



## **RV RIVER KWAI 4-DAY/3-NIGHT CRUISE**

The RV River Kwai, the first inland cruise ship in Thailand, is a newly built colonial style river cruiser based on designs used by the original Irrawaddy Flotilla which was founded in Burma in 1865 and by the 1920s was the largest privately owned fleet of ships in the world.

The RV River Kwai carries a maximum of 20 passengers in 10 teakwood cabins (single deck) and operates on a 4 days/3 nights year round program every Monday-Thursday and Thursday-Sunday on both Upstream and Downstream programs alternately.

The RV River Kwai opens up an entirely new area for river tourism in Kanchanaburi province west of Bangkok. Every morning and afternoon land excursions are offered to visit attractions along the river including temples, historic sites, Khmer ruins, waterfalls, war cemeteries, hot springs, the bridge on the River Kwai, and local attractions, etc.

The RV River Kwai is also available for special Charter Cruises on request.

### **Itinerary: Program II - Downstream**

#### **THURSDAY**

##### **DAY 1**

#### **BANGKOK-KANCHANABURI-THONG PHAP PHUM-BAN HIN DAD [-/L/D]**

**06:00**

Depart from Bangkok by van / coach to Kanchanaburi via Nakorn Pathom.

**09:00**

Short stop to visit the highest Chedi in Thailand called "Phra Pathom Chedi" which is the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia.

**10:30**

Visit to Khao Noi Cave Temple (Wat Tham Khao Noi) located on the west bank of the river. The monastery was constructed on a hill, decorated in the form of Chinese architecture and cultural art. From the top of the monastery observe the beautiful scenery of Kanchanaburi and its mountainous horizon.

Also visit to Tiger Cave Temple (Wat Tham Sua) nearby, built in the form of Thai cultural art. The great Buddha image and pagoda placed in the temple are respected by all Buddhists.

**11:30**

Continue to Kanchanaburi.

**12:30**

Lunch at Sommai Restaurant.

**13:30**

Proceed to Hell Fire Pass, a part of the Death Railway cut through the stone mountain. Trails lead to Hin Tok Bridge and Konyu Cutting where a plaque commemorates the ordeal of Australian and British POW's who undertook the hazardous work in precarious conditions at the aptly named pass. The memorial complex (Hin Lek Fai) is intended to honor the Allied Prisoners of War and conscripted people from India, Burma, Malaysia and other countries who died during construction of the railway, as well as all who suffered as a consequence of the hardships.

**16:00**

Embark RV River Kwai at Daowadung Bridge and cruise downstream on Kwai Noi River.

**19:30**

Dinner and overnight on board at Sai Yok Yai Waterfalls.

#### **FRIDAY**

##### **DAY 2**

#### **BAN HIN DAD-SAI YOK YAI-SAI YOK**

**[B/L/D]**

Breakfast on board while cruising downriver.

**08:30**

Visit a boarding school nearby the bank of Kwai Noi River built under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Princess Sirindhorn for refugee children.

**09:45**

Continue by coach to visit Hin Dad Hot Spring, formerly called Kui Mang. It was accidentally discovered by Japanese soldiers who were supervising the construction of the Death Railway. The natural hot spring features two large pools and private baths. The mineral in the spring is believed to cure many diseases, e.g. beriberi (lack of vitamin B), arthritis, etc.

- 10:30** Visit to Pha Tad Waterfall located in the western zone of Si Nakharin Dam National Park. It originates from a small stream called Huai Kui Mang. Pha Tad is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Kanchanaburi Province and flows into the Kwai Noi River.
- 11:30** Board RV River Kwai at Kaeng Pa Lorm.
- 13:30** Lunch on board while cruising downriver to the Floatel Jungle Raft.
- 15:00** River rafting or canoeing downstream on Kwai Noi River. If time allows, visit nearby Mon Village.  
(Optional: Enjoy one hour Thai traditional massage – Extra: Baht 550.- per person)
- 19:30** Dinner and overnight on board near the Resotel.  
(Optional: Enjoy 45 minutes Mon dances performance – Extra: Baht 200.- per person)

## SATURDAY

### DAY 3

#### SAI YOK-BAN KAO

[B/L/D]

Breakfast on board while cruising downriver.

