

NATHON CULTURAL TOURISM COMMUNITY, Nakhon Phanom



Na Thon is a sleepy yet culture-packed community in Thailand's Northeastern region, which is locally known as "Isaan". Besides being awarded for their community-based travel services, the "Thai Guan" people living here take pride in their heritage, which is comprised of three thriving industries, where the women weave and men forge iron after the annual rice harvesting season is over. During your visit, be sure to check out Thon's traditional salt spa and try other activities, like weaving fishing traps and equipment, learning about integrated farming and helping out with food preservation.





ACTIVITIES

- Experience the culture of Ancient Tai Kuan community.
- Learn the ancient art of blacksmithing, as well as modern techniques.
- Plant gurjan trees, helping with reforestation for the community.
- Cook delicious dishes from organic vegetables.
- Learn about local wickworks.
- Make 2 types of flower decorations: Bai Sri and Khan Mak Beng.
- Learn about salt spas from local wisdom.

PROGRAM 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1

Morning

Depart from Nakorn Phanom Airport to the city at Paya Sri Sattanakarach and take a tram ride along the Khong River – appreciating the beautiful limestone mountain scenes of Laos (over the border) in the distance.

Noon

Northeastern menus, including signature grilled chicken at Sam Anong Restaurant

Afternoon

Depart for Tai Guan Tribe village, Na Thon, That Phanon District

- Receive a warm welcome from Na Thon people at Pu Ta Saeng Shrine, which is considered the most sacred and respected place of the area
- Introduction to the heads of the community, the host and learn about their way of living
- Take a bike ride or sidecar around the community
- Dinner
- Listen to the folktale about Phaya Kom, the local Northeastern lord

DAY 2

Morning

Observe, learn about and practice the traditional iron-hitting (i.e. blacksmith) technique as well as a modern one

• Learn about the products made from the blacksmith factory and take a bike ride or sidecar to three different stations (the first is the "Loincloth station" at Baan Dong Yor (1st station)

Noon

Lunch at the community's forest

Afternoon

Bike to Baan Dong Kom (2nd station)

- Traditional Ikat Thai Silk fabric at Baan Dong Kom, and maintain the legend of Boh Mahen salt well at the Baan Donh Yoong learning centre (3rd station)
- Reforestation CSR activity- Rubber Tree Planting (Biochar and mushroom planting around the trees)

Evening

Tai Guan menus for Dinner

DAY 3

Morning

Learn about traditional sticky rice cooking technique with firewood and cooling rice for alms-giving while preserving its softness

- Alms-offering to monks and breakfast afterward
- Take a cruise a throwback to ancients time when the region saw immigration from Marukanakorn northward. The Tai Kuan tribe traveled to the north via the Bung Huak route to Song Kok Yang viewpoint

Noon

Lunch on the cruise/ garden by the river

• Experience the traditional way of living of local fishermen and entertainment during work

Afternoon

Explore the Khong riverbank, visit the melon farm and help making some local products such as melon juice, lychee juice and mango juice. Next, leave for Phra That Phanom, an important pagoda of the Sri Kotraboon Kingdom

Evening

Dinner at SunTree Art & Culture Market Depart for Nakorn Phanom Airport

Program 3 Days 2 Nights

Number of visitors	2-3 persons	4-5 persons	6-18 persons	19-40 persons
Rate/Person (THB)	24,500	16,500	14,500	12,500



Program 6 Days 5 Nights

Number of visitors	2-3 persons	4-5 persons	6-18 persons	19-40 persons
Rate/Person (THB)	34,500	26,500	22,000	20,000



Program 7 Days 6 Nights

Number of visitors	2-3 persons	4-5 persons	6-18 persons	19-40 persons
Rate/Person (THB)	36,000	28,000	23,500	21,500



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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

See how this village's industry revolves around the female-dominated weaving factories and male's iron-hitting products. You'll see how the ancient traditions and beliefs of the Thai Guan tribe have been preserved through religious rites which have been passed on for many decades.







HOME STAY

10 homestays with a capacity to accommodate 40 visitors in total























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