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WINE TOUR, NAKHON RATCHASIMA

Nature Tour

During this four-day tour, you will have a great chance to explore the pristine wild nature reserves and opulent, well-groomed Thai vineyards: Vin de Ray, PB Valley winery and the unique family-owned Gran Monte Winery, located on the western slopes of the Asoke valley at a height of 300-350 meters. You will visit the wineries, taste local wines and listen to spellbinding stories told by the winemakers. Though Thailand is

quite new to the wine industry, local wines have already established a good reputation in the world and have been awarded top prizes at many prestigious international exhibitions.

You will also visit Khao Yai - Thailand's first established national park - where you can see monitor lizards crossing the road, groups of deer grazing in meadows, and elk peacefully feeding in high grass just an arm's-length away.

civilizations, mountains and waterfalls will make this trip really unforgettable.

You will see an ancient temple in all its grandeur.

Chet Sao Noi wildlife sanctuary will invite you to explore its fabulous terrain. The river running through it has low but wide waterfalls with swimmable bowls, pink lotus blossoms unfurl against green lotus leaves and trees shyly unveil their twisted roots.

Rare wines, monuments to great ancient

FOUR DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

During these four days your will be touring Nakhon Ratchasima province. You will also visit the picturesque Khao Yai Natural Park and two temples - one modern and one ancient – that are deeply revered by pilgrims from all over the Kingdom. After lunch, you will check in at the Ndol Streamside Thai Villa boutique hotel. You will like its unrivalled atmosphere of a traditional Thai dwelling complete with sophisticated antique items. After a break, you will go to Chet Sao Noi wildlife sanctuary and visit a seven-tiered waterfall. Dinner will be served in a riverfront restaurant.

Day 2

After breakfast, you will take a tour of the

famous Vin de Ray and PB Valley wineries. The guide will tell you about the history of winemaking in Thailand and introduce the technology. PB Valley Winery is believed to be one of the best wine brands in the Kingdom. In a cozy restaurant, you can enjoy wine as well as treat your palate to dainty Thai and European dishes. On the way back to the hotel, you will make an enroute stop at the Simalai Song Tham cave temple.

Day 3

After breakfast, you will travel to the familyowned Gran Monte Winery. Back in the day, the head of the family dreamt of having his own vineyard and producing this noble drink. His elder daughter brought this dream to life. After she graduated from an Australian university with a major in enology (winemaking), she returned to Thailand and applied her knowledge to cultivating grapes on land purchased by her father. When you arrive for a wine-tasting, you will be guite impressed with the progress they have made. In the afternoon, you will set off on a hike around Khao Yai National Park and be ready to see exotic animals in the wild. You will also visit the scenic waterfalls - the 50 meter high Heo Narok waterfall (made famous as a filming location for The Beach) and Suwat. In the evening, you will have a picnic-style dinner in the park to be followed by an adventurous night safari.

Day 4

You will start your day with breakfast and continue with a visit to Thailand's first dairy farm. You will be shown the whole dairy production process and offered the chance to milk a cow! See ice cream being made and taste the final product. Afterward, ride a horse, see a cowboy show, feed rabbits and small deer, visit a zoo, and marvel at the hilarious animal show. After lunch, you will set off for Bangkok or Pattaya.







GOLF FOR BEGINNERS (HUA HIN)

Sports tour

The royal resort provides truly royal-class golf amenities.

6 DAY PROGRAM*

Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin is believed to be one of Thailand's best. It offers world-class courses, great dining facilities and unmatched personalized service. It is also home to the famous Golf Academy, the only one in the country, a foremost teaching facility based on the sound principles laid down by head professional John Wither. We are pleased to invite you on an exclusive 6-day tour which includes 4 lessons from the most experienced and qualified instructors.

Day 1

This noble game brooks no rush and hustle, so your first day in Hua Hin will be dedicated to getting familiar with the city. The guide will accompany you to the hotel. You will have time to settle in and freshen up after your journey. In the evening, you will dine at the Hilton Hotel. The posh restaurant on the 17th floor of the building commands a fabulous panoramic view of the city and the sea.

Day 2

Your first lesson is to begin after breakfast at 10 a.m., and will last two and a half hours. You will be taught the difference between types of club and will learn how to hit the ball. Even though it may seem easy, you will probably feel a bit tired after the training and a good lunch in the club restaurant will help you restore your energy. In the afternoon, you will practice the basics for 90 minutes. In the evening, you will be invited for a walk to Santorini park.

