

Rainforest Trekking West End Thailand 3D2N / TTH 126

Unique & Delightful Experience into the highland of enchanting west Thailand



Day 1: Walking a non-touristy stretch of the Death Railway, a beautiful drive up to a magnificent highland of Pilok – west end Thailand.

- 0800 Pick up by car from Kanchanaburi to **Hellfire Pass Memorial**.
- 0845 Upon arrival, visit the memorial's museum featuring the history of the Great Pacific War and the Death Railway construction. Then **2.30 hours walking** from the memorial along the original Death Railway to other dramatic places in relation to the railway construction. The uneven walking trail runs through the fertile forest with its charming limestone hills.
- 1130 Pick up by car, continue further north to Tong Papoom. Lunch on route.
- 1330 Stop at a local market. Shopping of fruits and snacks can be done. 45 minutes beautiful drive from here will then lead up to the highland of Pilok in the beautiful west end of Thailand. On route, enjoy a fascinating view at a scenic view point overlooking the mountainous area.
- 1530 Then set off an off-road journey (30 minutes) along the stony road into magnificent Pilok valley that provides a dramatic view of the former mining area.
- 1600 Warm welcome by afternoon tea and different kinds of cakes. Then check in and leisure (or enjoy a nice chat with the owner about her extraordinary experience and the legend of Pilok village in its glorious period).
- 1900 Thai dinner in the warm atmosphere and soothing sound of nature. Overnight stay (**2 nights**): a basic but nice family-run bamboo lodge with twin bedrooms, hot shower and western styled restrooms, overlooking a little creek.

Day 2: Jungle trekking, hidden beautiful waterfall.

- 0900 After breakfast, start a walking trip passing the former mining area with magnificently open mountain landscape. **6 kms** walking trail (approx. 3 hours walk, single leg) in the splendid valley along the mountain edge will lead to a fascinating limestone waterfall in the open mountain landscape. Enjoy swimming and relaxing by the fall. Then return on foot back to the accommodation.
- Note:** Generally, the routes are stony snaking up and down the forested mountain and open landscape with terrific views. Walking sticks may be considered for some walkers. Those who want to have an easy day can enjoy a beautiful drive on the mountain ridge into the most stunning waterfall and all over the area.
- 1600 Enjoy afternoon tea and cakes at the bamboo lodge. Then leisure.
- 1900 Thai dinner and BBQ.
Overnight stay. **Accommodation:** the same as Day 1.

Day 3: Scenic drive, West End Thailand, Hindad Hot Spa, train ride, WWII related attractions.



- 0930 Check out and set off a journey (30 minutes) out of the valley by 4x4 car. Visit the legendary former mining Pilok village, then the west end of Thailand. If the sky is clear, Andaman sea can be glimpsed from a far distance. Then continue by car down to Tong Papoom (1 hour drive).
- 1200 Thai lunch at a local restaurant in Tong Papoom area.
- 1330 Enjoy self-treatment at a natural Hindad Hot Spring.
- 1530 Catch a train from Nam Tok station. Experience one of the world's great rail journeys along the historical Death Railway that provides a beautiful view of the river stretch with limestone mountains as its stunning backdrop.
- 1630 Get off at Ta Kilen, pick up by car, then continue to Kanchanaburi town.
- 1700 Upon arrival, visit the Bridge on the River Kwai & war cemetery. Then transfer to the accommodation in Kanchanaburi town.

Interests on route:

- ❖ fascinating mountainous landscape with limestone hills
- ❖ former mining area & geology
- ❖ exotic highland in west Thailand
- ❖ rainforest, tropical fauna and flora
- ❖ non-touristy and hidden waterfalls,
- ❖ WWII related Death Railway, museum & the Bridge

Valid from 2015- 31 Oct 2016

Number of guests	Prices per person
2 pax	THB 17,500.-
3 pax	THB 14,100.-
4-8 pax	THB 12,400.-
9-15 pax	THB 11,800.-
16 pax up	THB 10,800.-

Included:

- 1) Round-trip transfer by a/c vehicle for the whole trip in Kanchanaburi 4x4 vehicle
- 2) 2 night accommodation at the family-run bamboo lodge (twin bedrooms, private facilities)
- 3) Food (7 meals including one picnic lunch)
- 4) Drinking water, cool towels,
- 5) Tea/coffee and snacks
- 6) Visits to the places mentioned in the programme
- 7) Train ride on the Death Railway
- 8) Travel insurance
- 9) English-speaking guide
- 10) 10% Vat & Tax

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 jungle trip