



## Surin Moken Experience - r4b

<b>Trip summary</b>	4 days / 3 nights - 1 night Kuraburi Town; 3 days, 2 nights Private Tour Surin Islands
<b>Getting there</b>	Tour starts and ends at AD office in Kuraburi
<b>In-country support</b>	International staff, local Moken guide, bilingual Thai/English translator, visitor's handbook
<b>What's included</b>	Transfers during the tour, accommodation, activities and meals as stated in the program
<b>Availability</b>	October 2016 – May 2017

Take a unique private tour of Koh Surin with the original Moken inhabitants of this tropical paradise. Bask in the natural beauty of the Surin Islands while you immerse in Moken Life and snorkel the crystal waters of the Andaman Sea.

### Day 1 Arrive to Kuraburi

Arrive to Kuraburi for pre-trip briefing at the Andaman Discoveries office. Enjoy the evening in the quaint town of Kuraburi, explore the evening market and local Thai food at one of the many restaurants in town.

*Overnight: Local resort in Kuraburi with a/c and hot water*



### Day 2 Moken village visit

**Morning** Have a traditional Thai breakfast at the local market in Kuraburi with your translator and then transfer to the Kuraburi Pier

Transfer to Koh Surin by speedboat

Check into your tent accommodations at the National Park Headquarters

Meet your local guide and take a long tail boat trip to the Moken village. A tour around the village is an insight into the intricate relationship between the Moken and their surrounding environment. Learn about the brightly colored "Spirit Poles" and Moken homes, built on wooden stilts directly on the beach

Participate in a handicraft workshop and learn the traditional art of Moken weaving. Use forest Pandanus leaves to weave a natural bracelet. Keep it as a souvenir and show off to your friends at home

**Noon** Forest hike - your Moken guide will highlight useful plants, including medicinal herbs, edible species, and those used in construction of traditional houseboats

Snorkeling - coral reef exploration with Moken guide. Your guide will take you to a wonderland of colorful tropical fish and allow you to witness the impressive Moken swimming techniques

End your day with your Moken guide and return to the park headquarters to relax and enjoy the sunset from the white sand beach

**Evening** Dinner at the park headquarters restaurant

*Overnight: Koh Surin National Park, tents on the beach with bedding provided; Electricity generated from 6-10 pm*



**Andaman Discoveries is a social enterprise enabling visitors and volunteers to support community education, village-led conservation, and cultural empowerment.**



## Day 3 Life of the Sea Gypsies

**Morning** Breakfast at the park headquarters restaurant

Meet your Moken guide and take a snorkel tour to see the underwater life of the sea gypsies, how they have adapted to living in the water, and why they love it. Watch as your Moken guide spots sea turtles and sharks swimming in the waters

**Noon** Return to the park headquarters to have a Thai style lunch

Hop back on the long tail boat to go visit special Moken places around the islands and learn how they have lived here for generations. Back at the park headquarters enjoy free time to walk the beach, relax, and enjoy the sunset

**Evening** Dinner at the headquarter restaurant

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## Day 4 Mythology of the Moken

**Morning** Breakfast at the park headquarters restaurant

Try your hand at rowing a Moken "row-boat" and re-enacting their method of spear fishing. Head out to another snorkel site if there is time

**Noon** Return to the park headquarters to have a Thai style lunch

Pack your belongings and prepare for departure from the island

Depart Koh Surin by speedboat to Kuraburi Pier

Transfer back to Kuraburi town to end your program

**Moken Music Activity- Listen to beautiful songs that tell stories and the history of the Moken people. Day of Moken music will be decided by guide.**

