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Dear November 25 to December 13, 2014 Trip D Member,

Here are the *General Trip Conditions with Addendum and Application to Participate* for Kasma Loha-unchit's November 25 to December 13, 2014 nineteen day (in Thailand) trip to Northeastern Thailand (Isaan). In order to reserve a spot we ask that you return the *Application to Participate* along with a \$400 deposit ; add \$300 if we're arranging your air travel.

We are glad you've decided to travel with Kasma to Thailand in 2014. If you have not yet read the *Frequently Asked Questions*, we ask that you do so. We will send you a copy if you can not access them online at:

<http://www.thaifoodandtravel.com/travel/tripfaq.html>

Flight Arrangements

Due to the volatility of airline pricing, our trip price includes the portion of the trip in Thailand, only. It includes all transportations costs in Thailand but not the price of getting to and from Thailand.

We can book your flight from San Francisco and add the cost of air travel to the trip cost. In some circumstances, we may be able to book your flight directly from a closer city, depending on the carrier we have selected for the year. If we make your travel arrangements on the dates scheduled for the trip, we will pick you up at the airport in Bangkok and deliver you back to the airport at the end of the trip. If we do book your flight, there will be an additional \$300 deposit, all of which is non-refundable.

Alternatively, you could make arrangements to get to and from Bangkok on your own. In this instance, you are responsible for getting to and from the airport; however if your schedule matches the schedule of the flight we have chosen for other trip members, we may be able to pick you up and deliver you.

At the time of your enrollment in the trip we can check with our agent and let you know what the air travel cost would be at that time.

Travel Insurance

We do not provide travel or cancellation insurance of any kind. If you wish to purchase it on your own, most companies require that you purchase it within two weeks of the date on your check for the initial trip payment in order to get full coverage, including coverage of pre-existing medical conditions. If you are thinking of

getting insurance you should find a plan and make sure of the conditions for payment prior to sending your deposit. It is best to purchase insurance within a certain time from your enrollment in the trip to get the best coverage – it has to do with covering pre-existing medical conditions – you’ll want to check with each company what that time period is.

One plan that appears worth investigating is from Travel Guard, found online at: www.travelguard.com. Their phone number is 800-826-4919.

Another agency worth looking into is: www.mhross.com – they have (for a price) an plan that will reimburse 75% of the tour price if you cancel for any reason at all.

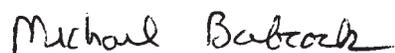
We have no financial affiliation with either of these insurance companies.

You can also find other travel insurance companies online by doing a search on “travel insurance” at www.google.com or you can try the online broker www.insuremytrip.com

Please do get in touch if you have any other questions.

We look forward to traveling together in November/December 2014!

Best,



Michael Babcock (for Kasma Loha-unchit)

Thailand Travel Adventures
Trip D – Northeastern Thailand (Isaan)
November 25 to December 13, 2014 (19 days in Thailand)
General Trip Conditions

TRIP PRICE: \$2,750, plus (optional) cost of air travel to Thailand. Subject to change.

*All rates are per person double occupancy, based on a group with 5 to 14 trip member. Round-Trip Airfare to/from Thailand is *not* included. If we are unable to provide you with a roommate, you will need to pay for a single supplement (adds approximately \$800). For group size of 10 or fewer, add \$200 per person. *All rates are subject to change as necessitated by unanticipated increases in room rates and fluctuation in currency.*

RESERVATIONS: All reservations require a \$400 deposit per person. \$200 (only) of that deposit is refundable up until the date of July 18, 2014 (4 months before the trip departure). After July 23, 2014 the entire deposit is non-refundable. The balance is due not later than September 9, 2014 (75 days prior to departure). No money will be returned after this time. Deposit applies to November 25 to December 13, 2014 trip only; it is not transferable. A trip minimum of five persons must be met for the trip to proceed.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: A deposit refund of \$200 will be made if written request is received by July 23, 2014. After that date no portion of the deposit will be refundable. Final payment is due (to be received by us) *no later than* September 9, 2014 (75 days before departure). After that time no refund will be made unless the trip is canceled by us, in which case trip members will be refunded in full. During the trip, should a trip member decide to leave the group at any time, a refund will *not* be given for unused portions of the trip package. If we book and purchase your airplane ticket to Thailand, the \$300 extra deposit is non-refundable, unless we cancel the trip.

