

Southern Thailand: Rainforest, Coast and Local Life - 14 Days

14 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Bangkok - Phetchaburi - Hua Hin - Surat Thani - Khao Sok - Cheow Lan Lake - day trip - Krabi - Phuket

From USD 2,342 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Thailand



- 1 Bangkok
- 2 Phetchaburi
- 3 Hua Hin
- 4 Surat Thani
- 5 Khao Sok
- 6 Cheow Lan Lake - day trip
- 7 Krabi
- 8 Phuket

— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

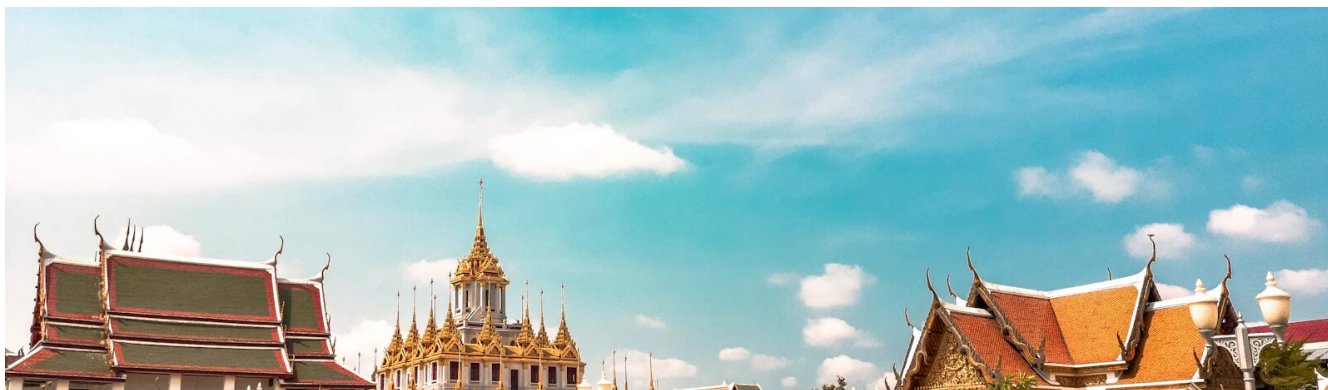
- Free days in Bangkok with an optional city tour
- Maeklong Railway Market and Khao Luang Cave Temple
- Wildlife Friends Foundation near Hua Hin
- Train journey to Surat Thani
- Cheow Lan Lake and the Sok River
- Krabi's Tiger Cave Temple and Emerald Pool
- Islands, mangroves and free days in Phuket

DAY 1**Welcome to Thailand: arrival in Bangkok**

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Your Thailand adventure begins in Bangkok. Your private driver will meet you at the airport with a name sign and take you to your accommodation in the heart of the city. Explore at your own pace or relax after your flight.

Overnight in Bangkok.

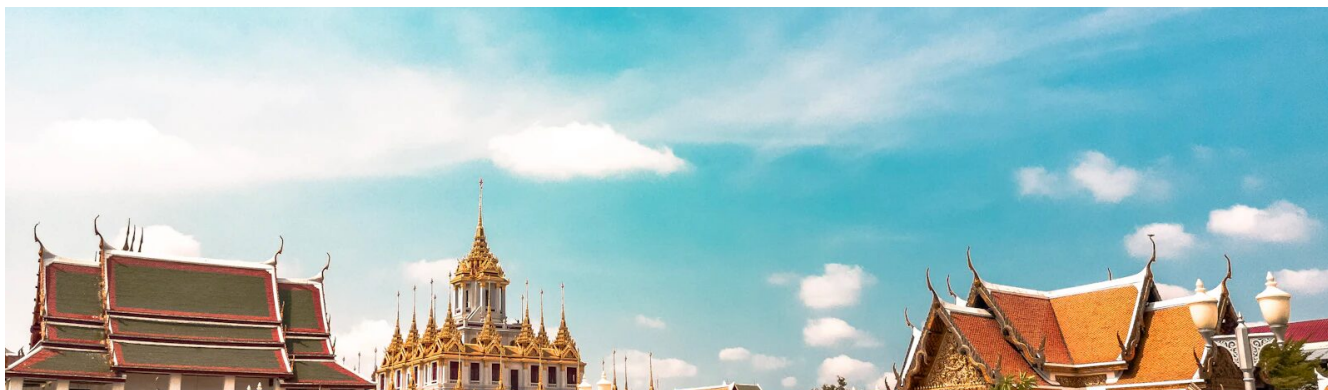
DAY 2**Bangkok at leisure (B)**

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Discover Bangkok independently today. The city blends old and new, with something for many different interests. Sample street food in Chinatown, browse the shops at Siam Paragon or, if your visit falls on a weekend, explore Chatuchak's sprawling open-air market.

