

# Wildlife Safari Thung Yai & Khao Yai: Big Cats, Elephants & Birdwatching

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination  
**Thailand**

Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 39,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Khao Yai · 3N**

📍 **Thung Yai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary · 2N**

## Overview

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Experience the best of Thailand's wilderness on the "Wildlife Safari Thung Yai & Khao Yai: Big Cats, Elephants & Birdwatching" – a 5-night, 6-day Thailand Adventure tour package designed for wildlife lovers and photographers. This curated Thailand Adventure package brings you close to Thailand's iconic fauna: Asian elephants, elusive big cats (indirect tracking and expert-led interpretation), and an extraordinary variety of tropical birds. Travel through two of Thailand's top protected areas – Khao Yai National Park and Thung Yai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary – with experienced naturalist guides, comfortable eco-lodges, and ranger-led safaris. Ideal for travelers seeking a nature-focused Thailand tour package with conservation-minded experiences and high wildlife-sighting potential.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation in eco-lodges / comfortable field camps (3 nights Khao Yai, 2 nights Thung Yai)
- ✓ All ground transfers as per itinerary (airport transfers on arrival/departure if timed to meet group)
- ✓ Professional naturalist guides and licensed park rangers
- ✓ Park entry and sanctuary permits
- ✓ All meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) – predominantly local cuisine
- ✓ Ranger-led safaris, guided walks, and night-spotlighting (where permitted)
- ✓ Conservation talk, community visit, and monitoring-station visit
- ✓ Basic field equipment provided (spotlights for night drives, first-aid kit, radio communication)
- ✓ Bottled water and light refreshments during drives
- ✓ Taxes and service charges

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights to/from Thailand
- ✗ Visa fees and travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal expenses (souvenirs, phone calls, tips/gratuities)
- ✗ Optional activities not listed in the itinerary (e.g., hot-air balloon, private photo workshops)
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Any additional accommodation nights outside the 5-night package
- ✗ Medical evacuation or emergency repatriation costs
- ✗ Notes: Ranger activities and night-spotlighting are subject to park/sanctuary approval and weather; sightings of big cats cannot be guaranteed but the package maximizes chances through expert guides and monitoring data.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival & Transfer to Khao Yai**

Arrive at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi/Don Mueang Airport and meet your driver. Enjoy a scenic drive to Khao Yai (Pak Chong) with a comfort stop en route. Check in to your eco-lodge and attend a welcome briefing with your naturalist guide covering safety, wildlife etiquette, and photography tips. Late afternoon guided walk on nearby trails followed by an optional introductory spotlighting drive to spot nocturnal mammals and owls. Overnight in Khao Yai.

Day

2

### **Khao Yai Full-Day Safari & Waterfall Visit**

Full day exploring Khao Yai National Park with a park ranger and birding specialist. Morning forest birdwatching at prime sites for hornbills, barbet, and myriad passerines. Continue to scenic viewpoints and Haew Suwat Waterfall for photography and a picnic lunch. Afternoon guided safari drive focusing on elephant signs, deer, gibbons and other forest mammals. Evening optional night-drive for nocturnal wildlife viewing. Wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars, sun protection, and a reusable water bottle.

Day

3

### **Tracking, Conservation Talk & Community Visit**

Start with a pre-dawn birdwatching session to catch early activity of sunbirds, flycatchers, and resident raptors. After breakfast, participate in a guided tracking session led by rangers – learn to read pugmarks, scrapes and other signs used to monitor big cats (sightings are rare but interpretation is educational). Afternoon visit to a local conservation center or community project to learn about anti-poaching work and human-wildlife coexistence. Evening at leisure; optional night safari near park boundary. This day is especially rewarding for wildlife enthusiasts interested in conservation.

Day

4

### **Transfer to Thung Yai & Evening Safari Orientation**

Early transfer to Thung Yai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary (road transfer with scenic countryside views; approx. 4–5 hours). Arrive at the field base/eco-camp and check in. Afternoon orientation with sanctuary rangers and safety briefing. Late afternoon ranger-led walk or short vehicle safari to observe habitat types and search for large mammals. Evening camp-style dinner and night-safari spotlighting (dependent on sanctuary permissions) to look for nocturnal species and listening for night birds and civets.

Day

5

### **Full-Day Thung Yai Wildlife Safari**

Spend the full day within Thung Yai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary, a UNESCO-recognized wilderness famed for its large mammals and rich birdlife. Morning game-drive focusing on elephant corridors, waterholes, and potential leopard habitat; expert interpretation on ecology and species behavior. Midday ranger station visit with a short talk on long-term monitoring and camera-trap studies. Late afternoon birdwatching and salt-lick/riverbank observation for mammals. Return to camp for debrief and cultural exchange with local guides. Expect early starts and dusty tracks – bring light layers and insect repellent.

Day

6

### **Morning Walk & Departure**

Early-morning birdwalk to catch final sightings of key species, followed by breakfast and checkout. Transfer back toward Bangkok (or arrange onward domestic connections). En route, stop at a scenic viewpoint or local market for last-minute photos and souvenirs. Arrive in Bangkok in the afternoon/early evening for onward travel. If you prefer, add a city extension in Bangkok or beach extension in southern Thailand – ask us for custom options.

## **🔗 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **🔗 When is the best time to visit Thailand from India?**

The best time to visit Thailand is during the cool/dry season from November to February, when temperatures range from 24–30°C with clear skies and minimal rainfall. This is perfect for beach activities on the Andaman coast (Phuket, Krabi) and sightseeing in Bangkok and Chiang Mai. However, this is peak season with higher prices and crowds. The hot season (March–June) offers good deals but temperatures can reach 35°C. During monsoon (June–October), the Andaman side experiences rough seas, but the Gulf side (Koh Samui) is often better July–September. Northern Thailand (Chiang Mai) can get quite cool in winter mornings (15–20°C), so pack layers. Book early for November–February travel.

