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6D5N CHAO PHRAYA DISCOVERY TOUR

Discover the River of Kings; the **Chao Phraya River**; from the source, **across 10 provinces & Bangkok**, finally ending at the Gulf of Thailand. Charming and amazing surprises of Central Thailand awaits you.



★ The 10 Provinces you will visit !
 ★ Bangkok

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| 1. Bangkok | 7. Pathum Thani |
| 2. Samut Prakan | 8. Nakhon Nayok |
| 3. Samut Sakhon | 9. Ayutthaya |
| 4. Samut Songkhram | 10. Ang Thaong |
| 5. Nakhon Pathom | 11. Sing Buri |
| 6. Nonthaburi | |

DAY 1 TUE: Don Muang Airport arrival - Suphanburi - Nakhon Sawan (L/D)



8.55am flight arrival Bangkok. Transfer to Suphanburi town, capital of **Suphanburi Province**, located beside Tha Chin River

(a tributary of Chao Phraya River). Visit **Suphanburi Tower**, **Dragon Descendants Museum**, (a museum of Chinese culture and Chinese migrants' contribution to Thailand; built by former prime minister and construction business billionaire, Banharn Silpa-archa whose hometown was Suphanburi), **Wat Pa Lelai Worawihan** (with the 23m high seated Luang Pho To Buddha image, beautiful murals depicting the Thai literary work "Khun Chang Khun Phaen" and a replica of Khun Chang's house); and **Wat Sam Pa Siew** (a temple with many hidden Doraemon cartoon character in mural walls).



Then to Sam Chuk district to visit **Sam Chuk 100 Year Old Market**, a row of wooden shop-homes on the edge of the Tha

Chin River preserved as a cultural heritage. Highlights are **Udomchok Hotel**, **Silapa Thammachart photo shop** & **Ban Khun Chumnongjeenarak Museum**. Transfer to Nakhon Sawan city of **Nakhon Sawan Province** for dinner. Overnight in Nakhon Sawan.

DAY 2 WED: Nakhon Sawan - Uthai Thani (B/L/D)



Morning, visit **Chao Phraya River Park** (located right on the peninsula where the Ping River joins up with the Nan River to mark the beginning of the Chao Phraya River; including boat crossing ticket), the hill top **Wat Khiriwong** (transfer by tour van

up for visit of temple, big Buddha statue and 360 degrees view of Nakhon Sawan city) and **Nakhon Sawan Tower** (with observation deck and information center about Nakhon Sawan).



Transfer to Uthai Thani town of **Uthai Thani Province** for lunch. Visit **Wat Tha Sung** temple complex, including **Prasat Thong Kham** "The Golden Castle", **Sombat Pho Hai Building**, **Wat Chantharam** "Glass Temple" (the interior is decorated with glass pieces and dazzlingly illuminated by reflection of light; 2 to 4pm afternoon open times), etc.



Back to Uthai Thani town to check in hotel. Then to Uthai Thani **riverside market** area and **Wat Uposatharam** (an old temple with stunning inner wall murals and an octagonal mondop of mix Thai & Western architectural design) for **sunset views**. Dinner and overnight in Uthai Thani.

DAY 3 THU: Uthai Thani - Chainat - Sing Buri - Ang Thong – Ayutthaya (B/L/D)



Morning, **option to give alms** to monk who paddles a boat from Wat Uposatharam at riverside market area. *(alms food can be bought at the market)*. After breakfast, go for **Sakae Krang river boat ride**, approx. 40min return trip, enjoying sights of floating houses that

line this tributary of the Chao Phraya. Check out from hotel and visit **Wat Sangkhat Rattana Khiri**, hill top temple with a holy Buddha Footprint.



Transfer to **Chainat Province** to visit **Chainat Bird Park** (the whole park is enclosed in a large netting, making it the largest aviary in Asia). Transfer to Chainat town for lunch and visit **Chainat City Pillar Shrine** and **riverside Municipal Market area**.



Transfer to **Singburi Province** and visit **Bang Rachan Memorial Park & Wat Pho Kao Ton**. Bang Rachan was a village whose residents resisted the attacking Burmese army in 1767 (during the fall of the Ayutthaya Kingdom) for a long time before being overwhelmed. At Wat Pho Kao Ton is the shrine of monk Ajahn Thammachot, the spiritual leader of the villagers. Then visit **Wat Pikulthong** with its 40m high sitting Buddha statue facing a small lake. Transfer to Singburi town for dinner and check in hotel. Overnight in Singburi.

DAY 4 FRI: Sing Buri - Ang Thong – Ayutthaya (B/L/D)



Transfer to **Ang Thong Province** to visit **Wat Khun Inthapramun**, at temple dating from Sukhothai Kingdom era and with the 2nd longest reclining Buddha in Thailand (length 50m). Visit **Wat Muang** with its 92m total height Buddha statue, largest sitting Buddha in Thailand. At Ang Thong town, have lunch and visit the **City Pillar Shrine** plus the town's **riverside area**.



