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KHAOLAK MERLIN RESORT
NEWRY TWO PROJECTS IN 2007 OFF SEASON
“HEARTY EXCHANGE” AND “REVIVAL”

Khao Lak is definitely wonderful tourist attraction area as it is an extraordinary region of ecological and cultural diversity and interest and the warmest people in Southern Thailand... Khaolak Merlin Resort is pleased to introduce unseen Thailand with the special key words; “Hearty Exchange” and “Revival”.

“Hearty Exchange” - Village Life Experience -

Experience untouched Thailand on a customized community-based tour in traditional fishing and farming villages just off the beaten track in Southern Thailand, where were devastated by the Tsunami on 26th of December 2004. Now their resilience and incredible recovery has become a source of inspiration to visitors. This undiscovered part of Thailand will captivate visitors who wish to learn about traditional ways of life and who want to contribute to the conservation of this outstanding natural environment.

Khaolak Merlin Resort has created “The Village Life Experience 3 days 2 nights package” to support those communities, and it includes local activities; Kuraburi Village life experience one day tour and SAORI weave making.

The Kuraburi Village life experience one day tour is original tour by Khaolak Merlin Resort coordinating together with Hallo Phuket Tours, but each activity in the villages is organized by Andaman Discoveries - North Andaman Tsunami Relief (NATR). The villages are in Kuraburi district, Phang-Nga Province and they have many more interesting activities there, so if you are interested in, please visit <http://www.andamandiscoveries.com> to see more details.

The highlights of this tour are to visit two Muslim local villages which produce souvenirs (Tie Die and Herbal soup) for the tourist, and to have the experience of the local life and how to make those souvenirs. An English speaking guide will join the tour from Kuraburi.

SAORI weave making is also original tour by Khaolak Merlin Resort. The SAORI is a hand weaving program founded in 1968 by Mrs. Misao Jo in Osaka. SAORI cloth is made by freely weaving wool threads across hundreds of wrap threads that are stretched on a simple wooden loom.

The Maya Gotami Foundation led by Venerable Ajahn Mitsuo Gavesako has launched a SAORI Hand Weaving as Occupational Therapy to help the victims of the Tsunami disaster in Southern Thailand. The SAORI project is a long-term recovery effort aimed at creating employment and marking use of arts as an avenue for mental rehabilitation. At the request of the Maya Gotami Foundation, the Japanese Government has agreed to fund the construction of a SAORI-ORI Training Center at Ban Muang sub-district, Takua Pa district, Phang-Nga province.

The highlight of the tour is to visit the SAORI-ORI Training Center and make an original SAORI product conducted by the villagers. The cloth is used to make pouches, pen cases, mufflers, dresses and so on.

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“Revival” - Health Conscious Improvement -

Improve your health and indulge in beauty therapies while you enjoy relaxing your body and mind at the wonderful environment of Khaolak Merlin Resort. Here we offer something special which you may never have done before.

1) The Energy Drink

Enjoy our special drink made from Ginger and Honey to give a refreshing and invigorating feeling. It is an ideal drink for everyone. Ginger has been traditionally taken to give a warm feeling and to help prevent nausea. You can enjoy this special drink at our coffee shop or spa at THB 100 per glass.

2) Yoga

Yoga helps to release energy blockages in the body, clear the mind, relieve stress and induce a sense of harmony. We invite Japanese Yoga Instructor to do this activity until December 2007. The Yoga schedule is as following;

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
07.30 – 08.15	-	-	07.30 – 08.15	07.30 – 08.15	07.30 – 08.15	07.30 – 08.15
-	-	16.00 - 17.00	16.00 - 17.00	16.00 - 17.00	16.00 - 17.00	16.00 - 17.00

The fee is THB 300 per session for in-house guests and THB 500 for visitors. After each session enjoy a complimentary Energy Drink. Private Yoga lessons are also available at THB 500 per session.

3) Health-Conscious One-day Program

This program is designed to be a luxurious healing time for your body and mind with the perfect combination of Yoga, Spa treatment, health spa cuisine and the Energy Drink One-day Program. It is available at THB 6,850 for both in-house guests and visitors. Advance booking is recommended.

