



Community Connection - 7 Days, 6 Nights

Trip summary	7 days/6 nights - 2 nights Ta Pae Yoi, 2 nights Khao Sok and 2 nights Chiew Larn Lake. Group Tour – 5 person minimum, 8 person maximum
Getting there	Tour starts and ends at Phuket Airport
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.

Delve into the culture of the quaint fishing village of Ta Pae Yoi and explore the unique beauty of Koh Phratong island. Enjoy the fantastic nature of the 20 million year old rainforest complex of Khao Sok and relax in the floating bungalows at the mystic Limestone Lake. Electricity at Village and Lake runs from 6pm-10pm only.

Day 1 – Kuraburi - Local Thai Life

The group will meet and be picked up at Phuket International Airport in the early afternoon. Transfer three hours north to the small town of Kuraburi and the Andaman Discoveries office. Have a pre-trip briefing and cultural orientation by your translator. Check into your local resort accommodation and take time to explore the evening market. Then have a group dinner at a restaurant in town and relax in the quaint atmosphere.

Overnight: Kuraburi local resort with air-conditioning, hot water – Dinner included



Day 2 - Cultural Exchange

Awake early and meet your translator for breakfast at the local morning market. Try traditional Thai breakfast foods like rice soup or sweet snacks and delicious tea and coffee. Then transfer twenty minutes to Bang Ded Pier and hop on a long tail boat out to the village. Along the way ride through the mangroves and take in the scenic views of the mainland and beyond. Arrive at the village pier and meet your local guide and be introduced to your homestay family.

Take a walking tour of the community with your local guide and translator to learn about the history and lives of these island villagers. For lunch, enjoy authentic southern Thai food with your homestay family. After lunch, take a tour of the unique Koh Phra Thong Savannah with your local guide and translator and explore the uninhabited interior of the island. The golden fields and wetlands are habitat for rare deer and giant storks, along with unusual ferns, orchids, and insect-eating plants. Visit the long stretch of undeveloped beach for a swim, explore the tidal pools and learn about the different edible shells and crustaceans. Then with your guide, collect local vegetables to create a garden to table meal. Return to your homestay to use your harvest in a personalized Thai cooking class and enjoy the delicious results of your labor for your evening meal. In the evening share stories and experiences with your hosts and translator, pictures from home are always welcome! Spend the night in a simple and comfortable room with bedding and mosquito net provided.

Overnight: TPY Homestay - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included



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Day 3 - Natural Wonders

Awake early to participate in the traditional Buddhist alms giving. Monks from the local temple will pass by your homestay where you will have the opportunity to offer food and receive a blessing. Then, enjoy breakfast at your homestay.

Take a guided kayak tour of the mangrove conservation area and learn about this ecosystem and its importance to the village. In the quiet of the trees you have a chance to see monkeys, monitor lizards and many species of birds. Depending on the tides, paddle onwards to explore sandy beaches along the channels. Return to your homestay for another delicious homemade lunch and relaxation.

In the afternoon learn to make a Thai snack with your homestay hosts. For dinner enjoy another home cooked meal surrounded by the beauty and quiet of nature. Enjoy another home cooked meal with your hosts and relish being surrounded by the beauty of nature. In the evening practice your Thai skills and help the host family practice their English.

Overnight: TPY Homestay - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included



Day 4 - Island to Jungle

In the morning have breakfast with your host family. Take a walking tour to see the various species of birds that inhabit the island and then relax in your homestay. You can also walk to the local school and possibly participate in an activity with the students.

Have a last delicious lunch at your homestay before packing and say goodbye to your homestay family and new friends. Transfer by long tail boat back to the mainland and onto Kuraburi, then continue on to Khao Sok National Park and along the way take in the scenery of rural Thailand. Watch the terrain transform back into the verdant jungle that serves as a home to a vast variety of flora and fauna. Check into your jungle accommodation, stay in authentic tree-houses or bamboo bungalows located on beautiful forest grounds and have an independent dinner at the resort restaurant.

Overnight: Our Jungle House - Breakfast, Lunch included



Day 5 - Rainforest Exploration

Awake to the sounds of the jungle and the morning mist rising over the limestone cliffs. Have an independent breakfast at the jungle house restaurant.

Join the group for a tubing trip down the Sok river for a cool and relaxing way to take in the scenery while drifting with the water! Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore another activity or just relax on the grounds of the jungle house.

Independent lunch and dinner in the Khao Sok area, chose from the many restaurants and food stalls in town. In the evening take time to watch the informational videos about the Khao Sok area and environment available at the jungle house clubhouse.

Overnight: Our Jungle House - all meals independent



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Day 6 – Limestone Lake

Have an independent breakfast at the Jungle restaurant and then take a scenic transfer to Chiew Larn Lake. Arrive to the pier and take a long tail boat ride through the crystal waters, while immersing in the awe inspiring beauty of the limestone cliffs surrounding the lake. Check into your floating bungalow accommodation. Enjoy a Thai style lunch of local vegetables and fresh fish from the lake in the clubhouse restaurant.

After lunch, take a boat ride to a short hiking trail through the jungle to an even more remote lake. Here take a guided tour of a secret cave that is decorated with fantastic formations. Spend your night in your floating bungalow, a fairytale experience of unforgettable peace and tranquility.

Overnight: Khao Sok Lake floating bungalows – Lunch, Dinner included

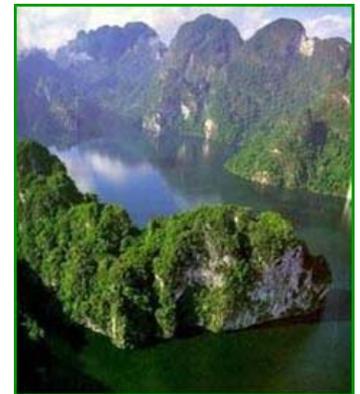


Day 7 – Limestone Lake

Have a hearty breakfast at the lake restaurant, and listen to the gibbons call from the trees above your floating bungalow. Spend your morning watching the hornbills fly in the mist rising against a backdrop of colorful limestone cliffs. If you are interested, you can arrange for a guide to take you on a hike through the untouched tropical jungle, or simply relax, swim and enjoy the surroundings of this area.

Have lunch and then pack and say goodbye to your friendly hosts. Travelling back across the lake, your boat driver will show you some of the hidden bays and rock formations that make the lake so special. In the late afternoon, arrive at the pier and transfer back to Phuket Airport to end your program.

Breakfast, Lunch included



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