AIR TRAVEL TO THAILAND: If you elect to have us reserve and pay for your air travel to and from Thailand, there is an additional \$300 deposit, which becomes non-refundable as soon as we purchase the tickets.

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES:

Accommodations: Hotels, or similar lodging, based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room, hut or bungalow, with private facilities.

Meals: All meals are included – breakfast, lunch and dinner, except for meals trip member chooses to have away from the group.

Transportation: Land transportation by motorcoach, car, van, minibus, train, boat or other local conveyance (including air travel within Thailand while traveling with the group) while in Thailand as part of the Trip Dre included. You have the option to have us make travel arrangements to Thailand for you with the cost of the ticket to be added to the total trip price. *Air travel arrangements will be made through a licensed travel agent.*

Services: Services of bilingual guides and entrance fees to places visited are included.

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TRIP PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Round-Trip Dirfare to Thailand, excess baggage fees, forwarding of baggage, baggage loss, charges for inoculations, medical expenses, travel insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, beverages, optional trips, meals away from the group, special arrangements, airport taxes, charges and tips for room services and drivers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE PROTECTION: Travel insurance is available from several insurance carriers to provide protection in a variety of situations if you are unable to make the initial departure or forced to leave the trip prior to end. Medical expense and accidental injury protection, baggage insurance and medical evacuation coverage are also available and advised. Many companies require that you apply for insurance within 7 to 10 days of enrolling in a trip.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport. A visitor's visa will be automatically granted upon arrival in Thailand and is good for 30 days, sufficient to cover the length of the trip. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you are responsible for determining and fulfilling any visa requirements. Check with the Public Health Department for current recommended or required vaccinations.

RESPONSIBILITY: Kasma Loha-unchit Clark, operator of this trip, the travel agent, trip escorts, trip organizers, sponsors and assistants act only as agents for the passengers in regard to travel whether by railroad, bus, motorcars, boats, airplanes, or animal rides and assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or through acts of default of any company or persons engaged in conveying the passengers or in carrying out the arrangements of the trip. We can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay or changes in train or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, uncontrollable events or other causes such as not meeting the trip minimum. All such losses will have to be borne by the passengers as trip rates provide arrangements only for the times stated. Baggage is at owner's risk. The trip organizer accepts no responsibility for securing, handling, or possession of passports or travel documents; nor for the accuracy of information given regarding such documents. It is the responsibility of the passenger to make sure that he/she is in possession of the proper travel documents and is in compliance with the current carrier and government regulations. Right is reserved at our sole discretion to withdraw any trip, and to make any changes in the itinerary we deem necessary or desirable, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the Trip Dt any time should such person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or general deportment impede the operation of the trip or the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other trip members. Rates, costs, and schedules are subject to change. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act or omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract ticket in use by airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between airlines and passengers.

TRIP INFORMATION: Further information, including deadlines, travel arrangements, inoculations, clothing suggestions, trip itinerary, and other items of interest to trip members will be provided upon receipt of application and deposit.

Addendum
General Trip Conditions
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This page lists the areas that have caused some difficulty on past trips. By signing the **Application to Participate** you signify your acceptance of these conditions.

Food

All meals provided on the trip will be Thai and other Asian food. Kasma does all the ordering for the entire group. You must love Thai food. Since the food is served “family style,” we cannot accept anyone who has special dietary needs – including food allergies, strong food preferences or not eating a specific food because it is animal (pork, chicken, beef, fish, shellfish), vegetable, (such as onions or peanuts) or grain (wheat). Many Thai dishes are hot and spicy so you must enjoy food that is at least a 5 on a heat scale of 1 to 10. Remember, a 5 in a Thai restaurant may be more spicy than the equivalent dish in the United States! It is important that you like rice, fish, pork, shrimp and other seafood. Because of the culinary focus of the trips, market walks are a highlight and we will frequently be eating our way through the markets, sampling street food.