Sports fans might watch a Muay Thai bout, while a puppet performance or contemporary art at Warehouse 30 offers a cultural outing. You could round off the day with a traditional Thai massage. These activities are optional.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 3**Free day in Bangkok; optional local experience (B)**

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Spend another day exploring Bangkok independently, or book the optional 'Bangkok Like a Local' excursion.

Optional programme: explore using the transport Bangkok residents rely on, including the BTS/MRT, public boats and local buses. Visit Wat Pho, known for its huge Reclining Buddha and its traditions of massage and medicine, then see the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, home to the Emerald Buddha.

After a local-style lunch, take a tuk-tuk to the Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall. Continue by canal boat to Hua Chang Pier, then walk to the shopping district before returning to your hotel by BTS.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 4**Bangkok to Hua Hin via Phetchaburi (B/L)**

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After breakfast, check out and meet your guide and driver in the lobby for the journey south. Stop at Maeklong Railway Market to see the train pass through the market. Continue towards Phetchaburi along a scenic route past salt fields and fishing communities.

Visit Khao Luang Cave Temple, where Buddha figures and the cavern's distinctive atmosphere make an evocative setting. Lunch at Rabiang Rim Nam in the town centre introduces you to regional food and everyday life in Phetchaburi.

This afternoon, visit the Nang Yai Museum to learn about the history and craft of Thai shadow-puppet figures. Then admire the intricate carvings of the teak pavilion at Wat Yai Suwannaram.

Continue along Hat Puek Tian Beach, known for its striking sea-giant statue, before arriving in Hua Hin and checking into your hotel.

Overnight in Hua Hin.

DAY 5**Visit the Wildlife Friends Foundation (B/L)**

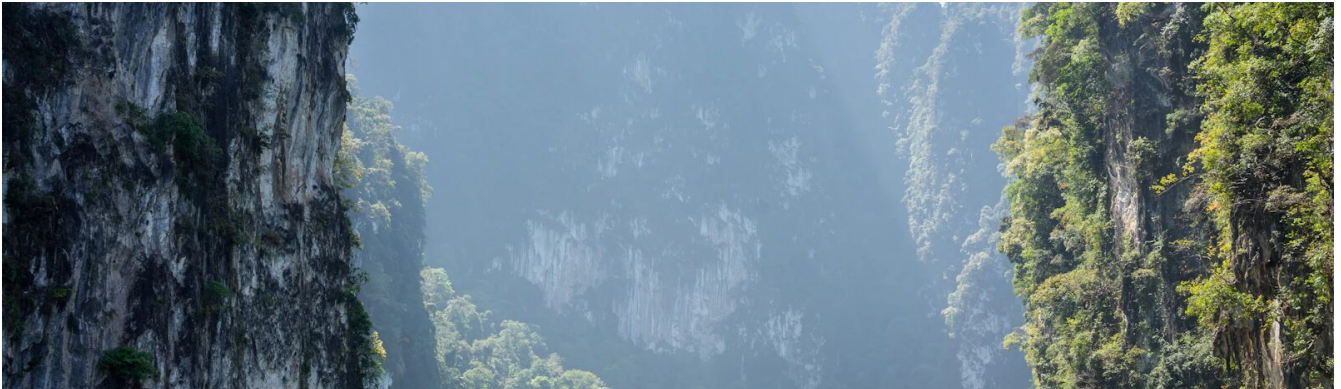
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After breakfast, travel with your guide to the Wildlife Friends Foundation. Learn about the rescued animals cared for at the sanctuary and the circumstances that brought them here.

After lunch at the rescue centre, accompany volunteers as they carry out their daily work. Explore the grounds, observe the animals and see bears and monkeys at feeding time.

