

IPC6 EXCURSION ROUTE 5: Cenozoic plants with Thai and Myanmar historical culture. From the world record giant Pleistocene tree at Tak to Phetchabun and Khon Kaen

5 days trip (1st-5th November 2022) (380 Euro)

1st-5th November 2022 Learning more about Thailand records of Cenozoic fossil wood, plant remains and other fossils from the western region in Tak to central and the north-east in the outskirts of Khon Kaen. This trip includes not only palaeontology but also history, society and natural beauty along the Indochina roads, HW12 (East West Economic Corridor, EWEC).

Route 5 Examination of Cenozoic plants, nature, art and culture of Thailand. Participants may be met at Don Muang Airport (DMK). Flight schedules for November 2022 may change and so the following timetable is tentative. There is a shuttle bus from Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) to Don Muang Airport (DMK) in Bangkok.

Excursion leader(s) TBA

Tuesday November 1st Excursion participants are asked to meet at Don Muang Airport (DMK) for the flight to Mae Sot, Tak Province. Nok Air Flight DD196 at 15.55 hrs (03.55 pm, local time) arriving Mae Sot International Airport (MAQ) (1645 hrs) 04.45 pm. Meet at Mae Sot Airport with briefing on geography, art and culture. Visit Wat Thai Wattanaram, the beauty of Tai Yai temple (built by immigrants from Myanmar also called Burma, more than 100-year old) with Myanmar buddha images and architectural style. Dinner then visit Mae Sot night Market. Stay overnight in Mae Sot.

We will update and confirm the time of meeting time/point later as soon as possible.

Wednesday November 2nd Visit the Rim Mei (Thai-Myanmar border) market. Brief on Regional geology and palaeontology. Visit the world record longest petrified wood (72.22m estimated as 120,000 years old) at Doi Soi Malai National Park with the nature of northern Thai forest. Visit Wat Phra Borommathat, northern Thai architectural style. Stay overnight at downtown Tak.

Thursday November 3rd Visit the very first capital city of Thailand, the UNESCO's World Heritage Sukhothai Historical Park. The Ramkhamhaeng National Museum. Then travel along HW12 to the east across the landscape and beauty of the mountain and plain of north-central Thailand. Sightseeing the landscape of the Khorat Group, the Mesozoic terrestrial deposits. Stay at or around the Khoa Kho Palace, the high mountainous area surrounding with the natural pine forest.

Friday November 4th Visit Cenozoic fossil site including Neogene plant and fish remains. Then Phetchabun aspiring geopark museum and other geosites (optional). Stay at Phetchabun.

Saturday November 5th Travel across the Nam Nao National Park, Western Isaan Forest Complex, observing ecotone zone of the forest along the main road, HW12. Visit Phu Wiang Dinosaur museum and then visit the Pleistocene fossil wood sites at Non Rang, outskirts of Khon Kaen.

****The programme is subjected to modification when necessary based on the situations and the convenience of participants. When update we will notify participants.**

More information:

<https://thailandtourismdirectory.go.th/en/attraction/5193>
<https://phetchabungeopark.wixsite.com/phetchabun-geopark>
http://webeng.dmr.go.th/Show_Detail.aspx?DetailId=121



Map: Route 5



