



Thai Massage Homeland Tour

You will stay in an Akha village where you will study Part I and Part II of Thai medical massage from one of the first instructors of Thai massage in the US. In the evenings and week end the Akha people will share their knowledge of their traditional medicine and massage.

Their musical abilities are very delightful and moving. I long to hear them sing. You will experience the delicious cuisine of the Akha people. The fresh vegetables and fruit picked fresh that day can't be beat.

The trip will include site seeing tours.

Doi Tung

Many People Have Called Doi Tung "Switzerland in Thailand" (correct pronunciation is "Doi Dtoong"). This description seems apt when viewing the crisp line of mountains of Chiang Rai in the cool winter season, or when the mist and clouds of the rainy season roll in above the verdant forest against a background of an ever-changing sky.

This natural beauty has been enhanced through the effort and perseverance of the people of Doi Tung in reviving their once deteriorated forests. The now lush forests are their legacy to pass on to their descendants. It is through their work that they accomplished the gracious commands in the memory of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Mother, through the Doi Tung Development Project under Royal Initiative, that has returned the mountains to their natural environment. The Princess Mother has passed away, but her inspiration has lived on through the dedication of the loyal staff of the Doi Tung Development Project.

Visitors to Doi Tung can experience for themselves the natural beauty of the hills, and appreciate the efforts of the people of Doi Tung. They can see how people and forests can live together, while the people preserve the forests, the forests support the livelihood of the people.

The Villa on Doi Tung

The Royal Villa was built at Doi Tung for Her Royal Highness the Princess Mother to stay while she carried out her environmental and development work. On deciding to live there, Her Royal Highness told her private secretary, "If there were no Doi Tung Development Project, I will not have a house here". The Doi Tung Royal Villa is thus a symbol of Her Royal Highness' constant efforts to improve the lives and well-being of her subjects.

The Doi Tung Royal Villa

The Doi Tung Royal Villa was the first residence of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinakarindra, the Princess Mother, built under her supervision, Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana, gave the architects a concept of simplicity and multi-functionality for the Royal Villa.

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- See Page 2 to learn about the sight seeing tours included on this trip
- See Page 3 for a map of Phuket

Golden Triangle



In the morning we visit hot springs and go to an Akha and a Yao hill tribe village. We continue to the old temples of Chiang Saen on the Mekong River. After that we visit the famous Golden Triangle, the point where Laos, Burma and Thailand converge. After lunch we drive to Mae Sai, the city on the border with Burma. You can see a lot of Burmese people and products here. Then to Chiang Rai where you will stay in the cozy Golden Triangle Inn within walking distance of the night bazaar.

Elephant safari/ Elephant show/ Bamboo rafting (TUR0105)



You are picked up from your hotel by your guide. Drive north of Chiang Mai to Mae Taman (approx. 1hr) to the elephant camp. At the elephant camp you will see the elephants taking their morning bath and demonstrating some of their skills. Afterwards take an elephant ride for approx. 1 hrs to a Lisu hill tribe village. The ride takes you through some of the lovely forest scenery and along the river. You will come back to the elephant camp by oxcart. After lunch take a bamboo raft trip down the river, admire the scenery and absorb the tranquility as you float down the river. Then drive back to Chiang Mai in the afternoon



Time: 08.15 AM - 04.30 PM.

Incl: Transport by aircon minivan, entrance fees, English speaking guide, and lunch.

NB This tour is suitable for people of all ages

Klong Tour (TUR0126)



Discover why Bangkok is also known as "the Venice of the East". During this tour you have the chance to see Bangkok from a totally different point of view and get a closer insight in the lives of the Thai people that live on the banks of the canals.

For this trip different boats are used: The Chao Praya Express, Thai longtail boats and very small "James Bond" boats which are used to explore even the smallest klongs. Depending on the route that is chosen by your guide, you will visit one of the many local temples, a small market or a school.



Incl: English speaking guide, and a local lunch

Temple Tour + Grand Palace (TUR0131)



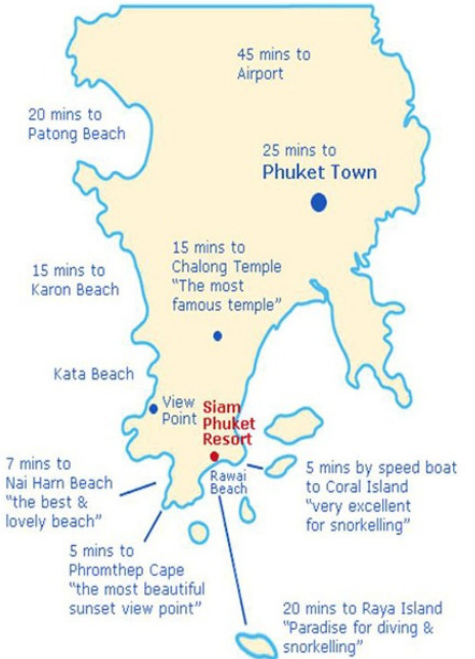
In the morning you will visit the former royal buildings of the Chakri kings and the beautiful Wat Phra Kaew. You will be impressed by the Buddhist statues and showings in the holiest temple of Thailand.

In the afternoon you will get acquainted with the Buddhist temples in Bangkok. This accompanied tour will give you a very good insight in Buddhism in Bangkok. You will visit the most famous and some of the most beautiful temples of Bangkok: the Golden Buddha in Wat Traimit, Wat Pho with the world famous reclining Buddha and also the Marble Temple, Wat Benchamapoti.



Incl: Transport and English speaking guide

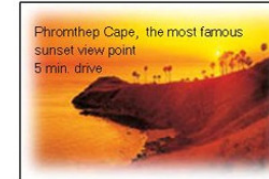
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Rawai



Ya Nui Beach, Beautiful Coral reefs, 5 min. drive



Phromthep Cape, the most famous sunset view point, 5 min. drive



Naiham Beach, the best and lovely beach, 7 min. drive



Wat Chalong, 15 mins drive



Viewpoint, 10 min. drive



Patong Beach, 20 min. drive



Patong at night