

Kayaks & Caves (10 days)

Small-group or Private Tour



Tour Facts

Trip Code – KATHKC
Class of Tour – Standard
Maximum group size – 8
Minimum group size – 1
Activity – Kayaking, snorkelling, rock climbing (optional)
Activity Level – Medium
Accommodation – 7 nights in hotels, 2 overnight train,
Transport – Minibus, 2nd class a/c sleeper train, local bus
Meals – 7 Breakfasts (B), 3 Lunch (L) and 0 Dinners (D)

Basic Itinerary

Day	Activity
1	Arrive in Bangkok
2	Bangkok - Grand Palace tour, overnight train to Surat Thani
3	Bus to Krabi - free time
4	Krabi - boat cruise
5	Krabi - mangrove kayaking
6	Krabi - cave kayaking
7	Krabi - free time (rock climbing option)
8	Krabi - free time. Bus to Surat Thani then overnight train to Bangkok
9	Bangkok - free time
10	Bangkok - free time. Transfer to airport for flight home

Small Group, Private and Tailor-made Tours

Small Group Departures:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

Private Departures:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary below, but on any other date. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

Tailor-made Tours:

Finally, this tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

Options:

On all of the above types of tour, we offer various different options, which can be added to the tour. These options are listed within the itinerary below, and then in detail at the end of this factsheet and also on our website.

Some options (normally that include a flight) should be pre-booked, but paid for in Bangkok.

Detailed Itinerary

Extra Days Option

Day 1 Arrive in Bangkok

You arrive at Bangkok airport where we greet you and transfer you to your hotel. Your Thailand Uncovered rep welcomes you and provides you with some useful tips for exploring the area.

Overnight at hotel in Bangkok

Day 2 Bangkok, Grand Palace tour, overnight train to Surat Thani

We start today with a half day tour to the splendid Grand Palace complex and the Royal Temple of the Emerald Buddha where varied styles of Thai architecture are delicately woven together to enchant the viewer. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy more sightseeing in Bangkok, or just relax. In the evening we board the train for the overnight journey to Surat Thani, staying in second-class air-conditioned sleeping berths.

Overnight on train to Surat Thani (B)

Day 3 Bus to Krabi, free time

From Surat Thani we transfer by local bus to the beautiful resort town of Krabi. You

will have a good afternoon just to relax on the beach after your long journey.

Overnight at hotel in Krabi

Day 4 Krabi – boat cruise

We start our time in Krabi with a cruise to visit some of the most beautiful beaches, islands and coral reefs in the area. We set-off after breakfast on a 20-minute boat ride passing scenic beaches, off-shore islands and extraordinary limestone rock formations. We'll stop for two hours on Rai Leh Beach, one of the most beautiful and romantic beaches in Thailand, with time for swimming, rock climbing or trekking up the mountain for a breathtaking view of the lagoon. We then continue by boat to Chicken and Tab Islands, connected by a white sand bar. Here there is time to snorkelling over the stunning corals and swim with dazzling schools of fish.

Overnight at hotel in Krabi (B L)

Day 5 Krabi – Mangrove kayaking

Today we take a trip kayaking to explore the mangrove forests and river estuary, and to admire their fascinating ecological systems. There should be a chance to see water monitor, monkeys, and gibbons. After paddling through mangrove forests the day's highlight will be passing beneath the Khanab Nam Mountain, a magnificent canyon covered with wild flora and extending for some 400 meters.

Overnight at hotel in Krabi (B L)

Day 6 Krabi – cave kayaking

We have another day of kayaking through stunning caves to see marvellous stalagmites and stalactites. Then we paddle through mangrove forests, the river estuary and finally up river, passing through Lod Cave, beneath the mountains to the Great Spirit or Skull Caves, famous for their pre-historic paintings and early human remains.

Overnight at hotel in Krabi (B L)

Day 7 Krabi – free time, bus & train to Bangkok

Today is a free day for you to relax and enjoy the idyllic surrounding here in Krabi. Alternatively you may wish to take up the option of a day rock climbing on Rai Leh beach, without doubt Thailand's most developed and extensive climbing area. With over 500 bolted routes in walking distance, the ability to belay off the beach in many areas and all year round sunshine, this has deservedly become one of the world's top climbing holiday destinations.

