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4D3N Khanom & Nakhon Si Thammarat

With **pink dolphins watching** & island hopping tour, Wat Phra Mahathat chedi and Ban Kiriwong village; plus Tapee River canal boat trip in Surat Thani.



DAY 1 Surat Thani – Khanom



(D)
12.30pm Air Asia arrival at Surat Thani airport of **Surat Thani province**. At **Surat Thani city**, drive by the **Ban Don area of old Sino-European architecture**. Then embark on **long tail boat for sightseeing** along **Tapee River** and its network of canals.



Transfer to **Khanom bay** of **Nakhon Si Thammarat province**, where **fine sand beaches** stretches more than 8km. Check in your resort. Dinner and overnight in Khanom.

DAY 2 Khanom Pink Dolphin & Island Hopping

(B/L/D)

08.00



Pick up from your resort and board the boat at Khanom canal pier.

08:30



Cruising along the canal to the sea and sightseeing the **islands of Mu Koh Thalay Thai national park & Khanom bay** and see the **pink dolphins**. They belong to the **White Chinese Dolphins (Sousa Chinensis)** variety; which is part of the Indo-

Pacific Humpback Dolphins species. **They are pink due to the capillaries under the skin** which helps them regulate their body temperature. At birth, the dolphins are black. They change to grey, then **pinkish** with spots when young. Adults are white.



Also enjoy sight of **“Pancake Rock”** layered rock formation located along the coastline of Lak Sor Bay and Thum island.

10:00 Travel to **Nui Nok island**, where in the 16th century, while traveling on a sailing boat, the famous monk **Luang Por Thuat** used his psychic powers to create fresh water from sea water.

12:00 Lunch along with soft drinks and fresh fruit in season will be served on Nui Island.

13:30



Kayaking along the back of Tham island. Here you can participate in the **planting of sea grass**. It is an eco-friendly activity to restore food source for marine life around the Khanom bay area; this is the only sea grass area in Nakhon Sri Thamarat.

14:00 Return back to shore and transfer to your resort.

15.00 At leisure.

19.00 Dinner and overnight at your resort.

DAY 3 Khanom - Nakhon Si Thammarat – Khanom

(B/L/D)

08.00 Transfer to **Nakhon Sri Thammarat city**, capital for the province.

10.00 Visit to **City Museum of Nakhon Si Thammarat**, recipient of Thailand Tourism Award 2008. Discover Nakhon Si Thammarat's religious importance, culture, lifestyle of locals, festivals and its famous shadow play performance. Nakhon Si Thammarat town dates all the way back to the 5th century AD as a town of Tambralinga state. It later merged with the Sri Vijaya Kingdom.



11.00 Visit **Wat Phra Mahathat Worawihan**, which was originally an old monastery of Nakhon Si Thammarat. According to the Nakhon Si Thammarat chronicle, the main stupa of the temple, called **Phra Borommathat Chedi** (literally, the Great Noble Relics Stupa), was built by King Sri Dhammasokaraja in the early 13th century and enshrines the relics of the Buddha. The temple museum exhibits religious and art objects found in the region. The temple is currently in the waitlist for possible UNESCO World Heritage listing.
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/5752/>

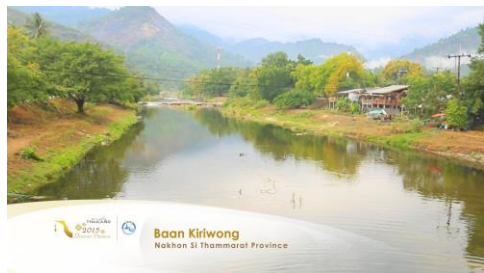
12.30 Enjoy Southern Thai food at a local restaurant

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Move to **Ta Chang Road** where the souvenir and handicraft market is. The famous souvenirs from the province are silverware and neilloware. Also available are jewellery, brocade, batik and other local products.

14.00



beautiful jungle covered mountains. You can also show your own craftsmanship in making your own natural tie-dyed clothing.

Transfer to **Kiriwong Village**, an ancient community that is settled at the foot of Khao Luang mountain. We set off to explore the village, visiting some of the ingenious villagers' community groups. Meet the batik group, herbalists group and handicrafts group. Enjoy the amazing location of Kiriwong, which is encircled by

16.30 Depart back to your resort in Khanom for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 Khanom - Surat Thani

(B)

After breakfast, transfer to Surat Thani airport for your 1pm flight home.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, as per group size below, valid from Mar to Sep 2017

8 – 9 pax: RM 980

6 - 7 pax: RM 1030

4 - 5 pax: RM 1270

Single Sup.: RM 255

- Rates & itinerary are subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.
- Dolphins appearance subject to weather, sea condition and dolphins' temperament

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return airport-hotel transfers and private van for tour excursion.
- b) 3 nights accommodation: Chonnapha Resort (3 star) or similar
- c) Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunch & 3 dinners
- d) English speaking tour guide
- e) Entrance fees for all attractions as per itinerary
- f) Private Boat trip, Kayaks and Life jackets during island hopping trip

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air tickets, airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- b) Tipping for guide & driver – recommended minimum 400 baht per traveler
- c) Travel insurance – can be arranged separately – RM 35 /pax
- d) Expenses of personal nature like optional activities not part of itinerary, laundry charges, mini bar charges, tipping to boat crew, etc.