## were words that were only meant for the materialistic and developed world. Simply enjoy the scenic canals and observe Bangkok's waterway of life.

In the afternoon it's time to visit Wat Pho, the Temple of the Reclining Buddha. This statue of Buddha is 150-feet long and is coated in gold leaf. The feet alone are nine feet long and adorned in mother of pearl. There's no better introduction to Thai culture than taking in the royal grandeur of Bangkok's Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha).

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# Day 2: Bangkok – Kayaking / Sightseeing

Continue from here in a kayak and paddle through some tropical fruit orchards and among Bangkok's oldest wooden architecture house where time stands still and lifestyle stress

This morning, travel back to time and explore the old way of living along hidden canals. Head to a local floating market (only open on weekends) where we have a stroll around before we will have a tour briefing while sipping a cup of drink and moving to the starting point. Once prepared, start paddling from a local lotus pond, through some old communities and temples. Upon arriving at the halfway mark, stop by a 200-year-old community settlement for a visit to a Chinese shrine and interacting with the locals.

Welcome to Thailand. Be greeted by the guide waiting with a sign and be transferred to the hotel.

Day 1: Bangkok – Arrival

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Overnight in Bangkok.

Distance and journey time:

Transfer from Airport to hotel: 1 hour

he rest of the day at leisure.	Tonight, tuck-in to a delicious welcome dinner.

Activity

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	1	Bangkok	Arrival	-	1 hr	-/-/D	Raweekanlaya
	2	Bangkok	Kayaking / Sightseeing	Easy	1 hrs	B/L/-	Raweekanlaya
	3	Kanchanaburi	Transfer / Sightseeing	Easy	3 hrs 40 min	B/L/D	River Kwai Jungle raft
	4	Kanchanaburi	Hiking / Cycling / kayaking	Easy	20 min	B/L/D	River Kwai Jungle raft
	5	Kaeng Krachan	Hiking	Easy	4 hrs	B/L/D	Camping
	6	Sam Roy Yot	Trekking	Hard	4 hrs	B/L/-	Dolphin Bay resort
	7	Kui Buri	Wildlife safari	Easy	1 hr	B/-/D	Dolphin Bay resort
	8	Sam Roy Yot	Hiking / Sightseeing	Medium	1 hr	B/L/D	Away Pranburi
9		Sam Roy Yot	Leisure	-	-	B/-/-	Away Pranburi
	10	.0 Sam Roy Yot Leisure		-	-	В/-/-	Away Pranburi
11		Bangkok	Departure	-	4 hr	В/-/-	-

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Difficulty

Transfer

Meals

Hotels





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Dinner at leisure.

Distance and journey time: Transfers: 1 hours Kayaking: 4 hours Difficulty: Easy

#### Day 3: Kanchanaburi – Transfer / sightseeing

Early this morning, drive south from Bangkok to the garden province of Samut Songkhram and head towards the famous railway market at Maeklong District. Here, catch a glimpse into typical Thai local life. Start the walk through the local market, located by the railway track and witness the dexterity and speed of the vendors as they quickly pack their stalls right before 09:45 am when the train approaches. Then, visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and take a long-tail boat ride through the canals and see how Thai people live alongside the labyrinth of canals in this area.

Then drive further to Kanchanaburi and stop en-route for coffee tasting at Hua Hong Coffee. Continue driving to the famous Bridge on the River Kwai, built by Allied prisoners of war during World War II. Visit the Art Gallery & War Museum and lunch at a local restaurant. Walk through the historical Pak Phraek Road.

Tonight, sleep in beautiful local floating rafts. These rafts have no electricity and it's the perfect place to wind down, relax and turn-off those electronics.

Overnight in Kanchanaburi.

<u>Distance and journey time:</u> Hotel - Samut Songkram: 1 hour Samut Songkram – Kanchanaburi: 1 hour 40 min

#### Day 4: Kanchanaburi – Hiking / Kayaking / Cycling

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After breakfast, it's ready for some action, take a short ride to the starting point of the bicycles and after a quick briefing, head out for a bike ride through the rural areas. End point of the ride is the river for some watersports! Begin paddling down the river, enjoying the peaceful nature.

After lunch at a local restaurant, go out for a hike towards a spring in Sai Yok National Park area ending up at a



beautiful waterfall for some relaxing and swimming before heading back to the floating rafts.

#### Distance and journey time:

Transfer hotel to start point bike ride: 20 min Cycling distance up to 15Km Difficulty: Easy

Kayaking distance up to 5 km

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Difficulty: Easy Hike: up to 2 hours Difficulty: Easy

#### Day 5: Kaeng Krachan – Hiking

This morning, be transferred to Kaeng Krachan National Park, the biggest national park area in Thailand and one of the least visited. Kaeng Krachan is famous for birders and wildlife enthusiasts. It's definitely recommended to bring binoculars on this trip. Have some lunch overlooking the beautiful dam and buy some camping supplies before heading into the park area. Upon arrival, start with a look at the visitor center to see what kind of animals to spot before embarking on a 3km hike to try and spot some wild-life.

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Once completed, if time permits, add on another 2 km hike that's on even grounds around the camping area. There are loads of birds and potentially monkeys in the area.

Then, have dinner before retiring into our simple tent for an overnight camping experience.

