



Thailand
Village Academy

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Situated on the river plains of Samut Songkram with fertile sand rich in nutrients for plants, it is no surprise that Bang Phlap makes an ideal area for growing orchards, especially tropical fruits like coconuts, mangos, rose apples, lychee and Kao Yai pomelo. Not far from Bangkok, venture into the heart of this laid-back community to learn all about fruit cultivation, as well as how to cook a range of Thai dishes and desserts that incorporate much of the fresh produce. Friendly village leaders will be on hand to show you around.



ACTIVITIES

- Take a train ride through the famous Maeklong Railway Market.
- Make coconut sugar and Kaeng Kala Krub (crunchy coconut curry).
- Make fruit charcoal and preserved fruits.
- Learn how to make Thai Kite.
- Organic pomelo farming.
- Cooking Rang Rai (Rice dumplings with sugar and sesame).
- Feed the monkeys and help with planting a mangrove forest.

PROGRAM 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1

06.30 am.	Assemble at the meeting point.
07.00 am.	Head to Mae Klong Market.
10.00 am.	Arrive at Hoop Rom Market (Folding Umbrella Market) or Mae Klong Market. The market is close to Mae Klong Railway Station and it is a part of the Municipal Market of Samut Songkhram. This railway market has been in operation since 1984 and is located by the Mae Klong - Ban Laem railway where visitors walk and do their shopping.
10.45 am.	Travel to Ban Bang Phlap Community.
11.00 am.	Arrive at Ban Bang Phlap Community, Samut Songkhram. Check in at Ban Suan Saeng Tawan.
11.30 am.	Assemble at the meeting room. Learn about the history of Ban Bang Phlap Community from Somsong Saengtawan, the president of Ban Bang Phlap Community.
12.00 pm.	Lunch.
01.00 pm.	Learning activities at Mahawichalai Local Knowledge Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to cook Thai dessert (Rang Rai).• Learn how to craft wickerwork items from coconut leaves.
05.00 pm.	Learning activities at the center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Join in with the Thai cooking class.
Evening	Dinner. Stay at Ban Suan Saeng Tawan or accommodation of a similar quality


DAY 2

Morning	Make offering to the monks. Breakfast. Learning activities at Mahawichalai Local Knowledge Center, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to make coconut sugar.• Learn how to make preserved fruits.• Learn how to make fruit charcoals and wood vinegar.
12.00 pm.	Lunch.
01.00 pm.	Learning activities at Mahawichalai Local Knowledge Center, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to make bio-extract laundry detergent, dish soap and bathroom cleaner.• Learn how to craft Thai kites.
03.00 pm.	Take a boat trip to 3 different temples, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wat Bang Kung (Prok Pho Ubosot)• Wat Bang Khae Noi (Teak Wood Ubosot)• Wat Phummarin (Kudi Thong) Enjoy shopping at Amphawa Floating Market and then go on a firefly night cruise.
Evening	Dinner and leisure. Stay at Ban Suan Saeng Tawan or accommodation of a similar quality


DAY 3

Morning	Breakfast. Learning activities at Mahawichalai Local Knowledge Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about organic pomelo farming and enjoy tasting pomelo and coconut, picked fresh from the trees.
11.00 am.	Head to King Rama II Memorial Park.
11.15 am.	Visit the King Rama II Memorial Park. Experience the beauty of traditional Thai houses. The highlight of this park is the King Rama II Museum, which comprises of 4 traditional Thai-styled buildings separated into many different sections. The Central Hall houses the statue of King Rama II and artifacts from the early Rattanakosin era such as Bencharong porcelains and Khon masks. The Male Room displays the living quarters of Thai men in the past and a bed which is believed to have belonged to King Rama II. The Female Room displays the living quarters of Thai women in the past. The last section is the Kitchen and Restroom, which displays a Thai kitchen and restroom of the middle class.
12.00 pm.	Lunch.
01.00 pm.	Head back to Bangkok.
04.00 pm.	Arrive back in Bangkok, end of trip.


Program 3 Days 2 Nights

Number of visitors	2 persons	4 persons	6 persons	8 persons	
Rate/Person (THB)	14,600	8,400	6,600	5,200	

Program 6 Days 5 Nights

Number of visitors	2 persons	4 persons	6 persons	8 persons	20 persons	
Rate/Person (THB)	32,500	18,500	13,200	12,600	10,000	

Program 7 Days 6 Nights

Number of visitors	2 persons	4 persons	6 persons	8 persons	20 persons	
Rate/Person (THB)	39,000	23,500	17,000	14,900	12,000	

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Pick up the techniques of using local material to create variety of products, and experience the local way of life through activities which can be adapted in daily life.



HOME STAY



- **Baan Suan Saeng Tawan Homestay**
maximum capacity: 80-100 persons

- **Baan Nuan Chan Resort and Homestay**
maximum capacity: 30-40 persons





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