

Thailand

Southern Wonders







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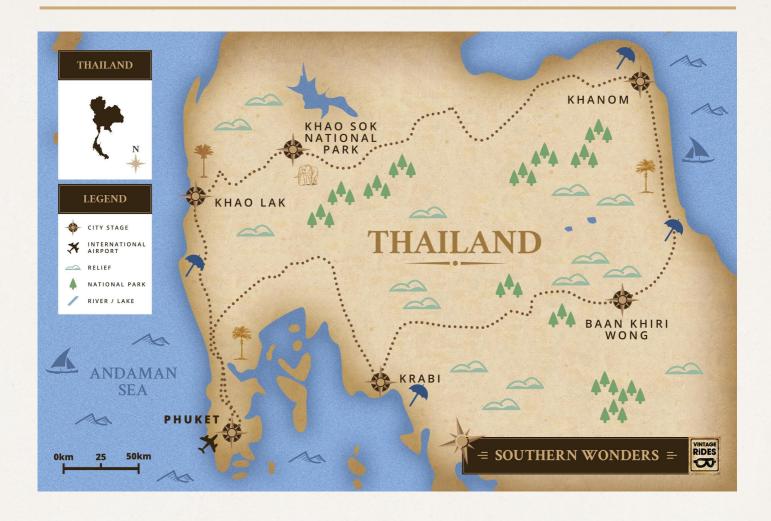
Raised by a family of great travellers, Anne Sophie's taste for discovering new countries and cultures is part of her DNA. Her passion has now become a job at Vintage Rides - she looks into the small details of our destinations' roads to create the best itineraries.

When she designs a new tour, she thinks first about the pleasure and goosebumps it will bring the riders. She is all about these small details that will make all the difference...

Ride on!







A CIRCUIT WITH UNIQUE SENSATIONS

You are in for a unique 10-day bike trip on Royal Enfield, between the exquisite Andaman coast and the Gulf of Thailand.

At each step of our exclusive itinerary, you ride on secret roads through a Thai countryside full of surprises, virtually unexplored national parks and tropical mountains. Set off for an adventure to the heart of an exuberant nature, admire Buddhist temples and golden pagodas and above all, meet jovial and welcoming Thai people.

And after the exertion, enjoy the beach, treat yourself to a massage and taste the best cuisine in Asia!









Routes blending culture and discovery



Period

March to April



Duration

10 days including 8 days riding



Level **Intermediate**



English-speaking tour leader



Accommodation Comfort



From

3190 €







STAGE 1

Arrival in Phuket

You are welcomed at the airport and transferred to your hotel near Mai Khao beach.

A free day for you to relax on the beach or in the pool. Give you your Thai tour a soft start.

Overnight stay at the hotel.



Phuket - Krabi [170 km - 4H riding]:

This is the big day! You leave Phuket Island early in the morning and ride on the border of the Ao Phang Nga National Park. After a few kilometers on the main highway, you go back to the secondary roads. You discover the magnificent karst mountains near Krabi, which loom up in front of you.

A small break at Tha Pom Khlong Song Nam, to explore a beautiful natural mangrove. The rest of the afternoon, you relax on Krabi beach where you stay for two nights.



Krabi - Krabi [80 km - 3H riding]:

Krabi Bay, one of most spectacular on the Andaman coast, has magnificent islands with Karst peaks covered with jungles.

A small walk in the morning to explore the surroundings on the bike, along the natural protected forests known for their hidden waterfalls.

In the afternoon, a change in the mode of transportation! Take a boat ride for a day around the world-famous fine sandy beaches of Railay. The incredible beauty of this place will be beyond all expectations. After lunch with your bare feet in the turquoise colored water, you have a choice of several activities: kayaking, climbing, snorkeling, etc. You go back to Ao Nang before nightfall.



Overnight stay at the hotel.



Krabi - Baan Khiri Wong [170 km - 5H riding]:

Heading east, you leave the coastline to go deeper inland. A halt at the Tiger Cave Temple and your journey continues with a day full of diversity till Khao Luang National Park. A bit of the main highway, several secondary roads and around 30 km of easy tracks along hillocks with rubber plantations and oil palm trees.

Early afternoon, you reach the typical small village of Baan Khiri Wong, nestling at the foot of the highest mountain in the southern part of the country. You have a choice of activities: a bike ride through neighboring fruit orchards, trek to a magnificent waterfall, bath in the river or visit to the market to taste the best fruits in the country!

