

Tour in Bangkok for APAO 2019

The tour is organized by Sociology and Hospitality Experts and from Thammasat and Chulalongkorn University. The brief CV of main host of the tour is below:

Thanes Wongyannava (b. 1957), A Professor of Political Science, is a sociologist by training from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Cambridge University. He has been teaching politics and philosophy at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University for more than three decades, and is also an editor for 'Political Science Journal' for two decades. Apart from writing on social and political theory of the twentieth and twenty-first century, he has also covered other diverse topics such as social history, Chinese and Italian food in Bangkok and film critique on weekly newspapers. His latest book 'On Happiness' was recently launched in 2018. Thanes has also written articles for famous Thai artists, including Araya Rasdjarmrearnsook and Natee Utarit. His latest article is "Natee Utarit: Persecution and the Art of Painting" in Natee Utarit: Illustration of Crisis.

Thanes will conduct the tour named Portuguese Dinner and Experience Go back in time and "Explore Khlong Bangkok Noi with Expert"

More information about Thanes can be found here:

http://www.polsci.tu.ac.th/nw_polsci_en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=47:2014-06-19-09-43-50&catid=17:2014-06-27-03-01-21&Itemid=143

1. Portuguese Dinner Experience

Explore the cultural diversity in Bangkok by experiencing the continuing community who keeping their ancestor's knowledge and heritage through the time until now.

Explore Bangkok's cultural diversity in a community along the Chao Phraya River. Kudi Chin is among the oldest expat community in Bangkok and is known as a place where "Three religions and four faiths" are present and practiced. Portuguese recipe is among the tradition that has been handed down to the present generation.

Theme: Hidden treasure of Portuguese flavor in Thailand
Format: Lecture and a dining experience (9 traditional dishes)
Date: March 6, 2019
Period: 19:00-21:30 hrs.
Duration: 2.5 hrs.
Price: 80 USD (transportation, meal and lecture are included)
Capacity: 25 people (Max)



2. Go back in time and “Explore Khlong Bangkok Noi with Expert”

Travel like a local by boat to heritage temples, communities along the khlong (Thai word for a canal), and visit a local restaurant. The boat trip is a good way to experience how local Thais lives in harmony with their traditional cultural landscape before the big development of the city impinges upon them.

Theme: Go back in time and listen to the story you never know before.

Itinerary:

1. Visit 3 heritage temples and learn about original mural paintings dated more than 300 years to know the Thai Society and culture from the painting. These 3temples are the best example of Traditional way of life and Thai’s believe.
2. Boat ride along Khlong Bangkok Noi where local people live.
3. Experience the delicious local food in a famous truly local restaurant.

Format: Half day tour with 2 experts (in Archeology and Sociology)

Date: March 7, March 8 (12.00 – 17.00)
March 9 (9:00-13:30 hrs.)

Duration: 4.5 hrs.

Price: 130 USD (boat ride, temples’ fee, lecturers fee, and meal are included)

Capacity: 15 people (Max)



3. Thai cooking with the expert

Learn how to cook 2 signature Thai Dishes with Chef from Thailand's famous Blue Elephant Restaurant (<https://www.blueelephant.com/>)

Theme: Learn how to cook 2 local Thai cuisines with the chef of famous Thai restaurant

Format: Half day cooking class

Date: March 7, March 8, March 9

Period: 9:00-13:00 hrs.

Duration: 4 hrs.

Price: 100 USD

Capacity: 20 people (Max)



4. Learning Thai folk handicraft with a local

Learn how to use local or household materials to create Thai folk handicraft, for example, a woven carp or a kratong that can be used for decorative items.

Theme: Relax, enjoy, and learn how to create folk handicraft form experts

Format: Half day class

Date: March 7, March 8

Time: 13.30 – 16.30 hrs (March 7 and March 8)

9:00-12:00 hrs (March 9)

Duration: 3 hrs.

Price: 70 USD (equipment included)

Capacity: 15 people (Max)



5. Jim Thompson Museum

Visit the Jim Thompson House, a museum in central Bangkok, Thailand, housing the art collection of an American businessman and architect Jim Thompson, a museum designer and former owner. According to the Time Magazine (May, 2016), Jim Thompson is known as “The Architect who changed the Thai silk industry and then disappeared”.

Theme: Visit the beautifully maintained example of a traditional Thai architecture
Format: Half day tour
Date: March 7, March 8, March 9
Period: 9:00-13:00 hrs.
Duration: 4 hrs.
Price: 70 USD (Authentic Thai cuisine lunch and guided tour of the house included)
Capacity: 20 people (Max)

More info of the house please visit <http://www.jimthompsonhouse.com/>