Day 3

Another lesson will start after breakfast, at 10 a.m. You will master important skills including the chip technique. After lunch in the restaurant, you will continue to learn how to handle the wood – the club with a longer shaft and a larger, rounder head - and will have four hours to practice. In the evening, you will enjoy a fabulous dinner in a seafront restaurant.

Day 4

The morning schedule is the same: breakfast followed by a lesson at 10 a.m. You will refresh the newly adopted skills and then play your first nine holes. Don't be scared – the trainer will be around to help and answer any questions. After lunch and a short fiesta you will may review the theory and try to apply it to practice for 5 hours. In the evening, you pamper yourself with a welldeserved dinner at the AI Hamra restaurant, and a visit to the Plern Van cultural center.

Day 5

Breakfast and morning training as per the schedule. The lesson will be dedicated to perfecting your swing and practicing on the course. In the afternoon, you will again play all nine holes for five hours. In the evening, dinner at the Hagi restaurant will be served for you. **Day 6** Transfer to the airport.





KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK (NAKHON RATCHASIMA)

Nature tour

We are pleased to invite you to Nakhon Ratchasima -Thailand's largest province. Located in the northeast of the country, it is renowned not only for its rich history, but as the location of one of the Kingdom's most beautiful national parks. Though the park sprawls across four provinces, most of it is within Nakhon Ratchasima.

Khao Yai National Park, the first of Thailand's national parks, is a UNESCO-protected area. With a total area

TWO-DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

You will depart from Bangkok in the morning and will arrive in Nakon Ratchasima in the afternoon.

You will make an en route stop to visit the famous Sothorn temple, deeply revered by pilgrims from all the kingdom. Checkin and lunch at The Greenery Hotel. After lunch, free time will follow. If you wish, you can enjoy yourself at the hotel's water park (admission fee not included).

The park boasts a great variety of slides for adults, and young kids will like the shallow splash pool. Or, if you are of around 2,000 square kilometers, it is regarded to be the second-largest park in the Kingdom. It

is home to over 3,000 species of plants, about 320 species of birds and 66 species of mammals, including Asiatic black bears, elephants, Indian bison, gibbons, spotted deer, macaques, wild dogs and boar.

We invite you on a three-hour guided walk around this wildlife sanctuary. You will visit impressive waterfalls: Heo Suwat famous as a filming location for "The Beach," and the gorgeous 50-meters high Heo

Narok. During your journey, you can see monitor lizards crossing the road, grazing deer families, and elk peacefully walking through tall grass. Perhaps you'll spot a band of chimpanzees with the alpha male climbing down a tree to express his irritation at the noise made by your car. Weirdly colored birds with long beaks and tails will fly overhead and elephants will be pensively chewing their lunch just off the road.

looking for more fun, you may go to the Life amusement park just off the hotel. Life offers all kinds of entertainment for adults and children, including ATV rides, bungee jumps, zip lines, paintball, extreme zorbing, and a climbing wall. A good dinner at the end of the day will

Day 2

refresh you.

On the second day, you will explore the fantastic Khao Yai National Park. A hearty breakfast will be a good start for the day.

At the administrative office of the national park, you will meet your guide who will

introduce you to the history of the park and brief you on the safety rules.

It is home to over 3,000 species of plants, about 320 species of birds and 66 species of mammals, including Asiatic black bears, elephants, Indian bison, gibbons, spotted deer, macaques, wild dogs and boar. The guide, who will accompany you during your hike around the park, will explain how to act if you run into a wild animal. Such encounters are not at all dangerous.

The 'locals' are accustomed to tourists and will let you come as close as arm's length. You will visit Heo Suwat waterfall, famous as a filming location for "The Beach," starring Leonardo di Caprio.

After a two-hour tour of fabulous meadows, mountain slopes and tropical forest, you will stop at a glade for a picnic.

Your excursion will finish up with a visit to the magnificent 50-meter high Heo Narok waterfall. You will return to Bangkok happy and excited.







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JOURNEY INTO THE HISTORY OF TRADITIONS

LAMAI HOMESTAY, BAN PRASAT VILLAGE, BAN KWIAN VILLAGE

Cultural and historical tour

This tour will give a unique opportunity to become familiar with the peaceful daily routine of Thai villagers. You will be staying at an ordinary rural house. The hostess will tell you about her daily routine, household chores, traditional crafts practiced by the locals, etc. You will find out how to feed buffalo, how to catch and cook spiders and scorpions, master some Thai cooking skills, and how to choose the right ingredients at the market. You will try your hand at farming, rice growing and gathering crops, practice weaving bamboo and cane baskets, **DITIONS** ILLAGE see the silkmaking process and will even be allowed to make a scarf for yourself. In a pottery workshop, you can do some clay modeling. Lake fishing will put a finishing touch on the rural picture.

