



## Ranong Exploration - 6 Days, 5 Nights

<b>Trip summary</b>	6 days / 5 nights - 2 nights Ban Talae Nok, 1 night Ranong Town, 2 nights Koh Phayam. Group Tour – 5 person minimum, 8 person maximum
<b>Getting there</b>	Tour starts and ends at Ranong Airport
<b>In-country support</b>	International support staff, local 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>	All year round.

*Explore the best of Ranong Province with this 6 days and 5 nights tour! Stay with a Muslim family in a coastal village, trek with the locals to a waterfall in the jungle, see the old town of Ranong and then relax on the island of Phayam. This tour explores the culture and nature of the Ranong area with community based tourism groups, allows you to experience the history and development of Ranong through a stay in the old town and offers some quiet time on the island of Phayam which has yet to be taken over by mass tourism.*

### Day 1 – Cultural Exchange & Handicrafts

*The group is picked up at Ranong Airport after 7.40am (Nok Air) or 10.55 am (Happy Air).*

Start the tour at the Ranong Airport where you will meet the group and your AD translator for a trip overview and cultural orientation.

Transfer one hour south to the coastal Muslim village of Ban Talae Nok village to meet your host family, check into your homestay accommodations and be welcomed into their way of life. Take a walking tour of the community with your local guide to learn about the history and lives of these villagers. See first-hand an area of the village that was destroyed by the 2004 tsunami and learn from survivors how they were affected.

For lunch, enjoy authentic southern Thai food with your homestay family. In the afternoon take part in a handicraft workshop and learn the art of Batik, a technique of hand-dyeing fabrics by using designs drawn in wax. You can create your own design or have your hosts draw one for you, then color in the beautiful designs, and keep your creation as a souvenir.

Then join the women's group, established after the tsunami, which makes beautifully hand-crafted herbal soap, using only the finest natural ingredients. Watch an informative demonstration and then make soap for yourself with the expert guidance of the soap ladies, and keep a souvenir. Head with the group to the beach to relax and bask in the spectacular colors of an Andaman sunset.

For dinner, enjoy a barbecue dinner on the beach and feast on freshly-caught seafood, garden-fresh vegetables, and Thai curries (weather permitting, alternate is dinner in homestay.) Back at your homestay partake in a cultural activity by sharing stories and experiences with the family and local villagers, then try on their traditional clothing.

**Overnight: Ban Talae Nok Homestay, comfortable bedding and mosquito net provided.**



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## Day 2 - Village Life & Local Livelihoods

Enjoy breakfast at your homestay house. Then head into nature, and explore the mangrove forest in a long-tail boat, where you have the chance to spot various birds, monitor lizards and monkeys. Take a fascinating journey through the tidal canals and learn how the villagers are active in protecting this amazing ecosystem that helps sustain their life. Learn the local way of fishing in the tidal canals, and use your harvest in a homemade meal.

Return to your homestay for lunch. After lunch, participate in local livelihood activity and learn to weave leaves of the nypa palm with the villagers. Help make traditional roofing from this local mangrove plant.

Back at your homestay make a Thai dessert from local ingredients, for a delicious afternoon treat. After a full day of activities, learn to cook local Thai food with your host family, or spend your time before dinner relaxing on the beach.

**Overnight: Ban Talae Nok Homestay**

## Day 3 - Natural Wonders

Have a last breakfast with host family and then pack your bags and say goodbye to your friendly hosts.

Transfer to Ton Kloy village for a hike with the local community tourism group. Meet the park ranger and local guide to begin the hike, along the way you can stop to visit a local fruit orchard and taste the delicious natural products.

Enjoy a picnic lunch at the water fall with the group and local guides. After lunch have free time to relax and swim in the cool waters of the waterfall before heading back to the village.

Transfer to Ranong Town, on the way stop at the Ranong hot springs and soak in the natural hot water to cure any aches from the hike! Arrive to Ranong Town and check into hotel. Then head out for an excursion with your translator to explore the night life of the old city. Enjoy dinner and local treats in this quaint part of the town.

**Overnight: Hotel in Ranong Town**

## Day 4 - Koh Phayam Island

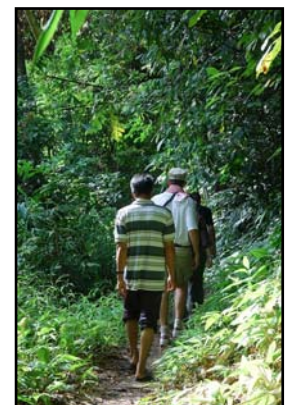
Awake early and enjoy breakfast at the local market in the town with your translator.

Transfer to Koh Phayam via boat. After arriving at the pier take a motorbike ride through the cashew nut orchards on the small country road to reach the beach front resort. Check in and have a group lunch at the resort.

Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and explore the island at your own pace. Depending on the tides, take a board out to surf the waves or lay on the quiet beach and watch the sunset into the horizon. Take an independent dinner and evening free time.

**Overnight: Resort on Koh Phayam**

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## Day 5 – Koh Phayam Island

Breakfast included at resort.

Spend the day relaxing on the beach and swimming in the ocean. Or head out for optional activities including trekking on the island, a Thai cooking class, fishing by boat or kayaking in the mangroves. Your translator will be with you to help you set up any activities.

Lunch and dinner independent and can be had at one of the many quaint family owned restaurants on the island. Chose from fresh seafood, Thai or Western dishes.

Overnight: Resort on Koh Phayam

## Day 6 – Back to Mainland

Breakfast included at resort. Enjoy your last morning on the beach. Pack your bags and transfer to the pier by motorbike.

Travel by boat to return to the pier in Ranong Town and transfer back to the Ranong Airport to end your program.

\*Price – 18,000 Thai Baht per person

\*Group tours each month with minimum 5 people an maximum 8 people



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