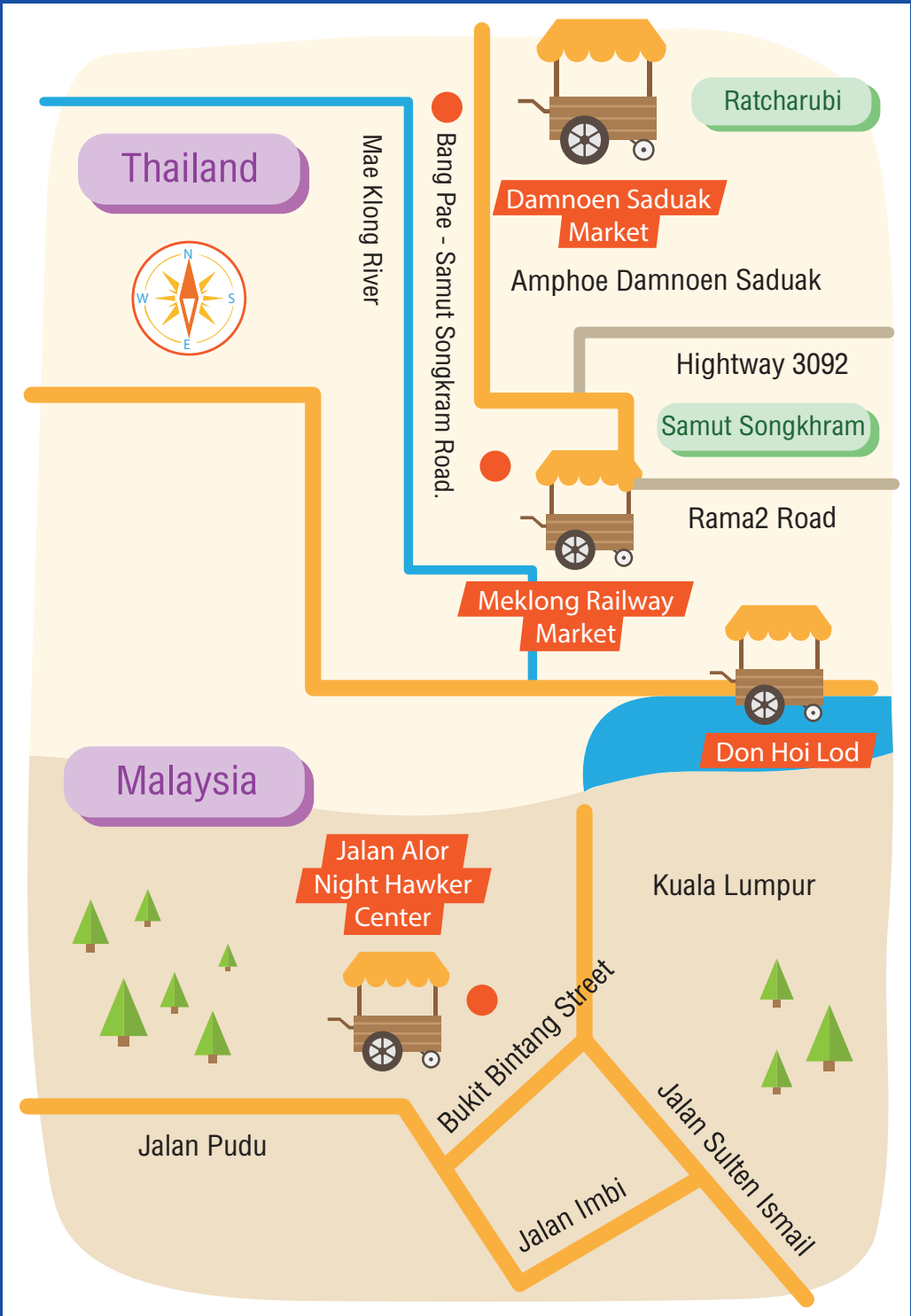
Jalan Alor Night Hawker Center (Kuala Lumpur)

📍 Jalan Alor, Bukit Bintang, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

🕒 24/7

Jalan Alor is the road featuring a variety of hawker food or street food. What makes it distinctive is the affordable prices and the numerous choices. It offers noodles, barbecued meats, seafood, desserts, and many more. Its location near a nightlife area makes it frequently visited by night owls after parties.