To diversify your stay, you may take a stroll around the forests and meadows, where you can easily run into both familiar and exotic animals and birds. You will be mesmerized by ancient Khmer temples, and Buddhist monks will gladly share their sacred knowledge with you.Visit to Ban Kwian village will introduce you to traditional Thai pottery.

This place is renowned for its amazing ceramics

- from bowls to exquisite crocodile figurines. This fabulous open-air museum features three archaeological sites. You will be amazed to find out that humanremains and other important artifacts dated back to 1,500-3,000 years were uncovered here. Today Ban Prasat village lives an ordinary life and invites you to experience a bit of it.

5 DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

On your way from Bangkok to Nakhon Ratchasima, you will make some stops to visit most interesting sanctuaries: the famous Wat Sothorn, a popular site of pilgrimage for worshippers from all over the Kingdom, buried in the deep forest; the Khao Chan Ngam cave temple, famous for rock drawings dating to over 3,000 years ago; and Luang Phor Toh - also known as the Black Monk Temple - with its big goldplated statue of a monk. A delicious dinner will help you refresh yourself. In Khorat, you will stay at Lamai Homestay. Lamai, the hostess, will show you around the village. In the evening, you will be offered a nice dinner.

Day 2

After breakfast you will pop by the children's Craft School. Then you will visit a family where the secrets of sublime silk-weaving have been passed from generation to generation, and will even learn some of them. You will also meet monks in a local temple, go down the rice fields

and watch fishing for catfish. Then Lamai will take you along to the market to buy some food for lunch and will engage you in cooking. In the afternoon, you will have a chance to master some mat-weaving skills and, if you wish, help Lamai catch and cook spiders and scorpions. Dinner will be served in a small restaurant.

Day 3

After breakfast, you will go to explore ancient cities and see one of the major local sanctuaries – the Phimai temple complex built in the 11th through 13th centuries A.D. You will walk around the park and will see Thailand's biggest Banyan Tree. Lunch will be served at the hotel. Free time for individual sightseeing or relaxation will follow.

Day 4

The excursion to Ban Prasat village is like traveling into the past. The open-air archaeological museum awaits to show off its amazing exhibits. Hospitable villagers will gladly tell you about cricket, frog and livestock keeping. A picnic lunch will be served. In the afternoon, you will visit the ruins of the mysterious Khorat town (6th – 8th centuries A.D.) and the nearby Thammachak Semaram temple, where a 13 meter-long red sandstone Reclining Buddha statue is enshrined. Then you will set off for Ban Kwian village, famous for its pottery. Return to the hotel and dinner.

Day 5

On your way back home, you will stop at a dairy farm. You will be shown the whole dairy production process and offered the chance to milk a cow. You'll see ice-cream being made and taste it. Besides, you will be able to ride a horse, see a cowboy show, feed rabbits and small deer, visit a zoo, and marvel at the hilarious animal show. Lunch at Dairy Home. Return to Bangkok in the evening.





PHANG-NGA - KRABI SEA CRUISE

Entertainment, nature, beach tour

THREE DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

Early in the morning, we will pick you up from the hotel and take to the pier, where you'll board the fabulous white yacht that will be your home for the next three days. If you've never been in the crystal clear Andaman Sea before, get ready for a breathtaking experience. Even if you've sailed these emerald-green waters before, there is still a lot to explore and discover. Your agenda includes visits to several islands: Koh Hong, Koh Pak Bia, Koh Panak and Koh Naka.

While on board, you will have time to enjoy yourself, rest and sunbathe. The first stop will be a beautiful white-sand beach washed by soft turquoise waters. When you feel ready, you may continue your trip. By the time you arrive in the next island, a delicious lunch will have been served for you on shore. After lunch, you may either take your time to enjoy the beach or board the yacht and resume sailing. Either option is quite alluring – the splendid islands of the archipelago

are very popular among tourists due to the unspoiled natural beauty. Feel free to use the ship's snorkeling equipment to explore the mysterious marine kingdom below, with its weird coral reefs and fascinating tropical fishes. The underwater visibility is astonishing.

