

## 7 Days RV River Kwai Cruise

*The RV River Kwai is Thailand's first five-star inland cruise ship, opening up a new era for river tourism in Kanchanaburi province as it enables travel to previously inaccessible sights. Four and seven-day river and golf cruises operate, with supreme comfort on the colonial style vessel based on designs used by the original Irrawaddy Flotilla company in Burma in the 1860s – which until the 1920s was the largest privately-owned fleet of ships in the world. Guests enjoy exceptional luxury such as à la carte meals served al fresco on the sun deck. Inspirational tours take in prime riverside attractions such as the Bridge on the River Kwai. The ornate RV River Kwai carries up to 20 passengers across 10 teakwood cabins with full facilities. The cruises operate on a year-round programme, alternating upstream and downstream. Navigation along this idyllic waterway reveals a constantly changing landscape and the journey involves stimulating morning and afternoon breaks to enjoy a wealth of onshore activities such as temple exploration, browsing historical sites, or absorbing natural attractions including waterfalls and hot springs. See Kanchanaburi province from a totally different perspective on this splendid ship.*

### Day 1 | Bangkok – Ban Kao

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The journey is sometimes as important as the destination and this rings true on today's adventure as we visit a wealth of fascinating attractions. We leave Bangkok for Kanchanaburi, via Nakorn Pathom and stop at this location to view the tallest stupa in Thailand at Phra Pathom Chedi. The structure measures 127 metres in height and its creation inspired the development of the town. Next is the riverside Khao Noi Cave Temple (Wat Tham Khao Noi). This monastery sits on a hill and features Chinese architecture and cultural art, as well as splendid views of the mountainous horizon from the exterior viewpoint. We also make a stop at the nearby Tiger Cave Temple (Wat Tham Sua) which features Thai cultural art. On arrival in Kanchanaburi we visit to JEATH War Museum, a realistic depiction of a prisoner of war camp with bamboo huts which give an insight into the grim living conditions endured by detainees who were forced to build the Thai-Burma 'Death Railway.' We then board the RV River Kwai at Nong Ya Dock with lunch and dinner on board and the afternoon at leisure to absorb the idyllic scenery.

### Day 2 | Ban Kao – Sai Yok

**[B, L, D]**

Our relaxing river cruise continues upstream on the Kwai Noi River to Muang Singh. After breakfast on board we visit a boarding school for refugee children built under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. We then explore Prasat Muang Singh, a historical park containing Khmer architecture dating back 800 years. This site marked the Western border of the Khmer Empire in what is now Thailand and it serves as a potent reminder of the enormity of the Khmer domain. Muang Singh, the 'city of the lions' was probably established as a trading post during this era. We then continue by coach to Tha Kilen Train Station, a site which holds significant relevance in the construction of the Thai-Burma 'Death Railway.' We take a third class train to Saphan Tham Krasae and pass over the famed 300 metres long trestle bridge that clings to the cliff side. On arrival, we proceed to the riverside Krasae Cave which houses a venerable Buddha image. We then continue by coach to Sai Yok village located on the river bank. Lunch and dinner are on board and the afternoon is at leisure to absorb the idyllic scenery.

### Day 3 | Sai Yok – Ban Hin Dad

**[B, L, D]**

Our day of cruising takes in more amazing natural and man-made attractions. After breakfast, we take a short stroll uphill to visit Kaeng Lava Cave, the area's deepest cave at 500 metres long. Inside, are stalactites and stalagmites and mystical stone draperies and hidden chambers. We then continue by coach to Hellfire Pass, a notorious section of the Thai-Burma 'Death Railway' that cuts through a towering stone mountain. We follow a trail that leads to Hin Tok Bridge and the Konyu Cutting where a plaque commemorates the Allied prisoners of war and Asian conscripts who built the railway under Japanese enslavement. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Sai Yok National Park and take in the gushing Sai Yok Yai Waterfalls. We then return to the boat with the afternoon at leisure and dinner on the RV River Kwai.

### Day 4 | Ban Hin Dad

**[B, L, D]**

A day of exceptional contrasts awaits! We start with a spiritual experience and then explore a man-made marvel deep in the heart of the Kanchanaburi countryside. In the early morning we head to a nearby temple to 'make merit,' the Buddhist ritual of presenting food to monks in return for a blessing. We reboard the boat for breakfast and then travel by coach to Vachiralongkorn

Dam, an immense lake created from three rivers which stretches to the mountainous horizon. The surrounding fertile land supports the cultivation of sugar cane, tapioca, maize and cotton and this landscape is exceptionally beautiful. Our road trip continues to Thong Pha Phum where we visit a focal point of the local community, the lively market. Lunch is at a local restaurant and we then board the vessel and set off, with the afternoon at leisure and dinner and overnight on the RV River Kwai.

