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Dear Jan. 26 – Feb 12, 2019 Southern Trip Member,

Here are the *General Trip Conditions* with *Addendum* and *Application to Participate* for Kasma Loha-unchit's Jan. 26 – Feb 12, 2019 eighteen day (in Thailand) trip to Southern Thailand. In order to reserve a spot we ask that you return the *Application to Participate* along with a \$400 deposit.

We are glad you've decided to travel with Kasma to Thailand in 2019. 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 only the portion of the trip in Thailand, including all transportations costs in Thailand, but not the price of international airfare. You will need to make your own arrangements for getting to and from Thailand. We are happy to help you with this.

Our favorite airline for travel to Thailand is EVA Air. We can suggest which EVA flights to take and, if you wish, you can book them through our travel agent – Kiet Lam at (510) 763-7957. You will probably need to get to the hotel on your own via one of the airport taxis.

### **Travel Insurance**

We recommend this article: *Advice from a longtime travel insurance columnist | International Travel News*

<https://www.intltravelnews.com/2016/advice-longtime-travel-insurance-columnist>  
(or use this link – <http://tinyurl.com/h6ybj7a>)

We do not provide travel or cancellation insurance of any kind. *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. 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.

One plan that appears worth investigating is from Travel Guard, found online at:

[www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com). Their phone number is 800-826-4919.

Another agency worth looking into is [www.mhross.com](http://www.mhross.com) – they have (for a price) a 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](http://www.google.com) or you can try the online broker [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)

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

We look forward to traveling together in the early 2019.

Best,



Michael Babcock (for Kasma Loha-unchit)

**Thailand Travel Adventures**  
**Trip So – Southern Thailand**  
**Jan. 26 – Feb 12, 2019 (18 days in Thailand)**  
**General Trip Conditions**

**TRIP PRICE:** \$3,330, subject to change. Does not include air travel to Thailand.

\*All rates are per person double occupancy, based on a group with 5 to 14 trip members. Round-trip airfare from San Francisco (SFO) is **not** included. If we are unable to provide you with a roommate, you will need to pay for a single supplement (adds approximately \$950). For group size of 6 or fewer, add \$250 per person; for groups of 7 to 10, add \$200. *All rates are subject to change as necessitated by unanticipated increases in room rates and fluctuations in currency*

**RESERVATIONS:** All reservations require a \$400 deposit per person. Deposit applies to Jan. 26 – Feb 12, 2019 trip only; it is non-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 September 25, 2018. After that date, no portion of the deposit will be refundable. Final payment is due (received by us) *no later than 75 days* before departure, which is November 11, 2018. After that time no refund will be made unless the trip is canceled by us, in which case trip members will be refunded money received by us in full. (This does not include airline cancellation fees.) 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.

**AIR TRAVEL TO THAILAND:** You are responsible for making your own arrangements for getting to and from Thailand. We will suggest appropriate flights and you have the option of booking them through our travel agent. You are responsible for any cancellation fees. Air travel will add two days before the trip (due to crossing the international dateline – so you will most likely be traveling on January 24 & 25), and one day after the trip (you will return home on February 13).

**TRIP PRICE INCLUDES:**

**Accommodations:** Hotels, or similar lodging, based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room, hut or bungalow, with private facilities. An exception will be national park housing, where several trip members may need to share dorm-style bungalows. On some national park islands, only tent camping may be available.

**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 are included. You will need to make your own travel arrangements to Thailand.

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

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**TRIP PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Round-trip airfare 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 in order to cover pre-existing medical conditions.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** U.S. citizens are required to possess a passport valid for 6 months past the intended departure date, so until August 13, 2019. A visitor's visa will be automatically granted to U.S. Citizens 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 at 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**  
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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 be it animal (pork, chicken, 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 often will be eating our way through 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 can be very basic. We may need to stay in tents on one national park island (it’s happened twice in the past). 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. During this trip of southern Thailand, on national park islands we may stay in dormitory-style accommodations or tents. In some places you will 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 accommodations 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). If we need to stay in tents on one national park island, the nearest rest room may have only Asian-style toilets.

**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.

**Boats**

While journeying in the south we spend a fair amount of time on boats. Many of these boats are of the “longtail” variety, requiring the passenger to wade into ankle- to knee-deep water in order to climb into the boat; ladders are occasionally available. Luggage may occasionally get wet from salt spray. On this trip of southern Thailand we will also use larger boats that often require climbing over other boats and/or using narrow ladders in order to embark and disembark. You may need to carry your own luggage on and off the boats.

**Snorkeling & Swimming**

On the Southern trip we spend a fair amount of time snorkeling and swimming in the ocean. If you do not know how to swim or are not an avid snorkeler, we cannot accept you for this trip.

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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:** \$3,330, subject to change. Trip price adjusted for single supplement. For a group of 6 or fewer people, add \$250, subject to change; for 7 to 10 people, add \$200, subject to change.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I prefer single supplement** (May not always be available; adds approximately \$950.)

**Deposit Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_\$400. Of this, \$200 is refundable prior to September 25, 2018 and nothing is refundable after that date. The deposit applies only to this trip and is nontransferable.

**Balance is Due:** On November 11, 2018 (75 days prior to departure). No refunds after this date.

The name above is the name on my passport and can be used for airplane reservations in Thailand. I will insure that my passport is valid through August 12, 2019. 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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