

8 Days Exploring Central Thailand More Than You Expected

Tour Fact Sheet & Bird Highlight

Westside Bangkok > Copper-smith Barbet, Small Minivet, Spotted Owlet, Alexandrian, Red-breasted Parakeet, Strok-billed Kingfisher
Mangrove forest > Flyeater, Mangrove Whiltler, Collared Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, Oriental White-eye, Brown-throated Sunbird
Khok Kham & Ban Pak Thale > Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, White-fronted, Malaysia Plover, Milky, Painted Stork
Kaeng Krachan > Eared Pitta, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, 5 specie of Broadbills, Brown Hornbill, Great Slatly Woodpecker, Furruginous Patridge
Khao Yai > Blue Pitta, Siamese Fireback, Silver Pheasant, Great, Wreathed Hornbill, Coral- billed Ground-Cuckoo, Staly-backed Forktail

Habitats Covered	: Public Garden, Swamp, Rice Filed, Coastal, Salt area		
	Mangrove Forest, Evergreen Forest		
Tour pace & walking	: Easy Moderate		
Accommodation	: Comfortable 3-4 star hotel		
Photographic Opportunities	: November – March is good for Shorbirds		
	March – May is excellent for forest birds.		
Excellent Month & Climate	: December – February winter season 20 - 30 C.		
	March – April summer season 30 - 40 C.		
Hope to see	: 200 species (+- 10)		
Excellent Month Photography	: mid of March – April		



Thailand Itinerary

Tour Start & End : Bangkok Duration : 8 days

Day 1 : Bangkok > East & West side Bangkok > Khok Kham

07:00 am. Pick you up at the lobby hotel in Bangkok..... In case picking up from the airport <u>(please let us know Which one airport you arrival)</u>, GUIDE WILL WAIT FOR YOU WITH A SIGN BOARD AT THE MEETING POINT

flight detail

Then we will drive to the perimeter of Bangkok for our first destination (20-40 mins.) **Lat Krabang rice filed** (for here incase we start the tour at the airport) birds that we expected to see here such as Openbill, Purple Heron, Spot-billed Pelican, Bronze-winged Jacana, Ruddybreasted Crake, White-browned Crake, White-breasted Crake, Siberian Rubythroat, Bluethroat, Red Avadavet, Pink-necked Pigeon and more 15 species.

Then drive 1 hour to west side of Bangkok **Wat Suan Yai** temple for see Alexandrian Parakeet. Then drive 20 min. to **Wat Chalerm Phrakiet** temple and the adjacent public park. Birds that we expected to see here such as Spotted Owlet, Copper-smith Barbet, Oriental Magpie Robin, Green Bee-eater, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Pied Starling, Green Pigeon, Common Iora, Common Tailorbird, Indian Roller, Brown-winged Kingfisher, Asian Common Koel, Greater Coucal, Openbill Stork etc.

Next we will head off (30 hr. drive) to **Suan Phuthamotthon Buddha public garden** we looking for more species.

Then drive 1 hour to **Khok Kham mangrove forest**, here we can see some birds upclose at the bird bath bowls such as Oriental White-eye, Oriental Magpie Robin, Olive-backed Sunbird, Mangrove Whistler, Brown-throated Sunbird, Scaly-breasted Munia, Yellow-bellied Gerygone, Racket-tailed Treepie. Other birds that can be found in a short trail through the mangrove such as Collared Kingfisher, Black-winged Stilt, Yellow-bellied Prinia.

Meal : L

Stay : The Grand Inter Khok Kham (click!)

Day 2 : Khok Kham Spoonies > Paddy filed or Lame Pak Bia > Kaeng Krachan

Early morning meet guide Tii local guide at Khok Kham bird center, then we are searching **Spoon-billed Sandpiper** and more specie of shore birds.

After lunch transfer to **Mahachai Mangrove forest** and **Wang Manoa Paddy Filed** bird as such : Painted Stork, Long-tailed Shrike, Weavers, Green Bee-eater, Asian Pied Starling, Plain-backed Sparrow, Oriental Skylark, Paddyfield Pipit, Zitting Cisticola, Black-WILD BIRD ECO TOUR 90 Chock Chai 4 rd. Soi 49, Lad Prao, Bangkok Thailand 10230

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capped and White-throated Kingfishers, Indian Roller, Watercock, Greater-painted Snipe, Oriental Pratincole etc.

If you like to see more shore bird, We passed the first two recommended places. Then transfer 1.30 hours to **Baan Pak Thale, Lame Pak Bia salt farm** in Phetchaburi for watching some speices not found in KKM bird such as Asian Dowitcher, Loge-toed Stint, Norman's Greenshank, Pied Avocet and more.