**Day 5 | Ban Hin Dad – Sai Yok****[B, L, D]**

Today's adventure involves exploration of some of Kanchanaburi province's most impressive natural attractions. After breakfast served on the RV River Kwai, we cruise down the river, disembark and then board a coach and head to Hin Dad Hot Spring. These natural two large pools and private baths were discovered by Japanese soldiers supervising the construction of the World War Two Thai-Burma 'Death Railway.' The minerals in the water are believed to cure numerous ailments. We then visit stunning Pha Tad Waterfall to the west of Si Nakharin Dam National Park. This water feature originates from a small stream called Huai Kui Mang that flows into the Kwai Noi River. Lunch is at a local restaurant and we then take a traditional long-tail boat along the Kwai Noi River to a floating hotel where we take part in some cooling river rafting or canoeing downstream. If time permits, we visit the nearby indigenous Mon Village. Dinner and overnight are on the RV River Kwai.

**Day 6 | Sai Yok – Ban Kao****[B, L, D]**

Our itinerary today involves both cultural and culinary exploration. We enjoy breakfast and then have some free time to take in the idyllic riverscape, followed by lunch on board. On arrival at Wang Pho Bridge, we depart by coach to visit the Ban Kao National Museum. This was created by Dutch archaeologist Dr Van Heekeren, a POW during the construction of the 'Death Railway.' While forced to build the railway, he found numerous stone artefacts and returned after the war to excavate this area. His exploration revealed abundant prehistoric skeletons, pottery, stone tools and ornaments. These items are now displayed in the museum. After reboarding the vessel we participate in a Thai cooking class and prepare culinary classics such as tom yam kung (spicy prawn soup), kaeng khaio wan gai (chicken green curry) and som tam (papaya salad) and to wash it all down, the famous Thai cocktail mai tai. After our cooking instruction on deck, we enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight on board.

**Day 7 | Ban Kao – Bangkok****[B, L, -]**

Today's adventure starts with exploration of an unusual temple. After breakfast we visit Wat Tham Khao Poon, an amazing subterranean world with nine caverns full of Hindu and Buddhist shrines. The exterior has a marvellous view of the Kwai Noi River valley. We continue by coach to Kanchanaburi to visit the world famous Bridge over the River Kwai that was immortalised in the World War Two movie of the same name. This sturdy iron bridge was a crucial part of the Thai-Burma 'Death Railway' and it took enslaved Allied POWs and Asian conscripts 16 months to build. After this historical experience we continue to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre Museum, an interactive facility that provides a remarkable insight into the infamous rail link and this period of war history. Finally, we visit the Donrak War Cemetery which contains the remains of 6,982 Allied POWs who died during the construction of the railway. We then reboard the RV River Kwai at Saphan Mai with lunch served as we cruise towards Nong Ya Dock. On arrival, we return to Bangkok by road and transfer to respective hotels in the capital.

**Cruise Operation 2025**

RV River Kwai need a minimum of 4 (four) clients to guarantee operation of any cruises, except for Upstream departures (marked in yellow) which can be operated without minimum of passengers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month during November 2024 - October 2025 (see cruise schedule). RV River Kwai stops its operation during annual dry dock plan from 5 May 2025 – 6 July 2025.

