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# Udon Thani



Thailand

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 All meals included	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>
 Free beverages	Yes
 Persons per room	2 - 4
 Wifi in public areas	Yes
 Laundry facilities	No <sup>(2)</sup>
 Safety box	No
 Lockable rooms	Yes
 Hot shower	Yes
 Private bathroom	Yes
 Western toilet	Yes
 Bed linen	Yes
 Towels	No
 Mosquito protection	No
 Fan	Yes
 Air conditioning	Yes

<sup>(1)</sup> 3 meals on weekdays, 2 on weekends

<sup>(2)</sup> Laundry services may be available at an additional cost



## Location

About 40 minutes outside of Udon Thani is where you will find our accommodation, in the town of Nong Bua Lamphu. Around 200 years ago, this town with a population of more than 21,000, was established by Lao people from the left side of Mekong River, but it was once was part of the province of Udon Thani. In 1993, the province of Nong Bua Lamphu, with its more than 500,000 residents, was established as one of the country's newest provinces.

Locals in the town of Nong Bua Lamphu are mainly engaged in agricultural activities with rice and sugarcane farming. Unlike many of the other markets you might visit in Thailand, you will not see throngs of tourists at the night market. It is usually patronized by locals and a few expats residing in the area. Even though the city is not an illogical stop for people traveling from Laos to Thailand. There are also many attractions in the area such as Ban Chiang, a site noted by the Unesco World heritage list as one of the most important archaeological destinations in Southeast Asia, other places of interest include the Red Lotus Sea, Fossil Museum, Kaeng Khut Khu Rapid and loads of national parks and viewpoints.

## Accommodation & Food

### About the Accommodation

You will be staying in a local guesthouse that will provide the mix of comfort with the feel of an artistic retreat. It has hot showers, western toilets and separate rooms for male and female participants, all within in a delightful community setting.

### Food Arrangements

A variety of Thai style dishes (vegetarian and fish) will be served. Mostly rice dishes will be provided in addition to fruits and vegetables, on a few occasions meat may be available too.

## Facilities

There are ATMs and small local stores about a 20 minute walk away, but there will be opportunities to visit larger stores, pharmacies, local markets, etc., to meet any of your basic travel needs, via transportation from the accommodation.

## **Mandatory Orientation Day**

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

### **Schedule**

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and handling of documents.
- Thai Do's and Don'ts, Thai Culture Lessons and Thai Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area where to find local shops, and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Floating rafts on the lake
- Dinner
- Enjoy the many cultural aspects of a local Night Market

## **Activities & Events**

No scheduled activities outside the program.

## Sights & Surroundings

Red Lotus Sea

Fossil Museum,

Kaeng Khut Khu Rapids

Loei

Khon Kaen

Chiang Mai

Chiang Rai

Vientiane, Laos