



4 Day Cruise down The River Kwai followed by 7 nights
Luxury in Koh Samui Thailand

Day 1 Convenient Grand Hotel (Bangkok)

(Room with Breakfast)

On board The RV River
Kwai

Ship departs at 8.30
am

Cruising
The River Kwai

Taking in Ban Kao Sai
Yok Kanchanaburi
Bangkok

7 Night stay in Koh
Samui

The 5-star Privilege
Hotel Ezra Beach Club

Where the Voyage never ends



Bangkok



RV River Kwai



Kanchanaburi



Koh Samui

Welcome to The Land of Smiles

Convenient Grand Hotel (Bangkok)

Upon arrival at Bangkok International Airport, you will be checking in first of all to a fine hotel in the city for one night. Why not make the most of the chance to spend an evening in the hustling bustling capital. Try not to make it a late one though, as at 6am the following morning your coach will be at the hotel for pick up and you're heading directly to Kanchanaburi. Your trip starts on the coach. We have lined up a few surprise stops on the way that have to be seen. The Convenient Grand Hotel is where you will spend your first night here in Thailand. It's a five-star hotel and only 7km from the airport. Of course, you have a free shuttle waiting at arrivals for you.

The hotel delivers classy accommodation including free Wi-Fi, an outdoor pool, 24-hour reception and restaurant. All air-conditioned guests' rooms are spacious and tastefully done in modern décor, have fitted with a satellite TV. Complimentary toiletries and a hot shower are in each en suite. Guests can take off the stress by way of a traditional Thai body massage at the spa or unwind in the spa pool. Sightseeing and travel arrangements can also be made as we have our own on-site tour desk. Meals are served at hotel's restaurant between 06:00-23:00 hrs. A wide variety of Thai and international dishes are available. Hotel Grand Convenient is a 5-minute drive from Mega Bangna Shopping Centre. It is a 30-minute drive from Bangkok City and 10 km from Pacio Shopping Arcade. Seacon Square Shopping Centre is 20 km from the hotel. In Bangkok nothing is too far away. An evening out is recommended.



Welcome aboard The RV Kwai

The 120-foot-long RV River Kwai, is Thailand's very first inland cruise ship. Newly built in the colonial style, and carrying a maximum of only 20 passengers, her two-deck, open-air design is based on the original blueprint used by the Irrawaddy Flotilla, which was founded in Burma in 1865 to become, by the 1920s, the largest privately owned fleet of ships in the world.

Teak-Lined Cabins

Combining the romance of the colonial era with today's modern luxuries, this small and intimate vessel has just 10 deluxe, air-conditioned cabins, located on the Main Deck and entered via outside passageways. Each of these cozy, teak-wood-lined rooms measures 129 square feet and is outfitted with twin beds, a roof safe and a private en-suite bathroom with a shower. As the boat travels along the River Kwai, you can enjoy and appreciate the scenery through your big picture window.

The Team

A dedicated crew of 10 and a multilingual cruise director will take care of all your needs on this River Kwai Cruise, including superb meals and an utterly engaging and diversified program. Indeed, the emphasis is on cultural immersion. Lecturers and guides will provide the background information about the historic sites that you'll get to explore, guaranteeing a unique adventure and an abundance of photo opportunities.

River Kwai Cruise (4-Days)

10 CABINS

Deluxe Staterooms

GUESTS 2

SIZE 12 m² / 129 ft²

BEDS Twin

These teak-lined cabins feature a picture window to enjoy the beautiful scenery when sailing across the River Kwai. The cozy cabins come with a mini-bar and a coffee and tea set for guests. The private ensuite bathroom is equipped with a shower and a water closet.