Restaurants (Samut Songkram)

Krua Sopa

📍 1/4 Withan Witee Road,
Tambon Bangchakeng,
Amphoe Mueang, Samut
Songkram

☎ +66-86-020-2999

🕒 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Chang Phuek Restaurant

📍 2 Mu 5 , Amphawa-Bang
Nok Kwaek Road,
Tambon Bang Chang,
Amphoe Amphawa,
Samut Songkram

☎ +66-34-725-414

🕒 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.
(Close on Monday)

Krua Kun Lin

📍 10/29 Mu 4, Tambon
Bangchakeng, Amphoe
Mueang, Samut
Songkram

☎ +66-34-714-348,
+66-89-837-4824

🕒 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Kuala Lumpur)

Traders Hotel

📍 Kuala Lumpur City
Centre, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia

☎ +60-32-332-9888

The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur

📍 5 Jalan Sultan
Hishamuddin, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia

☎ +60-32-785-8000

Hotel Maison Boutique

📍 36 Jalan Baba, Pudu,
Wilayah Persekutuan,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

☎ +60-32-145-2929

Anggun Boutique Hotel

📍 7&9 Tingkat Tong Shin,
Bukit Bintang, Wilayah
Persekutuan, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia

☎ +60-32-145-8003

Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur

📍 Jalan Putra, Chow Kit,
Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah
Persekutuan, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia

☎ +60-34-042-5555





Kuala Lumpur

Day 5

Masjid Negara

The Capital of Diversity with a Perfect Blend of Culinary Mixes

Kuala Lumpur, a modern capital city which everyone knows of, is one of the world's top travel destinations. Kuala Lumpur is considered a big city that connects Asia and the Middle East. It is a commercial hub and a cultural melting pot, and it is famous for its unique architecture. When Malaysia became independent from England, Kuala Lumpur was announced the capital of Malaysia. Even though the government administrative center has been moved to Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur remains the center for business and the transportation hub of Malaysia. Some of the top travel activities are to take selfies with Petronas Twin Towers and to visit Jamek Mosque at Merdeka Square famous for its stunning architecture. With the diversity of its population, Kuala Lumpur is also the destination for food lovers who want to try various ethnic cuisines.



Melaka

Day 5



The Heritage City with the Unique Gastronomic Culture

If you are a culture lover and are attracted to a combination of local and western architecture, you will fall in love with this small town called Melaka. Sitting in the south of Malaysia on the Malacca Strait, Melaka is the capital of its state and has been the trade point between the Eastern and Western nations on the strait for 500 years. Its distinct character lies in the architecture which combines those of the Dutch, the Portuguese, and the Malay. It has been recognized as the historical town and enlisted the UNESCO World Heritage Town. The charm of Melaka lies in its unique stories and a mixed culture between East and West as seen in local dishes which combine Dutch recipes with Portuguese, Chinese, and Indian, creating the new and distinct recipes that have drawn foodies from all over the world.

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Kuala Lumpur - Melaka

Petaling Street, Little India,
Masjid Negara,
Kuala Lumpur City Center,
Jonker Night Market

We wake up early to have delicious breakfast on Petaling Street or Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown. An exotic breakfast choice includes rice porridge with frog meat at Hon Kee Restaurant. We walk around and appreciate the way of life of Chinese Malay People in the area for a bit then continue Masjid Negara, Malaysia's



Biryani



National Mosque featuring the star-shape roof and the Minaret. Opposite to the mosque is Malayan Railway Administration Building, a beautiful heritage building. Then we will head to Little India, to experience the way of life of the Indian Malay People. Little India or the Brickfields Quarter is full of fascination like colorful flowers, spice fragrances, and Indian beats. We stop for Indian dishes like Biryani at Fierce Curry House voted by media to be the best restaurant for Indian curries in Malaysia. Then we move to the KLCC Park to appreciate its beauty with the Petronas Building in the background. We stop to take Teh Tarik, Malaysia's national drink, at Mandarin Oriental Hotel which sits in the middle of the park before heading to Melaka.