- 10:15** Short visit at Sai Yok village located right on the river bank.
- 11:45** Lunch on board while cruising downriver to Wang Pho Bridge.
- 13:00** Board the coach to visit the Krasae Cave situated on the bank of the Kwai Noi River, an excellent view point. The cavern houses a Buddha image.
- 13:36** Take a 3<sup>rd</sup> class train to Tha Kilen Train Station passing over the long wooden viaduct.
- 13:51** Arrive Tha Kilen and continue by coach to "Prasat Muang Singh", historical park with Khmer architecture from the late Lopburi period, some 700-800 years ago. The extensive ruins of the temple beside the River Kwai Noi are a potent reminder of the vast expanse of the Khmer empire. The ancient border town of Muang Singh, "City of the Lions", was probably established as a trading post.
- 15:00** Return to the RV River Kwai at Prasat Muang Singh and cruise downstream.  
Afternoon at leisure on the boat.
- 19:00** "Farewell Dinner" and overnight on board, near Ban Kao.

## SUNDAY

### DAY 4

#### BAN KAO-KANCHANABURI-BANGKOK

[B/L/-]

- 08:00** Breakfast on board while cruising downstream to Wat Tham Khaopoon.
- 09:00** Visit to Wat Tham Khaopoon, a Buddhist temple which served as a big camp of World War II. There is a middle cave containing stalactites and stalagmites and many remarkable Buddha images. Behind the temple enjoy a marvelous view down the valley of the Kwai Noi River.
- 09:30** Continue by coach to Kanchanaburi to visit the world-famous bridge over the River Kwai. The sturdy Iron Bridge spanning the River Kwai Yai, which was a crucial part of the Death Railway, was built in some 16 months by Allied prisoners of war and Asian conscripts. The bridge was destroyed in Allied bombing raids towards the end of World War II and was later rebuilt by the Japanese as war reparations. Continue to the Thailand-Burma Railway Center Museum, an interactive museum which provides a remarkable research and information centre dedicated to presenting the story of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Finally, visit to the Donrak War Cemetery which contains the remains of 6,982 Allied prisoners of war who perished during the construction of the "Death Railway".
- 12:30** Rejoin RV River Kwai at Saphan Mai and lunch on board while cruising towards Nong Ya dock.
- 15:00** Disembark RV River Kwai at Nong Ya dock and return to Bangkok by coach.
- 18:00** Arrive Bangkok and transfer to your hotel in Bangkok downtown.

## CRUISE OPERATIONS 2018-2019

- RV River Kwai need a minimum of 4 (four) clients to guarantee operation of any cruises, except for Upstream departures (marked in yellow) can be operated without minimum of passengers for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month during November 2018 - October 2019 (see cruise schedule).

### Child Policy:

- Children of 4 years and older must solely occupy a berth and pay the full rate (same as adults).

- Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but parents are to provide own baby food.
- NO triple rooms or extra beds are available.

**Inclusive of:**

- Accommodation on RV River Kwai, meals as mentioned above, coffee, tea & drinking water.
- Transfers and sightseeing tours with English, French or German speaking local guide (together with other cruise members).
- Entrance fees.

**Not included:**

- Optional tours.
- Expenditures of a personal nature for bar and laundry.
- Gratuity to crew.

**Reservation Policy:**

- Option terms can be offered as follows:  
 More than 120 days prior the departure date : 30 days option  
 between 120 days and 60 days : 15 days option  
 between 59 days and 30 days : 7 days option  
 between 29 days and 11 days : 1 day option

***This option expires if deposit payment is not received by us by the stated date.***

**Payment Terms:**

- 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of any bookings, refundable up to 61 days before departure and non refundable for charters.
- Final balances must be paid 31 days before departure or the booking may be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

**Cancellation Terms:**

More than 60 days prior to departure	:	NO cancellation fee
Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure	:	20% of contract rate
Between 30 and 21 days prior to departure	:	50% of contract rate
20 days to departure day and no show	:	100% of contract rate

**Charter Payment Terms:**

- 30% non-refundable deposit is required upon confirmation of charter booking
- 30% (second) non-refundable payment by 120 days prior to departure
- Balance 60 days prior to departure
- **Cancellation Term - All payments made are forfeited if clients cancel at any date prior to departure**

