



## WILD THAILAND: JUNGLE NATURE WATCHING & ANCIENT EMPIRE WEEKEND GETAWAY

Code: ISN001

ROUTING: BANGKOK – KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK – BURIRAM TOWN – PHNOM RUNG & MUANG THAM  
KHMER TEMPLES – BAN DAN KWIAN POTTERY VILLAGE – NAKORN RATCHASIMA – BAN PRASAT  
PREHISTORIC SITE – PHI MAI KHMER TEMPLE – BANGKOK

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS



KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK

**Note on 'Getting There & Away':** You may combine this module with others, or enjoy it as a 'stand alone' tour. This tour starts and ends in Bangkok with pick up and drop off at your hotel.

### DAY 1: BANGKOK – KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK – NATURE WATCHING, HIKING & SWIMMING

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up at your Bangkok Hotel. Drive for about 2 hours to **Khao Yai National Park**. Check in to your hotel before continuing to observe different types of forest as you drive up into the mountains. Use elephant trails for an easy hike of about three hours, to observe **macaques, gibbons, several subspecies of rare hornbills** and many other **birds, insects, reptiles, orchids, ferns and the plant life of the forest**. Even **Southeast Asian Tigers** are sometimes seen here! Visit a big **waterfall** where you can **swim and have a picnic lunch**. The cliffs here are 1270m above sea level, so you can admire the magnificent view over Khao Yai. Return to your hotel for overnight.

**Meals:** Lunch (at local restaurant)

**Accom:** Juldis Resort (<http://www.khaoyai.com/>)



**KHAO PHANOM RUNG**

## **DAY 2: KHAO YAI – BURIRAM – PHNOM RUNG KHMER TEMPLE COMPLEX – MUANG THAM KHMER TEMPLE COMPLEX – BAN DAN KWIAN POTTERY VILLAGE – NAKORN RATCHASIMA**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and drive via **Buriram to Phnom Rung** to visit **Phnom Rung Khmer Temple complex**. This site is quite unlike any other temple featured in this itinerary, or for that matter, anywhere else in Thailand! This magnificent structure was built over 1,000 years ago and took several hundred years to construct – the reign of several Khmer monarchs! With our guide's help in pointing out different styles of Khmer architecture and sculpture, you will consequently notice that certain parts of the temple were obviously built hundreds of years before other parts. The Khmer empire started at the Angkor Wat in what is today Cambodia. It expanded west and north for many hundreds of kilometers. The road from Angkor arrived at Phnom Rung, and continued on to what is today Phi Mai. This "**Royal Road to Phimai**" was dotted with over 110 hospitals and rest houses at the height of empire. Little remains today of the "Royal Road" as most of the smaller structures were made of perishable materials. Phnom Rung however, is perhaps the most impressive Khmer archeological site inside Thailand. This is due both to its dramatic hill-top location and the restoration efforts of the Fine Arts Department. Then visit **Muang Tham Khmer Temple Complex & Reservoir**. This site is very close to Phnom Rung and much less touristed. It is built in the classic 5-mountain configuration. Impressive!

After visiting Muang Tham continue to **Nakorn Ratchasima**. Stop en route at **Ban Dan Kwian** to see the **Dan Kwian pottery** which is made in the traditional way and in traditional forms as well as the more modern. Then continue to Nakorn Ratchasima for overnight.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accom:** Sima Thani Hotel (<http://www.simathani.com/>)

## **DAY 3: NAKORN RATCHASIMA – BAN PRASAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION SITE – PHI MAI KHMER TEMPLE COMPLEX – BANGKOK.**

After breakfast drive to visit **Ban Prasat** archaeological excavation site, then continue to **Phi Mai** to visit **Phi Mai Khmer Temple Complex**. Built in the classic "5-Mountain" configuration (reproducing the Khmer's concept of heaven), this temple was the terminus / destination of the Royal Road. It was built at the apex of empire (around 1100AD) and took several hundred years to construct.

Also visit the **Phi Mai museum** which is the best of its type in Thailand. The Fine Arts Department has collected artifacts and created displays, which greatly heighten a visitors understanding of the mighty Khmer empire. The museum allows for much perspective over time. Enjoy lunch at local restaurant.

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Transfer back to Bangkok

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accom:** None



**Pimai**

**END OF SERVICES**

**TARIFF: BASED ON THB PER PERSON IN TWIN SHARING ROOMS**

Period	1 Pax	2 Pax	3-5 Pax	6-9 Pax	SS
1st May 08 - 31st Oct 08	26,858	14,405	10,723	7,042	1,409
1st Nov 08 - 30th Apr 09	27,261	14,606	10,924	7,243	1,610
1st May 09 - 31st Oct 09	26,973	14,462	10,781	7,099	1,466

**Hotel surcharge on Peak season:**

- **Sima Thani Hotel: Compulsory Gala Dinner on Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 08 @ THB 700 /person**
- **Juldis KhaoYai Resort:  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 08 – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 09 @ THB 300 /room/night  
Compulsory Gala Dinner on Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 08 @ THB 1,300 /person**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary.
- All entrance fees on route
- Services of an English speaking Guide throughout the tour.
- Transportation in an private air-conditioned van

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Personal drinks at meal times
- Meals other than those mentioned in the program
- Personal hotel extras bills and personal incidental charges
- International or Domestic air tickets or airport departure taxes
- Hotel surcharge during on the peak season and festivals
- 7% VAT and 4% credit card fees
- TIP and gratitude for guide and driver

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