

Nature and Culture Unforgettable 3D2N / **TTH 112**

This programmed proves unforgettable for those who have experienced it. Definitely, the scenery of two border towns in the enchanting west Thailand with their distinctive spells marks one of the most charming characteristics of Kanchanaburi. **Riding on the elephant back** in the woodland, **bamboo rafting** on the mighty River Kwai and **bullock-cart ride** can be a wonderful adventure experience that you may never forget. **Boat trip** on the lake also offers you a dramatic view of the exotic hilly borderland – home to **Three Pagodas Pass** and **Thailand's most famous Wooden Bridge**. Discover some cultural practices and traditional beliefs during a welcome ceremony at ethnic Karen village.. Added to this nature and culture oriented trip is a remarkable site visit to WWII related **Hellfire Pass Memorial** and the POW's discovered natural hot spring. Come explore the land where mountains and forests are still alive!

Day 1: **Elephant riding- bamboo rafting- Hellfire Pass memorial- Three Pagodas Pass- Thailand's longest Wooden Bridge- Ponnatee Resort (L, D)**



- 0830 Pick up from hotel in Kanchanaburi town & depart for Elephant camp.
0915 Upon arrival, start an adventure day with elephant riding near the river side and enjoy a river journey by bamboo rafting along the River Kwai.
- 1030 Proceed to the word famous Hellfire Pass.
1100 Visit **Hellfire Pass Memorial**. Take a walk downhill for a site visit to glimpse the Death Railway remnants and the infamous 'cutting site', the namesake of Hellfire Pass, hidden in the bamboo dominant mountain of the River Kwai valley.
1230 Continue further north to the uniquely scenic borderland of Sangklaburi. En route, lunch at restaurant.
1430 Enjoy coffee break at **Groeng Grawia Waterfall**. Continue to **Three Pagodas Pass**.
- 1530 Reach the Pass. Time for photos. Some may find wooden items from Burma are attractive. Proceed to Sangklaburi town. Then enjoy a nice walk along the **Wooden Bridge** on Khao Laem Lake that provides a terrific view of Sangklaburi town and its landscape.
1800 Check in at Ponnatee Resort. Leisure.
1900 Enjoy Thai dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: **Ox-cart ride- Mon temple- boat trip-Phu Aiyara Resort (ABF, L, D)**

- 0830 After breakfast, set off a journey to Karen village.
0900 Experience an **ox-cart ride** to a local village for a traditional welcome ceremony.
1030 A visit to **Wat Wangwiwekaram (Mon Temple)**. Lunch at local restaurant.
- 1300 Return to Ponnatee Resort, time for showers. Check out and enjoy a leisure **boat trip** on The magnificent Khao Laem lake to the floating villages in a scenic location, 15 kms from the town. On the way, make a brief stop at the sunken temple (if the water level is not so high that the temple remnants get entirely flooded).
- 1400 Pick up by car and continue further down to Thong Papoom district.
1530 Stop at local market in **Thong Papoom** for shopping of some fruits and stuff if desired.



1630 Depart for **Phu Aiyara Resort**, in Huai Khayeng village.

1700 Reach the accommodation in a very nice setting with a great nature view. Relax and leisure.
If desired, an easy walk to get around the village can be done to get to know the area and observe local lifestyle.

1900 Have dinner & overnight stay.

Day 3: Hindad Hot Spring–Khao Pang waterfall (ABF, L]

1000 After breakfast, enjoy at leisure. **Optional activities:** ATV ride (60 min.), Zipline (60 min.)

1100 Check out and head for local restaurant where appropriate.

1300 Depart for Hindad Hot Spring – public natural spring rich in minerals.

1330 Arrive the spring, and simply enjoy it!

1430 Leave for Kanchanaburi town.

1500 En route, stop over at Khao Pang Waterfall.

1600 Return to Kanchanaburi town.

1700 Reach Kanchanaburi. **End of the service.**

Valid from 2015- 31 Oct 2016

| Number of guests | Prices per person |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 2 pax | THB 18,800.- |
| 3 pax | THB 15,000.- |
| 4-8 pax | THB 12,300.- |
| 9-15 pax | THB 11,400.- |
| 16 pax up | THB 10,000.- |

Included:

- 1) Transfer during tour in Kanchanaburi for 3 days by A/C van.
- 2) 2 nights' accommodations as mentioned with shared room
- 3) Hellfire Pass visit and entrance fee
- 4) All entrance fee as mention in the programed
- 5) 7 meals (3L, 2D, 2ABF)
- 6) Bullock-cart ride & Karen welcome ceremony
- 7) Boat trip on Khao Laem Lake (approx. 1 hour)
- 8) Elephant riding & Bamboo rafting [30 minutes each]
- 9) Drinking water, cool towels, coffee, tea & snacks
- 10) Insurance (Baht 1,000,000 per head)
- 11) English-speaking guide
- 12) 10% Tax & vat

Optional Tour



Excluded:

- 1) Transfer between KAN and BKK
- 2) Soft drinks, beer and alcohols

Recommendations:

1. Reliable walking shoes on a stony road in a humid climate
2. Loose/breathable cotton shirts and pants are recommended
3. Bring hats, eyeglasses or sun block lotion in case of strong sunlight
4. Mosquito/insect repellent is strongly advised for the whole trip