In Melaka, we will first visit the Portuguese Settlement which was founded when the Portuguese colonizer arrived in the region. Here we get to taste the unique and distinct dishes which mix Portuguese recipes with local ingredients like the dish called Debal Curry. Then we go to have a serious dinner at Nancy's Kitchen serving the rare Melaka Peranakan cuisine. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the Jonker Street is hit up with a night market, the hippest walking street in Melaka where food, local products, and art can be found.

Good to know

Jonker Night Market takes place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. During weekdays, visitors can enjoy walking along the street with restaurants on both sides.



■ Activities and Attractions ■

Petaling Street



📍 Jalan Petaling, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

🕒 6.30 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Petaling Street or the Chinatown of Kuala Lumpur is lively with activities from morning to night. It is an important trade quarter and is famous for food especially local dishes like Hokkien Mee and Laksa.

Little India



📍 Jalan Tun Sambanthan, Wilayah Persekutuan, Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

🕒 10.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Little India of Kuala Lumpur is located in the Brickfields Quarter. This is the center of the Indian Malaysian People. Numerous Indian products such as flower garlands for worshipping, Bollywood films and music, and food like Vadai and Thosai can be found here.

Masjid Negara (National Mosque of Malaysia)



📍 Jalan Perdana, Tasik Perdana, Wilayah Persekutuan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

🕒 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Malaysian National Mosque is a center of mind and soul for the Muslims. It represents the Islamic religion which is the major belief in Malaysia. The Masjid is distinct with 73-meter tall minaret and its 16-pointed-star roof which looks like an unfolded umbrella while the minaret looks like a folded umbrella.



Kuala Lumpur City Center

📍 Kuala Lumpur City Centre,
Wilayah Persekutuan, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia

🕒 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Kuala Lumpur City Center is a recently developed quarter on the Ampang Street. It is home to all sorts of tourist facilities including hotels, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, KLCC Park, and shopping malls, and it is the ground for the famous Petronas Twin Towers.

Jonker Night Market



📍 Jonker Street Night Market,
Jalan Hang Jebat, Melaka,
Malaysia

🕒 6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.
(Friday – Sunday)

The night market of Jonker Street is artsy and fun. Tourists can try various kinds of dishes ranging from Peranakan Popiah to creative food like a watermelon shake which comes with the whole fruit. Artsy products and souvenirs can also be found.





Restaurants

Hon Kee Porridge Petaling Street

- 📍 93 Jalan Hang Lekir, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur
- ☎ +60-12-227-6281
- 🕒 4.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Fierce Curry House

- 📍 16 Jalan Kemuja, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur
- ☎ +60-19-770-1945
- 🕒 12.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Madam Kwan's

- 📍 Lot 420 421, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Suria KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-32-026-2297
- 🕒 11.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Portuguese Settlement

- 📍 Jalan Daranjo, Perkampungan Portugis, Melaka, Malaysia
- 🕒 5.00 p.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Nancy's Kitchen

- 📍 13 Jalan KL 3/8, Taman Kota Laksamana, Seksyen 3, Melaka, Malaysia.
- ☎ +60-62-836-099
- 🕒 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday)
11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Friday – Saturday)

Accommodations

Hotel Equatorial Melaka

- 📍 Bandar Hilir, Melaka, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-62-828-333

Hotel Puri

- 📍 118 Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock, Jonker Street, Melaka, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-62-825-588

Hatten Hotel Melaka

- 📍 Hatten Square, Jalan Merdeka, Bandar Hilir, Melaka, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-62-869-696

Estadia Hotel

- 📍 Terminal Pahlawan, Bandar Hilir, Jalan Merdeka, Melaka, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-62-279-600

Casa del Rio Melaka

- 📍 88 Jalan Laksamana, Taman Kota Laksamana, Melaka, Malaysia
- ☎ +60-62-896-888





Singapore

Day 6

Singapore Chilli Crab

The Global City where Local Tastes Meet with International Flavors

Singapore, a tiny island country is packed with wonders. International tourists love that it is clean, safe, green, and has lots of interesting looking buildings and architecture. It is the gem of Asia. Singapore is a modern nation. Even though it is small, Singapore is packed with attractions. It is a city of paradox and diversity where culture, beliefs, art, architecture, and even modernity mix and hold together well. The country features the food culture which varies from cheap to fine dining. Every range of restaurants can be found at every street corner. Foodies plan to come here and always want to revisit.

