



## Nature and Culture Unforgettable (3D/2N)

This programme proves unforgettable for those who have experienced it. Definitely, the scenery of two border towns in the enchanting west Thailand with their distinctive spells marks one of the most charming characteristics of Kanchanaburi. Riding on the elephant back in the woodland, bamboo rafting on the mighty River Kwai and bullock-cart ride can be a wonderful adventure experience that you may never forget. Boat trip on the lake also offers you a dramatic view of the exotic hilly borderland - home to Three Pagodas Pass and Thailand's most famous Wooden Bridge. Discover some cultural practices and traditional beliefs during a welcome ceremony at ethnic Karen village.. Added to this nature and culture oriented trip is a remarkable site visit to WWII related Hellfire Pass and the POW's discovered natural hot spa. Come explore the land where mountains and forests are still alive.

**Day 1 : Elephant riding- bamboo rafting- Hellfire Pass memorial- Three Pagodas Pass- Thailand's longest Wooden Bridge- Ponnatee Resort (L, D)**

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- 08.30 Pick up from hotel in Kanchanaburi town & depart for Elephant camp.
- 09.15 Upon arrival, start an adventure day with elephant riding near the river side and enjoy a river journey by bamboo rafting long the River Kwai.
- 10.30 Proceed to the word famous Hellfire Pass.
- 11.00 Visit Hellfire Pass Memorial. Take a walk downhill for a site visit to glimpse the Death Railway remnants and the infamous 'cutting site', the namesake of Hellfire Pass, hidden in the bamboo dominant mountain of the River Kwai valley.
- 12.30 Continue further north to the uniquely scenic borderland of Sangklaburi. En route, lunch at restaurant.
- 14.30 Enjoy coffee break at Groeng Grawia Waterfall. Continue to Three Pagodas Pass.
- 15.30 Reach the Pass. Time for photos. Some may find wooden items from Burma are attractive. Proceed to Sangklaburi town. Then enjoy a nice walk along the Wooden Bridge on Khao Laem Lake that provides a terrific view of Sangklaburi town and its landscape.
- 18.00 Check in at Ponnatee Resort. Leisure.
- 19.00 Enjoy thai dinner and overnight stay.



## Day 2 : Ox-cart ride- Mon temple- boat trip-Treehouse Home Treesort (ABF, L, D)

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- 08.30 After breakfast, set off a journey to Karen village.
- 09.00 Experience an ox-cart ride to a local village for a traditional welcome ceremony.
- 10.30 A visit to Wat Wangwiwekaram (Mon Temple). Lunch at local restaurant.
- 13.00 Return to Ponnatee Resort, time for showers. Check out and enjoy a leisure boat trip on The magnificent Khao Laem lake to the floating villages in a scenic location, 15 kms from the town. On the way, make a brief stop at the sunken temple (if the water level is not so high that the temple remnants get entirely flooded).
- 14.00 Pick up by car and continue further down to Thong Papoom district.
- 15.30 Stop at local market in Thong Papoom for shopping of some fruits and stuff if desired. Continue to Treehouse Home Treesort in Thong Papoom district.
- 16.30 Depart for Treehouse Home Treesort.
- 17.00 Reach the accommodation in a very nice setting. Relax and leisure.
- 19.00 Have dinner & overnight stay.

**Resort Details:** There are 3 types of accommodation at this peaceful and cozy place: earthen houses, bamboo huts on a tamarind tree and bamboo huts on the river bank. Three small rooms on the tree are equipped with simple facilities such as mosquito net, mattress, blanket and pillows with one shared bathroom. Two earthen houses with bathrooms inside, but decorated in a different style. One earthen house has two beds and the other has three beds. They were built by natural materials to make visitors have a sense of nature as much as possible. The other 3 bamboo huts are well nestled, hidden in the bamboo thickets, in harmony with nature along the river slope, equipped with simple facilities and external shared bathrooms. All these accommodations are basic with minimum facilities, but with a reach touch of nature.





## Day 3 : Jungle Trekking - Hindad natural hot spring –Kao Pang Waterfall (ABF, L]

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- 09.00** After breakfast start trekking into the jungle. Enjoy walking along the non-touristy trail and the wilderness of the area. Gain some Local knowledge on native plants and tree species. The trekking route is considerably easy and suitable for those of all ages.
- 11.30** Return to accommodation and have lunch.
- 13.00** Check out and depart for Hindad Hot Spring.
- 13.30** Arrive at Hindad Mineral Hot Spring enjoy a natural spa while bathing in a mineral water.
- 15.00** Arrive at Kao Pang Waterfall & enjoy swimming in its turquoise – coloured pool.
- 16.00** Return to Kanchanaburi town.
- 17.00** Reach hotel. End of the service by Royal Platinum.



| Number of guests | Price per person |
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| <b>2 pax</b>     | <b>604 USD</b>   |
| <b>3 pax</b>     | <b>497 USD</b>   |
| <b>4-8 pax</b>   | <b>427 USD</b>   |
| <b>9-15 pax</b>  | <b>407 USD</b>   |
| <b>16 pax up</b> | <b>362 USD</b>   |

### Included:

1. Transfer during tour in Kanchanaburi for 3 days by A/C van.
2. 2 nights accommodations as mentioned with sharing room
3. Hellfire Pass visit and entrance fee
4. All entrance fee as mention in the programme
5. 7 meals (3L, 2D, 2ABF)
6. Bullock-cart ride & Karen welcome ceremony
7. Boat trip on Khao Laem Lake (approx. 1 hour)
8. Elephant riding & Bamboo rafting [30 minutes each]

### Excluded:

1. Transfer between KAN and BKK
2. Soft drinks, beer and alcohols

### Recommendations:

1. Reliable walking shoes on a stony road in a humid climate
2. Loose/breathable cotton shirts and pants are recommended
3. Bring hats, eyeglasses or sun block lotion in case of strong sunlight
4. Mosquito/insect repellent is strongly advised for the jungle trip