For in-house guests: The Energy Drink One-day Program, two sessions of Yoga (Morning stretch and Afternoon session), Spa special half day program (Steam Sauna, Body scrub, Body Wrap, Facial treatment, Spa pool and Body massage), Spa cuisine lunch and dinner.

For visitors: Yoga afternoon session, Spa special half day program (Steam Sauna, Body scrub, Body Wrap, Facial treatment, Spa pool and Body massage), Spa cuisine lunch and dinner. The Energy Drink is also available at the coffee shop and spa free of charge. Visitors are allowed to use the hotel facilities such as Swimming pool and Fitness Center on the same day.

And then, we have created “Health-Conscious 3 days 2 nights package” for those who wish to change their lifestyle from busy days in a short holiday or weekend break, and it is included all programs of Health Conscious Improvement.



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<VILLAGE LIFE EXPERIENCE 3DAYS 2 NIGHTS>

	01/07/07 – 31/10/07	
	3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS PACKAGE	EXTENSION PER NIGHT
SINGLE	18,050	2,000
TWIN	21,250	2,000
EXTRA BED FOR OVER 18 YEARS	4,950	1,500
EXTRA BED FOR 13-17 YEARS	4,450	1,000
EXTRA BED FOR 4-12 YEARS	3,250	500

Package included:

- 2-night's accommodation with daily breakfast and dinner.
- Round trip airport transfer.
- Welcome drink and welcome fruits.
- Kuraburi village life experience one day tour including lunch on the 2nd day.
- Half day SAORI experience tour on the 3rd day.
- Late check-out 18.00 hours, subject to availability.
- 50% discount on spa treatment (except promotional menu)

Extension night included:

- Daily breakfast.

Reservation, Cancellation & No-show policy:

- This package must be booked at least 7 working days before arrival date, 50% of the package price is required as a deposit.
- The cancellation fee is as following for any cancellation; over 14 days before check-in will be 10% of the package price, 4-13 working days before check-in date will be 50% of the package price, within 3 working days and on check-in date will be 100% of the package price.
- Reservation amendment subject to availability.

Other Terms & Conditions:

- The rates are quoted in Thai baht per room per night inclusive of tax and service charge.
- The activities of the Village life experience tours are organized by Andaman Discoveries - North Andaman Tsunami Relief (NATR), and NATR is not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage sustained by visitors whilst on tours, neither are Hallo Phuket Tours and Khaolak Merlin Resort.
- Activities in the villages may be changed in case of rain.
- Check-out time is 12.00 noon and check-in is 15.00 hours.
- Each room is provided for single or double occupancy and an extra bed at maximum one per room.
- Non-smoking rooms are available.



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Village Life Experience Tour Details:

PAK TRIUM VILLAGE (*In case of rain, the activities may be changed.)

Tie Dye

This business was established after the tsunami to create a supplementary income for the families left with nothing after the tsunami. Visitors can watch a lively demonstration with the tie dye ladies and then join in to create their own intricate designs. The group uses only natural ingredients to create beautiful bags, shawls and sarongs.

Lunch on a Krachang

A Krachang is a traditional floating fish farm, a bit like a floating wooden hut with netted areas to enclose the fish. The Krachang includes a small living area where visitors can watch their delicious lunch being prepared. The visitors can then sit on the open deck, surrounded by mangroves and feast on a selection of mouth-watering Southern Thai curries and freshly caught seafood.

TALE NOK VILLAGE

Soap Group demonstration

A popular place with young and old villagers, the Community Centre is also the home of the Ban Talae Nok 'Sabu Sabai' soap group. Established after the tsunami, the group makes beautifully hand-crafted soap, using only the finest natural ingredients from the local area. Visitors are invited to watch an informative demonstration given by the soap ladies. After the demonstration, visitors can then try their hand at making the soaps, with the expert guidance of the soap group ladies.

