

Thailand Bird Photography

Professional Bird Watching & Bird Photography Tours

Osprey+Krabi Mangrove+Khao Sok Dam Bird Photography Tours 5 Days

Guest Name:

Tour Request: Osprey+Krabi Mangrove+Khao Sok Dam Bird Photography Tours 5 Days

Tour Code: TBW#0005D

Season: Mid October-End of April.

Duration: 5 Days.

Destination: Krabi/Krabi Mangrove Forest/Khao Sok Dam

Bird Leader: *One Of Thailand Bird Watching's Expert Bird Leader.*

Vehicle Type: Minivan

Driver Name:

Room Type Request: Twin share

Deposit: 30% After Confirm the Trip.

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

Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Krabi Town/ Krabi waste water treatment pond.

06:00 Breakfast/Pick up from your hotel in Krabi Town/Drive to Krabi waste water treatment pond, for Osprey, White-bellied Sea-eagle, and Brahminy Kite.

12:00 Lunch/Rest.

15:00 Afternoon program/Boat Trip for Brown-winged Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher and others.

17:00 Return back to your hotel.

18:30 Dinner.

-Meals: B/L/D

-Overnight at: Krabi Seabass Hotel.

-Expert Bird Leader:

Day 2: Krabi Town/ Krabi waste water treatment pond.

06:00 Breakfast/ Pick up from your hotel in Krabi Town/Drive to Krabi waste water treatment pond, for Osprey, White-bellied Sea-eagle, and Brahminy Kite.

12:00 Lunch/Check out.

13:00 Transfer to Khao Sok or Chiew Lan Lake.

15:00 Arrive at Khao Sok Pier/Transfer by Longtail Boat to Krai Sorn Floating Bamboo Bungalows/We'll searching some Raptors, Hornbills on the way to our Bungalows.

17:00 Arrive at Krai Sorn Floating Bamboo Bungalows./Check in.

18:00 Dinner

-Meals: B/L/D

-Overnight at: Krai Sorn Floating Bamboo Bungalows

-Expert Bird Leader:

Day 3-5 Khao Sok National Park.

-We'll spend 3 full days in Khao Sok National Park or Chiew Lan Lake/**for Our Flight shot**, will see Helmeted Hornbill, White-crowned Hornbill, Bushy-crested Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Lesser Fish Eagle Blue-eared Kingfisher, and other Birds.

12:00 Lunch.

14:00 Afternoon program.

Day 5: After Lunch/Transfer back to the pier/

-Meals: B/L/D

-Overnight at: Krai Sorn Floating Bamboo Bungalows

-Expert Bird Leader:

Inclusion:

- English-speaking Bird Leader.
- Accommodation (twin share) with private bathroom & A/C
- Meals, Fruit, Coffee and Tea
- Transfers as itinerary
- Park entrance fees
- Refreshment

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.