DAY

6



Melaka - Singapore

Jonker Street, Dutch Square,
St. Paul's Church,
Song Fah Bak Kut Teh
Kampong Glam, Clarke Quay and Boat
Quay, Jumbo Seafood Restaurant



We start the day by walking along the Riverside Walk of Melaka and making a stop to try the famous local food like Chicken Rice Balls on Jonker Street. We then take a coffee break at Calanthe Art Cafe, the pretty and hipster coffee shop which features coffee grown in Malaysia's 13 states and has distinct coffee-brewing methods. After that, we move to Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock to appreciate the Sino-Portuguese heritage buildings in the perfect conditions. Next is the Dutch Square, a group of red buildings featuring the Dutch architecture like the Victoria's Fountain, the Christ Church, and the Stadthuys, then we walk uphill to St. Paul's Church where we can even see the Melaka Strait. Once we are done with Melaka, we leave for Singapore which is not too far away. We reach Singapore by lunchtime and will try Bak Kut Teh at Song Fa Bak Kut Teh Restaurant. After lunch, we will walk around Singapore's old quarter Kampong Glam to visit the Sultan Mosque, one of the most beautiful mosques in Singapore, and snack at Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant serving Halal cuisine for over 100 years. At night, we will experience the lively riverside night hangout spot of Boat Quay and Clarke Quay, a top nightlife quarter and a food hub. Then, we cruise the river to experience the beauty of Singapore at night and end the night eating the delicious Singapore Chilli Crab at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Clarke Quay.





Kampong Glam



Chicken Rice Balls

Good to know

At a **Bak Kut Teh** restaurant in Singapore, you can ask for unlimited refills of the soup



■ Activities and Attractions ■



Jonker Street

📍 Jalan Hang Jebat, Melaka, Malaysia

Jonker Street is located in the heart of Melaka's Chinatown. It is full of antique, art and craft shops. It is known as a hip street because chic restaurants and cafes have recently opened here.

Dutch Square

📍 Jalan Gereja, Bandar Hilir, Melaka, Malaysia

Dutch Square or the Red Square is a group of terracotta-red colonial Dutch buildings built between 1660-1700. Among the buildings and edifices are the Stadthuys, the Christ Church, and the Victoria Fountain. It is the main attraction of Melaka.



St. Paul's Church

📍 Jalan Kota, Bandar Hilir, Melaka, Malaysia

☎ +60-17-202-6037

St. Paul's Church is situated on St. Paul's Hill in the heart of Melaka. From the top, we can see a spectacular view of the Strait of Malacca. It was built in 1521 by a Portuguese captain, Duarte Coelho, as a memorial of the Virgin Mary who saved him from the sea storm. The building is merely a ruin now yet it tells a lot about Melaka's history.

Kampong Glam



📍 Sultan Gate and Kandahar Street, Singapore

Kampong Glam is a historical and cultural quarter. The Malay royalty or sultans who ruled Singapore used to live here. There are also beautiful mosques in the quarter. Today, Kampong Glam and its vicinity are lined with new businesses mixing with old-time shops. Here you can also find colorful graffiti walls; which are rare in Singapore.



Clarke Quay and Boat Quay (Singapore)

📍 River Valley Road, Singapore

Clarke Quay and Boat Quay are right on the riverside of Singapore estuary. They are popular spots for riverside walking especially at night. Visitors can relax and have delicious dishes at chics cafe and restaurants, and cruise on the Singapore estuary to experience the beauty of Singapore.