Cabins with balconies Air conditioning

WIFI available Hot showers Flashlights

Water canteen/bottle



Your Cruise itinerary

DAY 1: BANGKOK-KANCHANABURI-THONG PHAP PHUM-BAN HIN DAD

Departing from Bangkok and traveling by luxury coach to Kanchanaburi via Nakorn Pathom. En route there will be a short stop to visit the highest Chedi in Thailand called "Phra Pathom Chedi" This is the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. As we depart the next stop will be Khao Noi Cave Temple (Wat Tham Khao Noi) which lies on the west bank of the river. The temple was built on a hill, adorned in the form of Chinese architecture and cultural art. Whilst here we will be visiting Tiger Cave Temple (Wat Tham Sua) nearby, getting up close and personal with these big cats. After getting your photographs with your favourite tiger we shall continue to Kanchanaburi sopping for lunch at Sommai Restaurant. After dining we will have to proceed to Hell Fire Pass, part of the Death Railway cut through the stone mountain which lay in its way at that time. Trails lead to Hin Tok Bridge and Konyu where a plaque commemorates the feats of many Australian and British POW's who undertook the deadliest job in precarious conditions at the aptly named pass. There is a memorial complex (Hin Lek Fai) intended to honour the Allied Prisoners of War and conscripts from India, Burma, Malaysia and other countries who also died during construction of the railway. Arriving promptly at 16.00 we will be embarking The RV River Kwai at Daowadung Bridge and cruising downstream on Kwai Noi River. Coming to a halt at around 19.30 we will sit down for dinner and settle down as we spend overnight on board at Sai Yok Yai Waterfalls.

DAY 2: BAN HIN DAD-SAI YOK YAI-SAI YOK

As you awake breakfast will be served on board while cruising downriver. By 8:30am we should reach a boarding school nearby for a short visit on the bank of Kwai Noi River. Built under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Princess Sirindhorn to aid refugee children. Finishing our inspection there we continue via coach to visit Hin Dad Hot Spring, formerly called Kui Mang. It was uncovered by accident by Japanese soldiers who at the time were supervising the construction of the Death Railway. This 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. At 10:30 we turn up 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 (bring a towel). All refreshed we return to RV River Kwai at Kaeng Pa Lorm to enjoy lunch on board while ambling downriver to the Floatel Jungle Raft. If we have time, then its river rafting or canoeing downstream on Kwai Noi River.

DAY 3: SAI YOK-BAN KAO.

Breakfast relaxing on board while cruising downriver. Around 10.00am we have a short visit to Sai Yok village situated right on the riverbank. Followed up by lunch being served on board whilst peacefully moving downriver to Wang Pho Bridge. Once here we board the ready waiting coach to visit the Krasae Cave situated on the bank of the Kwai Noi River, a stunning viewpoint. The cavern houses a Buddha image where thousands of Thais flock here every year for luck. After allowing photograph time you are going to witness a 3rd class train to Tha Kilen Train Station passing over the long wooden viaduct just as the POW s would have. Upon arrival we 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. Return to the RV River Kwai at Prasat Muang Singh and cruise downstream with the whole afternoon spent at your leisure on the boat. Later this evening around 19.00pm will be our "Farewell Dinner" partying and spending overnight on board, near Ban Kao.

DAY 4: BAN KAO-KANCHANABURI-BANGKOK

Anytime until around 08:00m breakfast on deck while we head downstream towards Wat Tham Khaopoon. Stopping to visit Wat Tham Khaopoon, a Buddhist temple which aided as a huge camp of World War II. There is a middle cave containing stalactites and stalagmites with hundreds of remarkable Buddha images. Behind the temple there's a stunning view down the valley of the Kwai Noi River. Continue our journey by coach to Kanchanaburi and visit the world-famous bridge over the River Kwai. The sturdy Iron Bridge spanning the River Kwai Yai, which played a pivotal role of construction of the Death Railway, It was remarkably built in around 16 months by Allied prisoners of war and Asian conscripts. The bridge was destroyed by allied bombing missions towards the end of Second World War and was years later rebuilt by the Japanese as war memorial. Calling in at Thailand-Burma Railway Center Museum, an interactive museum which provides extensive research and information dedicated to preserving the story of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Finally, visit to the Donrak War Cemetery which still holds the remains of 6,982 allied prisoners of war who perished during the construction of the "Death Railway". A very somber and humbling experience indeed. Leaving the war memorial, we rejoin RV River Kwai at Saphan Mai enjoying lunch on board during our last part of the voyage towards Nong Ya dock arriving around 15:00pm. Disembarking The RV River Kwai at Nong Ya dock your coach will be waiting as we return to Bangkok. Upon arrival in Bangkok, we head to the airport as you pick up your onward flight to Koh Samui.

