



Tentative Itinerary
2018-19 Trip So (18 days in Thailand)
Thailand Travel Adventures
Southern Thailand
Jan. 26 – Feb. 12, 2019

February →

Note: Itinerary
Subject to Change



Thursday
January →

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Friday
Travel Day
Arrive Bangkok

Saturday
26 **Bangkok –**
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!

27 **Bangkok to Ranong –**
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.

28 **Ranong to Koh Surin –**
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.

29 **Koh Surin Nat'l Park –**
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.

30 **Koh Surin Nat'l Park –**
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.

31 **Koh Surin to Kuraburi –**
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.

1 **Kuraburi to Khao Sok –**
A delicious brunch of different kinds of rotis in Takua Pa. Drive through spectacular mountain country of dramatic limestone karsts, surrounded by lush remains of a 160-million-year-old rainforest. Boat to secluded, rustic national park lodging on a magical lake. Swim, kayak and soak in the breathtaking scenery and lovely sunset in the midst of nature.

2 **Khao Sok to Nakhon Si Thammarat –**
Morning boating tour of the picturesque lake, flanked by majestic limestone karsts. Keep a watch out for hornbills, monkeys and dusky langurs, and listen for the melodic sounds of gibbon calls. On to Nakhon Si Thammarat on the gulf coast, stopping to visit a monkey training center.

3 **Nakhon Si Thammarat**
Nakhon Si Thammarat, one of Thailand's oldest cities, is the cultural heart and handicraft center of the South and a sacred site of Buddhism, dating from the ancient Srivijaya era... Walk the bustling Sunday market, see a demonstration of shadow puppet play and visit the local branch of the National Museum.

4 **Nakhon Si Thammarat**
Following a scrumptious dim sum breakfast, we'll make a “pilgrimage” to the age-old temple of Wat Phra Mahathat, one of the three most sacred Buddhist temples in the south. Shop for southern handicrafts and visit the City Pillar Shrine. Watch the sunset by the estuary, followed by a delicious seafood dinner.

5 **Nakhon Si Thammarat to Koh Lanta –**
After a leisurely breakfast of southern specialties, we'll head across the peninsula to Koh Lanta on the west coast, stopping to visit a temple with a beautiful reclining Buddha. Take the car ferry onto Lanta island, where we can relax at a beachside resort on the island's southern end.

6 **Koh Lanta –**
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 and dine at a fine beachside restaurant.

7 **Koh Lanta –**
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.

8 **Koh Lanta to Krabi –**
We'll check out of our Lanta lodging after a leisurely breakfast and head for Krabi town. Along the way, walk the nature trail through a 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 hotspot.

9 **Krabi –**
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.

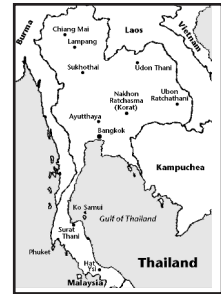
10 **Krabi –**
Daytrip to the enchanting islands of world-renown Koh Phi Phi Marine National Park, with sparkling beaches backed by enormous limestone karsts, a gorgeous lagoon with lush, vertical walls and bountiful coral reefs, home to millions of colorful fishes. Picnic and enjoy the day in and out of the water in this tropical paradise.

11 **Krabi –**
Free Day
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. the weekend night

12 **Krabi to Bangkok –**
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.

Farewell Party & Feast!

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Travel Day
Depart Bangkok



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

