



## The Leisurely Way, Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya - NDE08

Trip Summary	3 days / 2 nights - 1 nights Homestay Kanchanaburi, 1 nights farm stay Ayutthaya
Getting There	Tour starts at Kanchanaburi 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

**Start from Kanchanaburi by cycling to see the City's Highlights and along the back roads. Stay overnight at an organic farmstay and experience real community farming. Cook with the local people and enjoy a traditional rice-barge cruise along The River of Kings, finishing at Ayutthaya.**

### Day 1 Cycling Tour

#### Morning:

Start in Kanchanaburi and set off to visit the City's highlights by bicycle (approx. 15kms) such as: The War Cemetery, Thai-Burma Railway Museum, Khao Poon Cave temple and the World Famous Bridge over the River Kwai

#### Afternoon and Evening:

After having lunch at a local restaurant, continue to enjoy cycling along the back roads through the green landscape of the central plain, Thailand's rural heartland, to explore local communities along the way (approx. 25kms).

At the end of your journey lies the farming village of Baan Klangtung, here you can feel free to discover the secrets of local organic farming or try your hand at a traditional Thai handicraft. Stay overnight in this farming community, where you can enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the village and its people.



### Day 2 Local Life

#### Morning:

After breakfast, you will take an E-Tan, a type of local farming tractor, to explore **Nong Khao Village**, a village with many cultural traits to discover.

Visit the fan-palm tree plantation and learn from the local people the art of wickerwork and how to make fish mobiles from the leaves of the palm and try a delicious palm cake, or "Kanom Tan", that is made from the palm fruit.

You will also witness a **rice planting commencement ceremony** for The Goddess of Rice, usually performed before they start the rice harvest season, as well as pay a visit to the weaving workshops where they produce the famous "**Pha Khao Ma Roi Si**" 100-coloured multi-purpose fabric.

#### Afternoon and Evening:

In the afternoon, travel by minibus to the agricultural village of Baan Sai Noi, where you can explore the village and talk to the friendly villagers. You will have dinner and spend the night in this riverside community.

### Day 3 Farm Stay

#### Morning:

Wake up early with the villagers and offer food to the monks on their morning alms round through the village before having your breakfast. Spend the morning relaxing, before having an authentic Thai cooking lesson with your host family. It's a great way to share local benefits - to nature, culture and the local economy.

Experience Thai culture through the art and secrets of its fragrant and delicious cuisine with the locals. An experienced chef will reveal the recipes of 4-5 classic and authentic Thai dishes, step-by-step. After your lesson, you'll be able to cook all of these dishes once you get home, as we select only ingredients that you can readily find in your own country.

#### Afternoon:

After your lesson it is time to try the food you have just prepared so we will put it aboard a traditional **teak rice barge**. You may then enjoy this special lunch as you cruise along the waterways from the village to Ayutthaya, taking in the incredible majesty of the city as you pass by some of its most famous historic monuments.

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