

Lake House Adventure 5 days / 4 nights.

Overview:

Embark on a journey that is not matched elsewhere.
National Park Adventure aboard a comfortable houseboat.
5 days of Nature Lover - with a new accommodation site every day.
Enjoy elephant riding, bamboo raft rafting and scenic educational hikes
This trip will never be anything but a success.



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Description:

Duration:	5 days / 4 nights.
Accommodation :	Floathouse 3n, Guesthouse 1n.
Starting point :	Bangkok / Kanchanaburi.
Finish point :	Bangkok / Sangkhlaburi / Kanchanaburi
Physical rating :	Self-reliant moderate. (3 point of 5).
Cultural substance:	Moderate (3 point of 5).
Transportation :	Minivan, boat.
Departure :	Monday & *Thursday

*Thursdays

Usually only in the high season from 01DEC to 29FEB and 01JUL to 31JUL. With +4 persons in low season a Thursday departure will take place.

The price includes :

3 nights at houseboat in standard room or dormitory following your choice, 1 night at local Guest House in Sangkhlaburi, 3 breakfast, 3 lunch, 3 dinner, admission fee to the national park. Transport & activities by minivan, modified pickup truck, long tailed boat, houseboat, elephant, bamboo rafting and hiking. Tour will be accompanied by English speaking tour leader / guide.

Group Size: Minimum 4 persons / maximum 24 persons

Lakehouse facilities:

Separate sleeping section, restaurant and bar, free use of kayaks, sun deck with lounge chairs, comfortable chairs, hammocks, free access to coffee / tea and regular serving of fresh fruit, fishing equipment, life jackets, tubes for swimming.

Configuration:

Shared toilets and shower facilities. 5 double / tiple rooms, 2 family rooms and 1 dormitory with 6 beds. Double / tiple rooms and family rooms are equipped with mosquito nets. All rooms come with French balconies and attractive views.

Guesthouse in Sangkhlaburi:

Accommodation in private room with air conditioning with toilet / shower.

If the tour was booked with dormitory accommodation - a standard room with electric fan and shared bath / toilet will be provided.

The Guesthouse restaurant has panoramic views over the lake.

NB: This program is subject to change due to water level in the lake, orders from authorities and extreme weather conditions.

Not included:

You will signal a good style by tipping guide/driver if satisfied. Recommended tip per day: THB 50 per adult participant to guide and half to the driver. Hotel accommodation before/after tour start/finish, travel insurance (mandatory), everything - not mentioned in the description including excursions and activities.

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Day by Day itinerary / B = breakfast / L = lunch / D = dinner

Day 1: Bangkok to Khao Laem Lake / D

09:00 leaving Bangkok by join in minivan. We are driving onwards heading west until the mountain ranges that form the border line with Myanmar (Burma), will be visible. In the afternoon we arrived at Khao Laem Lake, which is actually part of a reservoir and dam project, which became operational in 1984. Subsequently 1,500 km² of virgin land was floated creating the lake and proclaimed national park in 1987. The area is home to various ethnic groups such as Mon and Karen.

Jump aboard your charming and comfortable houseboat for check in and get to know your fellow travelers, in the bar or during dinner. Relax for a breathtaking sunset with a drink in hand, while the tugboat gently pulls the houseboat to a new area, that you will wake up to.

Day 2: Waterfalls & the island with the valuable coconuts / B, L, D

07:00 to 09:00 a.m. Wake up and the healthy breakfast will be served. Afterwards we do a short hike excursion through the jungle until we reach the beautiful waterfall, where a refreshing swim is possible.

Back on the boat lunch is served while we tugboat pulls us toward Coconut Island. Here we will see and learn about tropical fruits such as Jackfruit, cocoa and cashews. In addition, we get the chance to taste the juice from a very special coconut, which is only grown a few places in Thailand. In the afternoon, we return to the boat, there will be on the move until our anchorage place for the night is reached. There will be time to swim in the crystal clear lake water, try your self out as an angler, explore the coast by kayak or just relax and read a book.

Dinner will be served while the daylight soon will subside.

Day 3: Wiwakaram Temple and the local market / B, L, D

After breakfast we silently will approach Sangkhlaburi. On the way, enjoy fascinating views from a hammock or deck chairs on the upper deck or you can follow the boathouse from one of the kayaks. Around noon lunch is ready on board before rolling anchor near the town. We head to shore and visit the Golden Temple - Wiwakaram. Behind the temple is a small local market, offering various groceries. Buy a sarong or a Burmese cigar as a souvenir to your neighbor back home. Once on board again, you can observe the local fishermen setting their nets and enjoy the sun set across the mountains. The stars are close and bright on the evening sky and when you see a shooting star make a wish.

Day 4: Elephant Safari and Bamboo Rafting / B, L

Get ready to disembark the houseboat after breakfast and to say goodbye to the staff on board. Luggage will be transported directly to the guesthouse where the on coming night is spent. We however will pack a small backpack or should bag for necessities during the day. Back on the shore we continue by *Songthaew* (a pickup vehicle with benches on top of the wheel cases and a weather protecting tarpaulin), to the elephant camp. An exciting safari through streams and hilly terrain in the jungle, gives a good impression of the performance of this large mammal and agility on even the narrowest paths.

Wearing life jackets and lightweight clothing, we are now ready Bamboo rafting down stream. Particularly during the rainy season this requires a good balance and strength staying aboard when passing the rapids. If you don't like this challenge, it can be disclaimed. Lunch at a selected location along the river after rafting is completed. We continue to our Guesthouse for check in - meals during the staying here at your own expenses.

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The afternoon is leisure time at your own choice. It's obvious however to explore the charming village Sangklaburi. Here you will meet colorful tribes emigrated from Burma and the highlight is a walk on Thailand's longest wooden bridge, where the Mon-people village Wang Kha is found on the opposite side of the river. The women of the Mon Tribe is characterized by decorating their face with turmeric powder. This is believed to keep the skin young and beautiful. The men wear a special sarong called the longyi.

It is also advisable to rent a bike or a songthaew, if you wish to visit the Three Pagodas 24 km away on the border with Myanmar (Burma). This pass has historically constituted the symbolic border between alternating kingdoms on both sides. Even today it is a strategic point for cross-border trade with particular timber and precious stones.

Day 5: Sangklaburi - Bangkok

If you can get up early - around 05:30, you can witness a unique experience. Orange-clad monks from the nearby temples walk quietly through the town with a bowl in their hands. At the same time the locals donate food and receive blessings.

10:00 is time for leaving this unique area of Thailand and we will return to Bangkok passing amazing landscapes that already will make you wish, that you were back on the lake house.

If you plan to continue to Hua Hin, transport can be arranged from Kanchanaburi. Around 17:30 we are back in the Metropolis of Bangkok, which undoubtedly will be the starting point for the next leg of your journey. If you got a flight to catch the same day, departure time from Bangkok should be no earlier than 20:00.



Remember to bring: Camera: swimsuit, sunscreen, sunglasses, cap / hat, travel insurance, insect repellent, buy a sarong locally and use as a towel (dry easy in the sun and take up no space).