



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-KANCHANABURI-BAN KAO

[-/L/D]

- 06:00** Depart from Bangkok by van / coach to Kanchanaburi via Nakhon Pathom.
- 09:00** Short stop in Nakhon Pathom 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.
- 11:40** 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.
- 12:45** 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.

TUESDAY

DAY 2

BAN KAO-SAI YOK

[B/L/D]

- Breakfast on board while cruising on the Kwai Noi River.
- 08:00** Visit a boarding school nearby the bank of the Kwai Noi River built under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Princess Sirindhorn for refugee children.
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 wooden Wang Pho 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.

13:00 Lunch on board while cruising.
Afternoon at leisure on the boat.
19:30 Dinner and overnight on board.

WEDNESDAY

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

Breakfast on board.

08:00 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 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.

12:30 Lunch at a local restaurant in Sai Yoke National Park, near the Sai Yok Yai waterfalls.

15:30 Back to RV River Kwai.

Afternoon at leisure on the boat.

19:00 Dinner and overnight on board.

THURSDAY

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

06:00 Offering foods to monks (making merit in Buddhist style) at nearby temple.

07:00 Breakfast on board.

08:00 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.

13:00 Lunch at local restaurant.

Afternoon at leisure.

16:00 Return to the RV River Kwai and cruise on Kwai Noi River.

19:30 Dinner and overnight on board.

FRIDAY

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

Breakfast on board.

08:00 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.

13:30 Lunch at local restaurant.

15:00 River rafting or canoeing downstream on Kwai Noi River. If time allows, visit nearby the Mon Village. Then, return to join RV River Kwai.

19:30 Dinner and overnight on board.

SATURDAY

DAY 6 **SAI YOK-BAN KAO** [B/L/D]

Breakfast on board while cruising.

- 09:30** 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.
- 11:30** Rejoin RV River Kwai.
- 12:00** Lunch on board while cruising downriver.
- Afternoon at leisure!
- 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!
- 18:30** "Farewell Dinner" and overnight on board.

**SUNDAY
DAY 7**

BAN KAO-KANCHANABURI-BANGKOK

[B/L/-]

- 06:00** Offering foods to monks (making merit in Buddhist style) at Chukkadon Market in Kanchanaburi.
- Breakfast on the boat whilst cruising direction to Nong Ya.
- 09:30** Disembark and return to Kanchanaburi by coach.
- 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.
- Continue by bus to visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Center Museum, an interactive museum which provides a remarkable research and information center dedicated to presenting the story of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Then, visit to the well maintained Don Rak war cemetery which contains the remains of 6,982 Allied prisoners of war who perished during the construction of the infamous "Death Railway". Its tranquility still reminds visitors of the war and its aftermath.
- Finally, visit to 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.
- 12:00** Lunch at the Rabiang FA Restaurant, near the confluence of the two rivers Kwai Yai and Kwai Noi.
- 13:15** Proceed to Bangkok.
- 18:00** Arrive Bangkok and transfer to your hotel in Bangkok downtown.

CRUISE OPERATIONS 2023-2024

- 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 number of passengers for the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month (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 speaking local guide (together with other cruise members) (other language i.e., German or French speaking guide inquiry will be subject to such language availability).
- 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 61 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. Though Cruise Asia Ltd. makes every effort to adhere to the published travel programs, changes and delays in timetables and routes may occur at short notice as a result of changing water levels of the river and other unpredictable events.
2. The ship's captain and purser are jointly responsible for the safety of the passengers. Their instructions must be followed.
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. Wheelchairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of Cruise Asia Ltd. an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and the management of Cruise Asia Ltd., subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board RV River Kwai.
5. Embarkation and disembarkation points are set according to the program. For individually requested embarkation or disembarkation points, Cruise Asia Ltd. takes over *no* additional costs for transport to and from the alternative embarkation or disembarkation point; unless passengers or their agencies have booked a complete package tour that includes additional land services through us. A reason for changing the embarkation or disembarkation points cannot be considered as a reason for terminating 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 Cruise Asia Ltd. and the client. Therefore, terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed, the travel agencies are responsible for the punctual arrival of their customers to and from the ship. In the event of a late arrival, Cruise Asia Ltd. is not obliged to delay the departure.
10. Cruise Asia Ltd. accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property whilst on board of RV River Kwai.
11. Cruise Asia Ltd. provides a tour guide for the shore excursions. Should passengers wish to bring their own state-licensed guide, an accommodation in the crew quarters may be offered subject to availability at a special rate.
12. Cruise Asia Ltd. reserves the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket or voucher cannot be shown. Furthermore, the exact location of cabins cannot be guaranteed.
13. Within the package price the fuel costs were calculated at average prices at the time of publication of this travel document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10%, Cruise Asia Ltd. is then entitled to levy a fuel surcharge that exceeds the price stipulated in the contract.
14. It is not permitted to allow any kind of animal on board.
15. Infants under 4 years of age can stay in their parents' cabin at no extra charge. No cots or extra beds are available. The parents are responsible for their infants' meal. Children from 4 years of age must occupy a bed and pay full price without exception.
16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply > Thailand.
17. Cruise Asia Ltd. reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy are printed on the invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Clients and their agents must abide these terms and Cruise Asia Ltd. reserves 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 Cruise Asia Ltd. is in 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 Cruise Asia Ltd. by prior agreement, then the latter is in no way liable for any claims from either party of any nature whatsoever.