Thai dessert "Rotti" making

APPROXIMATELY TIME SCHEDULE

- 07.00am Leave Khaolak Merlin Resort
- 09.00am Arrive Andaman Discoveries office for coffee and pre-trip briefing
- 09.30am Leave Andaman Discoveries for Pak Triam village
- 10.00am Interactive tie dye handicraft workshop with tsunami cooperative - or make dessert in case of rain.
- 11.30am Boat through mangroves to floating bungalows and restaurant – or stay in the in case of rain.
- 12.00pm Lunch on floating restaurant in mangroves – or lunch at the village in case of rain.
- 13.30pm Leave floating bungalows and village for Ban Talae Nok village
- 14.00pm Arrive Ban Tale Nok village for interactive soap or batik workshop with tsunami craft cooperative
- 15.00pm Make traditional roti pancakes and enjoy with coffee
- 16.00pm Freetime to relax on beach or in village
- 16.30pm Leave Ban Talae Nok village
- 18.30pm Arrive back at Khaolak Merlin Resort

Saori Experience Tour Details:

APPROXIMATELY TIME SCHEDULE

Please reserve your suitable time for 3 hours between 08.00-17.00 hours. Please kindly note that it takes about 30 minutes from the Khaolak Merlin Resort to the SAORI-ORI Training Center, and you can enjoy the SAORI activity for 2 hours.



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<HEALTH-CONSCIOUS 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS PACKAGE>

	01/08/07 – 31/10/07 (Check-in should be Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat only)			
	3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS PACKAGE	EXTENSION PER NIGHT		
		Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun	Mon and Wed	Tue
SINGLE	14,700	3,200	2,900	2,600
TWIN	23,500	5,200	4,600	4,000
EXTRA BED	10,400	2,800	2,500	2,200

Remarks: Yoga lessons are available only Monday (morning), Wednesday (afternoon), Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This package is therefore valid only for the following check-in days; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Package included:

- 2-nights accommodation with daily breakfast and dinner.
- Round trip airport transfer.
- Welcome drink and welcome fruits selection.
- The energy drink One-day program (Free orders of energy drinks at the coffee shop or spa during its opening hours and one time order by Room Service.)
- Health-Conscious One-day program (Steam sauna, Body scrub, Body wrap, Facial treatment, Spa pool and Body massage) with spa cuisine lunch.
- Yoga lessons (3 times)
- Late check-out 18.00 hours, subject to availability.
- 50% discount on spa treatment (except promotional menu)

Extension Night included:

- Daily Breakfast
- The energy drink One-day program (Free orders of energy drinks at the coffee shop or spa during its opening hours and one time order by Room Service.)
- One time use of Steam Sauna and Spa Pool per day.
- Two times of Yoga lessons on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday or one time of Yoga lesson on Monday and Wednesday. The lessons might be cancelled due to the instructor schedule with advance notice.

Reservation, Cancellation & No-show policy:

- This package must be booked at least 3 working days before arrival date.
- The cancellation fee is as following for any cancellation; 3-7 working days before check-in date will be 50% of the package price, within 3 working days and on check-in date will be 100% of the package price.
- Reservation amendment subject to availability.

Other Terms & Conditions:

- The rates are quoted in Thai baht per room per night inclusive of tax and service charge.
- In case, Yoga lessons are cancelled by the hotel, the lesson fee of THB 300 per session will be deducted from the package price and the extension night price.
- Check-out time is 12.00 noon and check-in is 15.00 hours.
- Each room is provided for single or double occupancy and an extra bed at maximum one per room.
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Health-Conscious 3 Days 2 Nights Approximately Program Details:

- DAY 1** Arrive to hotel
- Welcome dinner (Exchangeable to lunch on Day 3)
- DAY 2** Health-Conscious One-day Program
- 07.30 am Yoga Morning Stretch (45 min.)
- Breakfast
- 10.00 am Steam Sauna (30 min.)
- 10.30 am Body Scrub (60 min.)
- 11.30 am Body Wrap (60 min.)
- 12.30 pm Spa cuisine lunch
- 01.30 pm Facial Treatment (60 min.)
- Free leisure time
- 04.00 pm Yoga afternoon session (45-60 min.)
- 05.00 pm Spa pool (30 min.)
- 05.30 pm Body Massage (90 min.)
- 07.30 pm Dinner
- DAY 3** Breakfast in the hotel
- 07.30 am Yoga Morning Stretch (45 min.)
- Departure from hotel