

# Thailand Phuket > Sri Phang Nga > Gurney's Pitta > Krabi > Krung Ching Mission Possible

\* Sri Phang Nga National Park \* This park is only two and a half hours from Phuket. The jungle is stunning; waterfalls abound. The main trail slithers back and forth across a lovely babbling creek. From the national park bungalows (very clean and comfortable I might add), there's a nice dirt road following the creek. But before we got started, three Great Hombills started barking from the high trees across the field. A variety of bulbuls, spiderhunters, flowerpeckers, fairy-bluebirds. A small crop of bananas is located slightly down the road. We watched spiderhunters zipping around, then caught a Tiger Shrike posing on a banana stalk. Once down to the parking lot for the waterfall on the trail may you can see Banded Pitta, Maroon Woodpecker, Black-headed Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbuls are very common for here, Red-billed Malkoha, Blue-winged Leafbirds Vernal Hanging Parrot, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Hairy-back Bulbul, a rufous morph Asian Paradise-Flycatcher, Hooded Pitta (rainy season Apr. - July), Orange-breasted Trogons, Helmeted Hornbills, Great Argus!, Banded Broadbill, White-rumped Munia, Maroon Woodpecker, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, Red-throated Barbets, Chestnut-breasted Malkoh, Little Spiderhunters, Grey-breasted Spiderhunters, White-rumped Needletails and Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrikes fluttered in the trees. A Greyeyed Bulbul, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Crimson Sunbird, Grey-headed Flycatchers. For here you can see a lot of birds and got good photo in card, The restaurant near the park entrance that served excellent food.

Climate: The park receive a monsoon weather influenced by southwest and northeast monsoon, it is rain almost the year. As a result, there are 2 seasons: hot season start from January to April; and rainy start from May to December.

**Geography**: The park is rugged mountain range parallel Andaman Sea coast. The forest on high elevation is fertile for wild life and on the hill is the headwater. Therefore, there are many beautiful waterfalls and cliffs such as Khlong Khu Rot, Khlong Tam Nang, Khlong Phraek Khwa, Khlong Phraek Sai, Khlong Nang Yon, Khlong Bang Wan and Khlong Bang Yai.





\*Krabi \* is one of the southern provinces (changwat) of Thailand, at the shore of the Andaman Sea. Neighboring provinces are (from north clockwise) <a href="Phang Nga">Phang Nga</a>, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Trang. The Phuket province to the west is also neighboring, but without any land boundary. The capital of the region is the city of Krabi. <a href="Geography">Geography</a>: The province is located at the shore to the Andaman Sea. Most notable are the solitary limestone hills, both on the land and in the sea as islands. Rock climbers from all over the world travel to Railay Beach to climb. Of about 130 islands belonging to the province, Ko Phi Phi Lee is perhaps the most famous, as it was the set of the movie The

Beach. The coast of the province was badly damaged by the tsunami on December 26 2004. Other islands include: Ko Phi Phi Don, part of the Phi Phi Islands, and Ko Lanta, a larger island to the south.



## Khao Pra-Bang Khram NHA., Krabi Province.

Over 300 bird species have been seen in Khao Pra-Bang Khram or Khao Nor Chuchi. Of that number, 247 of these bird species are resident! Khao Nor Chuchi represents the largest remaining area of lowland jungle in Southern Thailand. Almost all of the former lowland jungle has been cut down to plant rubber trees or oil palm trees. Khao Nor Chuchi is under constant threat from encroaching farmers.

Unfortunately, cuts are made a little deeper into the preserve on a regular basis. Birding Habitat Besides the lowland jungle, there is ample secondary growth, open country, farmland, plantations and bamboo forests. One of the most appealing features however is the abundance of crystal-clear spring water. There are two jungle pools within the protected area as well as several flowing creeks. The turquoise-colored water is truly breathtaking. The plant life includes orchids, carnivorous Pitcher Plants and a lot more. The birding habitat can also be broken down further into tall forest, extremely lowland with gullies (the favorite habitat of the *Gurney's Pitta*), forest edges and even villages. Some species such as sunbirds, flowerpeckers and bulbuls are often seen in the vicinity of villages. Birding trails There is a system of nature trails in *Khao Nor Chuchi*. Some trails produce certain species, while others are well-known for specific species. The *Gurney's Pitta* prefers gullies. Some gullies are off of the trails however. Other pittas reside and breeding visitor (June-August) in the park as well. The *Blue-winged Pitta*, *Hooded Pitta*, *Banded Pitta* and *Giant Pitta* can be seen in here. In addition to pittas, the area is great for *Malkohas*, *Woodpeckers*, *Broadbills*, *Sunbirds*, *Flowerpeckers*, *Babblers*, *Kingfishers* (even the rare *Rufous-collared Kingfisher*), Barbets and plenty more.





