



RV RIVER KWAI 7-DAY/6-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 7 days/6 nights year round cruise program every Monday-Sunday.

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:

MONDAY

DAY 1

BANGKOK-ANCHANABURI-BAN KAO

[-/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 and visit to JEATH War Museum, a realistic depiction of a prisoner of war (POW) camp with bamboo huts which give an inkling of the grim living conditions and atrocities endured. On display are tools, bombs, photographs, original sketches, testimonies, pictorials and physical memorabilia dating from World War II.
- 12:30** 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.
- 13:30** Embark RV River Kwai at Nong Ya dock. Lunch on board while cruising on Kwai Noi River. Afternoon at leisure!
- 19:30** Dinner and overnight on board, near Ban Kao.

TUESDAY

DAY 2

BAN KAO-SAI YOK

[B/L/D]

- Breakfast on board while cruising upriver on the Kwai Noi River to Muang Singh.
- 10:00** Visit "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.
- 11:00** Continue by coach to Tha Kilen Train Station.
- 11:47** Take a 3rd class train to Saphan Tham Krasae passing over the long wooden viaduct.
- 12:02** Arrive at Saphan Tham Krasae and visit to Krasae Cave situated on the bank of the Kwai Noi River, an excellent view point. The cavern houses a Buddha image.

- 12:30** Continue by coach and short stop at Sai Yok Village located right on the river bank, upriver from Wang Pho Bridge.
- 14:00** Lunch on board while cruising upriver.
Afternoon at leisure on the boat.
(Optional: Enjoy one hour Thai traditional massage – Extra: Baht 600.- per person)
- 19:30** Dinner and overnight on board near the Resotel.
(Optional: Enjoy 45 minutes Mon dances performance – Extra: Baht 180.- per person)

WEDNESDAY

DAY 3 **SAI YOK-SAI YOK YAI-BAN HIN DAD** [B/L/D]

- Breakfast on board.
- 09:00** Walk uphill to visit Kaeng Lava Cave. From the landing a short trail leads to the cave which boasts admirable stone draperies and concretions in large chambers. The stalactites and stalagmites are a spectacular creation by nature.
- 10:30** Cruise upriver to Ban Haad Ngiu and continue by coach 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. Rejoin the boat at Kaeng Pa Lorm.
- 13:30** Lunch on board while cruising upriver, passing Sai Yok Yai Waterfalls.
Afternoon at leisure on the boat.
- 15:30** 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.
- 16:30** Back to boat and cruising upriver.
- 19:00** Dinner and overnight on board at Daowadueng Bridge.

THURSDAY

DAY 4 **BAN HIN DAD-THONG PHA PHUM-BAN HIN DAD** [B/L/D]

- 07:00** Offering foods to monks (making merit in Buddhist style) at nearby temple.
- 08:30** Breakfast on board.
- 09:30** Depart by coach to visit Vachiralongkorn Dam, an immense lake created from the waters of three rivers harnessed by the hydroelectric dam, which stretches to the far horizon. The thick jungle through which the railway line cut a swathe in recent times has been tamed and the surrounding fertile land now supports agricultural crops - sugar cane, tapioca, tobacco, maize and cotton. The admirable rugged scenery of the lake set against rolling hills on the distant horizon is ample reward for the long journey.
Drive back to Thong Pha Phum and visit local market.
- 12:30** Rejoin RV River Kwai at Daowadueng Bridge
- 13:00** Lunch on board.
- 14:30** Visit Daowadueng Cave, which contains fantastically shaped concretions.
- 16:30** Return to the RV River Kwai at Daowadueng Bridge and cruise downstream on Kwai Noi River.
- 19:30** Dinner and overnight on board at Sai Yok Yai Waterfalls.

FRIDAY

DAY 5 **BAN HIN DAD-SAI YOK YAI-SAI YOK** [B/L/D]

- Breakfast on board while cruising downriver.
- 09:00** Meet coach at Kaeng Pa Lorm and continue 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** Return to 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 the Mon Village.
(Optional: Enjoy one hour Thai traditional massage – Extra: Baht 600.- per person)
- 19:30** Dinner and overnight on board near the Resotel.
(Optional: Enjoy 45 minutes Mon dances performance – Extra: Baht 180.- per person)

**SATURDAY
DAY 6**

SAI YOK-BAN KAO

[B/L/D]

Breakfast on board while cruising downriver.
Morning at leisure on the boat.