Restaurants (Melaka - Singapore)

Poh Piah Lwee

📍 14 Jalan Kubu, Melaka, Malaysia
☎ +60-17-783 0986
🕒 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(Close on Monday and Tuesday)

Hoe Kee Chicken Rice

📍 68 Jalan Hang Jebat, Melaka, Malaysia
☎ +60-62-834-751
🕒 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Calanthe Art Cafe

📍 11 Jalan Hang Kasturi, Melaka, Malaysia
☎ +60-62-922-960
🕒 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Song Fah Bak Kut Teh

📍 133 New Bridge Road, #01-04, Chinatown Point, Singapore
☎ +65-64-431-033
🕒 9.00 a.m. - 9.15 p.m.

Jumbo Seafood Restaurant

📍 30 Merchant Road #01-01/02, Riverside Point, Singapore
☎ +65-65-323-435
🕒 12.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. (Lunch), 6.00 p.m. - 12.00 a.m. (Dinner)

Singapore Zam Zam

📍 697-699 N Bridge Road, Singapore
☎ +65-62-986-320
🕒 7.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Accommodations (Singapore)

The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

📍 1 Fullerton Square, Singapore
☎ +65-67-338-388

Marina Bay Sands

📍 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore
☎ +65-66-888-868

Wanderlust Hotel

📍 2 Dickson Road, Singapore
☎ +65-63-963-322

The Scarlet Singapore

📍 33 Erskine Road, Singapore
☎ +65-65-113-333

Wangz Hotel

📍 231 Outram Road, Singapore
☎ +65-65-951-388



ASEAN WORLD-CLASS
Culinary & Heritage
CITIES



Day 1 : Bangkok - Ayutthaya (Overnight : Ayutthaya)



9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Enjoy Thai-style breakfast with fresh vegetables and premium exotic fruits delivered daily from farms at the Or Tor Kor Market, the world's 4th best fresh market ranked by CNN Travel. Then, head to Ayutthaya.



12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Arrive at Ayutthaya. Visit the Ayutthaya History Exhibition Hall to learn how Ayutthaya was founded and learn about Thai food.



2.00 p.m. – 3.00 a.m.

Arrive at Baan Watcharachai Restaurant to taste traditional Thai dishes such as Ma Hor and Crab Dip.



3.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Visit the beautiful Wat Phanan Choeng. Taste and learn how to make Roti Sai Mai (cotton candy and roti), Ayutthaya's famous delicacy. Then, return to the hotel to freshen up.



7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Dinner cruise on the rivers circling Ayutthaya. Enjoy the beauty of Ayutthaya and its illuminated temples at night while savoring delicious Thai dishes.

Day 2 : Ayutthaya - Bangkok (Overnight : Bangkok)



Visit the Ayutthaya Historical Park, the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

9.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.



Travel to Bang Pa In District. Lunch at Ruan Thai Kung Pao, a Thai restaurant famous for its palm-sized grilled river prawns served with delicious spicy seafood dip.

12.00 p.m. – 2.20 p.m.



Visit Bang Pa In Royal Palace, the summer residence of Thai kings in the Ayutthaya Kingdom. Then, leave for Bangkok.

2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.



Take the Bangkok Tuk Tuk Foodie Tour. Ride a tuk tuk, the Thai iconic 3-wheel taxi, around Bangkok to try delicious street food, and to experience its beauty at night.

6.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Day 3 : Bangkok (Overnight : Bangkok)



9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

After breakfast, take a Thai cooking class at a professional Thai cooking school. Learn about Thai food and learn to shop for ingredients at a fresh market.



2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Visit the stunning Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.



7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Dinner at Gaggan, rated one of the 50 world's best restaurants, serving progressive Indian cuisine.



10.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.

Drink at Sirocco. Appreciate the night beauty of Bangkok at the city's highest bar, and say goodbye to Bangkok for the next destination.

Day 4 : Samut Songkram - Kuala Lumpur (Overnight : Kuala Lumpur)



7.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Say goodbye to Bangkok and travel to Samut Songkram. Visit its famous Meklong Railway Market, which sits on the train track, the only one of its kind in the world. See the vendors and sellers rolling up their stalls and umbrellas to give a way to the passing train.