\*Krung Ching \* (KC) is a rich highland forest embeding in the mountain range of Khao Luang National Park about 800 km south of Bangkok, Thailand. It represents an important site for montane and sub-momtane rainforest species in the Peninsula. KC is a home to more than 200 out of 978 bird species found in Thailand. These include the magnificent Great Argus Pheasant, Crested Wood-Partridge, Diard's

Trogon, Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Raffle's Malkoha, Red-billed Malkoha, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Asian Paradise-flycatcher (white morph), Greyrumped Treeswift, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Dark-



throated Oriole, White-crowned Hornbill, Brown Wood-Owl, Javan Frogmouth, Green Broadbill, Banded Pitta and more. Butterfly-lovers should not miss

Banded Peacock a national protected wildlife species. Cream-colored Giant Squirrel is one of the most sought-after squirrels among mammal-lovers. For those who are fond of plants; Stag-horn ferns, orchids, colorful fungi are worth looking through binoculars. Non venomous reptiles and amphibians are also worth photographing at night.



Krung Ching waterfall is a beautiful and important waterfall of Khao Luang National Park. Located in Tambon Krung Ching, the waterfall derived its name from Ton Ching which is a kind of palm prevalent in the area. The waterfall has many levels and the most breathtaking level is Nan Fon Saen Ha where water drops off a sheer cliff 100 meters high, splashing down creating a mist covering the area like rain unlike other falls. This waterfall level is depicted on the back of Thailand's 1,000 baht currency note. The waterfall is under the responsibility of the Khao Luang National Park Protection Unit. The waterfall can be reached by a road 3.8 kilometers long to Nan Fon Saen Ha. The area has a training center,

accommodation and a campground. To get to the falls, take the Nakhon Si Thammarat-Phrom Khiri road (4016). Upon reaching Na Reng intersection, turn left to King Amphoe Nop Phitam and turn right (4186). The total distance is 70 kilometers.



# **Tour Fact Sheet & Bird Highlight**

Pakarang Beach > Chinese Egret, Crab Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Shorebird

Sri Phang Nga > Green Broadbill, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Brown Wood Owl,

Bat Hawk, Blue-Banded Kingfisher, Chestnut-naped Forktail,

Banded Pitta

Ka Pong > River Lapwing, Gray-headed Lapwing, Red-wattled Lapwing

Phang Nga Mangrove Forest > Mangrove Pitta, Ruddy Kingfisher, Streak-breasted Woodpecker

Khao Pra Bang Kram > Gurney's Pitta (2013 only one female live), Cream-vented

Bulbul, Finsch's Bulbul, Oriental Dwaft Kingfisher.

Krung Ching > Malaysia Wren-Babbler, Javan Frogmount, Creasted Jay,

White-crowned Hornbill, Rufous-collared Kingfisher, Great Argus

Nakorn Sri Thamarat > Jungle Myna, Black-caped Kingfisher, Coppersmith Barbet.

Habitats Covered : Coastal, Rain Forest, Low Land Forest, Mangrover Forest,

River Sandbar, Garden, Rubber plantation, Rice Filed.

Tour pace & walking : Moderate

Accommodation : Comfortable hotel & resort

Photographic Opportunities: December – March is excellent

**Excellent Month & Climate**: November – February / 25 C. - 37 C.

Fairly Month & Climate : March – July / 30 C. - 35 C.

**Expect to see** : November – February 200 specie +

March - May 170 specie +



## **Thailand Program Tour**

Duration : 7 Days

Tour Start : Phuket Airport

Tour Finish : Nakornsrithamarat Airport

Guide : Par

#### Day 1 : Phuket Airport > Sri Phang Nga

06:30 Guide pick you up at Hotel in Phuket

For pick up at the airport, Bird guide pick you up at the Phuket airport flight detail......

Transfer 30 min. to Corral Reef Beach for looking wader.

Transfer 45 min. to SPN. national park home of 250 bird such as *Green Broadbill, Javan Frogmouth, Banded Pitta, Banded Kingfisher, Buff-Vented Bulbul, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Cinnamon-Rumped Trogon, Scarlet-Rumped Trogon, Orange-Breasted Trogon, Javan Frogmouth, Purple-naped Sunbird, Ashy Tailorbird and more.*Night time mostly *Buffly-fish Owl, Brown Wood Owl* present around bungalow in side park.