Then transfer to Kaeng Krachan, WMN paddy

Meals : B / L

Stay : <u>Baan Maka</u> or <u>Samarn Bird Camp</u> Click!

Day 3 & 4 : Kaeng Krachan National Park

We will be spend to searching for birds at the foothill and lower elevation forests. The highlight spots that we will visit today including **1**.) <u>Kaeng Krachan Dam</u> birds that can be seen here such as Grey-breasted Prinia, Paddyfield Pipit, Forest Wagtail, Coppersmith and Green-eared Barbets, Asian Hoopoe, Black-collared Starling, Common Iora, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Racket-tailed Treepie, Asian Barred Owlet, Plaintive Cuckoo, Black-crested Bulbul, Red-wattled Lapwing etc.

2.) *Km.* **1-14** (*Dry Evergreen Forest*): It's quite a flat terrain, very easy to walk. Only simply birding along the road we can connect with Black-naped Oriole, Blue-winged and Golden-fronted Leafbirds, Great Iora, Oriental Pied and Great Hornbills, Blue-bearded Beeeater, Dollarbird, Greater Yellownape, Common and Greater Flameback, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Red-wattled Lapwing, Red Junglefowl, Kalij Pheasant, Black-and-Red, Black-and-Yellow and Banded Broadbills (all Broadbills can be seen during March-June), Asian Barred Owlet, Olive-backed and Crimson Sunbirds, Green-eared Barbet, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black Eagle, Black Baza (winter), Black-thighed Falconet, various species of Accipiters, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Ashy Wood Swallow, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Black-crested and Stripe-throated Bulbuls, etc.

3.) *Km.* **15 - 18** *Ban Krang Campground:* This area is a transition from dry evergreen forest to moist evergreen forest and also clear streams lying parallel to the jungle dirt road, which some part that we are going for birding will be a closed canopy and dense vegetation area. However, species that can be found here are superb such as Blue Pitta, Hooded Pitta (May-July), Blue-winged Pitta (May-July), Great and Oriental Pied Hornbills, Scaly-breasted Partridge, Orang-breasted Trogon, Green Magpie, Asian Barred Owlet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Ochraceous, Black-crested and Stripe-throated Bulbuls, Great Iora, Sultan Tit, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Greater Racket-tailed, Bronzed, Ashy and Hair-crested Drongos, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Scarlet and Ashy Minivets, Verditer Flycatcher, Pin Striped Tit-Babbler, Blue-winged and



Golden-fronted Leafbirds, Banded Kingfisher, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (May-June), Whitecrested, Greater Necklaced and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes, Himalayan Cuckoo, Drongo Cuckoo, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, Violet and Asian Emerald Cuckoos, Emerald Dove, Vernal Hanging Parrot and a lot more good species.

The Second Day we go up to (4.) Km. 26 - 36. Phaneon Thung by 4x4 service by Nationa Park : Here is good place for different birds species and mammals. You will enjoy an exciting search for Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Bar-backed Partridge, Kalij Pheasant, however, and possibly also Long-billed Partridge. Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Besra, Wreath Hornbill, Crested Jay, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Dusky Broadbill, Banded Broadbill, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, White-hooded Babbler, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Grey Treepie. And 4 Species Of the hornbills Great Hornbill, Wrinkled Hornbill, Wreathed Hornbill and Plain-pouched Hornbill to present.

Top mammals : Lesser Mouse Deer, Black-giant Squirrel, Barking Deer, Spectacled Langur, Stump-tailed Macaque, White-handed Gibbon and Yellow-throated Marten, Wild Elephant, Leopard, Malayan Sun Bear and Guar.

Meals : B / L

Stay : Baan Maka or Samarn Bird Camp

Day 5: The Bird Hide outside Kaeng Krachan > Khao Yai

After breakfast we will make a short ride (15 mins.) to a bird hide outside the park. We will spend a half day settle into a bird hide and wait for birds coming to the artificial pool such as Eared Pitta (hard & seldom seen), Red Junglefowl, Kalij Pheasant, Scaly-breasted Partridge, Streak-eared, Stripe-throated and Black-crested Bulbuls, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler, Puff-throated Babbler, Racket-tailed Treepie, Tickel's Blue Flycatcher, White-browed and Large Scimitar-Babblers, White-crested, Lesser Necklaced and Greater Nacklaced Laughingthrushes, Green Magpie, Abbott's Babbler, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, Black-naped Monarch, Siberian Blue Robin, a very shy Red-legged and Slaty-legged Crakes (hard, passage migrants), Pied Fantail, White-rumped Shama, Greater Coucal etc. **Typical mammals at the pool:** Lesser Mouse Deer, many species of Squirrels. we will travel to Khao Yai normally takes about 4-5 hours drive.

