

Charm of Isaan 2009 – 18 Dec to 30 Dec 2009 (13D/12N)

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Due to the escalating political tension between Thailand and Cambodia, we have to postpone our Indochina Expedition 2009 event to a latter date. But let's not be disappointed, our year end holiday has to carry on! Let's EXPLORE.....

ISAAN - the Northeast region of Thailand located in the Korat plateau, an ancient land rich in history and cultural heritage. Experience the authentic Isaan food, the sight and smell of mixed Thai, Khmer and Laotian culture and traditions. Our places of visit include Prasat Hin Phimai, an ancient Khmer sanctuary that is even older than Angkor Wat, the provinces of Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen and Loei. We will also explore the 'must see' attractions around these areas.

Nakhon Ratchasima - also known as Khorat serves as the gateway to Isaan. The 3rd largest city in Thailand that is both modern and steep in fascinating traditions, charming hospitality, good foods, splendid natural scenery and awesome historical sites.

Khon Kaen - the commercial, administrative and educational hub of the Northeast is a major city. Strategically located in the center of Isaan, it contains an international airport, universities, world class hotels and shopping malls. This city is famous for its silk industry.

Loei - one of Thailand's most beautiful and unspoiled provinces. This area is mountainous with spectacular sceneries. Temperature can occasionally drop to 0 degree Celsius during this period and is known as the Switzerland of Thailand!

Other places of stay and visit in this expedition include the beach resort of Chumphon, Cha Am, the ancient city of Ayutthaya and Nakhon Si Thammarat.

Get ready for an exhilarating yet relaxing adventure holiday to round up another successful year. Below is our tentative itinerary.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Est. Travel</u>
			<u>Distance (Km)</u>
17/12/09	Participants arrive Hat Yai before midnight		200
18/12/09	Hat Yai to Chumphon	D	485
19/12/09	Chumphon to Cha Am	B/D	325
20/12/09	Cha Am to Nakhon Ratchasima (Khorat)	B/D	370
21/12/09	Nakhon Ratchasima. Day trip attractions; 1. Phimai (Khmer Ruins) 2. Phanom Rung (Khmer Ruins)	B	
	1. Muang Tram (Khmer Ruins) 1. Ban Prasat (Archeology Site)		
22/12/09	Nakhon Ratchasima to Khon Kaen.	B	190
23/12/09	Khon Kaen (Great for shopping) is an upbeat city which reflects the true culture of Isaan. Shopping ranges from huge traditional markets and hordes of streets vendors to flashy mall plazas and world class hotels.	B	
24/12/09	Khon Kean. Grand Christmas Dinner at Hotel. Day trip attractions; Wat Nongwang Nine Tier Pagoda. Climb the staircase all the way to the ninth tier for panoramic view of Bueng Kaen Nakhon and see the beautiful murals that depict the founding of Khon Kean.	B/D	
25/12/09	Khon Kean to Loei. Lunch stop at Phu Kradueng National Park	B	210
26/12/09	Loei – we will explore the magnificent scenery of Loei	B/L/D	

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27/12/09	Loei to Ayutthaya	B/D	476
28/12/09	Ayutthaya to Chumphon	B/D	540
29/12/09	Chumphon to Nakhon Si Thammarat	B	330
30/12/09	Nakhon Si Thammarat to Penang	B	500

The total distance traveled during this event is estimated at 4,000Km and diesel/petrol consumption estimated RM 1,800 to RM 2,200 depending on vehicle type. Estimates are based on Thailand fuel prices.

Requirement:

- Any vehicle that is in good condition and able to travel long distance.
- Valid driving license and International Passport (must have at least 6 month validity).
- Original car registration card, photocopy of car registration and passport of all participants. Authorized letter from owner/company if vehicle not the registered owner.
- Compulsory to have either a portable or Mobile Radio.
- GPS preferable but not compulsory.

How much to pay?

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non Member</u>
Per Car (max. 4 pax)	RM 3,888	RM 4,288
Extra Room	RM 1,888	RM 1,888
Extra Bed	RM 688	RM 688
Extra Passenger (5 th passenger onwards)	RM 780	RM 780
Surcharge for entry receive after closing date	RM 1,000	RM 1,000

What do you get from the price you pay?

- 12 nights stay in various hotels at Hat Yai, Chumphon, Cha Am, Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen, Loei, Ayutthaya and Nakhon Si Thammarat.
- Breakfast, dinner and lunch as mentioned in the itinerary and Christmas Dinner at Khon Kaen.
- 2pcs Event Numbers and Event T-shirt's for all participants.
- 3rd party Insurance for vehicle. Participants are encouraged to apply for Endorsement 101 with your own Insurance Company for liability in Thailand Territory.
- Attractive Goodies from sponsors.

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Closing Date : 30th November 2009

Please register early to avoid disappointment during this Super Peak period. Entry on first come first serve basis or limited to 25 vehicle's only. The club reserved the right to change the itinerary without prior notice.