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## ❓ **How can I reach Thailand from India?**

Flying is the most convenient option with direct flights from major Indian cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad to Bangkok (BKK/DMK), Phuket (HKT), and seasonal flights to Chiang Mai and Krabi. Flight times are short: Kolkata (2.5 hours), Chennai/Bengaluru (3.5–4 hours), and Delhi/Mumbai (4–5 hours). Airlines like Thai Airways, IndiGo, Air India, and budget carriers operate these routes. There's no direct rail connection, and overland travel via Myanmar requires complex permits and is only recommended with specialist operators. Once in Thailand, domestic flights, trains, and buses connect major destinations efficiently.

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## ❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Thailand?**

Visa requirements for Indian passport holders change frequently, so always check the latest policies before travel. Thailand has offered various schemes including visa exemption periods, visa on arrival, and e-visa options for Indians. Currently, you may be eligible for visa-free entry for short stays or visa on arrival, but policies can change based on diplomatic agreements. Keep multiple passport-sized photos handy and ensure your passport has at least 6 months validity with blank pages. Check with the Royal Thai Embassy or consulate in India, or visit the official Thai immigration website for the most current requirements. It's advisable to have proof of return tickets and accommodation bookings.

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## ❓ **What are the local transportation options in Thailand?**

Thailand offers excellent transportation options. In Bangkok, use the BTS Skytrain, MRT subway, and Airport Rail Link for efficient city travel. Get a Rabbit Card for quick payments. Metered taxis, tuk-tuks, and Grab (ride-hailing) are widely available. For intercity travel, domestic flights are quick and affordable. The State Railway offers comfortable overnight sleepers to destinations like Chiang Mai and Surat Thani. VIP buses provide good connectivity between cities. For islands, ferries and speedboats are essential – book through reputable operators. In tourist areas, songthaews (shared pickup trucks) are common. Always insist taxi drivers use the meter, and compare Grab prices. Motorbike taxis are available but use caution and wear helmets.

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## ❓ **Where should I stay in Thailand and what accommodation options are available?**

Thailand offers accommodations for every budget. In Bangkok, stay near BTS stations in Sukhumvit (shopping/nightlife), Silom (business district), or riverside areas for convenience. Chiang Mai's old city puts you near temples and markets. For beaches, Phuket offers variety from Patong (nightlife) to quieter Kata/Karon. Krabi's Railay Beach provides stunning limestone scenery. Koh Samui has family-friendly resorts and boutique properties. Options range from budget hostels (₹500-1500/night) and mid-range hotels (₹2000-6000/night) to luxury resorts (₹10000+/night). Popular chains include Anantara, JW Marriott, and InterContinental. Book early for peak season (November-February). Consider location carefully - beach proximity, transport links, and nearby attractions matter more than just price.

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## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Thailand?**

Thailand's top attractions span culture, nature, and adventure. In Bangkok, visit the Grand Palace and Wat Pho temple, then explore floating markets and take a Chao Phraya river cruise. Ayutthaya's UNESCO ruins make an excellent day trip. Chiang Mai offers the old city's temples, Doi Suthep mountain temple, and vibrant markets. For beaches, Phuket and Phang Nga Bay provide island-hopping to James Bond Island. Krabi's Railay Beach offers world-class rock climbing and stunning limestone karsts. Koh Samui features palm-fringed beaches and Ang Thong Marine Park. Don't miss Kanchanaburi's Bridge on River Kwai and Erawan Falls. Sukhothai's quieter ruins are perfect for cycling. Each region offers unique experiences - temples in the north, beaches in the south, and urban energy in Bangkok.

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## ❓ **What Thai food should I try and where can I find good restaurants?**

Thai cuisine offers incredible variety beyond the familiar Pad Thai. Must-try dishes include Tom Yum Goong (spicy-sour soup), Green/Red/Massaman curry (Massaman is milder), Som Tam (papaya salad), and Khao Soi (Chiang Mai's coconut curry noodles). Don't miss Mango Sticky Rice for dessert. For vegetarians, say 'gin jay' for vegan options without fish sauce. Top dining spots include Raan Jay Fai (Bangkok) for legendary crab omelette, Thipsamai for classic Pad Thai, and Gaggan Anand for progressive Indian-Thai fusion. In Chiang Mai, try Khao Soi Khun Yai for authentic northern flavors. Street food is generally safe at busy stalls with high turnover. Start with milder dishes and gradually increase spice levels. Always drink bottled water and eat at crowded local spots for the freshest food.

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## ★ **Traveller Reviews**

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**Suman Verma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Perfect Mix of Relaxation and Fun**

This tour struck the right balance between relaxation on the beaches and adventure in the cities. I appreciated the variety in activities.



**Tarun Singh**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Foodie's Delight**

Food lovers will find Thailand irresistible! The variety of flavors and dishes we experienced on this tour was phenomenal.



**Jasmin Ali**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Cultural Richness**

The depth of culture and tradition in Thailand is remarkable. The tour offered plenty of opportunities to immerse ourselves in local customs.



**Kavya Gupta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Thrilling Activities**

From scuba diving to zip-lining, every activity in this tour package was exhilarating. An adventure-seeker's dream come true!



**Ajay Kapoor**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Journey of a Lifetime**

Thailand was an incredible destination with amazing experiences. This tour truly made it a journey of a lifetime.

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