



FABULOUS SURIN: TEMPLES AND TEXTILES

Friday, 14 October 2022 – Sunday, 16 October 2022

Leader: Khun Seri Kantajai, Surin silk expert



Itinerary

Friday: 14 October, 2022

- 06.25hrs Group to meet at Don Muang Airport
- 08.25hrs departure for Buriram, Nok Air flight DD 342
- 09.15hrs Arrive Buriram Airport
- Phanom Rung Historical Park** - A grand and majestic Khmer site built on an extinct volcano between 11th-13th centuries. It was originally a Hindu temple but under King Jayavarman VII it became a Buddhist place of worship.
- Prasad Muang Tam** - A stone temple built between 10th-12th centuries dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. According to archaeological research there had been settlement of a large ancient community in this area.
- Lunch: at the famous **Nang Rong Pork Knuckle** and other wonderful dishes of Buriram.
- Visit **Chantra Soma** weaving group in **Tha Sawang Village** that produces some of the finest silks in Thailand, woven on multi-level looms. The traditional and ancient Khmer silk weaving technique was revived by H.M. Queen Sirikit. The group of weavers is headed by the well-known Achan Wiratham Trakunngoenthai, producing exquisite patterns using gold thread, each piece requiring a number of weavers to produce.
- Surin Silk 101 Lesson on Surin's unique group of 7 fabric patterns.
- Dinner
- Night at **The Wood Hotel**

Saturday: 15 October, 2022

- Welcome a blissful dawn with **Buddhist alms offering** activity - dress code: Surin silk (Sat. only)
- Enjoy local breakfast
- Visit the **Morning Silk Market**, also known as "Green Market" at the City Hall compound. It is the center for silk products in the region (Saturdays only).
- Khwowsinarin Silk Learning Center**, home of National Silk Guru Achan Surachote, the specialist in natural dyes and ancient pattern deciphering expert.
- Uncle Puan's Silver Workshop**, meet the renowned artist, a National Silverware Guru who designed a 13-pattern silver belt for HRH Princess Sirindhorn.
- Sibthunwa Silk Learning Center**. Mudmee (ikat) of "Pidan," a Khmer pictorial weaving used in weddings, funerals and Buddhist ceremonies.
- Lunch at the famous **Koo Muang Duck of Surin**
- Chumpholburi, visit a village where Khmer traditional silk making is still revered.
- Elephant's World** - Visit a Kui village where elephants are raised as members of family. You'll be invited to participate in an elephant show and various activities.
- Dinner at an idyllic setting of an organic farm, Satom.
- Night at **The Wood Hotel**

Sunday:16 October, 2022

- Visit the **Kui embroidery workshop** at Ban Bok District, learn and practice the unique stitching techniques of the ethnic Kui on various silk products such as shawls, bags, shirts, etc.
 - Visit **Sikhoraphum Temple**, a Hindu-Buddhist sanctuary recognized as the most beautiful and perfect in Surin province. Observe the only Apsara sculpture holding a lotus flower.
 - Shop for local black coconut jelly sweet, so-called kalamae of Sikhoraphum District – excellent idea for local souvenir to bring home.
- *Lunch.

Return: Buriram to Don Muang Airport, Nok Air flight DD 347 departing 3:45 arriving at Don Muang Airport at 4:30

Cost of trip is inclusive of hotel single rooms accommodations, all meals, ground transportation and airfare. Basic travel insurance is included. The trip is limited to 15 people.

Members: B17,000 **Non-members:** B18,000

Reservations: bkk.tts@gmail.com Please reserve soon as prices may go up; deposit B7,000 payable: Thai Textile Society, Kasikorn Bank, account 026 1104741 & send proof of payment.



Multi-level loom in Tha Sawang Village