

SPICE ROADS

CYCLING



HUA HIN EXPLORER

Tour Code
THA-THH

3 DAYS
2 NIGHTS

	Destinations	Thailand
	Tour Meets Tour Ends	Bangkok Hua Hin or Bangkok
	Fly in to Fly out of	Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)
	Group Size Minimum Age	2-16 riders 0 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE



3 Cycling days	84 ^{km} Total cycling distance
28 ^{km} Avg distance / day	m Avg climbing / day

PRICING



Price	THB 18,900
Bike Hire	Included
Single Supplement	THB 3,000
Child Pricing	Under 5: free; Age 5-11: 20% discount

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Hotel pick up
- ✓ Hotel drop off
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Bike and helmet
- ✓ Snacks and drinks
- ✓ Accident insurance

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Domestic flights
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

DEPARTURES



29 January - 31 January 2020
05 February - 07 February 2020
12 February - 14 February 2020
19 February - 21 February 2020
26 February - 28 February 2020
04 March - 06 March 2020
11 March - 13 March 2020
18 March - 20 March 2020
25 March - 27 March 2020
01 April - 03 April 2020

See website for later departures

TRIP PROFILE

We ride on small back roads with little traffic. The terrain is undulating but there is always a support vehicle close by if any of the hills prove too taxing. This tour is suitable for anyone with minimum biking experience.

The trip is fully supported and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of cold drinks and fresh fruit.

Suitability: This tour is suitable for riders with some biking experience. You can expect a fairly gentle ride each day with none of the distances being overly long. There are a few small hills, but these can be tackled by anyone with even a moderate amount of fitness. The emphasis on this tour is Thailand's scenery off the beaten track.

Biking Conditions: This trip is a mixture of rough and smooth tarmac. An air-conditioned bus travels behind the group to support us, and participants can cycle as much or as little as they like and still enjoy the same views as the rest of the group.

Day 1 Bangkok - Ampawa

From Bangkok we transfer to the colourful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market for a long-tail boat ride to Wat Amphawan Chetiyaram. Start cycling on back roads through coconut plantations, fruit orchards and temples, and after lunch, on quiet, beautiful trails.

 Chotika Riverfront  Lunch, Dinner

 Ride 32km

Day 2 Ampawa - Kaeng Krachan

After a leisurely breakfast we transfer for approx 1.5 hours to Kaeng Krachan National Park. Thailand's largest national park, Kaeng Krachan is an excellent place for an adventurous day. On the way we stop to visit a prison facility that looks like a nice park with clay houses and animal farms. Here, good-standing inmates get trained on vocational skills such as building clay houses, car mechanics, farming, and caring for livestock before their release. This is an open prison camp where the public can visit to utilize the services provided by the inmates whether it be getting a haircut, drinking coffee or having their car fixed. After lunch we hop on our bikes and cycle on the edge of a large reservoir where we can enjoy the views and cool breezes. We ride along the lake's shoreline and across an impressive dam before heading inland along trails and quiet country roads. We will stop often in this tranquil area to take in the wonderful views and give you time to take photos. There are some small hills but nothing too strenuous or taxing. The ride will end at our very comfortable, secluded and traditional resort beside the river set in wonderfully landscaped grounds. Here we have time for a swim or massage before we enjoy dinner at the hotel.

 Boathouse Paradise  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 Ride 27km

Day 3 Pranburi - Bangkok

We start the day with a short transfer of approx 1.5 hours to our starting point just outside Hua Hin. On this fascinating ride we pass through fishing villages, past schools, temples and many coconut plantations. The bike path along the coast makes our cycle very relaxing as we enjoy the views on our ride. We pass along Khao Kalok, which is a large rock that separates one bay from another and is an excellent view point if you climb to the top. The ride will end at a local restaurant overlooking the sea where we will have lunch and a chance to rest before heading to a local resort, back to Hua Hin or Bangkok.

 Breakfast, Lunch

 Ride 25km

Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

NUTS & BOLTS

Bikes

Bike hire is included in the tour. The bikes are Trek 4500s with lightweight alloy frames, 24- to 27-speed gearing, v-brakes and Shimano components and front suspension.

Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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Passports and Visas

All nationalities require a passport for entry into Thailand. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the duration of your stay in the country. If staying less than 30 days then a visa in advance is not required by European, North American, Australian and many other nationalities. Please check this [page](#) to see if you qualify. You will need to show proof of an onward flight out of Thailand to be eligible for the visa on arrival. This is strictly enforced.

Health

We recommend that you visit a travel medical doctor and ask about the following vaccinations: typhoid, polio, tetanus and hepatitis A. A certificate for Yellow Fever is required when arriving from an infected area within six days.

Weather

Thailand generally has a tropical climate with fairly high humidity. The North and Central region have a tropical climate with fairly high humidity. Northeast Thailand has a humid hot and dry weather alternatively with medium rain while the coastal areas of the east is humid and hot with intermittent rain. The South of Thailand has a tropical climate with fairly high humidity.

There are three seasons: from March to June it is hot and dry, with temperatures between 27°C/80 F and 40°C/104 F, with night temperatures in the 20s. The rainy season is from July to October, but temperatures are slightly lower, because of the effect of the rain. During this time it will not rain continuously, but in sharp bursts, and the sun can come out quickly. The cooler season is from October to February, with average temperatures between 20°C/68 F and 30°C/86 F.

Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner. Most meals are local and feature noodles, rice, curries, and soups. Any special dietary requirements can also be catered for as well. Please let us know at the time of booking.

Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Cold water, some energy-restoring local fruit, and soft drinks are included in the tour price while riding. Soft drinks and other beverages during meals are not included. Beer is freely available everywhere but is NOT included in the price.

Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same gender and if we cannot match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra dollars, perhaps US\$20 per day, for incidentals.

Money

The Thai currency is the baht. ATMs, which are abundant, are the easiest ways to get Thai baht. Have a supply of US dollars in cash on hand, just in case your card doesn't work. Banks or the rarer private moneychangers offer the best foreign-exchange rates. Credit cards are accepted in big cities and resort hotels but you'll need baht for family-run guesthouses or restaurants.

GENERAL BOOKING INFO

Booking

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place: Read our [Booking Conditions](#)

From the tour page click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If you are unsure about the trip status, please [email us](#) or call our office. For the next steps you'll need to know the names of the people traveling and have either a Visa or a MasterCard. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height, or you can add that later by logging into [Manage My Trip](#) (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). However, if you wish to get a children's discount, please do fill out the date of birth of the riders. If you are having any problems, [please send us an email](#), or give us a call (+66 2 381 7490) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

Deposit

When booking your tour, you'll be required to pay a deposit to guarantee your place. For tours priced US\$ 2,000 and lower, the deposit amount is US\$ 200 per tour, per rider. For tours priced US\$ 2,001 and above, the deposit amount is US\$ 500 per tour, per rider. For tours priced US\$ 500 and below, full payment is required upon booking.

Read more about booking and paying for your trip [here](#).

All SpiceRoads trips require proof of travel insurance when booking your holiday. Besides covering you during your trip, travel insurance will also enable you to claim any fees that you have paid to us, including your deposit, if you have to cancel your trip

Balance

Tours priced below US\$ 500 require full payment at the time of booking. For tours priced US\$ 500 and above, full payment must be paid 45 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights. Our confirmation will include personal details you provided us (including your flight information), visa application advice, a packing suggestion list and a detailed tour itinerary. It will also include a checklist to ensure you get everything ready for your holiday.

Cancellation Policy

On the rare occasions when we, SpiceRoads, must cancel a trip, all payments received to date will be 100% refunded, which constitutes full settlement. There will be absolutely no deductions. If you, the client, must cancel your reservation, your cancellation fee will be determined according to when you cancel. For full details, please read our [cancellation policy](#).

Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts can not be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for loyalty discount.

International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your [travel insurance](#) that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

Newsletter

Our adventure travel [e-newsletter](#) is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from SpiceRoads, be sure to subscribe.

The information in this document is given in good faith, and covers the average range of conditions likely to be found on this trip. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, however, we will always do our best to adhere to this original itinerary

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