Lodging

For the most part, we stay in comfortable, moderate lodgings close to our activities. We do not stay in international 4- or 5-star hotels, or hotels that resemble, for instance, the Holiday Inn. While traveling in the South we will stay on islands where the accommodations are rather basic. On the islands, electricity is often by generator and may be available as little as 4 hours or less in the evening. Often top sheets are not used and only a blanket is provided. Most of the islands do not have hot water, which should not be a problem in a tropical country. In some places you may need to carry your own luggage.

Wake-up Time

Thailand is a tropical country that can get very hot in the afternoons. In order to take advantage of the cooler mornings, most days will begin fairly early – breakfast at 7:00 a.m. is not uncommon. The mornings we leave Bangkok we usually leave at 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. in order to avoid rush-hour traffic.

Restroom Facilities

All of our hotels have western-style toilets that allow sitting. While on the road we will quite often encounter Asian-style toilets in gas stations and many restaurants. These toilets require the user to squat (much like you do when you go camping).

Itinerary

The itinerary *is* subject to change and activities may be altered. Since the itinerary is geared toward “off-the-beaten track” travel, we do not spend much time in Bangkok and do not always visit many of the better known tourist sites, such as Wat Phra Kaeo (the Grand Palace), in Bangkok.

Northeastern Thailand (Isaan)

This trip is even more “off-the-beaten track” than many of Kasma’s other trips. Isaan is one of the poorer regions of Thailand and you’ll get to see areas that most tourists do not see.

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(to be completed and signed by every trip member)

Name: _____
(name as it appears on passport)

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Physical Health: _____

Special Needs: _____

I would prefer my address/phone number not be given out to other trip members.

Trip Price: \$2,750. Subject to change. Trip price also adjusted based on options selected below. For a group of fewer than 10 people, add \$200, subject to change.

_____ **Please book my flight originating from** _____. Trip price will be adjusted based on air ticket cost. Booking from cities other than San Francisco (SFO) may not be possible.

_____ **I will make my own flight arrangements**

_____ **I prefer single supplement** (May not always be available; adds approximately \$800.)

Deposit Enclosed: _____ \$400. \$200 is refundable prior to July 23, 2014; nothing after. Non-transferable. _____ + \$300 – if you are purchasing my airplane tickets I have enclosed an extra \$300, which becomes non-refundable once my airplane ticket is purchased by you.

Balance is Due: On September 9, 2014 (75 days prior to departure).

The name above is the name on my passport and can be used for airplane reservations. I will insure that my passport is valid through June 14, 2015. If I am not a U.S. Citizen or if I will be in Thailand longer than 30 days, I will make sure that I have the correct visa.

I have read the *Frequently Asked Questions* found online at <http://www.thaifoodandtravel.com/travel/tripfaq.html>, the attached General Trip Conditions (front and back) and the Addendum and understand the conditions of the trip.

I have been informed that the accommodations for the trip will not be in international chain hotels, but rather, comfortable, moderate lodgings most conveniently situated for me to experience the local culture or the country's natural areas.

I understand that the meals provided will be Thai and other Asian food served in restaurants where local people dine. I love spicy Thai food and can eat spicy food that is at least 5 on a scale of 1 to 10. I do not have any special dietary needs or food allergies. I eat pork, chicken, beef, fish and shellfish (including shrimp).

Because of the personal nature of the trip, I will be kind and considerate of other trip members, the trip leader and assistants. For my benefit and the benefit of other trip members, I understand that any trip member who disrupts group harmony may be asked to leave the trip without refund at the discretion of the trip leader

(Signature, should match passport)

(Date)

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