

# 3 Days River Kwai Delight at Home Phutoey

### Day 1 | Bangkok - Home Phutoey

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This historical exploration tour takes us to Kanchanaburi province to absorb this region's wartime history. We take in the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre, an interactive museum dedicated to the history of the 'death railway' which ran 415 km from Ban Pong in Thailand to Thanbuyuzayat in Burma. This was built by Allied prisoners of war and Asian labourers forced by the Japanese Army to undertake this mammoth task in hostile conditions. This museum offers an educational and moving experience. We also visit the Allied War Cemetery, the resting-place for over 6,000 Allied prisoners, as well as the world-famous Bridge over the River Kwai. A long-tail boat will convey us to the resort for check-in and lunch.

This tour of historical and cultural attractions in Kanchanaburi province takes in Jack Chalker's Gallery and the Sir Weary Dunlop Peace Park. These two memorials tell the story of Allied prisoners of war who were forced to build the Thailand to Burma 'death railway' in extremely harsh conditions. The gallery has paintings completed by Jack Chalker, a former British prisoner of war in Kanchanaburi, who used his artistry to portray stories of heroism and bonds forged in hard times between soldiers of different nationalities. The Weary Dunlop Peace Park celebrates the friendship between an Australian soldier and a Thai man native to Kanchanaburi and it reflects the peaceful times that we now enjoy.

Dinner and overnight at Home Phutoey River Kwai Resort.

## Day 2 | Home Phutoey

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After breakfast, jungle trek to an ethnic Mon tribal village and temple where we will view the simple lifestyle of this indigenous group who are the earliest people to reside in South-East Asia, bringing their civilization to the region over 1,200 years ago. We will watch a cultural show and interact with our hosts and then return to the resort followed by lunch. The afternoon is at your own leisure.

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## Day 3 | Home Phutoey – Bangkok

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We visit the Hellfire Pass Memorial and Museum which is dedicated to Allied prisoners of war and Asian labourers who were forced to build the Thailand to Burma 'death railway' in extremely harsh conditions during World War Two. After viewing the exhibits in this excellent museum and its many audio-visual displays, we walk along the original railway cutting known as Hellfire Pass which was one of the most difficult sections of rock to cut through, but it is now a haven of peace and serenity.

Check-out and after lunch at local restaurant, we take a ride on the 'death railway,' passing over original wooden viaducts constructed by Allied prisoners during World War Two. We then head back to Bangkok and transfer to our respective hotels.

## 1 November 2024 - 31 October 2025

1	2	3 – 5	6 – 14	15 – 29	30 – up	Seat-in-Coach	Single Sup.
-	-	-	-	-	-	259.70	74.40

Rates are in US Dollar (USD), per person, net and non-commissionable

#### Seat-in-Coach

• Seat-in-Coach tours are operated daily with English-speaking guide, minimum 2 persons.

## **Supplements**

Compulsory New Year dinner | 31 December 2024
 USD 43.10 per person



#### **Inclusions**

- Tours and transfers with licenced English-speaking guiding services / assistance;
- Accommodation in sharing twin / double with air-conditioning;
- Transportation for tour and transfers by air-conditioned vehicle, unless otherwise stated;
- All entrance fees for visits as mentioned in the program;
- All applicable taxes and service charges;
- All meals as indicated in the program (food only)

#### **Exclusions**

- Voluntary Carbon Offset Compensation: USD 1.50 per person per day;
- Personal expenses such as other meals, drinks, tips and gratuities, shopping, portage fees and optional tours/ visits, unless otherwise stated;
- Hotel accommodation in the destination of commencement;
- Any domestic / international airline tickets, airport taxes, visa fees, specific camera / video fees, additional transportation cost from and to the general pick-up / drop-off regions (such as airports, out-of-town resorts, ports, harbours and accommodation in surrounding towns);
- Any accommodation expenses of a personal nature. This includes (compulsory festive)
  meals and drinks, mini-bar consumption, laundry, room service, any telephone or other
  communication cost not mentioned in the program;
- International travel and medical insurance coverage for customers.

#### **Good to know**

- In line with the program, customers are strongly advised to spend the night prior to the start of this package in Bangkok;
- We reserve the right to make necessary changes to the tour in case of unfavourable weather conditions or situations where we are forced to make alterations to guarantee the safety of our quests;
- Natural elements of any kind have a destructive effect on electronic equipment. It the
  customer's own responsibility to ensure that any camera, mobile telephone or other device
  is properly wrapped and protected against these elements. We cannot be held responsible
  in any way for negligence and/or not following suggestions for any damage related to this;
- Tours and excursions often include obstacles of various kinds that may not make this excursion suitable for wheelchair users or guests with limited mobility;
- The protection of the country's flora, fauna and its historical and cultural treasures is of immense importance for us. We will not pursue any activities that are not in line with our animal, wildlife and environment protection principles;
- Please ensure that you bring sunglasses, a hat /cap and sunblock with a high SPF factor when traveling with us. Even when it is cloudy, the sun still has an immense power;
- All mentioned times, durations and stops are based on approximations and may change due to unforeseen circumstances, weather and traffic conditions beyond our control.

For all our Trails, our standard **Terms and Conditions** apply