Meals : B / L

Stay : Isaan Isan hotel

Day 6 & 7 : Khao Yai National Park

Birding inside the park. There are several good birding spots that we will explore. Those including **Haew Narok Waterfall;** We might briefly spending our time here to search for Banded Kingfisher, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Abbott's Babbler, Purple-throated Sunbird. **Forest Lodges - Thanarat Zone;** Habitats around this area is very open comprise of scrub,

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grassland, forest edge, freshwater ponds, which we can see Hill Myna, Chestnut-headed Beeeater, Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Indian Roller, Paddyfield Pipit, Bright-capped Cisticola, Red-Whiskered and Sooty-headed Bulbuls, Plain-backed Sparrow etc. The road to Khao Khiew peak; A very slowly drive up hill we might stand a high chance to see Siamese Fireback, Silver Pheasant, Orange-breasted and Red-headed Trogon, Blue Pitta, Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo, Greater Yellownape, Greater Flameback, Banded Kingfisher and Thick-billed Green Pigeon etc. **Pha Diew Dai Cliff;** the most famous viewpoint (at the elevation around 1,000 m.) of the park with a well-built boardwalk loop through a beautiful hill evergreen forest to the cliff, which excellent to pacing ourselves around and discreetly searching for birds. Birds such as Redheaded Trogon, Silver Pheasant, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Green Magpie, Eared Pitta, Ashy Bulbul, Moustached and Blue-throated Barbets, Siberian Blue Robin, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Puff-throated Babbler and more good species can be seen along this boardwalk. Pha Kluai Mai Campsite; A wide variety of birds can be seen here, especially when there are some fruiting fig trees, you can see 5 species of Flowerpecker together which including Scarletbacked, Buff-breasted, Yellow-vented, Fire-breasted and Plain Flowerpeckers. Other species such as Oriental Pied Hornbill, Orange-headed Thrush, Siberian Blue Robin, Hainan Blue Flycatcher, White-crested Laughingthrush, Banded Kingfisher, White-throated Rock Thrush, Ashy and Brown-rumped Minivets, Verditer Flycatcher, Ashy Drongo, Black-crested Bulbul, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Black-naped Oriole, Oriental White-eye etc. Forest Trail at Km. 33; Here is a home of Great and Wreathed Hornbills, White-crested Laughingthrush, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Banded Kingfisher, Long-tailed Broadbill and a lot more species of Babblers, Flycatchers and Woodpeckers. Haew Suwat Waterfall trail; The highlight species such as White-crowned and Slaty-backed Forktails, Blue Whistling Thrush, Grey Wagtail etc. At dusk and at night; We can see some interesting birds such as Great-eared and Large-tailed Nightjars, Brown Boobook, Buffy Fish Owl and wildlife such as Common Palm Civet, Small Indian Civet, Malayan Porcupine, Asiatic Jackal and Wild Elephants.

Khao Yai is well-known as one of the easiest place for birding in Thailand, a number of beginners, amateurs and professional birders keep coming here throughout the year. Driving around the park and simply birding along the roads also produce a productive day.

Meals : B/L

Stay : Isaan Isan hotel

Day 8 : Khao Yai > Suvarnabhumi Airport or Hotel in Bangkok

A final day we will birding all day inside the park (or half day, subject to change according to your flight schedule), we can have another shot of the species that we already



seen and also more chance to get additional species. At around 16:00 O'clock, we will leave this wonderful park and travel back (3 hrs.) to Bangkok or Suvarnabhumi International airport.

Meals : B / L

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



Click for map , Scan for route

Price Thai Baht Payment/Person

GROUP SIZE	1	2	3	4
THB./Pax.	147,000-	78,500-	65,000-	52,500-

Note :

- This's price is not during peak season 24th Dec. 10th Jan. and Songkran feltival mid of April the room price has changed.
- Birding Guide for this tour is Par, Nang, End and Dr.Kaset or orther guide who's live in central. Guides residing in other regions may incur additional fees for their travel.
- Single Room Supplement = 14,700 THB./night

All Included :

- Proflessional birding guide with a spotting scope & play back**
- All ground vehicle with driver, fuels, express way fees**

(1-2 pax. Use Ford truck wd., 3-5 pax. Use mini van)

- Meals as indicated, unlimited cold water bottles and soft drink on the meal
- Field equipments : leech socks, bird hide tent, chair, meal worms, bean bag, etc.
- All park, bird hide entrance fees
- Accommodations Superior twin or king beds room
- Travel insurance

All Exdulded :

Dinner (basic meal 200-500 THB./person), Boat trip at Lame Pak Bia sandsplit 1,200-/3 hr., Spotting wildlife in Khao Yai manage by national park, Souvenirs, Any kind alcoholic beverages or Soft drink, Telephone calls, Laundry, Extra bed, Mini Bar, Service charge and Personal tip.