This evening, walk through Hua Hin with your guide, visit the local market and enjoy the lively atmosphere.

Overnight in Hua Hin.

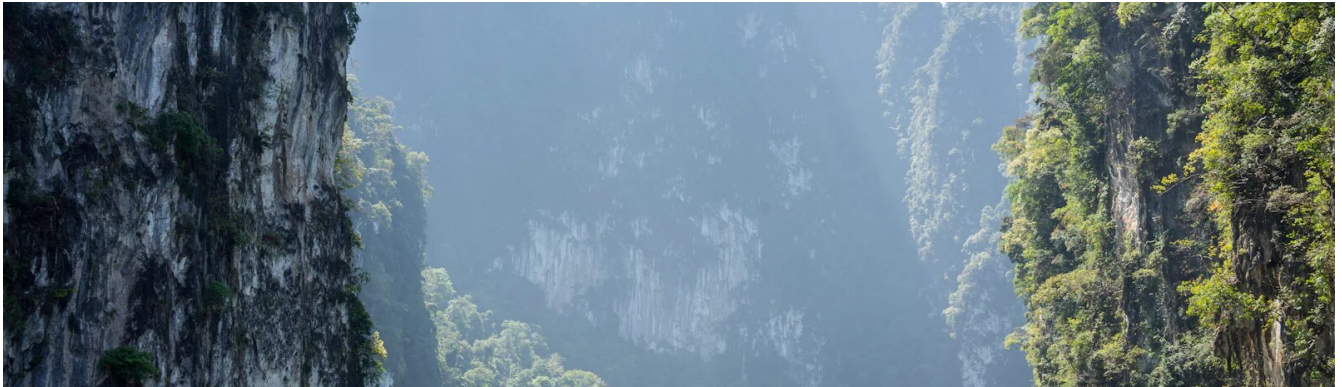
DAY 6**Train to Surat Thani and transfer to Khao Sok (B)**

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Transfer to Hua Hin Railway Station, known for its distinctive Thai architecture. Take a local train to Surat Thani; the planned departure and arrival times are 12:09 and 18:50, subject to confirmation. You travel without a guide on this train journey.

Your guide will meet you at Surat Thani station for the drive of around 1.5 hours to Khao Sok. Check into your resort and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight in Khao Sok.

DAY 7**Cheow Lan Lake: group excursion (B/L)**

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Join a group excursion to Cheow Lan Lake this morning, one of Khao Sok's most striking landscapes. From the pier, take a motorboat through scenery of open water and densely forested hills.

Then walk through the jungle to Pakarang, or Coral Cave, to see its limestone formations, stalactites and stalagmites.

Lunch is served at a floating raft house. Afterwards, enjoy time to swim or kayak before returning to the pier and transferring to your hotel.

Overnight in Khao Sok.

DAY 8**Khao Sok to Krabi (B)**

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After breakfast, choose either tubing or kayaking for an outing of around one hour on the Sok River. Freshen up and pack before travelling by private vehicle to Krabi, a drive of approximately three hours.

After checking in, enjoy time to relax or swim at the beach.

Overnight in Krabi.

DAY 9**Tiger Cave Temple, hot springs and Emerald Pool: group tour (B/L)**

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Meet your guide early this morning to explore some of Krabi's inland sights.

Visit Wat Tham Suea, or Tiger Cave Temple. Explore caves with stalactites and stalagmites among the large trees on the grounds. A golden pagoda stands on the hilltop, reached by climbing more than 1,000 steps.

Relax in the naturally warm water at the hot springs or warm stream. The itinerary gives the mineral-rich water's temperature as around 38–42°C. Afterwards, have lunch at a local restaurant.

Set in shady woodland, the Emerald Pool changes colour with the light throughout the day. You can swim in its clear green water, which is around 1.2 metres deep.

Overnight in Krabi.

DAY 10**Islands, swimming and snorkelling: shared speedboat trip (B)**

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After hotel pick-up, travel to Nopparat Thara Beach and continue by boat to the islands of Koh Tub and Koh Mor. A sandbar links the islands when the tide is low enough.

Continue to Koh Kai, or Chicken Island, named for the distinctive bird-shaped rock formation. Snorkel among small, colourful fish.

