

## ELEPHANT ROUND-UP AT SURIN AND PIMAI 15-16 NOVEMBER 2003

Joining the famous Surin Elephant Round-Up and visiting the Khmer sanctuary at Pimai for two days are exceptional opportunities you shouldn't miss!!

Bringing together over 200 elephants for the show, the Surin Elephant Round-Up is one of the most famous and exotic festivals of northeastern Thailand.

The tour, as offered by Mct Tour Service, provides a rare glimpse of past pageantry and traditional ceremonies of a bygone era. Visitors are also immersed and given insight into Khmer culture and history. In fact, the ancient ruins of Pimai are often kindly referred to as the "Angkor Wat" of Thailand.

Participants will also enjoy a relaxing drive through the quaint rural countryside of the North-East.

### Day 1 : Saturday, 15th November 2003

07h00 Depart from Rajah Hotel, 18 Sukhumvit soi 4 (Nana Tai) Bangkok on pleasant drive to the North-East through the province of Nakhorn Ratchasima also known as Korat passing the beautiful scenery of rice-fields and strolling buffalos.

Snacks and Refreshments will be served on board.

11h00 Arrive in Korat - the commercial center and the gateway to the North-East -. We will take a short city tour and our guide will show you the unique chapel of "Wat Salaloy" and the famous statue of "Thao Suranari" the heroine who fought courageously against invaders.

12h00 Lunch .

13h00 Restart a journey to Pimai to explore the magnificent Khmer sanctuary, visit the outdoor riverside museum and a giant shady Banyan tree.

16h00 Return to Korat. Have a dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel.

### Day 2 : Sunday, 16th November 2003

04h30 Morning call.

05h00 Breakfast at the hotel.

05h30 Depart from Korat to Surin.

08h00 Assemble at July Travel's grand stand to watch the spectacular Elephant Round-Up and its activities.

12h00 Lunch - Box.

14h00 Leave Surin for Bangkok. A short visit at Ban Dan Kwian to see the manufacture of special northeastern pottery.

Snacks and Refreshments will be served on coach.

20h00 Arrive back in Bangkok.

**TOUR PRICE:** Baht 3,500 per person on a twin sharing basis ; Baht 2,950 for child under 12 years old  
An extra 400 Baht for a single room.

The price is inclusive of:

Transportation (Deluxe air-conditioned coach); Accommodation (Air-conditioned hotel's room)

All meals as indicated in the itinerary

Sight-seeing tour as described in the itinerary

Entrance fee to the Elephant Round-Up

English speaking guide

**Remark:** The program is subject to change as conditions warrant.



The Hotel of a perfect happiness in the central location of Surin province offers you with unsurpassed of 162 rooms such as standard with air-condition, deluxe, suite and VIP equipped with full facilities.



**Facilities:** TV, Focus Disco, snooker, mini-bar

**Dining & Entertainment:** Western, Thai and Chinese, conference rooms available.

**Location:** Near Surin bus station in town area, close to Elephant Round up field

## Surin Elephant Round-Up Festival

November 15-16, 2003 at Sri Narong Stadium, Muang District, Surin Province)

Surin has been hosting the Elephant Round-up Festival since 1960. Each year, thousand of tourists watch local mahouts manifest their elephant control skill. In the festival, a troop of up to 100 elephants will involve in the show that includes elephant sport matches. Also happening are the elephant exhibitions from many governmental and private sectors, fun fairs and all kinds of traditional plays and performances.

