

Khao Lak field trip

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Khao Lak is one of Thailand's most peaceful resort destinations located 100 km north of Phuket. The area is a 25-km long coastline with much shallower beach. Khao Lak has everything from five-star luxury hotels to low cost hotels. In addition, it is the nearest point from the mainland to the Similan islands which is a world-class diving spot. The area was hardest hit by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, resulting in more than 4,000 deaths. Many hotels & resorts were seriously damaged and most of coastal landscape, i.e. beaches, resorts and vegetation was completely stripped back by the power of tsunami.



Until recently, Khao Lak has made a remarkable recovery with newly refurbished hotels providing a quantity and quality of accommodation never seen before in this area. The first tsunami evacuation building was also constructed here.

(Draft) Schedule

09.00 - 10.30	Leave the hotel and travel to Khao Lak
10.30 - 11.30	Sight seeing nearby coastline, hotels and resorts
11.30 - 12.30	Visit Ban Bang Niang (Tsunami monument and evacuation building)
12.30 - 14.00	Launch
14.00 - 15.30	Visit Ban Nam Kem (Temporary houses, Tsunami memorial park)
15.30 - 17.00	Return to the hotel via Phuket Airport