At Poda Island, enjoy a beach picnic beside white sand and clear water, with time to swim or snorkel. This afternoon, visit Phra Nang Cave and Phra Nang Beach for swimming or relaxation.

Return to Nopparat Thara Beach at around 14:00 and transfer to your hotel. The national park fee is included.

Overnight at your hotel in Krabi.

DAY 11**Krabi to Phuket via Khao Thong and Tha Pom (B)**

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After breakfast, check out and meet your driver at 09:30 for a scenic journey to Phuket. Stop at Khao Thong Hill for panoramic views over Phang Nga Bay.

Walk through the mangroves at Tha Pom Khlong Song Nam, enjoying the natural setting before continuing to Phuket. After checking into your hotel, spend some free time exploring nearby beaches.

Overnight on Phuket.

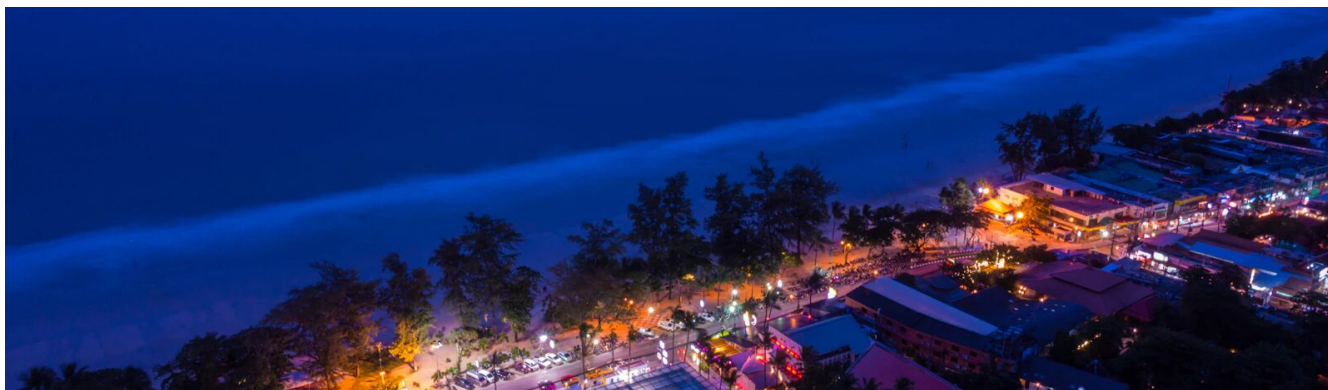
DAY 12**Phuket at leisure (B)**

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Explore Phuket independently. Thailand's largest island offers sandy shores, forested hills, mountains, limestone cliffs, plains, lagoons and tropical woodland. Take time to relax on the beach, swim or snorkel.

For an independent outing, consider Phuket Aquarium at Cape Panwa or the ziplines at Flying Hanuman. In the evening, browse the night markets or enjoy a drink along lively Bangla Road. These suggested activities are optional.

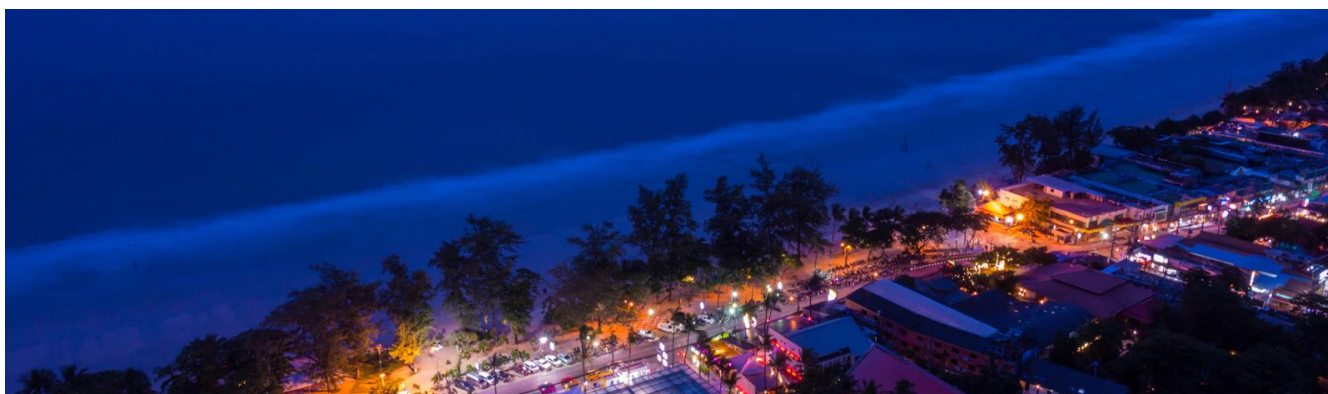
Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 13**Another free day in Phuket (B)**

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Spend another day discovering Phuket's beaches at your own pace.