**Terms and Conditions: (19 articles / 1-17)**

1. Though every effort will be made to ensure that the published itinerary is followed as closely as possible, given uncertain river and other local conditions, all schedules and itineraries may be subject to alterations and delays at short notice.
2. The ship's purser and captain are jointly responsible for passengers' comfort and safety. Passengers must accept their decisions and instructions.
3. Whilst our crew do everything in their power to facilitate landings, access to the ship at certain river stations can be difficult, with steep and sometimes slippery riverbanks. Elderly clients should consult their doctor to ensure that they are fit for travel. Wheel chairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of the shipping line an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and Cruise Asia Ltd. management, subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board the vessel unless by prior agreement with the Charterer.
5. Should it prove difficult to embark or disembark passengers at the scheduled points Cruise Asia Ltd. is not liable to bear any extra cost of transporting passengers to and from the revised point of embarkation or disembarkation unless passengers or their agents have purchased a complete package tour which includes land services from us. Any reason for changing the points of embarkation or disembarkation can not count as a reason for cancelling this contract.

6. Clients should seek advice from their doctor regarding relevant inoculations and prophylactics for travel in Thailand.
7. Clients must be fully insured to cover any risk of medical repatriation and the Cruise Asia Ltd. is in no way responsible for such liabilities.
8. Once a booking has been received through a sales agent or directly from the passenger a contract exists between the Company and the client and these terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed agents are responsible for the transfer of their clients to and from the ship on time and in the event of a late arrival the ship is not obliged to delay departure thereby upsetting tight schedules.
10. The company accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property whilst on board a company vessel.
11. During the river stops on the company provide an escorted service but not always a licensed guide service. If passengers wish to bring their own state-licensed guide then guide accommodation in the crew quarters may be offered subject to availability at a special rate.
12. The company reserve the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket cannot be produced and the company can not guarantee the exact allocation of cabins and deck location which may in the event of extenuating circumstances differ from the cabin number indicated on the ticket.
13. Within the ticket price fuel costs have been calculated on average prices as of the publication of this document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10% Cruise Asia Ltd. will be entitled to impose a fuel supplement equivalent to the amount by which the fuel price exceeds the price allowed for in the contract.
14. It is not permitted to allow any breed of animal on board.
15. Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but the Cruise Asia Ltd. cannot guarantee the availability of a cot. Children of 4 years and + must solely occupy a berth and pay full rate
16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply.
17. The company reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy is printed on an invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Clients and their agents must abide these terms and the company reserve the right to either cancel an existing reservation or to refuse passage in the event that these terms have not been adhered to.
19. In the event that one passenger enters into a commercial or other form of relationship or arrangement with another passenger the company is no way liable for the obligations of one passenger to another passenger or any claim arising thereof. If as a result of any such relationship or arrangement entered into without the involvement of the company by prior agreement then the company is in no way liable for any claims from either party of any nature whatsoever.

## CRUISE SCHEDULE 2018-2019

RV River Kwai guarantee **upstream departures** (marked in yellow) without minimum of passengers for the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month during November 2018 - October 2019.

**(ANNUAL DRY DOCKING DURING 29 APRIL 2019-30 JUNE 2019)**

No.	Cruise Schedule	Upstream (Mon-Thu)		Downstream (Thu-Sun)	
		Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
K-810	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	11-Nov-18
K-811	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Nov-18	15-Nov-18	15-Nov-18	18-Nov-18
K-812	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Nov-18	22-Nov-18	22-Nov-18	25-Nov-18
K-813	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Nov-18	29-Nov-18	29-Nov-18	02-Dec-18
K-814	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Dec-18	06-Dec-18	06-Dec-18	09-Dec-18
K-815	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Dec-18	13-Dec-18	13-Dec-18	16-Dec-18
K-816	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	17-Dec-18	20-Dec-18	20-Dec-18	23-Dec-18
K-817	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	24-Dec-18	27-Dec-18	27-Dec-18	30-Dec-18
K-818	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	31-Dec-18	03-Jan-19	03-Jan-19	06-Jan-19
K-819	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-Jan-19	10-Jan-19	10-Jan-19	13-Jan-19
K-820	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-Jan-19	17-Jan-19	17-Jan-19	20-Jan-19
K-821	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-Jan-19	24-Jan-19	24-Jan-19	27-Jan-19
K-822	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-Jan-19	31-Jan-19	31-Jan-19	03-Feb-19
K-823	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Feb-19	07-Feb-19	07-Feb-19	10-Feb-19
K-824	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Feb-19	14-Feb-19	14-Feb-19	17-Feb-19
K-825	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	24-Feb-19
K-826	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Feb-19	28-Feb-19	28-Feb-19	03-Mar-19
K-827	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Mar-19	07-Mar-19	07-Mar-19	10-Mar-19
K-828	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Mar-19	14-Mar-19	14-Mar-19	17-Mar-19
K-829	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Mar-19	21-Mar-19	21-Mar-19	24-Mar-19
K-830	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Mar-19	28-Mar-19	28-Mar-19	31-Mar-19
K-831	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Apr-19	04-Apr-19	04-Apr-19	07-Apr-19
K-832	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	14-Apr-19
K-833	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Apr-19	18-Apr-19	18-Apr-19	21-Apr-19
K-834	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Apr-19	25-Apr-19	25-Apr-19	28-Apr-19
K-835	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Apr-19	02-May-19	02-May-19	05-May-19
K-836	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-May-19	09-May-19	09-May-19	12-May-19
K-837	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-May-19	16-May-19	16-May-19	19-May-19
K-838	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-May-19	23-May-19	23-May-19	26-May-19
K-839	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-May-19	30-May-19	30-May-19	02-Jun-19