- 11:45** Lunch on board while cruising downriver to Wang Pho Bridge.
- 14:00** Depart by coach to visit Ban Kao National Museum, constructed beside a Neolithic burial ground. When Dr. Van Heekeren, a Dutch archaeologist was working as a prisoner of war on the construction of The Death Railway during World War II, he accidentally found numerous stone tools in the Ban Kao area. When the war was over, the archaeological excavations were systematically conducted at the delta of the Kwai Noi and Kwai Yai Rivers. A large number of prehistoric skeletons, potteries, stone tools and ornaments were uncovered and exhibited at this museum.
- 15:30** Rejoin RV River Kwai.
- 16:00** Thai Cooking Class: There is no better way to learn Thai cooking than taking an authentic cooking class in Thailand. However this basic cooking class – on deck of RV River Kwai - will introduce you to the wonderful world of Thai flavors. During classes the school's instructional emphasis is focused on three things: traditional Thai technique, innovative use of ingredients and aesthetic presentations. Spend a few hours learning to prepare a traditional Thai cocktail ('Mai Tai'), authentic Thai dishes (e.g. 'Tom Yam Kung' or 'Chicken Green Curry') and a Thai green papaya salad ('Som Tam'). An experience not to be missed!
- 19:00** Farewell Dinner and overnight on board, near Ban Kao.

**SUNDAY
DAY 7**

BAN KAO-KANCHANABURI-BANGKOK

[B/L/-]

Breakfast on board while cruising downstream to Wat Tham Khaopoon.

- 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 2017-2018

- 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 1st and 3rd Monday of every month during November 2017 - October 2018 (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:

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 2017-2018

RV River Kwai guarantee departures on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month (marked in yellow) without minimum of passengers during November 2017 – October 2018.

(ANNUAL DRY DOCKING DURING 30 APRIL 2018-1 JULY 2018)

No.	Cruise Schedule	Up&Downstream (Mon-Sun)	
		Departure	Arrival
K-758	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-Nov-17	12-Nov-17
K-759	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-Nov-17	19-Nov-17
K-760	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-Nov-17	26-Nov-17
K-761	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-Nov-17	03-Dec-17
K-762	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Dec-17	10-Dec-17
K-763	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Dec-17	17-Dec-17
K-764	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Dec-17	24-Dec-17
K-765	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Dec-17	31-Dec-17
K-766	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Jan-18	07-Jan-18

K-767	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Jan-18	14-Jan-18
K-768	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Jan-18	21-Jan-18
K-769	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Jan-18	28-Jan-18
K-770	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Jan-18	04-Feb-18
K-771	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Feb-18	11-Feb-18
K-772	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Feb-18	18-Feb-18
K-773	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Feb-18	25-Feb-18
K-774	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Feb-18	04-Mar-18
K-775	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Mar-18	11-Mar-18
K-776	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Mar-18	18-Mar-18
K-777	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Mar-18	25-Mar-18
K-778	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Mar-18	01-Apr-18
K-779	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Apr-18	08-Apr-18
K-780	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Apr-18	15-Apr-18
K-781	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Apr-18	22-Apr-18
K-782	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Apr-18	29-Apr-18
K-783	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Apr-18	06-May-18
K-784	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-May-18	13-May-18
K-785	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-May-18	20-May-18
K-786	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-May-18	27-May-18
K-787	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-May-18	03-Jun-18
K-788	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Jun-18	10-Jun-18
K-789	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Jun-18	17-Jun-18
K-790	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Jun-18	24-Jun-18
K-791	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Jun-18	01-Jul-18
K-792	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Jul-18	08-Jul-18
K-793	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Jul-18	15-Jul-18
K-794	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Jul-18	22-Jul-18
K-795	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Jul-18	29-Jul-18
K-796	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Jul-18	05-Aug-18
K-797	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-Aug-18	12-Aug-18
K-798	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-Aug-18	19-Aug-18
K-799	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-Aug-18	26-Aug-18
K-800	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-Aug-18	02-Sep-18
K-801	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Sep-18	09-Sep-18
K-802	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Sep-18	16-Sep-18

ANNUAL DRY DOCKING

