Itinerary

Survey of the Bangkok – Betong – Penang Route

6 – 9 August 2018

Monday, 6 August, 2018: Penang International Airport - Betong

08.30 Hrs.   Assemble at the Departures Hall, Gate 3, Don Mueang International Airport.

10.50 Hrs.   Depart for Penang, Malaysia with Air Asia FD403 (DMK - PEN 10.50 - 13.35 Hrs.)

13.35 Hrs.   Arrive at Penang International Airport and continue onto Betong by coach. The group will cross Penang Bridge 2, which is 24 kilometres long to head towards Betong, 'the city of mist and beautiful flowers'. Along the route, enjoy the scenery.

16.30 Hrs.   Customs and Immigration procedures at Kala Batu to enter Betong, Yala province, the southernmost province of Thailand and borders Malaysia that is full of abundance, good weather, and all-year round mist.

17.00 Hrs.   Arrive at Amphoe Betong, Yala province. Experience the city that is surrounded by high mountains and cool atmosphere in which flowering plants can be grown all year. As such, the city has become known as 'the city of mist and beautiful flowers'. Check-in to the Grand Mandarin Betong Hotel.

19.00 Hrs.   Dinner at the Ta Yoen Restaurant with a welcome by the Mayor of Betong.

21.00 Hrs.   Return to the hotel.

Tuesday, 7 August, 2018: Betong - Study Visit - Suan Muen Buppha - Piyamitr Tunnel - Betong International Airport

07.00 Hrs.   Breakfast at the hotel's restaurant.

08.00 Hrs.   Study visit of the Betong Municipal Office.

09.30 Hrs.   Visit Suan Muen Buppha, the only cool climate floral garden in the South located in Muban Piyamitr 2 in the valley that has high mountains that are approximately 800 metres above mean sea level. It has a cool atmosphere, and originally was an area owned by a person who developed the country in the past by experimenting to grow cool climate plants under a Royal Project of HRH Princess Sirindhorn. Flowering plants include Carnation, Lily, Chrysanthemum, Aster, Gladioli, etc.

11.00 Hrs.	Visit the Piyamitr Tunnel. In the past, it was an operations base of the Communist Army of Malaya that was hidden from the air and was a storage for provisions. It was constructed in 1977 and is 1 kilometre long, about 2 metres wide and took 3 months to dig by about 50 people. It has 9 entrances, but at present, there are only 6 remaining. See the bed of clay, combat equipment, hiking equipment, the Command Room that could hold 200 people, a stove, pans, training area as well as take photos with the large 1,000-year-old Piyamatr tree in front of the entrance to the Tunnel.
12.00 Hrs.	Luncheon hosted by the Mayor.
13.30 Hrs.	Visit the Betong Hot Spring, a natural phenomenon of this area that has hot water rising up from under the ground. You can also boil eggs within 7 minutes in which it is believed that the mineral water from the Spring can relieve pain and treat skin diseases.
14.30 Hrs.	See the progress of the construction of the Betong International Airport, a beautiful airport in the valley.
16.00 Hrs.	Travel and check into the accommodation to prepare for the TAT & ATTA Networking Night.
17.00 Hrs.	Register for the TAT & ATTA Networking Night as well as have dinner.
19.00 Hrs.	At leisure.

Wednesday, 8 August, 2018: Betong - Aiyoeweng Sea of Mist - Penang City Tour

04.30 Hrs.	Meet in the Lobby to travel to the Aiyoeweng Sea of Mist by van to the viewpoint. Experience the cool atmosphere of the morning. There is mist all-year round.
08.00 Hrs.	Return to the hotel and have breakfast in the hotel's restaurant. Check out and leave for Penang. Pass through the Customs and Immigration procedures and continue onto Penang, a seaport and historical city. Along the way, enjoy the scenery.
12.00 Hrs.	Luncheon at a restaurant. Continue onto the Penang Bridge that links the island with the mainland and is 13.5 kilometres long starting from Perai. It is the longest sea bridge in Southeast Asia. See the houses of the people of Penang that comprise various cultures and history relating to the West. Penang is a tourist destination that tourists worldwide know that it has been given the name of the "Pearl of the East".
14.00 Hrs.	Be excited by the tram ride up to the peak of Penang Hill that is 830 metres above mean sea level. On Penang Hill or Bukit Bendara enjoy the panoramic scenery as far as the eye can see of Penang from the highest point on the island. This is a great spot for taking photographs of Georgetown. Enjoy relaxing in the cool breeze of Penang Hill.

15.00 Hrs.	Check-in at the Cititel Penang to prepare for participating in the event to meet local tour operators.
16.00 Hrs.	Join the TAT & ATTA Table Top Sales.
18.00 Hrs.	Dinner hosted by the Tourism Authority of Thailand Kuala Lumpur Office and ATTA.
20.00 Hrs.	At leisure.

Thursday, 9 August, 2018: **Penang City Tour - Penang International Airport**

07.00 Hrs.	Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant and then check out.
08.30 Hrs.	See the "Penang Street Art" and see the different 3D works of art on the walls along the road, on walls of houses and buildings, doors, windows, etc. Most of the art is related to various children's activities like children riding a bicycle, a girl is doing pushups, and on 2 windows where there is an image of a child climbing on a chair to take something plus many more. And don't forget to take photographs as a memory.
09.30 Hrs.	Enjoy taking photographs at various spots and buy local goods and souvenirs of Penang at Chew Jetty, a fishermen's village jutting out into the sea, as well as experience the warmth of the sea.
10.30 Hrs.	Visit the Baba people's museum called the Pinang Peranakan Mansion and see the utensils, clothing, accessories, and a replica of a Baba-style house.
12.00 Hrs.	Luncheon at a restaurant.
13.30 Hrs.	Shop for souvenirs of Penang and then continue onto Penang International Airport.
16.30 Hrs.	Arrive at the Penang International Airport and check in at the Air Asia Counter. At leisure till boarding time and passing through the Customs and Immigration procedures.
18.55 Hrs.	Depart for Bangkok with Air Asia FD 402 (18.55-19.45 Hrs.)
19.45 Hrs.	Arrive in Bangkok.

** This itinerary is subject to change for appropriateness. **