Meal : L

Overnight: Kuraburi Green View Resort (Click)

### Day 2 : Sri Phang Nga > Mangrove Pitta > Krabi @ Khao Nor Chu Chi

Transfer 2.30 hr. to KB, on the way visit to see River Lapwing at Krapong River and then transfer 45min. to Phang Nga Mangrove forest for watching Mangrove Pitta, Ruddy Kingfisher. Check in at Morakot resort and then birding all day inside park bird such as Banded Pitta, Green Broadbill, Puff-throated Babbler, Red-throated Barbet, Grey-capped Woodpecker, Common Flamback, White-rumped Shama, Oriantal Dwarf Kingfisher, Lesser Cuckoo-shrike, Pied Triller, Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Ochraceous Bulbul, Yellow-bellied Bulbul, Streaked Spiderhunter, etc. In the main trail 1 km. reach to Sra Morakot "Cristal hot spring pond" located between the birding trail, here you can enjoy swimming and take a bath for relax before leave to resort. 19:00 Searching Oriental Bay Owl and Javan Flogmount in rubber plantation site.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Morakot Resort Click!

Day 3 : Gurney's Pitta @ Khao Nor Chu Chi

All day in side park.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight: Morakot Resort Click!



## Day 4 : Gurney's Pitta > Krung Ching

After breakfast transfer 3 hours to KC., Krung Ching bird such as Green Broadbill, Javan Frogmouth, Banded Pitta, Banded Kingfisher, Buff-Vented Bulbul, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle seen many time here!, Cinnamon-Rumped Trogon, Scarlet-Rumped Trogon, Orange-Breasted Trogon, Malaysian Rail-Babbler, Javan Frogmouth, Purplenaped Sunbird, Ashy Tailorbird Along the stream in side the nature trail possible to see Blue-Banded Kingfisher, White-crowned Forktail, Chestnust-naped Forktail, Rufous-collared Kingfisher, Red-breasted Bee-eater, Paradise Flycather, Scaly-crowned Babbler, Rufous-crowned Babbler, Grey-headed Babbler, Spot-necked Babbler, Chestnut-winged Babbler, Banded Pitta, Black-and-Yellow Broadbill, Banded Broadbill, Lesser Fish-eagle, Great Green Leafbird, Scaly-breasted Bulbul, Grey-cheeked Bulbul, Hairy-backed Bulbul, Buff-vented Bulbul, Chestnut-Bellied Malkoha, Yellow-Vented Flowerpecker, Fiery Minivet, Violet Cuckoo, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Yellow-eared Barbet, White-crowned Hornbill(up to fruit tree), Brown Barbet, etc

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Bungalow in side park

Day 5-6: Krung Ching

All day in side park

Meals : B / L box / D

Overnight: Bungalow in side park

### Day 7: Krung Ching > Nakorn Srithamarat Airport

After lunch transfer 1 hr. back to Nakorn Sri Thamarat town for sight seeing in down town example Thai Massage, Grand Temple. And then birding in good spot, Late evening catch the domestic flight to Airport.

Meals : B/L

Meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

#### Cost in Thai Bath

| Number Person  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Payment/person |   |   |   |   |

#### Included:

- Expert bird guide speak english with telescope
- Local Guide in Krung Ching
- A Private vehicle with Gasoline



- A Park entrance fee
- Meals and refreshment indicated
- Field equipment (hide, mew worm, play back iPod, chair)
- Accommodations base twin bed room
- ▲ Domestic flight Nok Air from Nakornsri Thamarat to Bangkok Airport
- ▲ Travel insurance

#### Excluded:

Local guide @ Khao Nor Chuchi, Domestic flight to Phuket, Souvenirs, Thai massage, telephone call from accommodation, Laundry, any kind snack, any kind alcoholic beverages and juice, Any kind transport from airport to hotel.

# **Cancellation Policy and Payments:**

30% of payment secures the booking.

100% of payment required 14 days before activity

100% cancellation fee applicable if trip/booking/transfer cancelled less than 14 days before trip/booking or transfer.

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### Things to bring:

- Light walking boots or sports shoes
- Long trousers and long-sleeved shirt for walking in the forest
- Rain Coat, Slipper for use at the resort, Swimming suit at Sri Phang Nga
- Mosquito repellent, hat
- Lotion sun block

Note: This is original itinerary and the routes and timing may change according to local conditions, but the general content of the trip will remain the same. Also name bird and trail on itinerary may will be change in many reason from the nature way.