9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Visit the world-famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Learn all things about coconuts, and how to make coconut palm sugar from the locals. Lunch at a local restaurant in Samut Songkram. Head to Suvarnabhumi Airport for a flight to Kuala Lumpur.



19.00 p.m. – 22.00 p.m.

Arrive at Kuala Lumpur. Dine at the Night Hawker Center on Jalan Alor.

Day 5 : Kuala Lumpur - Melaka (Overnight : Melaka)



7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.

Head to Petaling Street, Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown. Have breakfast with rice porridge with frog at Hon Kee Restaurant.



8.50 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.

Visit the Malaysia National Mosque; Masjid Negara, and Malayan Railway Administration Building.



10.20 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Visit Little India in the Brickfields Quarter. Experience the way of life of the Indian Malays. Learn about spices and vegetables used in Indian cuisine. Have lunch with the Biryani at Fierce Curry House, Malaysia's best Indian curry restaurant.



12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Arrive at KLCC and walk around KLCC Park. Enjoy an afternoon tea at Mandarin Oriental Hotel located in the park and soak into the view of the Petronas Twin Towers. Leave for Melaka.



3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Arrive in Melaka. Visit the Portuguese Settlement founded by the Portuguese colonizers. Try delicious and unique dishes which combine Portuguese recipes with local ingredients.



7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Dinner at Nancy's Kitchen Restaurant. Then, explore Jonker Night Market on foot. The market, open from early evening to late night, is popular among the locals and foreign visitors.

Day 6 : Melaka - Singapore (Overnight : Singapore)



8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Walk in old town Melaka. Explore its Riverside Walk and Jonker Street. Try the famous Chicken Rice Balls. Have a coffee at Calanthe Art Cafe serving coffee grown in Malaysia's 13 states. Walk along the Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock Street and explore its perfect condition Sino-Portuguese buildings.



9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Visit Dutch Square. Sightsee its featured edifices like the Victoria's Fountain, the Christ Church, and the Stadthuys. Climb up to the hilltop St. Paul's Church and enjoy the view of the Malacca Strait. Then, leave for Singapore.



1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Arrive in Singapore and have lunch with the famous Bak Kut Teh at Song Fah Bak Kut Teh Restaurant.



2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Arrive at Kampong Glam, the historic quarter and Singapore's hub of Halal eateries. Visit the Sultan Mosque, one of Singapore's prettiest mosques. Have a snack at Singapore Zam Zam, a Halal restaurant in service for over a century.



7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Explore Boat Quay and Clarke Quay, Singapore's famous tourist quarter and night dining food hub. Cruise along the Singapore River. Try the must-eat Singapore Chilli Crab at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Clarke Quay to end our trip.



1) A Journey of ASEAN Ancient Kingdoms : Thai – Myanmar Border

- **Document required for border crossing**

- (1) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (2) Visa

- **The list of countries that are exempt from Myanmar’s visa**

- (1) Singapore (for 30 days)
- (2) Cambodia (for 14 days)
- (3) Brunei (for 14 days)
- (4) Laos (for 14 days)
- (5) Thailand (for 14 days)
- (6) Philippines (for 14 days)
- (7) Vietnam (for 14 days)

- **Tourist Visa Application Process**

- (1) Obtain an e-Visa at <https://evisa.moip.gov.mm/>
- (2) Apply for a visa at the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- **Document for Visa Application**

- (1) Visa’s form
- (2) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (3) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (4) Visa, Master, American Express or JCB credit cards for the payment of USD 50.00

2) ASEAN Peranakan & Nature Trail : Thai – Malaysia Border

- **Document required for border crossing**

- (a) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (b) Visa

- **Most countries are not required to have visa when travelling in Malaysia except**

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|----------------|----------------|
| (1) Bhutan | (6) Myanmar |
| (2) Bangladesh | (7) Nepal |
| (3) China | (8) Pakistan |
| (4) India | (9) Serbia |
| (5) Montenegro | (10) Sri Lanka |