Overnight at hotel in Krabi (B)

Rock Climbing Options

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Day 8 Krabi – free time, bus & train to Bangkok

More free time this morning to enjoy a last swim or sunbathe before catching the local bus back to Surat Thani and the overnight train back to Bangkok, staying in comfortable second-class air-conditioned sleeping berths.

Overnight on train to Bangkok (B)

Day 9 Bangkok – Free Day

Upon arrival back in Bangkok we transfer you to your hotel, where the rest of your day is free to do some last minute shopping or a little more sightseeing. You can finish the tour and fly home today if required (flights must leave after midday).

Overnight at hotel in Bangkok

Day 10 Tour ends

Your day is free until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home. (B)

Extra Days Option

Options

- Booking and Paying for Options:

All options should ideally be booked in advance, when booking the tour. You can also add extra options to your tour, after you have made your booking, and during the tour itself, subject to availability at the time.

To comply with ATOL regulations, some options including internal flights where we don't issue the tickets here in the UK, are to be booked in advance, but purchased from, and paid for to, our agent in Bangkok. (IATA License No. 35/3/00440) Credit Cards, traveller's cheques or cash are accepted in Bangkok for these payments at the start of the tour. A receipt will be provided in Bangkok to show the flight & payment details.

Extra Days

These are available on request in Bangkok before and after the tour starts and finishes. If you'd like to add extra days into the time in Krabi, then please request a tailor-made tour.

The price includes a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers.

Book in advance. Pay in advance

Rock Climbing

Today you can spend a full day rock climbing on Rai Leh beach on any of the over 500 world class bolted routes. All equipment and a guide will be supplied

Book in Krabi. Pay in Krabi

Single Room Supplement

If you want to guarantee yourself a single room throughout the tour, then we need to add a single supplement charge.

If you are a single traveller joining one of our Standard level group tours, then if you do not select the single supplement, you may share a twin or triple room with another traveller/s (same sex) in the group.

Note: Couples will always be given a private double room where possible and triple/family rooms are available on request.

Included in the Price of the Tour

- All accommodation (see below)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & Guides as indicated in the itinerary
- All transport

Not Included in the Price of the Tour

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance – please see the policies available on our website
- Any other items not mentioned above

Accommodation

Our Standard tours use good quality 3 to 4-star hotels in which all rooms have air-conditioning.

Hotels used on this tour:

Bangkok – various
Krabi – Phra Nang Inn (a/c room)

At certain times of the year or where circumstances dictate we may need to use different hotels from the ones listed above. In this event alternative accommodation will always be of a similar standard.

Please see our website for more current details of the hotels that would be used on the tour.

Transport

This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Thailand as possible and not cocooning you from it. To this end we use public transport wherever we feel that it meets our high standards, this includes 2nd class overnight trains with air conditioned berths, local buses and local ferries. We also use private transport, i.e. pick-up trucks and minibuses where necessary.

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Transfers

The tour includes both your airport arrival and departure transfers (24-hour service), and all other transfers.

After customs and immigration formalities you will be met by our representative, and after introductions, they will take you straight to your hotel (full details will be provided after booking).

Tour Leaders/Guides

For this tour we provide fully trained, local English-speaking Thai guides to act as your tour leader.

Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service.

To help support the local people and economy, and because we know it works best for you, our policy at Thailand Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders for this tour. Please check our website for further details.

Entrance Fees

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. Camera and video fees may be applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the price.

Dates & Prices

We have regular departures on this tour throughout the year. Our small group departure dates are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet (available on request).

We can also run the tour privately for you on any other dates for a small supplement, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

Tipping

While an accepted part of the culture and customs in Thailand, tipping is always optional, and any amounts paid should reflect excellent service.

It is normal and accepted for people to tip differently, and you should not feel under any pressure to tip any particular amount.

We are often asked for advice on common amounts however, and suggest that up to 10% of the tour price would be a suitable budget for this tour.

Health

For up to the minute health information & vaccination requirements for Thailand we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact have a travel clinic with free advice tel. 0800 0393073). General vaccination recommendations for Thailand include Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Polio and Typhoid.

Country Guide

For an in-depth overview of Thailand, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

Visas

British, European, and many other nationalities do not require a visa for travel to Thailand for stays of 30 days or less. If you are staying longer then visas are required. For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us or checkout the visa pages on our website.



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