**RV River Kwai 7 Day-6 Night Cruise (Guaranteed Upstream Departures marked in YELLOW)**

without minimum number of passengers

for The 1st & 3rd Monday of every month during Nov 2024-Oct 2025

No.	Cruise Schedule	Up&Downstream (Mon-Sun)	
		Departure	Arrival
K-1123	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Nov-24	10-Nov-24
K-1124	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Nov-24	17-Nov-24
K-1125	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Nov-24	24-Nov-24
K-1126	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Nov-24	01-Dec-24
K-1127	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Dec-24	08-Dec-24
K-1128	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Dec-24	15-Dec-24
K-1129	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Dec-24	22-Dec-24
K-1130	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Dec-24	29-Dec-24
K-1131	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Dec-24	05-Jan-25
K-1132	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-Jan-25	12-Jan-25
K-1133	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-Jan-25	19-Jan-25
K-1134	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-Jan-25	26-Jan-25
K-1135	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-Jan-25	02-Feb-25
K-1136	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Feb-25	09-Feb-25
K-1137	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Feb-25	16-Feb-25
K-1138	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	17-Feb-25	23-Feb-25
K-1139	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	24-Feb-25	02-Mar-25
K-1140	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Mar-25	09-Mar-25
K-1141	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Mar-25	16-Mar-25
K-1142	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	17-Mar-25	23-Mar-25
K-1143	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	24-Mar-25	30-Mar-25
K-1144	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	31-Mar-25	06-Apr-25
K-1145	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-Apr-25	13-Apr-25
K-1146	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-Apr-25	20-Apr-25
K-1147	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-Apr-25	27-Apr-25
K-1148	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-Apr-25	04-May-25
K-1149	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-May-25	11-May-25
K-1150	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-May-25	18-May-25
K-1151	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-May-25	25-May-25
K-1152	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-May-25	01-Jun-25
K-1153	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Jun-25	08-Jun-25
K-1154	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Jun-25	15-Jun-25
K-1155	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Jun-25	22-Jun-25
K-1156	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Jun-25	29-Jun-25
K-1157	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Jun-25	06-Jul-25
K-1158	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-Jul-25	13-Jul-25
K-1159	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-Jul-25	20-Jul-25
K-1160	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-Jul-25	27-Jul-25
K-1161	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-Jul-25	03-Aug-25
K-1162	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Aug-25	10-Aug-25
K-1163	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Aug-25	17-Aug-25
K-1164	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Aug-25	24-Aug-25
K-1165	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Aug-25	31-Aug-25
K-1166	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Sep-25	07-Sep-25
K-1167	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Sep-25	14-Sep-25
K-1168	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Sep-25	21-Sep-25
K-1169	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Sep-25	28-Sep-25
K-1170	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Sep-25	05-Oct-25
K-1171	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-Oct-25	12-Oct-25
K-1172	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-Oct-25	19-Oct-25
K-1173	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-Oct-25	26-Oct-25
K-1174	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-Oct-25	02-Nov-25

ANNUAL DRY DOCKING PLAN

**1 November 2024 – 30 April 2025**

1	2	3 - 5	6 - 14	15 - 29	30 - up	Seat-in-Coach	Single Sup.
-	-	-	-	-	-	2,246.30	755.00

Rates are in United States Dollar (USD), per person in shared twin-cabin, net and non-commissionable  
Tour leader: 50% discount in one single cabin for 5-up paying cabins

**1 May 2025 – 31 October 2025**

1	2	3 - 5	6 - 14	15 - 29	30 - up	Seat-in-Coach	Single Sup.
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,799.10	518.80

Rates are in United States Dollar (USD), per person in shared twin-cabin, net and non-commissionable  
Tour leader: 50% discount in one single cabin for 5-up paying cabins

**1 November 2024 – 30 April 2025**

Charter cruise						
Wholesale prices						37,233.10

Rates are in United States Dollar (USD), net and non-commissionable

**1 May 2025 – 31 October 2025**

Charter cruise						
Wholesale prices						28,114.10

Rates are in United States Dollar (USD), net and non-commissionable

**Child Policy**

- Children of 4 years and older must solely occupy a berth and pay the full rate (same as adults);
- Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but parents are to provide own baby food;
- NO triple rooms or extra beds are available.

**Inclusions**

- Accommodation on RV River Kwai, meals as mentioned above, coffee, tea & drinking water;
- Transfers and sightseeing tours with English speaking local guide (together with other cruise members) (other language i.e., German or French speaking guide inquiry will be subject to such language availability);
- Entrance fees.

**Exclusions**

- Voluntary Carbon Offset Compensation: THB 50 per person per day;
- Optional tours;
- Expenditures of a personal nature for bar and laundry;
- Gratuity to crew.

**Reservation Policy**

- Option terms can be offered as follows:
 

More than 120 days prior the departure date	:	30 days option
between 120 days and 60 days	:	15 days option
between 59 days and 30 days	:	7 days option
between 29 days and 11 days	:	1 day option

 This option expires if deposit payment is not received by us by the stated date.

**Payment Terms**

- 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of any bookings, refundable up to 61 days before departure and non-refundable for charters;
- Final balances must be paid 31 days before departure or the booking may be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

**Cancellation Terms**

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| • More than 60 days prior to departure      | : | NO cancellation fee   |
| • Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure | : | 20% of contract rate  |
| • Between 30 and 21 days prior to departure | : | 50% of contract rate  |
| • 20 days to departure day and no show      | : | 100% of contract rate |

**Charter Payment Terms**

- 30% non-refundable deposit is required upon confirmation of charter booking;
- 30% (second) non-refundable payment by 120 days prior to departure;
- Balance 60 days prior to departure;
- Cancellation Term - All payments made are forfeited if clients cancel at any date prior to departure.