- **Tourist Visa Application Process**

- (a) Obtain a Visa at <http://www.imi.gov.my/>
- (b) Apply for a visa at the embassy of Malaysia

- **Document for Visa Application**

- (a) Visa’s form
- (b) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (c) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (d) Visa’s fee is varied by nations

3) Mekong Active Adventure Trail: Thai – Laos Border

- **Document required for border crossing**

- (1) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (2) Visa

The list of countries that are exempt from Laos’ visa

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| (1) Cambodia (for 30 days) | (6) Mongolia (for 30 days) | (11) Switzerland (for 15 days) |
| (2) Philippines (for 30 days) | (7) Vietnam (for 30 days) | (12) Japan (for 15 days) |
| (3) Malaysia (for 30 days) | (8) Indonesia (for 30 days) | (13) Luxembourg (for 15 days) |
| (4) Singapore (for 30 days) | (9) Russia (for 15 days) | (14) Brunei (for 14 days) |
| (5) Thailand (for 30 days) | (10) South Korea (for 15 days) | (15) Myanmar (for 14 days) |

- **Tourist Visa Application Process**

- (1) Apply for a visa at the Embassy of the Laos People’s Democratic Republic

- **Document for Visa Application**

- (1) Visa’s form
- (2) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (3) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (4) 45 USD for Visa’s fee

Laos – Cambodia Border

● Document required for border crossing

- (1) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (2) Visa

● The list of countries that are exempt from

Cambodia's Visa

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Turkey (for 30 days) | (6) Laos (for 30 days) |
| (2) Malaysia (for 30 days) | (7) Philippines (for 21 days) |
| (3) Singapore (for 30 days) | (8) Thailand (for 14 days) |
| (4) Vietnam (for 30 days) | (9) Brunei (for 14 days) |
| (5) Indonesia (for 30 days) | (10) Myanmar (for 14 days) |

● Tourist Visa Application Process

- (1) Obtain an e-Visa at <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/>
- (2) Apply for a visa at the Royal Embassy of Cambodia

● Document for Visa Application

- (1) Visa's form
- (2) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (3) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (4) 30 USD for Visa's fee

4) ASEAN World Class Culinary & Heritage Cities Thai – Malaysia Border

● Document required for border crossing

- (1) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (2) Visa

● Most countries are not required to have visa when travelling in Malaysia except

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|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| (1) Bhutan | (3) China | (5) Montenegro | (7) Nepal | (9) Serbia |
| (2) Bangladesh | (4) India | (6) Myanmar | (8) Pakistan | (10) Sri Lanka |

● Tourist Visa Application Process

- (1) Obtain a Visa at <http://www.imi.gov.my/>
- (2) Apply for a visa at the embassy of Malaysia

● Document for Visa Application

- (1) Visa's form
- (2) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (3) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (4) Visa's fee is varied by nations

Malaysia – Singapore Border

● Document required for border crossing

- (a) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (b) Visa

● Most countries are not required to have visa when travelling in Singapore except