Transfer to Ayutthaya town of **Ayutthaya Province**. The older part of town was the site of the capital of the Ayutthaya Kingdom (1350-1767) and sections of it are **UNESCO World Heritage** status. Much of the old capital is located on an island flanked by the Chao Phraya River, the Pasak River (its tributary) and the City Canal (Klong Mueang).

Drive along U-Thong Road around Ayutthaya island, with stops to visit **Petch Fortress** (Diamond Fortress; located at the point where the Pasak River joins up with the Chao Phraya), **Wat Chaiwattanaram** (one of Ayutthaya's most majestic temples with a riverfront location), **Wat Phra Si Sanphet** (the holiest temple within the Royal Palace compound), **Wihan Phra Mongkhon Bophit** (housing a revered Buddha statue), **Wat Mahathat** (famous for a Buddha head enveloped in tree trunks) and **Hua Ro Market** (in a unique semi-circular shaped building). **Dinner at riverside restaurant**. Overnight in Ayutthaya.

DAY 5 SAT: Ayutthaya - Pathum Thani - Nonthaburi - Samut Prakan (B/L/D)



Transfer to Pathum Thani town of **Pathum Thani Province** to visit **City Pillar Shrine**, **Riverside Town Park** and **Old Town Hall Building**.



Then transfer to **Nonthaburi Province**. Visit **Ko Kret**, an island in middle of Chao Phraya River (ferry ticket included) which is home to Mon ethnic minority people. Visit **Wat Poramaiyikawat & Museum** (with its **Leaning Pagoda**), **Phra Wihan Phra Nonthamunin Reclining Buddha**, **Wat Sao Tong Thong** and **Kwan Aman Pottery Museum** ("Kwan Aman" is the name for Mon style pottery). Enjoy walking around the village, tasting local delicacies and souvenir shopping.



Next to **Suan Yai District** of Nonthaburi City to visit the **Old Nonthaburi City Hall building**, the **Clock Tower** and the **fish feeding area** beside Chao Phraya River.



Transfer through Bangkok to Samut Prakan city of **Samut Prakan Province**. Visit **Samut Prakan Observation Tower** for views looking towards Bangkok and towards the mouth of Chao Phraya River as it empties into the Gulf of Thailand. Visit the **Samut Prakan Museum** located inside.

Then to **Bangpoo seaside area** to enjoy **sea view** and have **seafood dinner**.

Transfer to Bang Kachao island of Samut Prakan and check in hotel to overnight.

DAY 6 SUN: Samut Prakan - Don Muang departure / Pratunam drop off (B/L)



Bang Kachao, in Phra Pradaeng District of Samut Prakan Province, is an artificial island formed by a bend in the Chao Phraya River and a canal at its western end. Lying just south of Bangkok with a mix of villages, agricultural land and untouched mangrove forests, it is sometimes referred to as the "**Green Lung of Bangkok**". In 2006, Bang Kachao was named "**Best Urban Oasis**" by Time in its "Best of Asia" series and is frequented by nature lovers and cyclists. Visit **Bang Nam Phueng Canal Market** (Sat & Sun 8am to 2pm), **Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan Park & Botanical Garden** and **Siamese Fighting Fish Gallery**.



Lunch at Bangkok Tree House, a boutique hotel with restaurant located riverside amidst village and mangrove trees setting.

Transfer to Don Muang Airport (Air Asia 5.45pm flight to KL) or drop-off at hotel in Pratunam area for those continuing stay in Bangkok.

RATES: per pax, twin sharing according to group size as below, Nov 2019 to Jan 2020 travel period:

8 paxs: RM 2295 6 paxs: RM 2590 4 paxs: RM 3150

Single Supplement: RM 900

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

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Airport transfers and tour excursion on private basis using tour van
- b) Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast:
 - NAKHON SAWAN: PA Thani Hotel (3 star) or similar
 - UTHAI THANI: Payamai Resort (2+ star) or similar
 - SINGBURI: Chaisaeng Palace Hotel (3 star) or similar
 - AYUTTHAYA: Ayotthaya Riverside Hotel (3 star hotel) or similar
 - BANG KACHAO: Phuengnang Homestay (3 star bungalows) or similar
- c) Full board meals as indicated in itinerary above
- d) English speaking tour guide (Mandarin guide subject to surcharge & availability)
- e) Entrance fees for attractions as per itinerary
- f) Boat fare for visit of Chao Phraya River Park, Sakae Krang river boat trip and visit of Ko Kret island.
- g) Tipping for guide and driver included
- h) 1 x 500ml bottle of drinking water /person/day

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air ticket, airport taxes & fuel surcharges.
- b) Travel insurance
- c) Expenses of personal nature such as optional activities not part of itinerary, laundry charges, room mini-bar charges, tipping for hotel/restaurant staff.