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CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT AND TOUR SERVICE POLICY

1. PAYMENTS POLICY

The payments can be made via **Banking**, *WISE*. You can pay in the full amount 100% or confirm your booking we need at least 40% deposit. **Immediate payment, your booking will record and confirm**. The client is responsible for any bank transfer fee(s).

For the remaining 60%

By bank transfer : Pay 30 days before the tour start. Please attach the payment confirmation when making payment.

By cash: Pay to our Birding Guide on the first day tour. It is possible to pay with your country currency or in THB.

Note: Pay by cash please let us know ASAP but at least 30 days before the tour starts. If the service is already carried half-way through the itinerary, but you still do not pay the outstanding amount. We will drop the service immediately until you pay.

2. CANCELLATION THE TOUR POLICY

The business partner and client shall notify us in writing of any cancellation prior to the minimum notice dates, otherwise a late cancellation charge will be applied as follows :

In case of cancellation before 120 days before the tour start. The cancellation fee is 0% of the total amount in any case, Company refund money back to you 100%.

In case of cancellation within 90 days before the tour start. The cancellation fee is 35% of the total amount in any case.

In case of cancellation within 60 days before the tour start. The cancellation fee is 50% of the total amount in any case.

In case of cancellation within 30 days before the tour start. It is no refund in any case.

In case of No show during the tour. It is no refund in any case.

3. POSTPONE THE TOUR POLICY

In case of postpone 60 days before program tour start, We will not deduct any business opportunity loss fees. We'll refund you the amount incurred after deducting the transfer fee or keep it with us. We will issue a credit note for the next use with a period of 6 months from the date of request to postpone the tour. After that, if you are still unable to determine the next travel date, We will transfer the money back to you for the amount incurred less the transfer fee.



In case of postpone during 30 days before program tour start, In the event that you request to postpone the travel date of the tour for reasons in all cases. We will charge from you 50% of the total tour cost incurred as a result of the loss of business opportunity. The remaining amount will be refunded to you based on the amount accrued less after the transfer fee. And there is no policy to collect money as credit notes.

In case pastpone less than 30 days before program tour start, It is no refund in any case.

4. DISPUTES, ACTIONS, OR OTHER MATTERS ARISING

It is expressly agreed and declared that the proper law of this Agreement is the law of Thailand and that any disputes, actions, or other matters arising hereunder shall be determined in a court of Thailand in accordance with the laws and procedures of Thailand and under all circumstances.

5. AGREEMENT OR AGREEING TO THE TERMS IN THIS PROGRAM

5.1 * This is the original itinerary, the routes and timing may change according to unanticipated circumstances such as local conditions, habitat burnt down by local people, global warming effect, natural disaster, heavey rain, a number of general tourists in the weekend and in nature trials we do birding. We will attempt to adhere as close to the original itinerary as possible.

5.2 * We don't 100% guarantee to see all birds mentioned in the itinerary. Nevertheless, our guides will do their best for your satisfaction.

5.3. ** Birding guide & driver standard working hours are between 06:00-19:00 (including dinner, night watch & checklist summary). They can start working a little earlier and finish a little late. If you want to extend extra hours, please do not hesitate to discuss with them and pay extra for their overtime working.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Recipient :	Wild Bird Eco Tour Thailand		
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REQUIRED INFORMATION

- A copy of every client's passport
- Your recent photo for our guide or driver to promptly recognize you when picking you up from the hotel or the airport.
- Your main focus, such as Bird watching or Bird photography
- Food preference or limited, such as no spicy at all, a little bit spicy, vegetarian, food allergy, etc.

THINGS TO BRING ON OWN

- Binoculars & Telescope
- Mask, Hat, Sunscreen lotion, Mosquito repellent
- · Long trousers and long sleeved shirt
- Rain coat (May Nov.), Warm coat (Dec.-Jan.)
- Bird guide handbook, Field note, eBird & Merlin Bird ID app
- Flashlight or head lamp
- Personal medications, Other personal belonging

We Use eBird

You can find a list of birds found at each location via the links provided below. The advantages of using lists based on Ebird are: Sightings are updated all the time when using, Arrange the locations as they appear in the tour program 30 days.

Kaeng Krachan ebird check list : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L921118</u> Khao Yai : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1096278?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec</u> Khok Kham bird center : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5676683</u> Pak Thale : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L921142?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec</u> Lame Pak Bia : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10939002?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec</u> Lame Pak Bia sand split : <u>https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1829142?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec</u>