As dusk falls, a romantic dinner will be served on board. Sophisticated dishes, soft murmur of the waves and the velvet veil of the night will make this evening unforgettable. Later on, you will venture ashore on Koh Pak Bia, where you will stay overnight.

Day 2

Your day will start with breakfast and an invigorating cup of fragrant coffee, after which you will set off to explore the famous 'James Bond islands', which earned their nickname after one of the James Bond movies used them as a filming location. You will be mesmerized by the mind-blowing sights and the splendor of the underwater world surrounding the islands. Feeling peckish after swimming? Treat yourselves to a hearty lunch. In the afternoon, you will go kayaking around Koh Panak and Koh Hong. Dinner will be served by the time you return from this exciting and adventurous trip.

Day 3

On this day, return to Phuket to enjoy the hot sun, sparkling sea and deep blue sky. On the way, be on the lookout for dolphins, which usually rise to the surface to say goodbye to our guests!



SAYAMA ***

COOKING TOUR (PHUKET)

Educational tour

The doors of an old classical mansion are open to you. As soon as you pass through the gates of the splendid castle, you will immediately immerse yourself into the atmosphere of exquisite beauty and fascinating history of Thai cuisine, with its tantalizing seasonings and unrivalled taste combinations. This course will be of interest to young housewives and professional chefs alike as the program is adjusted to the specific needs of the students. You will get acquainted with cooking traditions which have been handed down from generation to generation. You

will learn a lot about Thai manners and table setting rules: how many people may be seated at one table, and which cutlery should be used for various dishes. We would recommend a five-day long training so that you make the most of this opportunity to learn as many traditional Thai recipes as possible and to master cooking skills in the best possible way.

During the training, feel free to create your own ideas and proposals – creativity is always encouraged. Upon completion of the course, all participants will obtain certificates and gifts - a kitchen toolkit and a branded apron.

Most importantly, when finished, you will be able to

cook massaman curry, rated as one of the world's most delicious dishes, traditional Thai tom yum soup, seafood salads and lots of other fantastic dishes.

5-DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

The first day will be mostly dedicated to settling down organization issues. A representative of SAYAMA Travel will welcome you at Phuket International Airport and take you to the hotel. After check-in and a delicious lunch, you will go to the internationally acclaimed Blue Elephant Cooking School to meet your teacher, who will initiate you into the magic world of Thai cuisine. Together, you will make a list of the Thai recipes you would like to master during the course and a menu for the period of your stay at the hotel. Dinner will be served at the school restaurant.

Day 2

CONTENT

On the next three days, you will be busy with cooking lessons, where you will be taught everything from how to

select ingredients to how to lay the table. Breakfast will be served for you at the hotel and at 8:30 a.m. you will set off for the local market. The instructor will teach you how to select the best fruits, vegetables, meats and fish. Then you will return to school to practice your culinary wizardry. The lessons will finish at 1:00 p.m. After lunch at school, you may enjoy your free time.

Day 3

The schedule will remain the same: early breakfast, shopping for food at the market with the chef at 08:30 a.m., then practice till 1:00 p.m. It will definitely take you some time to learn how to use all kinds of knives, saucepans, bowls and various strange new appliances, but the instructor will patiently teach you. Tantalizing smells always arouse a strong appetite, and you will be

able to satisfy your hunger with a most delicious lunch. In the afternoon, you may enjoy your free time.

Day 4

The third day at school will be scheduled as usual: shopping for ingredients for the festive lunch and dinner at 08:30 a.m., followed by cooking practice until 1:00 p.m. Upon completion, you will be presented with an official Blue Elephant School certificate.

Day 5

Though you may feel a bit sad about leaving, your excitement and impatience to surprise your friends and relatives with the new skills and treat them with most sophisticated Thai viands will definitely prevail.





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YAO YAI ISLAND

Entertainment beach tour

A day at the beach suggests turquoise water, white sand, green palms and dazzling sunshine.

But when you get to Koh Yao Yai, you'll see that there can be much more to it than just that. We invite you to a very special place to experience the most special holiday you've ever had. You will find none of the noisy crowds, shops, cafes or supermarkets that are associated with public beaches.

Here, only unspoiled pristine beauty and virgin nature await you.

The dreamlike Yao Yai island, located not far from Phuket, is a real paradise getaway for the most discerning traveler.

Under a deep blue sky lies the vast emerald-green sea and clean whitesand beaches fringed with exuberant tropical vegetation.

