



Arcadia Adventure in Thailand

A taste of Thailand...

Explore the crazy, bustling metropolis of Bangkok, experience the stunning scenery and wildlife of Khao Sok National Park, spend a few days chilling on one of the most beautiful beaches in Asia...Then return to Phuket to enjoy the shopping and nightlife before heading back to Bangkok for your final night in this enchanting country.

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ITINERARY – April 19 – 28, 2009

2 nights in Bangkok
3 nights in Khao Sok National Park
2 nights on Ko Yao Island
1 nights in Phuket
1 night in Bangkok

Day 1 – 19th April 2008 - Arrival in Bangkok

Upon arrival you will be met by our driver, who will escort you to the charming little Phranakorn Norn Len Hotel. This quirky, friendly hotel is a little gem, hidden down a side street in a less touristy part of Bangkok but still within walking distance of most of the main sights. Rooms are simply furnished and while it is not a luxury resort, if you're looking for a warm welcome and true character, this place has plenty of both!

Check-in and relax after your long journey.

Meals included: None

Lodge: Phranakorn Norn Len – www.phranakorn-nornlen.com

Day 2 – 20th April - Bangkok

After breakfast, set out to explore the crazy, bustling, exciting city of Bangkok. Your own friendly private guide will be available to escort you on a guided tour of some of Bangkok's key sights including the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Dawn (Wat Arun) and a long tail boat ride on the river.

Meals included: breakfast

Lodge: Phranakorn Norn Len

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Day 3 – 21st April - Bangkok to Khao Sok

After breakfast, head to the airport and take a one hour flight to Phuket. Upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to Our Jungle House in Khao Sok National Park. The journey takes about two - three hours but the scenery, especially once you enter the park itself, is quite breathtaking. We will be close to nature as we stay in simple, eco-minded wooden huts each equipped with western-style toilet, shower and mosquito net. Excellent food is served in the reception/bar. This is your chance to enjoy your sense of adventure, and rough it for a few days. We'll enjoy a few days off the beaten path to capture stunning scenery and teeming wildlife (especially gibbons and other primates) and experience the outdoors!

Upon arrival, settle in and start to acclimate to the sights and sounds of the jungle – if it's your first time in an area of such abundant wildlife, you may be quite surprised at how noisy it is, especially at night, but you quickly get used to it!

If there is time (and water levels are high enough), why not float downstream on an inner tube enjoying the scenery as you go. Then return to Our Jungle House and chill out over a cold beer while you soak up the atmosphere...

Meals Included: Breakfast

Lodge: Our Jungle House

Day 4 – 22nd April - Khao Sok National Park

Take an early morning elephant trek and then return for a leisurely lunch. An afternoon hike is also included or you can choose from a range of optional activities (at a small additional cost) including kayaking, a massage or feel free to just relax.

Meals Included: None

Lodge: Our Jungle House

Day 5 – 23rd April - Khao Sok National Park – Full day lake adventure

This morning we set off on your lake trip adventure. Khao Sok National Park is one of Southeast Asia's best-preserved habitats for tropical flora and fauna. The park covers an area of about 645 km, with evergreen virgin jungle, waterfalls, massive limestone cliffs and crystal clear rivers and streams. Many species of protected wildlife live in the park including elephants, gibbons, monkeys, tapir, birds of prey

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and wild gaur. Strikingly beautiful Chio Larn Lake features spectacular limestone formations rising out of the sparkling waters, it's a part of the park that you won't want to miss.

Meals Included: Picnic Lunch

Lodge: Our Jungle House

Day 6 – 24th April - Khao Sok to Ko Yao

After a leisurely breakfast, bid farewell to the jungle and enjoy the drive back to Phuket where you will be met by a boat to take you on the very scenic, one-hour journey to The Paradise Resort on Ko Yao Island. The afternoon will be on your own to get settled in paradise and enjoy the beach.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Lodge: Paradise Resort (www.theparadise.biz)

Day 7 - 25th April – Ko Yao

Activities on offer from this beautiful resort include snorkelling, diving, island hopping, fishing, water sports, kayaking, birdwatching, biking, rock-climbing, jungle trekking, boating, island discovery trips... or maybe just relaxing by the pool or on the beach! An island-hopping tour with swimming and snorkelling will be arranged (and is included).

Meals Included: Breakfast

Lodge: Paradise Resort

Day 8 – 26th April – Ko Yao to Phuket

After a leisurely breakfast take a boat back to the mainland and check in at the Amari Coral Beach hotel in Phuket. For those that want to continue to relax, this lovely resort and adjacent beach are the ideal option. For those that want to do some shopping or enjoy the bright lights of Phuket's nightlife, it's all close at your fingertips.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Lodge: Amari Coral Beach (<http://www.amari.com/coralbeach/>)

Day 9 – 27th April – Phuket to Bangkok



This morning we'll take a one hour flight back to Bangkok and check in at the Phranakorn Norn Len Hotel for our last day in Thailand. Here, you will have time for last minute shopping or exploring, followed by a farewell dinner with our group.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Lodge: Phranakorn Norn Len

Day 10 – 28th April – Flight home - Farewell Thailand...

We will organize your transfer back to the airport for your international flight home.

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Cost per person: Approximately \$1485 (may vary slightly depending on exchange rates at the time of booking)

Cost includes:

- Transfers to and from airport and Bangkok hotel
- 3 nights in Bangkok (2 at beginning/1 at end)
- Domestic airfare - Bangkok - Phuket - Bangkok (estimated fare with Air Asia)
- Transfers from Phuket airport to Khao Sok National Park
- 3 nights in Khao Sok National Park
- Full day lake trip, two hour elephant trek and half day hike in Khao Sok
- Transfers from Khao Sok National Park to Ko Yao (minivan + boat)
- 2 nights at Paradise Resort
- Snorkelling adventure from Paradise Resort
- Transfers from Paradise Resort to Amari Coral Beach
- 1 night at Amari Coral Beach
- Transfers from Amari Coral Beach to Phuket airport
- Services of English-speaking guide throughout
- Meals as noted above

Cost does not include:

- International airfares and departure taxes
- Meals not specifically mentioned
- Drinks with meals, tips, personal expenses

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NOTES:

1. No accommodation/flights have been booked at this stage and quotation is therefore subject to availability at time of confirmation.
2. Price is based on current domestic airfares with Air Asia which could vary at any time until paid in full.
3. Price is based on double occupancy for all accommodations. If you prefer not to share a room with another guest on our trip, a single room can be arranged for a small additional fee.

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We’ll look forward to hearing from you!

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