K-840	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Jun-19	06-Jun-19	06-Jun-19	09-Jun-19
K-841	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Jun-19	13-Jun-19	13-Jun-19	16-Jun-19
K-842	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	17-Jun-19	20-Jun-19	20-Jun-19	23-Jun-19
K-843	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	24-Jun-19	27-Jun-19	27-Jun-19	30-Jun-19
K-844	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Jul-19	04-Jul-19	04-Jul-19	07-Jul-19
K-845	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	14-Jul-19
K-846	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Jul-19	18-Jul-19	18-Jul-19	21-Jul-19
K-847	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Jul-19	25-Jul-19	25-Jul-19	28-Jul-19
K-848	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Jul-19	01-Aug-19	01-Aug-19	04-Aug-19
K-849	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Aug-19	08-Aug-19	08-Aug-19	11-Aug-19
K-850	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Aug-19	15-Aug-19	15-Aug-19	18-Aug-19
K-851	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Aug-19	22-Aug-19	22-Aug-19	25-Aug-19
K-852	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	01-Sep-19
K-853	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Sep-19	05-Sep-19	05-Sep-19	08-Sep-19
K-854	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Sep-19	12-Sep-19	12-Sep-19	15-Sep-19
K-855	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Sep-19	19-Sep-19	19-Sep-19	22-Sep-19
K-856	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Sep-19	26-Sep-19	26-Sep-19	29-Sep-19
K-857	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Sep-19	03-Oct-19	03-Oct-19	06-Oct-19
K-858	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-Oct-19	10-Oct-19	10-Oct-19	13-Oct-19
K-859	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-Oct-19	17-Oct-19	17-Oct-19	20-Oct-19
K-860	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-Oct-19	24-Oct-19	24-Oct-19	27-Oct-19
K-861	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-Oct-19	31-Oct-19	31-Oct-19	03-Nov-19

#### **How to make a Reservation:**

Send e-mail with your request to: [res@cruiseasia.net](mailto:res@cruiseasia.net) or [cruiseasia@gmail.com](mailto:cruiseasia@gmail.com) and we will be happy to assist you.

#### **Specifications of the Vessel:**

The *RV River Kwai* is an inland water class vessel, with the following specifications:

Length	120ft / 36m
Beam	25ft / 7.6m
Draft	3ft / 90cm
Air Draft	11.5ft / 3.5m
Tonnage	155.69 tons
Engines	2 x 200 hp Hino engines with inboard propulsion; propellers have 4 blades, 3ft diameter
Speed	8 knots cruising
Power	1 x 75kva Caterpillar (recon) genset, 1 x 20 kva port/emergency genset, shore lines to bases on river
Cabins	10 deluxe staterooms of 3m x 4m with own shower, water closet, air-conditioned, mini safes, etc.

## Specifications of the Vessel: (Continued)

Public	Upper deck is open plan with dining, bar and seating areas covered by a collapsible frame awning to enable vessel to pass under low bridges
Water	Water tanks
Sewage	Holding tanks to pump out to on shore septic facility
Comms	Thai GSM cellular, FM Radios, PA system, tannoy
Safety	Smoke detectors in all cabins, emergency lighting and generator, fire extinguishers, pumps and hoses, life jackets for all passengers, life rafts, ship's motorized tugboat
Navigation	Ship's horn, searchlights, Garmin GPS (Global Positioning System)
Amenities	Fully equipped kitchen, refrigeration units
Crew	Thai crew of 11.

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