Enjoy total relaxation - you're one with nature, enhanced by the soft murmur of waves, the babble of birds and the caressing sun.

Forget about the hustle and bustle of the urban landscape and its hectic pace. Enjoy blissful silence.

To diversify your rest, we offer you some idyllic rural experiences: See locals working in rice paddies and rubber plantations where latex is extracted.

Visit a lobster farm.

Plunge into famous Thai hospitality!













THREE DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

A representative of SAYAMA Travel will meet you at the airport of Phuket and accompany you to Koh Yao Yai, where you'll stay at the Koh Yao Yai Village Hotel. Check in and get settled, then enjoy a romantic dinner on the beach. Fantastic nature and impeccable service will add to the unrivalled atmosphere of the evening.

Day 2

After breakfast, you will set off on a a small family-run rubber factory,

Your hosts will show you around and introduce their technological secrets, starting with latex extraction from the trunks of trees through production of the sheets of rubber ready for sale. Though rubber articles are very durable, the milk-like substance itself must be handled with extreme care and delicacy.

Rice paddies are always very scenic. The farmers will show you how they plow the land, seed, collect the tour around the island. You will visit mature rice and thrash the grain. You may even take part in some part of the

process, depending on the season - planting, weeding or harvesting. Traditionally, each plot is cultivated by joining forces, irrespective of whose land it is - every farmer is assisted by the whole village.

Then you will go to a fishing village and visit a lobster farm. The juvenile lobsters are tiny, but fully grown they can reach 30 centimeters in length. Lunch will be served at the hotel. In the evening, pamper yourself with relaxing or invigorating treatments from the hotel's spa salon. Dinner will also be served at the hotel.

Dav 3

After breakfast, you will still have some time to enjoy the splendid landscapes and serene atmosphere of Yao Yai before returning to Phuket.



THE CAPITAL OF THE ANCIENT LANNA KINGDOM CHIANG RAI + GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Cultural and historical tour

Chiang Rai is known as the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom, which existed in the 13th century A.D. and is often nicknamed the Land of a Million Rice Fields. This is going to be an adventurous journey rich in impressions.

3 DAY PROGRAM*

Day 1

Your cultural program will start with a visit to Wat Rong Khun, the White Temple, a fabulous example of modern architecture. The temple resembles a fairy-tale palace. It was built in the traditional Thai style, but the walls inside are covered with images of movie and cartoon characters - unusual for a temple. You will be amazed by this discovery. Later, you will go to Wat Phra Kaew, one of the most revered local temples. It is located in the old part of Chiang Rai. A long time ago, the famous Emerald Buddha, Thailand's major relic, was enshrined here. Now the temple houses a large museum exhibiting numerous valuable objects dating from the 10th through 18th centuries. After lunch, visit the

beautiful Phra That Doi Khao Kwai pagoda, which crowns the top of a hill and commands a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. This enormous stupa is decorated with broken mirror mosaic pieces. Afterwards, enjoy some free time. In the evening, you will be invited to a night market where you may buy the sophisticated wooden, leather and fabric handicrafts for which this region is famous. At 7, 8 and 9 p.m., the huge musical clock on the tower comes to life: the lights begin to change colors and the anthem of Chiang Rai is played.

Day 2

This day will be dedicated to the unique Doi Tung park, located in the very heart of the Golden Triangle,

a project run by the royal family. The park was set up in 1988 on the initiative of Princess Srinagarindra, the mother of Rama IX. Doi Tung houses a royal residence where the Princess Mother spent most of the time in the closing stages of her life, and the Hall of Inspiration which cherishes the memories of the royal family and the immense efforts they put forth to improve the lives of the northern people. You will see a magnificent temple, a place of worship of the locals, and gorgeous gardens. This area is home to many hill tribes including Akha, Yao, Shan, Lisu and Lahu, which carefully cherish their authentic customs and traditions. In the afternoon you will enjoy a picnic lunch. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 3

Early in the morning, you will set off for Tham Pa Archa Thong to see a most interesting ritual. Every morning the monks collect alms on horseback. Making an offering is believed to be a good deed and is blessed, since monks are not allowed to work and earn money. Afterward, you will be invited to the Doi Mae Salong tea plantation where you will not only see tea growing but will be able taste and buy the local teas. After a picnic lunch, you'll visit the hilltop Phra Baromthat Chedi Srinakarintra Sathit Maha Santi Siri temple, which commands an absolutely breathtaking view of the surrounding area. Then, transfer to the airport.