**Terms and Conditions (19 articles)**

1. Though every effort will be made to ensure that the published itinerary is followed as closely as possible, given uncertain river and other local conditions, all schedules and itineraries may be subject to alterations and delays at short notice.
2. The ship's purser and captain are jointly responsible for passengers' comfort and safety. Passengers must accept their decisions and instructions.
3. Whilst our crew do everything in their power to facilitate landings, access to the ship at certain river stations can be difficult, with steep and sometimes slippery riverbanks. Elderly clients should consult their doctor to ensure that they are fit for travel. Wheel chairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of the shipping line an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and Cruise Asia Ltd. management, subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board the vessel unless by prior agreement with the Charterer.
5. Should it prove difficult to embark or disembark passengers at the scheduled points Cruise Asia Ltd. is not liable to bear any extra cost of transporting passengers to and from the revised point of embarkation or disembarkation unless passengers or their agents have purchased a complete package tour which includes land services from us. Any reason for changing the points of embarkation or disembarkation cannot count as a reason for cancelling this contract.
6. Clients should seek advice from their doctor regarding relevant inoculations and prophylactics for travel in Thailand.
7. Clients must be fully insured to cover any risk of medical repatriation and the Cruise Asia Ltd. is in no way responsible for such liabilities.
8. Once a booking has been received through a sales agent or directly from the passenger a contract exists between the Company and the client and these terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed agents are responsible for the transfer of their clients to and from the ship on time and in the event of a late arrival the ship is not obliged to delay departure thereby upsetting tight schedules.
10. The company accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property whilst on board a company vessel.
11. During the river stops on the company provide an escorted service but not always a licensed guide service. If passengers wish to bring their own state-licensed guide then guide accommodation in the crew quarters may be offered subject to availability at a special rate.
12. The company reserve the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket cannot be produced and the company cannot guarantee the exact allocation of cabins and deck location which may in the event of extenuating circumstances differ from the cabin number indicated on the ticket.
13. Within the ticket price fuel costs have been calculated on average prices as of the publication of this document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10% Cruise Asia Ltd. will be entitled to impose a fuel supplement equivalent to the amount by which the fuel price exceeds the price allowed for in the contract.
14. It is not permitted to allow any breed of animal on board.
15. Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but the Cruise Asia Ltd. cannot guarantee the availability of a cot. Children of 4 years and + must solely occupy a berth and pay full rate

16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply.
17. The company reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy is printed on an invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Clients and their agents must abide these terms and the company reserve the right to either cancel an existing reservation or to refuse passage in the event that these terms have not been adhered to.
19. In the event that one passenger enters into a commercial or other form of relationship or arrangement with another passenger the company is in no way liable for the obligations of one passenger to another passenger or any claim arising thereof. If as a result of any such relationship or arrangement entered into without the involvement of the company by prior agreement then the company is in no way liable for any claims from either party of any nature whatsoever.

**How to make a Reservation:**

Send e-mail with your request to: [res@cruiseasia.net](mailto:res@cruiseasia.net) or [cruiseasia@gmail.com](mailto:cruiseasia@gmail.com) and we will be happy to assist you.

**Specifications of the Vessel**

The *RV River Kwai* is an inland water class vessel, with the following specifications:

Length	120ft / 36m
Beam	25ft / 7.6m
Draft	3ft / 90cm
Air Draft	11.5ft / 3.5m
Tonnage	155.69 tons
Engines	2 x 200 hp Hino engines with inboard propulsion; propellers have 4 blades, 3ft diameter
Speed	8 knots cruising
Power	1 x 75kva Caterpillar (recon) genset, 1 x 20 kva port/emergency genset, shore lines to bases on river
Cabins	10 deluxe staterooms of 3m x 4m with own shower, water closet, air-conditioned, mini safes, etc.
Public	Upper deck is open plan with dining, bar and seating areas covered by a collapsible frame awning to enable vessel to pass under low bridges
Water	Water tanks
Sewage	Holding tanks to pump out to on shore septic facility
Comms	Thai GSM cellular, FM Radios, PA system, tannoy
Safety	Smoke detectors in all cabins, emergency lighting and generator, fire extinguishers, pumps and hoses, life jackets for all passengers, life rafts, ship's motorized tugboat
Navigation	Ship's horn, searchlights, Garmin GPS (Global Positioning System)
Amenities	Fully equipped kitchen, refrigeration units
Crew	Thai crew and foreign cruise director.

For all our Trails, our standard [Terms and Conditions](#) apply