

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>Tentative Itinerary 2017-18 Trip So (19 days in Thailand) Thailand Travel Adventures Southern Thailand February 3 – 21, 2018</p>				<p>Note: Itinerary Subject to Change</p> 	<p>February →</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Travel Day</p> <p>Arrive Bangkok</p>	<p>3 Bangkok –</p> <p>Explore Southeast Asia's largest bazaar – the exciting Chatuchak Weekend Market, where just about anything imaginable is available in over 8,000 stalls, including, of course, Thai handicrafts. Dine on superb Thai cuisine at a favorite restaurant!</p>

<p>4 Bangkok to Ranong –</p> <p>Head south along the narrow peninsula, stopping in Hua Hin for a colorful market walk (sample delicious jack fruit) and to stock up on “kanom” (snack foods). Take a break at Pranburi marina for a scrumptious seafood brunch. Overnight in Ranong, known for its healing hot mineral springs and spa.</p>	<p>5 Ranong to Koh Surin –</p> <p>From the pier at park headquarters south of Ranong, a boat will take us out on the beautiful Andaman Sea to remote Mu Koh Surin Marine National Park, our island home for the next three days. After checking into our rustic park cabins, we will head for the nearby reefs to snorkel for the remainder of the afternoon.</p>	<p>6 Koh Surin Nat'l Park –</p> <p>Today will be spent boating to various spots around the Surin group of islands to snorkel the extensive reefs which support an extraordinary abundance of marine life. Swim among large schools of colorful fishes and, if we're at the right place at the right time, we may see sea turtles, reef sharks and sting rays.</p>	<p>7 Koh Surin Nat'l Park –</p> <p>Another day to explore the Surin islands, both in and out of the water. Snorkel more of the fabulous reefs surrounding the five islands and marvel at the astounding array of sea life. We'll visit the Moken sea gypsy village on a beautiful cove of South Surin island near one of the long reefs where we'll snorkel.</p>	<p>8 Koh Surin to Kuraburi –</p> <p>Free morning – go for a last snorkel or take a nature walk, keeping an eye out for wildlife and rare birds. After lunch, we'll head back for the mainland coast. Overnight stay at a luxurious resort set against lush rainforest vegetation, where we can once again enjoy the amenities of civilization.</p>	<p>9 Kuraburi to Koh Lanta -</p> <p>A delicious brunch of different kinds of rotis in Takua Pa. Drive through spectacular mountain country of dramatic limestone karsts. Head across the peninsula to Koh Lanta on the west coast. Take the car ferry onto Lanta island, where we can relax at a beachside resort on the island's southern end.</p>	<p>10 Koh Lanta –</p> <p>Daytrip by longtail boat to the twin islands of Koh Rok. These islands are known for their extensive kilometer-square of coral reefs where we'll snorkel three of the best spots with exceptional coral formations and abundant marine life. Watch the sunset on renowned Kantiang Bay where we'll dine at a fine beachside restaurant.</p>
<p>11 Koh Lanta –</p> <p>Daytrip to Koh Ha – five offshore limestone karst islets. Snorkel the karsts' seawalls and discover hidden caves with chimneys to the sky, and the shallow lagoon formed by the karsts which is richly endowed with beautiful corals. Swim among big schools of fishes, keeping an eye out for turtles, sharks, sea snakes and eels.</p>	<p>12 Koh Lanta to Pak Bara –</p> <p>We'll check out of our Lanta lodging after breakfast and head for Pak Bara, stopping at a water-fall along the way. Walk the nature trail at Thale Ban Nat'l Park bordering Malaysia, which preserves one of the few remaining rainforests in the South and is home to the endangered great hornbills.</p>	<p>13 to Tarutao Nat'l Park</p> <p>Following breakfast, we'll take a boat from Pakbara pier for our four-day excursion to Tarutao Marine National Park. Picnic lunch stop on a gorgeous island with stunning beaches, inviting aquamarine waters and picturesque natural rock arch. Swim, sun, snorkel before continuing on to Lipeh island, our home for the next few days.</p>	<p>14 M. K. Tarutao Nat'l Park –</p> <p>We'll stay in rustic huts alongside a beautiful white-sand beach, not far from a sea gypsy village. Boating tour to idyllic, uninhabited islands in the Adang-Rawi group with pristine, deserted beaches ringed by diverse coral formations, from very colorful soft coral to delightfully varied coral gardens.</p>	<p>15 M. K. Tarutao Nat'l Park –</p> <p>Another day to explore the many islands of Thailand's first marine national park set up to protect sea turtles. Picnic on yet another charming island with long stretches of deserted beach and a lively coral reef. Visit an unusual pebble beach, circle unique rock formations & swim around a coral-ringed islet. Another inspiring sunset!</p>	<p>16 Tarutao N.P. to Trang –</p> <p>After a leisurely breakfast, we'll bid farewell to our tropical island home in the enchanting Andaman Sea and head back to the mainland. Along the way, keep watch for sea turtles, dolphins and whales. Scenic drive to Trang. Walk the night market and sample Trang's famous coffee and cakes.</p>	<p>17 Trang to Krabi –</p> <p>Following a scrumptious dim sum breakfast, we'll head for Krabi town. Along the way, walk the nature trail through lovely lowland forest to the refreshing spring-fed Crystal (or Emerald) Pool for a swim, after which we'll go soak in the inviting natural pools of a waterfall hot spring.</p>
<p>18 Krabi –</p> <p>Explore Krabi province's magnificent coastline with its gigantic limestone cliffs, immense caves, idyllic islands and dazzling white and golden sand beaches. Swim, snorkel, beachcomb, sunbathe, and enjoy the beauty of the Andaman seacoast. Snorkel around majestic limestone karsts and go island hopping for the day.</p>	<p>19 Krabi –</p> <p>Daytrip to the enchanting islands of world-renown Koh Phi Phi Marine National Park, with sparkling beaches backed by enormous limestone karsts, a gorgeous lagoon with lush, vertical walls and bountiful coral reefs, home to millions of colorful fishes. Picnic and enjoy the day in and out of the water in this tropical paradise.</p>	<p>20 Krabi –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free Day</p> <p>Explore Krabi town on your own from our centrally located hotel within walking distance of two bustling markets, several coffee houses, a temple, the scenic waterfront, and shops. Or pamper yourself, if you wish, with a Thai massage. After dinner, walk</p>	<p>21 Krabi to Bangkok –</p> <p>Following breakfast, we'll return to Bangkok by air, arriving in the capital city around mid-day. Walk and graze our way through a very colorful open-air fresh food and fruit market. Unwind from the trip and pack to return home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Farewell Party & Feast!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Travel Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Depart Bangkok</p>	<p>Kasma Loha-unchit Thailand Travel Adventures P. O. Box 21165 Oakland, California 94620 Phone/fax: (510) 655-8900 kasma@earthlink.net www.thaifoodandtravel.com</p>	



Through the entire trip, we'll feast on wonderful Thai meals three times daily! – plus countless snacks!