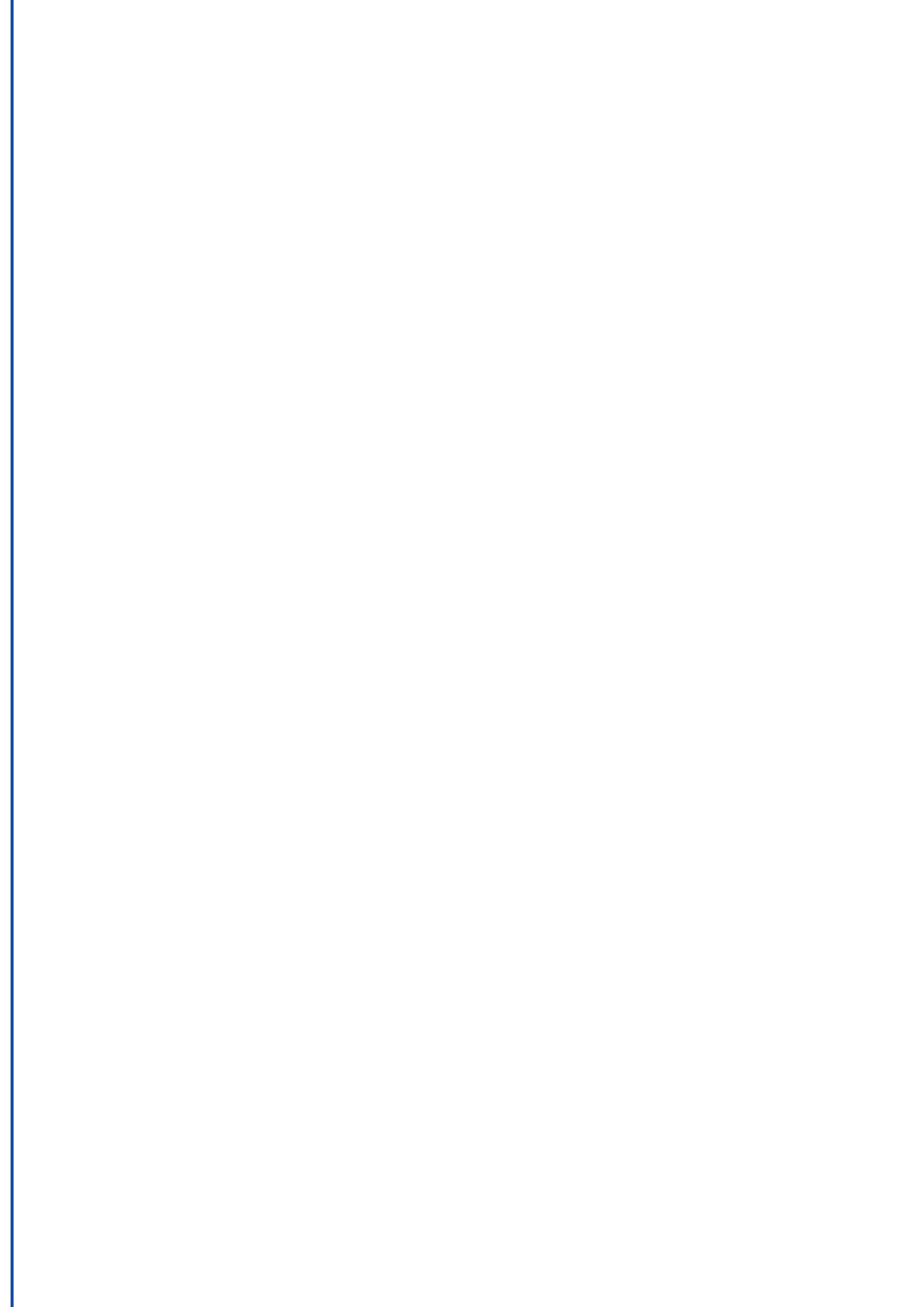
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| ● Azerbaijan | ● Moldova | ● Sierra Leone | ● Bangladesh | ● Libya | ● Somalia |
| ● Belarus | ● People's Republic of | ● Tajikistan | ● Egypt | ● Mali | ● Sudan |
| ● Georgia | ● China | ● Turkmenistan | ● Iran | ● Morocco | ● Syria |
| ● Guinea | ● Holders of Hong Kong | ● Ukraine | ● Iraq | ● Nigeria | ● Tunisia |
| ● India | ● Document of Identity | ● Uzbekistan | ● Jordan | ● Pakistan | ● Yemen |
| ● Kazakhstan | ● Macau | ● Afghanistan | ● Kosovo | ● Saudi | |

● Tourist Visa Application Process

- (a) Obtain a Visa at www.ica.gov.sg
- (b) Apply for a visa at Authorised Visa Agents or AVA (more information about AVA, please visit https://www.mfa.gov.sg/content/mfa/overseasmission/new_delhi/visa_information/overview.html)

● Document for Visa Application

- (a) Visa's form
- (b) Passport with at least 6 month validity
- (c) 2 photographs of 2X2 inches
- (d) 30 USD for Visa's fee





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