



Homestay and Bike to Bang Pa-In - nde07

Trip Summary	3 days / 2 nights – Homestay 1 night Ban Sai Noi, 1 night Ban Ko Kerd Bang Pa-In
Getting There	Tour starts and ends at Ayutthaya
In-country support	International support staff, local guide, bilingual Thai/English translator, visitor's handbook.
What's included	Transfers during the tour, accommodation, activities and meals as stated in the program.
Availability	All year round

Enjoy a three-day journey by bike starting with Ayutthaya's Historical Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and then visit small rural communities in Thailand's heartland. The homestays will enable you to experience the traditional way of life of the villagers, join in the village activities and you can even try your hand at some Thai cooking.

Day 1 Cycling to

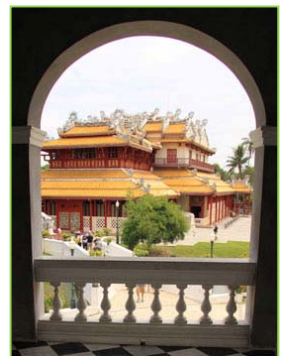
Morning:

Meet your guide in Ayutthaya and receive your bike. After a briefing get ready to set off. Start biking to visit the world-famous Buddha head firmly locked in the tangled roots of the Bodhi Tree at Wat Mahatat. Afterwards go to Wat Rajaburana and see the influence of Khmer architecture on the magnificent prang. Then continue biking through the local communities to witness the day to day life style of the people. Arrive at Phu Kao Thong, the site of a battle during the Ayutthaya period.

Afternoon and Evening:

Enjoy a picnic lunch and then continue by bike on back roads, take a ferry across the river to Baan Sai Noi. Meet your local host at the homestay and after settling in and having a rest you can join members of the community and learn about village life and their dried fruit business.

Your host is an expert cook and she will be happy to explain to you some of the secrets of Thai cuisine as she prepares your evening meal. Enjoy dinner with your host and other members of the community and afterwards relax and share stories with your new friends. Have a good sleep at this comfortable homestay.



Day 2

Morning:

Wake up to a natural alarm (roosters and birds). Have breakfast, pack up and set off again biking from Baan Soi Noi to Bang Pa-In. Learn about the agriculture along the way and also see the many brick kilns that produce bricks for local construction.

Afternoon and Evening:

Stop for lunch at a small local restaurant and afterwards continue biking along back roads and come to Baan Koh Kerd, Bang Pa-In. After relaxing and a refreshing shower at your homestay, take a walk around the village to learn about the life style of the people in this community and participate in some local activities. Afterwards, have a real Thai dinner with your host and then relax and enjoy talking with your host family (a translator will be at hand), sleep well at this comfortable homestay.



Day 3

Morning:

Wake up and enjoy your breakfast. Pack and get ready to visit the Summer Palace (respectful clothes, please). Bang Pa-In the mansions and other buildings that were added during the reign of King Rama V and built in a variety of styles. Then visit the temple next to the Palace, Wat Niwet Thamaprawat. This unique temple was built in European style.

Afternoon:

Stop for lunch at a small local restaurant. Take a long-tail boat cruise along the Chao Phraya River back to Ayutthaya and enjoy the scenery along the way. Arrive back at Ayutthaya, end of program.



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