

Blogger Relations Media Fam Trip 2018
Amazing Thailand's 'Colours of the East'
Bangkok-Rayong-Chantaburi-Trat
24-30 May 2018

The six winners will be awarded with return air travel to and from their destination of origin and an all-inclusive five-day/four-night trip per details in this itinerary, including one or two transit nights in Bangkok.

Thursday, 24 May 2018 Bangkok

Bloggers arriving in Bangkok
 Overnight in Bangkok (*hotel accommodation will be arranged for all winners*)

Friday, 25 May 2018 Bangkok – Rayong - Chanthaburi

08.30 hrs. Checkout from the hotel and depart to Rayong
 11.30 hrs. Lunch at a restaurant by Baan Pae Beach, Rayong
 12.30 hrs. Depart from the restaurant
 13.30 hrs. Visit Suphattra Land, Rayong, for fruit orchard tour

A visit to Suphattra land gets you a chance to explore a local fruit plantation with abundant mangosteen, durian and rambutan you can try picking, taste and buy some back home. Best time to visit is during late April-June when fruits are ready to be picked

15.30 hrs. Depart to Chantaburi
 17.30 hrs.. Check-in at the hotel on Chaolao Beach, Chantaburi
 18.30 hrs. Dinner at a restaurant

Saturday, 26 May 2018 Chanthaburi

09.00 hrs. Checkout from the hotel and depart to Kung Krabaen Bay Royal Development Study Center
 09.10 hrs. Visit Kung Krabaen Bay Royal Development Study Center for fish feeding, blue crab preservation activity, and oyster housing workshop.

Kung Krabaen Bay Royal Development Study Center was founded in 1982 and is responsible for studying and researching the natural ecosystem in order to find proper ways to develop the coastal area in Chanthaburi Province. The center is also a place where interested people can study the condition of nature so that they can understand the ecosystem in mangrove forest and can use these resources in the most effective way

11.00 hrs. Depart from Kung Krabaen Bay Royal Development Study Center
 12.00 hrs. Lunch at a restaurant

14.00 hrs. Sightseeing in **Chantaboon Riverside Community**, including Gems Market, Community Church, Thai egg cake and Thai shortbread cookies workshop, and gems polishing workshop. Chantaboon Riverside Community used to be Yaowarat or Chinatown of Chanthaburi and enjoyed flourishing trade and businesses.

Here, you can explore the narrow street, lined with old wooden and brick shop houses. It would probably make you feel travelling back in time as you admired two-storey antique shop houses, with striking curved window arches influenced by European architecture. This is home to an ancient community and was the centre of gemstone and jewelry trade that has made Chanthaburi so famous. There are also shops selling handicrafts and souvenirs as well as restaurants serving local food along the walking street.

18.00 hrs. Dinner at a restaurant
 20.00 hrs. Check-in at a hotel in Chanthaburi

Sunday, 27 May 2018 Chanthaburi - Trat

09.00 hrs. Checkout from the hotel and depart to Paa Louise Lung Thom Homestay

09.30 hrs. Visit Paa Louise Lung Thom Homestay for oyster farm sightseeing and fresh oyster tasting

10.30 hrs. Depart from Paa Louise Lung Thom Homestay

11.00 hrs. Visit Chanthaburi Gem and Jewelry Center for gems and jewelry exhibition

Chanthaburi is the biggest gems trade and production center in Thailand and Southeast Asia. This means that we are ahead in the competition and have the potential to make Thailand the gem center of the region and, finally, of the world in the future. In order to establish Chanthaburi as “City of Gems,” the Gem and Jewelry Center was built with the support of fund and land from Chanthaburi. It is and important gemstone trade and information center of Thailand

The Chanthaburi Gem and Jewelry Center is and all-around gem center which comprises a gem museum, a multimedia room, gem exhibition hall, and gem cutting and inlay demonstration room

12.30 Lunch at a restaurant
 13.30 hrs. Depart to Trat

15.00 hrs. * Visit Baan Tha Ranae community for mangrove forest exploring, mud clam breeding and enjoy mangrove bowling

Baan Tha Ranae is an award-winning community for mangrove preservation. Using only the local natural and cultural resources, the community is well developed to be a model of sustainable community and the community of sufficient economy.

* The time of visiting this attraction is subject to change due to the weather.

17.30 hrs. Depart to the hotel in Trat

19.00 hrs. Dinner at a restaurant

20.30 hrs. Back to the hotel

Monday, 28 May 2018 Trat

09.00 hrs. Checkout from the hotel and depart to Baan Huai Raeng community

09.30 hrs. Visit Baan Huai Raeng community for Mangosteen soap, Nipa Palm desert, and Betel Leaf Wrapped Rice workshop.

Baan Huai Raeng is an ecotourism group. Huai Raeng Eco-tourism Group welcomes guests and set activities that community and tourist can do together. The community also has a local research in eco-tourism management project in order to recover natural resources and make the environment sustainably by villagers in community and involved with organisations.

12.00 hrs. Lunch at a restaurant

13.30 hrs. Depart from the restaurant

14.00 hrs. Visit Wat Buppharam to sightseeing in the oldest temple in Trat, the oldest wooden hall since mid-17th century, and the murals created in the early Rattanakosin. Inside is also a great museum in the temple displaying many ancient relics, Buddha images in different postures, and Chinese and European porcelain.

15.00 hrs. Depart from the temple

16.00 hrs. Check-in at a hotel in Trat

Experience beach activities, such as Kayaking and skim boarding at your preference

18.00 hrs. Dinner in the hotel

Tuesday 29 May 2018 Trat - Bangkok

Morning Experience beach activities, such as Kayaking and skim boarding at your preference. At leisure

10.30 hrs. Checkout from the hotel

12.00 hrs. Lunch at a restaurant

- 13.30 hrs. Depart from the restaurant
- 14.00 hrs. Visit the town of Trat National museum, which was established to be a learning resource of history, culture, and lifestyle of Trat local people, and to be the official museum of town. The building was a former Trat town hall since King Rama VI.
- 15.00 hrs. Depart from the museum
- 15.30 hrs. Arrive at Leam Ngob Light House scenic point for sightseeing
- 16.00 hrs. Depart to Trat Airport
17.00 hrs. Depart to Bangkok by Bangkok Airway PG308 (18.15-19.15 hrs.)
20.00 hrs. Depart to the hotel accommodation in Bangkok
*Connecting to return flight back to the destination of origin

Wednesday 30 May 2018 **Bangkok**

Bloggers depart for their destination of origin

****The programme is subject to change as appropriate*****