Overnight on Phuket.

DAY 14**Departure from Phuket (B)**

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Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your Thailand trip. After check-out, you may have time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.
- Meals as listed in the itinerary: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Private transfer from Bangkok to the Cha-am/Hua Hin area.
- Train journey from the Cha-am/Hua Hin area to Surat Thani as described in the itinerary.
- Private transfer from Krabi to Phuket.
- Private vehicles for excursions. Activities expressly marked as group tours are shared with other travellers.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- 24/7 assistance through our hotline.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights, and departure taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December, plus 12 April for Songkran as listed in the programme.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Songkran, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Thailand visa.
- Services not expressly listed, including the optional Bangkok tour.

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Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Bangkok

3 stars**True Siam Rangnam
Hotel or similar****4 stars****Century Park Hotel or
similar****5 stars****Amari Watergate, now
Amari Bangkok, or
similar**

Hua Hin

3 stars**ibis Hua Hin or similar****4 stars****Mida De Sea Hua Hin or
similar****5 stars****Avani Hua Hin Resort or
similar**

Khao Sok

3 stars**Khao Sok River Lodge or
similar****4 stars****Khao Sok River Lodge or
similar****5 stars****Khaosok Boutique
Hideaway or similar**

Krabi

3 stars**Krabi Cha-Da Resort or
similar****4 stars****Krabi Cha-Da Resort or
similar****5 stars****Centara Grand Beach
Resort, listed as Centara
Reserve Krabi, or similar**

Phuket

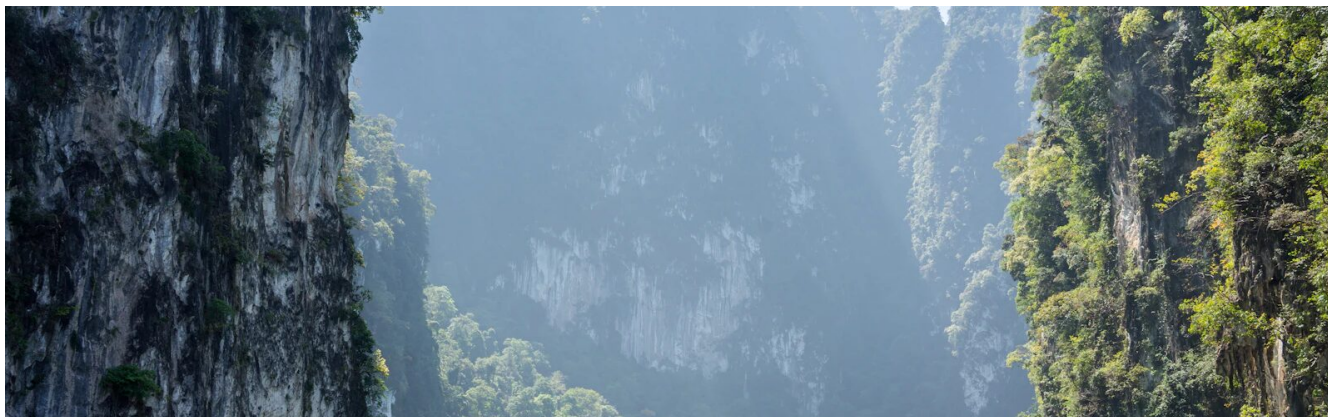
3 stars**Kata Poolside Resort or similar****4 stars****Deevana Plaza Phuket Patong or similar****5 stars****The Vijitt Resort or similar**

The listed accommodation applies to each trip category, with comparable alternatives possible. Khao Sok River Lodge and Krabi Cha-Da are each listed for two categories. Hotel names may change; final properties and availability are confirmed when you book.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered. Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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