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AYUTTHAYA HISTORY

Ayutthaya the former capital of Thailand for 417 years. King U – Thong founded Ayutthaya in 1350. There were 34 kings from 5 dynasties. Ayutthaya was sacked by invaders in 1767. After the fall of Ayutthaya, King Phraputthayodfa Chulalok, the great founded Bangkok in 1782. So we would like to invite all of you to Ayutthaya, the World Heritage.

October 15, 2014.



02.00 p.m. - <u>Ay</u> 19 Jc

Ayutthaya Historical Study Center. The centre was built in 1991 as a part of a celebration for 100 year Thai – Japanese relationship. The Japanese government provided a budget of 999 million yen for the construction. The guide will provide a narration of the history of Ayuthaya from this site. The group will also visit a model of the Grand Royal Palace in Ayuthaya ("Pha Borom Ma-haRatchawang") and Wat Pra Sri Sanpeth, before leaving for the real temples. These two historic sites are the precedence of the Royal Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple in Bangkok.

<u>Wat Phra Si Sanpeth</u>, the royal temple and the Grand Palace in Ayutthaya period. After the fall of Ayutthaya, King Rama I of Bangkok adopted the architecture from this temple. There are three main chedis, the symbol of Ayutthaya. You can see the original of Bangkok in Ayutthaya.

03.00 p.m.

Visit Viharn Phra Mongkol Borpit, a sitting Buddha image in Subduing Mara posture. Nearly Viharn Phra Monkol Borpit you can shopping souvenir shop "OTOP Ayutthaya.



04.30 p.m. - <u>Visit Wat Mahathart.</u> We will visit the famous ruin of a head of the Buddha, completely covered by big Bhothi tree root. The temple was once the residence of the supreme Patriarch of the city. The principal Prang enshrined the relic of Lord Buddha.



05.30 p.m.	Enjoy authentic Thai cuisine on a barge. It will travel around the Ayutthaya Island. Gliding along the river, you will be told a story of the ancient remains and lifestyles of various communities who used to live along the river. The barge will pass many villages settled by traders to the old Ayutthaya, among them: Portugal, Japanese, and French. We will also pass Wat Put-tai-Sawan, Wat Kasattra Thit Rat, Jedi-Sri Suriyothai and etc. On this trip, we will stop at one of the most attractive and beautiful ancient temples, called "Wat Chai Wattanaram". The architect drew his inspiration from the design of "Na Korn Wat" in Cambodia.
07.00 p.m	Leave for Bangkok