



### 3 Day Cultural Tour: Tung Nam Dam and Island Ecolodge

#### Day 1: Kuraburi - Cultural Activities in Village – Overnight at Ecolodge

Time	Activity
09.00	Welcome and pre-trip briefing at Andaman Discoveries office, Kuraburi
09.30	Transfer to village (Tung Nam Dam)
10.00	Visit to a local fish farm
10.30	Tour of village and beach, including rubber and fruit plantations (seasonal)
12.00	Traditional Thai lunch with a local family
13.00	Thai dessert making
14.30	Visit to the Orchid Conservation Centre
16.30	Depart village for Island Ecolodge
17.30	Arrive at Island Ecolodge (dinner included)

#### Day 2: Ecolodge – Own Activities

Time	Activity
Free time	Activities such as snorkeling, diving or kayaking (not included); 3 meals included

#### Day 3: Ecolodge – Own Activities - Kuraburi

Time	Activity
Free time	Relax at the Ecolodge (breakfast and lunch included)
14.00	Return to Kuraburi Pier
15.00	Transfer to Kuraburi
15.30	De-briefing at Andaman Discoveries Office
16.00	End of Program

Please Note: Activities are subject to change due to unexpected circumstances and weather conditions. Alternative activities will be arranged.

We can also arrange other activities, accommodation options, and shorter or longer programmes. Contact us to discuss alternative options. Please note that the cost of the tour may change if guests request alternative activities or accommodation.

#### Price includes:

- Return transfers between our office in Kuraburi and the villages
- Visitor's/Volunteer Handbook, English/Thai phrasebook
- Accommodation while in village
- All activities and equipment while in village
- All meals and refreshments as shown in the itinerary

- Translator
- Local guide
- International Thai-speaking support staff
- Contribution to community fund
- Contribution to other social and environmental projects in the North Andaman region
- VAT

**Prices exclude:**

- Flights, visas and departure taxes
- Vaccinations and travel insurance (accidental insurance can be purchased from us – please inquire for details)
- Return transfer to Kuraburi – transfers can be arranged by Andaman Discoveries
- Personal items and expenses

**What to bring:**

You will need long trousers and shirts to provide protection from the sun and insects, and to cover up in Muslim villages. You should also bring sun screen, a hat, a towel or sarong, insect repellent, raincoat, walking shoes, flashlight, camera, etc. Please see our website for a full list of essential items to bring on your trip.

<http://www.andamandiscoveries.com/reservations.pretrip.html#pretrip03>

**Local customs:**

The communities we work with are Buddhist, Muslim and Moken sea gypsy communities, and we ask visitors to be respectful of these local cultures. Please see our website for further guidelines on in-village code of conduct.

<http://www.andamandiscoveries.com/reservations.pretrip.html#pretrip01a>

**Community benefits:**

The villagers – the guides, host families, handicraft cooperatives – receive fair wages as stipulated by the Community-based Tourism Committee. Andaman Discoveries ensures that the majority of the money generated by each tour goes directly to the villagers. A portion of guests' in-village costs are donated to the community fund that is managed by the villagers. The fund provides financial support for community initiatives and projects in the village. This creates concrete economic opportunities for the villagers, who may otherwise have to seek employment outside of the village.

**About Andaman Discoveries:**

Andaman Discoveries is a social enterprise that enables visitors and volunteers to directly support community-led development, conservation, education and cultural empowerment. We won the Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards 2007 for the Best for Preservation of Cultural Heritage, the biggest awards of their kind in the world. We were also runner up in Wild Asia's Responsible Tourism Awards In 2008 we won the Global Vision Travel and Leisure Award for tourism organizations dedicated to innovation and setting new standards in travel and tourism while working with the environment around them. We also won the SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development, which recognize locally-driven, entrepreneurial partnerships in developing countries that build capacity, strengthen livelihoods and conserve natural resources and eco-systems.

In 2009, we have been short-listed as a finalist in the Wild Asia's Responsible Tourism Awards, as well as one of twelve Finalists for the BBC World Challenge Awards, a global competition which aims to find projects or small businesses that have demonstrated enterprise and innovation at a grassroots level.