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YOUR TRIP IN 10 STAGES



Baan Khiri Wong - Khanom [190 km - 6H riding]:

Early in the morning, you get on your bike and head for Nakhon Si Tamarat, the former capital of Tambralinga Kingdom, known for its Phra Mahathat Temple, which dates back to the 13th century. The highway continues northwards to reach the mountains after travelling along 3 national parks. A magnificent track takes you for over 20 km through an untouched jungle and stunning mountainous landscape. Going back to the plains, you reach the pristine beach of Khanom, where a calm and homely atmosphere reigns. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the beach or by the pool.



STAGE 6

Khanom - Khao Sok National Park [220 km - 6H riding]:

Today, a long day's ride is awaiting you. You leave Thailand Gulf coast and cross almost the entire peninsula to the West. The roads pass through small rural villages in the heart of an authentic Thailand, with its different markets, temples and plantations. In the afternoon, you reach Khao Sok National Park, which may well be the wildest and most-preserved place in the whole country. Welcome to a lost world, with its primary forests, dense and intact jungle, the magnificent Lake Cheow Lan and majestic karst formations. In the evening, relax and unwind in the lodge.





Khao Sok National Park:

A free day in total wilderness! Explore Khao Sok National Park by means of the various activities proposed: canoeing or bamboo rafting trip on the Sok River, day trek in the Park, trip to Lake Cheow Lan for the day. It is also the opportunity to meet elephants, feed them and give them a bath and why not learn basics in Thai cuisine at an enjoyable workshop with a family from the village at their home!

STAGE 8

Khao Sok National Park - Khao Lak [80 km -2H riding]:

The last day of biking, you head west on the perfect asphalt of road 401, along the Rommani river. After 40 km, you stop in the small town of Takua Pa, and visit the old Wat Lum. The winding road stretches across hillocks covered with forests and rubber plantations till you reach the splendid sun-kissed coast of Khao Lak. In the afternoon, enjoy the beach, pool or relax completely with a traditional Thai massage.







Khao Lak:

You left the bikes on the evening before and to help forget the difficult goodbyes, today is going to be intense!

In front of Khao Lak, at a distance of 70 km from the coast, here stands the archipelago of Similan islands, one the most beautiful and the wildest in Thailand, and well known around the world for diving.

A day-long boat trip will make you discover exceptional sub-marine fauna for a session of unforgettable snorkeling. Return to Khao Lak at the end of the day.



STAGE 10

Khao Lak - Phuket International Airport [90 km - 1H driving]:

Last morning or afternoon at the beach: according to your flight timing, transfer by private vehicle from Khao Lak to Phuket International Airport.

End of our services.





HOW DO YOU WANT TO GO?



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PRICE INCLUDES

- A Royal Enfield 500cc motorcycle is provided with full mechanical assistance and all spare parts
- Domestic transfers as appearing in the program, by private vehicle
- An English speaking Tour Leader (from day 2 to day 10)
- Fuel expenses
- An expert mechanic of Royal Enfield motorcycles
- A support vehicle with driver for groups with 4 or more participants; side luggage carrier for groups of less than 4 participants
- Lodging in standard hotels and camps, on a twin (two single beds) or triple-sharing basis (three single beds). If you wish to stay in a single room (extra), please inform your travel advisor at the time of registration.
- Meals: Half board meals during riding days (breafasts from day 2 to day 10 and lunches from day 2 to day 9)
- Third party motorcycle insurance

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Compulsory insurances, including repatriation assistance which covers you in case of a motorbike accident in India and legal assistance
- International flights and airport taxes
- Visa fees
- A refundable security deposit of 400 € for every motorcycle
- Dinners and meals during days of transfers
- Admission fees to various monuments, temples etc.
- Souvenirs and personal expenses
- Drinks
- Tips







Appropriate equipment is a component of a successful journey! Travel lightly, TRY TO STAY UNDER 45LBS (20 KGS)

BAGS:

- A sailor bag would be perfect, a walker's bag too (without steel bar). You can close it with a padlock if you want to. Don't forget to tag it before leaving with your address. Also with the address of Vintage Rides in India.
- A small backpack of 20 litres is advised for daily necessities such as camera, sunscreen lotion, etc.

SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT:

- Motorcycle boots or trekking shoes (waterproof)
- Light motorbike jacket
- A rain suit (just in case!)
- Summer gloves
- Helmet
- Sunglasses

CLOTHES AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

- 2 light pants
- 4 shirts (including some with long sleeves, to protect yourself from the sun)
- 1 warm sweater for chill evenings
- ☐ 1 swimsuit and longi for women
- Hat
- Light shoes
- 1 liter canteen (flask) and a flashlight (don't forget the battery)
- Some sweets and cereal bars

PERSONAL MEDICINE:

- Sunscreen lotion
- Lip balm
- Broad-spectrum antibiotic
- Paracetamol
- Anti-diarrhoea
- Elastoplast
- Skin disinfectant
- Bandages and special blisters bandage







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