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THAILAND | 3DAYS / 2NIGHTS

Route: Round-trip from and to Bangkok

Type of tour: Culture

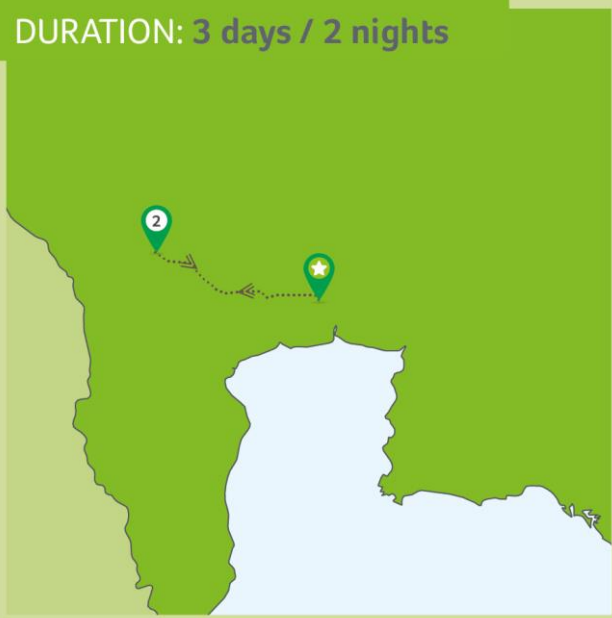
Departure days: Daily

TOUR OVERVIEW

Beginning and finishing in Bangkok, this trip is an exciting way to experience the Kanchanaburi province and makes a great extension to another trip while in Thailand or a relaxing escape from the big city of Bangkok. Learn about the history of the bridge over the River Kwai and trek to the Mon tribal village where you can learn about the local way of life. If you desire a bit more action and adventure, an optional biking tour on a bamboo jungle trek is also available. Stay overnight in the amazing eco-friendly River Jungle Rafts. This unique floating hotel, or 'floatel', offers you a tranquil environment surrounded by nature floating on the River Kwai.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION: 3 days / 2 nights



The map shows the outline of Thailand with a light blue area representing the Gulf of Thailand. A green line indicates the route from Bangkok (marked with a star icon) to Kanchanaburi (marked with a '2' icon). A dotted line with arrows shows the path from Bangkok to Kanchanaburi.

Start & finish destination
1. Bangkok

Destinations
2. Kanchanaburi

Kanchanaburi: Learn about the past of this region by visiting museums and historical sites, along with a trip to the famous bridge over the River Kwai, which served as the inspiration for the Oscar-winning film of the same name

Sai Yok National Park: This jungly national park is home to limestone mountains, rolling waterfalls, mysterious caves and some extremely rare animals

DON'T MISS

Language alive: Visit the small Mon village school on the river bank just behind the floating hotel and see how the Mon people still conserve their own alphabet and language

Handicrafts: Lovely handmade bags, cloths and scarves can be found in the village shop and make a great souvenir and a nice way to support the local community

Elegant elephants: Be greeted by Thai elephants in the morning at breakfast time as they come to the river to bathe. Take a moment to greet them and to take a photo with them

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | BANGKOK – KANCHANABURI (190km)

Pick up from your hotel in the downtown Bangkok area at approximately 6:00-6:30. Depart to the Kanchanaburi province found only a few hours west of Bangkok. Once in the province of Kanchanaburi, visit the **Thailand-Burma Railway Centre**, an interactive museum, information and research facility dedicated to presenting the history of the Thailand-Burma Railway. The fully air-conditioned centre offers visitors an educational and moving experience. Visit the **Allied War Cemetery**, a memorial to some 6,000 Allied prisoners of war who perished along the Death Railway line and were moved post-war to this eternal resting place. Visit the world-famous **bridge over the River Kwai**, a part of Death Railway constructed by Allied POWs. After the stop, take a long-tail boat on the River Kwai to the stunning **River Kwai Jungle Rafts**, found in Sai Yok National Park. Check in and have lunch upon arrival. Take a long-tail boat ride downstream to

Resotel Pier and continue on to visit the **Hellfire Pass Memorial Museum**. Then return to the floating hotel and enjoy dinner, followed by a 45-minute performance of traditional Mon dance.

- **Overnight in the River Kwai Jungle Rafts. Lunch and dinner included.**

DAY 2 | KANCHANABURI

After breakfast, trek towards the **Mon tribal village**, a place where time stands still. Explore the flora and fauna along the trail, visit a Mon temple and learn the way of life of the villagers. Have lunch at a local restaurant. Optional activity: bike on an exciting bamboo jungle trail or relax with a traditional Thai massage (not included). Unwind in the serene surroundings of the hotel before you enjoy dinner.

- **Overnight in River Kwai Jungle Rafts on a full-board basis.**

DAY 3 | KANCHANABURI – BANGKOK

Have breakfast and check out. Lunch at a local restaurant. Take a long-tail boat to Resotel Pier and continue by road to take a historic **ride on the Death Railway train** passing over the original wooden viaduct constructed by Allied POWs. Afterwards, transfer back to Bangkok where you will be dropped off at your choice of hotel (hotel in Bangkok upon return not included).

- **Breakfast and lunch included.**

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- Operated with English speaking guide

ACCOMMODATION:

- Room with bath/shower, in shared twin as mentioned in itinerary or similar category (River Kwai Jungle Raft - no triple room available in this resort and there is no electric lighting, TV, freezer, Wi-Fi. Temperature control is maintained by the river as a unique concept of a floating hotel)

MEALS:

- Two breakfasts (D2, D3), three lunches and two dinners (D1, D2) included

TRANSPORT:

- Air-conditioned transportation, transfers as stated in the programme (to the Bangkok city hotel only, for transfers to and from the outer hotels, a surcharge will be applied)

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All entrance fees as indicated

NOT INCLUDED

- Expenditures of a personal nature, drinks and meals if not stated explicitly in the programme
- Gratuity for driver and guide
- Optional tours
- Compulsory festival/peak season surcharges as separately stated
- International or domestic flight tickets and airport taxes or visa fees
- Supplement charge per person per way for pick-up from outer Bangkok hotels

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

A wide range of optional excursions and pre and post-programme extensions are available on request. Please ask tour designer Daniel Gregori for rates and conditions

RECOMMENDATIONS

Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Thailand. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting temples, religious or official buildings. Shoes should be removed before entering a temple or private house. Sun protection, sunglasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.