

Fantastic Canal Cruise Damnoen Saduak Floating Market (Ratchaburi) January 01, 2020 (Happy New Year Trip)

Itinerary

08:00 hrs. After breakfast, commencing tour to Ratchaburi province City by air-conditioned coach.

09:30 hrs. Arrive at the **(1) Damnoen Saduak Floating Market**, consists of a maze of narrow khlong (canals). Female traders, often wearing traditional Mo Hom apparel (blue farmers' shirts) with wide-brimmed straw hats Ngob use Samphans (small wooden boats) to sell their wares, often produce. These boats are often full of vegetables and colorful fruits that are photogenic.

***** Get on the boat for canal sightseeing (Max. 5 persons per boat) *****

The floating market includes three smaller markets: Ton Khem, Hia Kui, and Khun Phitak. Ton Khem is the largest market and is on Khlong Damnoen Saduak. Hia Kui is parallel to Khlong Damnoen Saduak and has souvenir shops on the canals banks to sell goods to larger tour groups. Khun Phitak is about 2 kilometres south of Hia Kui and is the smallest and least crowded market.

The floating market is crowded with tourists and is considered a tourist trap. As such, the wares tend to be overpriced. Bargaining is a common practice, although the prices of souvenirs and food are generally fixed within a few baht. Canoe cooks can be found preparing and selling boat noodles. The floating market also has been noted to lack cultural authenticity, although it remains a popular destination for both foreign and domestic tourists.



11:00 hrs. Leave for **(2) Wat Bang Kung** (Temple hidden within the roots of a banyan tree) visit and photograph the small buddhist temple that appears to be emerging from within a banyan tree, the historic significance of Wat Bang Kung, and its beautiful natural surroundings alongside the western bank of the Mae Khlong river in Amphawa district, are often not fully known by tourist and Thai alike.

The temple building dates from the Ayutthaya period and, aside from the golden buddha image it houses, is quite simple in design. The remarkably majestic banyan trees are the crowning glory of the site, dominating the temple and shading much of the landscape, a landscape that served as a battleground for Siamese and Burmese warriors in the 18th century. Today, the temple and nearby area is preserved as a memorial to those heroic warriors of the past. Visit the Statues of soldiers in 18th century dress, Statue of General Taksin (he would eventually become King Taksin) and a small zoo with birds and monkeys.



12:00 hrs. Lunch at Restaurant

13:00 hrs. After lunch, continue to **(3) Wat Ban Laem (Wat Phet Samut Worawihan)**, Wat Phet Samut Worawihan considered as the third-class royal temple include provincial temple. It was built in the Ayutthaya period during the King Prasat Thong's reign under the name "Wat Si Champa" According to royal chronicles, Ava troops attacked Phetchaburi in 1764, causing Ban Laem villagers from the area to flee here. They rebuild this temple and called its name according to their original settlements.

The principal Buddha image of the temple named "Luang Por Ban Laem", which is Buddha image carrying alms posture, approx 167 cm high (5 ft 5 in), presumably built in the Sukhothai–early Ayutthaya periods.

According to folklore, this Buddha image was found floating in the river, along with four other Buddha images, namely Luang Por Sothon

of Wat Sothonwararam in Chachoengsao, Luang Por Wat Rai Khing of Wat Rai Khing in Nakhon Pathom, Luang Por To of Wat Bang Phli Yai Nai in Bang Phli, Samut Prakan and Luang Por Thong (also known as Luang Por Wat Khao Takrao) of Wat Khao Takrao in Ban Laem, Phetchaburi all of which are the principal Buddha images in the prominent temples of all central basin. Therefore, believed that all five were brothers. (some folklore tells that only three images were Luang Por Ban Laem), regarded as one of the most sacred Buddha images and is highly respected by Buddhists both domestics and outsiders. There are many people coming to pay homage and blessings especially vowing to recover from illness.



14:30 hrs. Arrive at **(4) Rom Hoop Market**, or Train Market. Experiencing a train passing through the busy Marketplace and watch the market vendors chaotically pulling aside their tables of vegetable, local produce and meats out of the way. It is a unique and breathing-taking scene.



15:30 hrs. Return to Bangkok

18:00 hrs. Arrive at University

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Price per person = 69 USD Net

Package includes

- Round-trip by 50 Seater Air-Conditioned Coach or 9 seater VIP Van (Bangkok – Pattaya – Bangkok)
- Lunch
- English Speaking Licensed Local Guide
- All Admission Fees and sightseeing ask per stated in the itinerary
- Canal Cruise
- Travel Insurance

Remarks: Minimum number of travelers = 30 persons per trip by coach or 5 persons by Van unless otherwise we must cancel due over cost.