

5D4N “Winter” in THAILAND (Nov to Feb)

WITH: charming heritage town of Chiang Khan; coldest part of Thailand, Phu Reua; “Little Switzerland of Thailand”, Khao Kho; strawberries for your picking; be above the Sea of Clouds; & the most beautiful Thai Buddha image, the Chinnarat Buddha ...



Day 1: Vientiane arrival – Nong Khai – Chiang Khan (L/D)



6.40am Air Asia KLIA2 departure. Arrival 8.20am at Vientiane airport. Transfer to **Nong Khai, Thailand** using the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge (go through immigration procedure at

border). Lunch in Nong Khai.

Visit the Mekong riverside **Indochina market**. Then transfer to Sangkhom district to visit hill top **Wat Pha Tak Seua** and its **U-shaped glass sky-walk**, overlooking Mekong River and Laos. Transfer to Loei province to visit **Kaeng Khut Khu**, with scenic bend in the Mekong River with Laos opposite. Continue to **Chiang Khan**, the riverside heritage town with well-preserved teak wood shop-houses located alongside the Mekong River. Enjoy shopping and strolling at the atmospheric Chiang Khan evening walking street. Overnight in Chiang Khan.

Day 2: Chiang Khan – Phu Ruea – Khao Kho (B/L/D)



Early morning 6am, option to give **alms round to monks** passing in front of your hotel. Then transfer to **Phu Thok** for viewing **Sunrise and Sea of Clouds** (ticket for share pick-up truck service to send you from base of

mountain to viewpoint at the top included). Back to Chiang Khan and visit **Wat Sri Khun Muang**, the main temple.

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to **Phu Ruea National park**. Your visit will cover **Poinsettia Flower Garden** and taking pick-up truck to the peak to see Buddha image, rock formations and pavilion viewpoint. Proceed for lunch. Then visit **Chateau de Loei winery's shop** for buying wine, chocolate chip cookies and local products. Transfer to Khao Kho to visit **BN Farm** and **Wind Turbines Viewpoint**. Dinner and overnight in Khao Kho.

Day 3: Khao Kho - Phu Tabberk (B/L/D)



Early morning, go to **Khao Kho Post Office View Point** to see sunrise and sea of cloud. Then to **Khao Takhian Ngo View Point** (16km transfer distance) for sea of clouds. Back to hotel for breakfast. Check-out from

hotel. Visit **Kanchanapisek Pagoda** and **Khao Kho Royal Palace**. Visit **Itthi Weapons Museum** (a former military base, enjoy view from viewpoint) and **Khao Kho Memorial** (with a viewpoint).



After lunch, visit **Wat Phra That Pha Sorn Kaew**, a temple complex with a large multi-headed statue and surrounded by mountains. The temple exterior is embedded with dazzling tile and glass works.



Then go up to **Pino Latte Café**, a really cool stop to enjoy coffee while soaking in the breath-taking mountain views and at the same time looking down at Wat Phra That Pha Sorn Kaew. Continue on to **Phu Tab Berk Mountain**, the highest point of Petchabun province. Dinner and overnight on Phu Tab Berk.

Day 4: Phu Tab Berk – Phu Hin Rong Khla – Phitsanulok (B/L/D)



Early morning, transfer to peak of Phu Tab Berk for **sunrise and sea of clouds**; take a selfie at the **big thermometer**. Back to resort for breakfast. Then visit **vegetable farms, Ban Tab Berk Hmong people village (stop by their church)**, and **shopping** at local souvenir and strawberry stalls.



Transfer to **Phu Hin Rong Khla National Park** to visit the former **Communist base museum, Lan Hin Pum** rock formation walking trail and **Lan Hin Taek** rock formation.



Then continue to Phitsanulok city and visit **Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat** temple (home to the revered **Chinnarat Buddha**, considered Thailand’s most beautiful Buddha image). Dinner and overnight in Phitsanulok.

Day 5: Phitsanulok departure (B/L)



Morning, visit **Sgt. Maj. Thawee Folk Museum** and the **Buddha Casting Factory** (to learn how bronze Buddha statues are cast).

After lunch, transfer to Phitsanulok airport for your Nok Air 2.45pm flight to Don Muang airport, Bangkok, arriving 3.35pm. Then catch connecting flight home OR extend stay in Bangkok.

RATES: per pax, twin sharing, traveling in 9-seater VIP van; valid Nov 2019 till Feb 2020

8 paxs group: RM 2070

6 paxs group: RM 2270

Single Supplement: RM 595

Rates & itinerary subject to change in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

a) Airport transfers and tour excursion on private basis using 9-seater VIP van

b) Hotel accommodation

CHIANG KHAN: Old Chiang Khan Hotel (heritage hotel) or similar

KHAO KHO: Tanrak Talaymok Resort (mountain resort) or similar

PHU TAB BERK: Tabberk Resort (mountain resort) or similar

PHITSANULOK: Rattana Park Hotel (3 star hotel) or similar

c) Meals as indicated in itinerary above

d) English speaking tour guide (Mandarin guide on request and availability)

e) Entrance fees for attractions as per itinerary

f) 2 x 500ml bottles of drinking water /person/day (except last day 1 bottle)

EXCLUDING:

a) Air ticket, airport taxes & fuel surcharges.

b) Travel insurance; can be arranged separately (AXA Assurance RM40 for 5 days coverage)

c) Tipping (6 to 8 paxs group size): Guide = total 350 baht/traveller for whole tour

Driver = total 150 baht/traveller for whole tour

d) Malaysian passport holders don't need visa to enter Laos and Thailand; other nationalities to be advised. Laos Customs Border crossing fee of 50 baht /person applies at Thai-Lao Border; please pay direct at counter.

e) Expenses of personal nature such as optional activities not part of itinerary, laundry charges, room mini-bar charges, tipping for hotel/restaurant/etc. staff.