

# Thailand Bird Photography

## Professional Bird Watching & Bird Photography Tours

### Ao Phang-Nga+Sri Phang-Nga Bird Photography Tour 3 Days

**Guest Name:**

**Tour Request:** Ao Phang-Nga+Sri Phang-Nga Bird Photography

**Tour Date:**

**Tour Code:** TBW#003D

**Duration:** 3 Days.

**Destination:** Ao Phang-Nga+Sri Phang-Nga

**Bird Leader:**

**Vehicle Type:**

**Driver Name:**

**Room Type Request:**

**Deposit:** 30% After Confirm the Trip.

**Cash on Tours:** 70% or One Week before Departure Date.

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#### Sample Itinerary

##### **Day 1: Phuket-Ao Phang-Nga Mangrove Forest**

06:00 Pick up from **your Hotel**/Transfer to Ao Phang-Nga Mangrove Forest/for Mangrove Pitta, Ruddy Kingfisher, Brown-winged Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Black-and-red Broadbill, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Black-thighed Falconet, Greater Coucal and others.

12:00 Lunch/continue to afternoon program,

16:30 Transfer to your Hotel in Takuapa District/Check into Good Morning Hotel.

**-Meals: B/L/D**

**-Overnight at: Sri Phang-Nga Nature Lodge.**

**-Expert Bird Leader:**

##### **Day 2-3: Sri Phang Nga NP**

06:00 Pick up from **your Hotel** /Transfer to Sri Phang-Nga NP, You'll see Chestnut-naped Forktail, Red-throated Barbet, Blue-eared Barbet, Javan Frogmouth, Gould's Frogmouth, Bushy, Crested Hornbill, Wallace's Hawk Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Crested Goshawk, Shikra, Purple-naped Sunbird, Plain Sunbird, and many the other Birds.

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Start the afternoon program.

**16:00 Day 3:** Transfer back to your hotel in Phuket or Air-port.

**-Meals: B/L.**

**-Overnight at: Sri Phang-Nga Nature Lodge.**

**-Expert Bird Leader:**

#### **Inclusion:**

- English-speaking Bird Leader.
- Breakfast, Lunch, Fruit, Coffee and Tea
- Transfers as itinerary
- Park entrance fees
- Refreshment
- Insurance

#### **Exclusion:**

- Any other service not mentioned in the programs
- Personal expenses
- All alcoholic.
- Airfare

### Preparation:

- Light walking boots or Sports Shoes
  - Camera+Lens
  - Long trousers and Long-sleeved Shirt for walking in the Forest
  - Mosquito Repellent, Sun hat and Sun Cream.
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### Health & Safety

Thailand has an excellent health care system with hospitals and clinics in every small town and large village. However, make sure you have travel insurance that covers you sufficiently as for foreigners it is not free at point of service (although cheap by the standards of most countries). Obviously, I am not a health provider but as far as I know there are no requirements for any vaccinations of any sort for entry. There may be some exception to that regarding yellow fever depending on your age and where you have travelled, so check that. Thailand is a safe country and tropical diseases are not prevalent, malaria is not really an issue and my understanding is that all cases are in the rainy season and the strain of malaria in SE Asia is resistant to medications, apart from, perhaps, the antibiotic doxycycline.

Most Thais are still wearing masks for covid but it is not a legal requirement. More and more people are dispensing with them and my attitude would be wear them if you feel comfortable with them, don't if you do not want to. I would bring some with you though just in case.

Thailand is really safe, it is highly unlikely that you would be the victim of the type of crime that is prevalent in many societies – mugging, car break-ins and suchlike. However, use your common sense when in tourist areas.

When in Kaeng Krachan National Park there are wild elephants and each year a few people are killed. However, it is always people who are behaving stupidly. Just listen to Tony on this and if he tells you to get into the vehicle, do so.

Be careful when crossing the road. By far the biggest danger in Thailand is the traffic.

### Equipment

Obviously bring all your birding/photography equipment. Do bring a tripod and /or monopod. In hides and some stakeouts although birds are fairly tame they do get spooked by movement so if you keep bringing your camera up quickly they fly off. Also in some of the hides the light levels can be challenging so having the camera on a tripod is almost essential really.

In the early mornings it can be cold in the mountains in the early morning, evening and night so bring a warm sweatshirt or fleece or something. No need to go over the top with this but do bring something, in some years it can get quite cold although by February things are usually warming up. Make sure whatever you bring is soft in nature and not stiff and scratchy. I had a terrible time once with someone's coat making a noise every time he moved with birds flying away when he did so.

In the lowlands, particularly while watching the shorebirds, the temperature can be very high with no shade so bring a sunhat and sunscreen.

No special footwear is really required but do bring a change of shoes in case one gets wet. I would always recommend closed shoes rather than sandals.

Equally I recommend long trousers rather than shorts so that biting insects and scratchy plants do not get you.

Please remember to wear dull colours. In the dark forest this makes a big difference and certainly shy birds will not emerge if you are wearing pale colours in the field. I have had some people wearing pale stone-coloured birding clothing that might be appropriate in some places but certainly not in tropical forests.

### **Internet**

Most of the places you will stay have decent internet connections but if it is essential for you I would suggest buying a Thai Sim with internet when you arrive at the airport. Internet requires a password at most places you will stay at so ask for this when you check in.

### **Alcoholic Drinks**

These are not included in the cost so please pay your bill every night if you have a beer. From memory everywhere you stay sells local beers, very few places sell spirits. I do not think anywhere sells wine. If you want to drink wine you will need to ask your guide to take you to a 7/11 store, some of which sell it, or a supermarket.

### **Laundry**

You can get laundry done cheaply at Tangerine Ville Hotel at Fang, Inthanon Highland Resort and Baan Maka Nature Lodge or from your hotel or resort, where you stay.

### **Problems**

Please let your guide know immediately if there is anything that needs dealing with. While we cannot promise that everything will go perfectly, we do know that issues that are not raised until the trip ends cannot be addressed.