More on the unique RV River Kwai

Life On Board

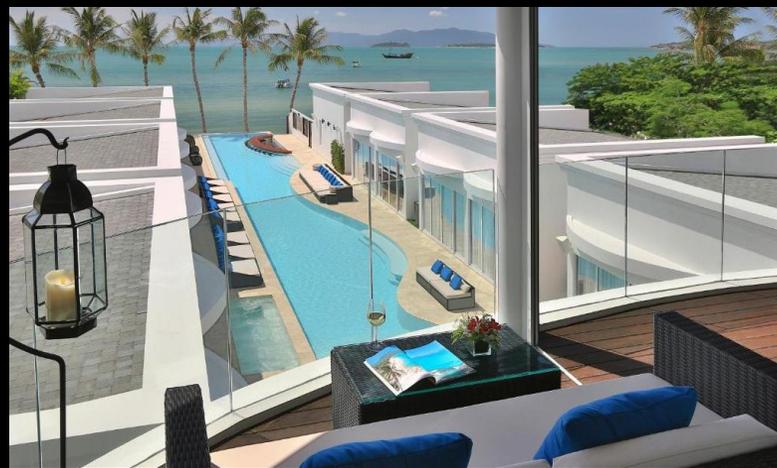
On the open plan Upper Deck, you will find the dining area, bar and seating areas, which are covered by a collapsible frame awning to enable the vessel to pass under low bridges. This deck also functions as a lecture hall and lounge, complete with an adjoining sun deck and an observation platform.

Your Leisurely Cruise

The RV River Kwai opens up an entirely new area for river tourism, taking you in comfort to parts of Thailand that, until recently, were almost unreachable by any other means of transportation. Your leisurely journey, either upstream from Kanchanaburi or downstream from Daowadung, within the jaw-dropping natural beauty of Kanchanaburi Province, west of Bangkok, offers you the opportunity to see the inland regions along the River Kwai from a perspective that few get to experience. The picture is completed with exotic scenery and wildlife as well as plenty of local traditional fishing boats and rafts along the way.

Every morning and afternoon, you can set out on guided land excursions to visit attractions along the river including Buddhist temples, historic sites, elephant camps and remote villages, Khmer ruins, waterfalls and hot springs, war cemeteries, and of course, the Bridge over the River Kwai – made famous by the 1957 movie about the prisoners of war who built the bridge, which was subsequently destroyed by allied aircraft.





Privilege Hotel Ezra Beach

With a stay at The Privilege Hotel Ezra Beach Club, you'll be centrally located in Koh Samui, a 2-minute drive from Bo Phut Beach and 8 minutes from Chaweng Beach. This 4.5-star hotel is 7.4 mi (12 km) from Lamai Beach and 12.4 mi (20 km) from Nathon Pier. Make yourself at home in one of the 37 air-conditioned rooms featuring free minibar items and LED televisions. Your pillowtop bed comes with premium bedding. Rooms have private balconies. Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and digital programming is available for your entertainment. Bathrooms have complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Enjoy recreation amenities such as an outdoor pool or take in the view from a terrace. Additional amenities at this hotel include complimentary wireless Internet access and concierge services. Getting to nearby attractions is a breeze with the area shuttle (surcharge) that operates within 20 km. Stop by the hotel's restaurant, Beach Club, for dinner. Dining is also available at the coffee shop/café, and room service (during limited hours) is provided. Need to unwind? Take a break at the bar/lounge, the beach bar, or the poolside bar for a tasty beverage. Buffet breakfasts are available daily from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM for a fee. Featured amenities include limo/town car service, express check-in, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. A shuttle from the airport to the hotel is provided for a surcharge (available 24 hours), and limited parking is available onsite.

Koh Samui

The most famous of all the islands in Thailand is Koh Samui, a beautiful island that is famed for its stunning palm tree edged beaches and crystal-clear waters. Due to its broad appeal the island is visited by all types of travellers from the budget backpacker to the mega wealthy Hollywood celebrities.

Koh Samui was once an island of fisherfolk, and it still retains the laid-back atmosphere of a simple society, a relaxed and relaxing aura that makes for the perfect holiday. Laze away the days on perfect beaches with crystal clear sea under deep blue cloudless skies or venture out to explore the unspoiled islands of Ang Thong National Park, the Fishermen's Village night market in Bo Phut, the temples with their unique statues, or the kick-up-your-heels nightlife of Chaweng.



A misty river scene with lush greenery and a boat in the foreground.

River Kwai

The River Kwai Thailand (2 people)

1-night Staying at The Convenient Grand
(Bangkok)
(Room with Breakfast)

4-day luxury Kwai River Cruise
(The Spirit of Chartwell)
(All Inclusive)

7-night stay at the opulent Privilege Hotel on
Ezra Beach
(Koh Samui)
(Room with Breakfast)

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GVC Points
From 11,500

A tropical island with lush greenery and a turquoise lagoon.

Koh Samui