#### Distance and journey time:

Transfer from Kanchanaburi – Kaeng Krachan: 4 hours Trekking distance up to 5 km Difficulty: Easy

#### Day 6: Sam Roy Yot – Trekking

Following a simple but good breakfast, head down the mountain and head to the most southern part of the park for one of the highlights on the trip. The Pala U Waterfall has 16 steps, making it one of the highest in Thailand and those who make it to the top will be rewarded by superb views over Thailand and towards Burma. It is however a tough trek up and how far we would make it, depends on personal fitness levels.

The third stage itself has a large natural pool where most people halt their hikes and hop in the cooling water to relax and soak up the area where occasionally, there is a chance to hear and see gibbons and other wildlife in this 1,000 year old forest. Have a picnic lunch.

After recovering from the climb, hop back in the van and drive

to Sam Roy Yot. After a few nature days it's time for a soft bed and good shower close to the beach.

Distance and journey time:

Transfer from Campsite to Waterfall: 2 hours Trekking up to: 4 hours Difficulty: Hard (but flexible) Transfer from Waterfall to hotel: 2 hours







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#### Day 7: Kui Buri – Wildlife Safari

After a refreshing night's sleep, spend the morning at leisure.

After lunch, be picked up as we will pick for a chance to see wild elephants in the jungle of Kui Buri National Park. lunch. Take an opportunity to monitor wild elephants in the forest of which there are only a few hundred left in Thailand.

The first stop is at Ranger Station where the oriental pied hornbill can be spotted. Then, grab a chance at the second

stop to monitor elephants in the wild eating and playing in the natural pond at the forest edge in the afternoon. There is a chance to explore other wildlife such as gaur, barking deer and birds.

<u>Distance and journey time:</u> Transfer: hotel to Kui buri and back: 1 hour

#### Day 8: Sam Roy Yot – Hiking / Sightseeing

This morning, pack up the bags before heading out to Khao Deang, a stunning karst stone formation with mangrove rivers leading though this stunning area. Start with a 1-hour boat ride through the mangroves to observe nature's beauty. On the way back stop at a hiking point to do a hike up to a viewpoint to have a great view over this area of mountains, mangroves and sea.

Lunch is served at a beach side restaurant and the entrance of the final stop today — Phraya Nakhorn Cave. Trekking a steep path on the side of the mountain while on the other is the beautiful sea. The first part is only one km before getting back on flat ground for a while walking along a beach. The last 500m up to the cave is a climb up on the rocks. Fun, sweaty but most definitely worth it as you enter the gigantic caves which leaves one in awe.

Head back and check-in on our final hotel for this trip. A stunning secluded place which is the best place to relax after an adventurous week of activities and finish off with a farewell dinner with the guide before he departs.

#### Distance and journey time:

Transfers between places: 1 hour First hike: 2Km Difficulty: Easy Second hike: 4Km Difficulty: Medium

#### Day 9: Sam Roy Yot - Leisure

Enjoy a relaxing day at leisure at the stunning beach, huge pool or simply book an activity or rent a kayak with the hotel directly.

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#### Day 11: Bangkok - Departure

After breakfast this morning, spend the rest of the day at leisure until the transfer back to an airport in Bangkok.

<u>Distance and journey time:</u> Transfer hotel to airport: 4 hours

#### \*\*\*\*\*END OF SERVICES\*\*\*\*\*

"An itinerary may at times be altered by our guides due to local conditions, the skill of participants and other unexpected circumstances. Our priority is always the experience and safety of our clients."

#### RATES & CONDITIONS

#### ACCOMMODATION

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room type	
Bangkok	Bangkok Raweekanlaya		Montha	
Kanchanaburi River Kwai Jungle Raft		First Class	Raft room	
Kaeng Krachan	Camping	Standard	Basic tent	
Sam Roy Yot Dolphin Bay resort		First class	Garden	
Pranburi	Away Pranburi	Superior	Deluxe Seaview	

Check in time is from 14.00pm/ Check out time is at 12.00pm

#### PRICING: in USD per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 31 Oct 20

Number of persons	1	2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7-10	SGL. Supp.		
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#### Our services include:

- English speaking certified Adventure Guide
- Drinking water
- Vehicles: (varies based on local conditions and vehicle sizes available)
- 1 first aid kit per guide
- Kayaking and full camping equipment.
- Sightseeing tickets and zone entrance fees where mentioned in the itinerary
- Flight reconfirmations
- Luggage transfer
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B breakfast, L lunch, D dinner)

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#### Our services don't include:

- Visa arrangement
- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, or beverages beyond water
- Beverage and alcoholic drinks at mealtimes
- Meals other than mentioned above
- Supplement for other language guides
- Tips
- Energy drinks or powders, performance bars, or performance gels
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Personal expenditure (laundry, telephone etc.)
- Credit card/bank transfer fees
- Any other services not clearly mentioned in the itinerary and in the inclusive portion
- Supplement for other language speaking guides

#### **Important Notes:**

- We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance (covering emergency medical evacuation)
- Valid 30 days from date of offer. Past this date price and conditions may be readjusted
- This trip can be done by Road Bike as well, but clients need provide their own bikes.
- Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges
- Rooms at hotels are available only from 1400 on arrival day till 1200 on departure date. A supplement will be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired
- Please note that all the above services & tours have yet to be booked, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so
- If one or some proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.
- **Payment/ cancellation:** 30% non-refundable deposit at the time of booking, balance due 60 days prior to departure. All payments to be made in NZ\$ using latest exchange rates at the time of booking/ balance due date. Cancellation conditions/ charges per our <u>T&Cs</u>.