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2023-2024

RV River Kwai 7 Day-6 Night Cruise (Guaranteed Upstream Departures marked in YELLOW)
without minimum number of passengers
for The 1st & 3rd Monday of every month during Nov 2023-Oct 2024

No.	Cruise Schedule	Up&Downstream (Mon-Sun)	
		Departure	Arrival
K-1071	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-Nov-23	12-Nov-23
K-1072	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-Nov-23	19-Nov-23
K-1073	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-Nov-23	26-Nov-23
K-1074	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-Nov-23	03-Dec-23
K-1075	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Dec-23	10-Dec-23
K-1076	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Dec-23	17-Dec-23
K-1077	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Dec-23	24-Dec-23
K-1078	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Dec-23	31-Dec-23
K-1079	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Jan-24	07-Jan-24
K-1080	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Jan-24	14-Jan-24
K-1081	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Jan-24	21-Jan-24
K-1082	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Jan-24	28-Jan-24
K-1083	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Jan-24	04-Feb-24
K-1084	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Feb-24	11-Feb-24
K-1085	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Feb-24	18-Feb-24
K-1086	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Feb-24	25-Feb-24
K-1087	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Feb-24	03-Mar-24
K-1088	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	04-Mar-24	10-Mar-24
K-1089	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	11-Mar-24	17-Mar-24
K-1090	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	18-Mar-24	24-Mar-24
K-1091	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	25-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
K-1092	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Apr-24	07-Apr-24
K-1093	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Apr-24	14-Apr-24
K-1094	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Apr-24	21-Apr-24
K-1095	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Apr-24	28-Apr-24
K-1096	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Apr-24	05-May-24
K-1097	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	06-May-24	12-May-24
K-1098	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	13-May-24	19-May-24
K-1099	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	20-May-24	26-May-24
K-1100	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	27-May-24	02-Jun-24
K-1101	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	03-Jun-24	09-Jun-24
K-1102	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	10-Jun-24	16-Jun-24
K-1103	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	17-Jun-24	23-Jun-24
K-1104	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	24-Jun-24	30-Jun-24
K-1105	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	01-Jul-24	07-Jul-24
K-1106	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	08-Jul-24	14-Jul-24
K-1107	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	15-Jul-24	21-Jul-24
K-1108	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	22-Jul-24	28-Jul-24
K-1109	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	29-Jul-24	04-Aug-24
K-1110	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	05-Aug-24	11-Aug-24
K-1111	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	12-Aug-24	18-Aug-24
K-1112	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	19-Aug-24	25-Aug-24
K-1113	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	26-Aug-24	01-Sep-24
K-1114	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	02-Sep-24	08-Sep-24
K-1115	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	09-Sep-24	15-Sep-24
K-1116	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	16-Sep-24	22-Sep-24
K-1117	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	23-Sep-24	29-Sep-24
K-1118	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	30-Sep-24	06-Oct-24
K-1119	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	07-Oct-24	13-Oct-24
K-1120	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	14-Oct-24	20-Oct-24
K-1121	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	21-Oct-24	27-Oct-24
K-1122	Bangkok-Kanchanaburi-Ban Hin Dad-Bangkok	28-Oct-24	03-Nov-24

ANNUAL DRY DOCKING PLAN

How to make a Reservation:

Send e-mail with your request to: res@cruiseasia.net or 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.
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 sceptic 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 nhmjbfor 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 and foreign cruise director.

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