



RETURN TO SOUTHEASTASIA 2002

A group of retirees living in Thailand (Jeff Johnson, AAM: Mac Thompson, USAID: Les Strouse, AAM/CASI) are in the process of organizing a reunion type get together for any and all of those who were stationed and or worked in South East Asia, as well as families and guests. We're expecting participants from Air America, CASI, USAID, SKY, IVS, TLCB, ACA, AmLegion CP1, and other veterans of this area, it's pretty much an open house. Our purpose is to get those who would like to return to SEA to do it on an organized basis and at the same time make it possible to meet and mingle with new and old friends who have a common interest. It is expected that a large contingent of our former Thai colleagues will also be in attendance.

The dates are the 27th, 28th and 29th of September 2002. This time frame was chosen to take advantage of off-season hotel and transportation rates. This reunion will be a three-day event with a banquet featuring an international buffet with Thai music and dancers as the only organized event during the three days. (There will probably be a speaker to take our minds off the lovely dancing ladies!) Registration will be US\$40 for those over 15. The banquet US\$ 10 per person.

The venue will be in Bangkok at the Ambassador Hotel (formerly Chavalit Hotel) on Sukhumvit Road. The Ambassador is a good three star hotel which is centrally located and has a full list of amenities. Current rates are from US\$25, which will be good three weeks before and after the reunion. A SkyTrain station is within easy walking distance. (Yes, after 25 years we now have an elevated, light rail system!) Shopping and dining are within easy walking distance.

We are planning on having a registration desk in the hotel lobby, a hospitality suite and country store as well as an in-house agent to handle any side trips that attendees may desire. Trips to Udorn, Vientiane, Luang Prabang, the PDJ and Saigon are being organized.

For transportation to and from Bangkok, it is suggested that you search the Internet or contact your travel agent or local Asian market for the best Air Fare to Bangkok. After you get a quote from them contact: Sukich Palavivatana (Sam)

Tel 510 785 1132 Fax 510 785 4375

e-mail sukich@southlandtravel.com

(He claims to be able to beat any legitimate quote.)

We need some input from the group so that we can get an idea of how many people we can expect and have a better position for negotiations.

Please drop an email to Les Strouse at les@loxinfo.co.th or by regular mail to:

Les Strouse

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We would like the following information. 1. If you are definitely planning; 2. giving it serious consideration; or 3. just thinking about it, as well as how many people would be In your party, and any tour Interests.

TOUR INFORMATION (short form details on the web site)

<http://www.thaitourism.com/sea2002/index.html>

NOTE: Tour prices do NOT include air fares. Too early to commit on those

ISAN ADVENTURE (1)

Ubon Ratchathani - Khong Jiam - Mukdaharn - Nakorn Phanom 5 days / 4nights

Group Set departure on 30th September 2002. (Minimum 4 passengers).

269 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 50 USD Single sup.

Private Daily departure, (Minimum 2 passengers).

426 USD per person based on twin sharing room. 50 USD Single sup.

EXPLORER NORTHERN LAOS (2)

Vientiane – Luang Prabang - Xieng Khouang 6 day / 5 nights

Group Set departure - 1st October 2002 (Minimum 6 passengers).

596USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 105 USD Single sup.

Private Daily Departures (Minimum 2 passengers)

687 USD per person based on twin sharing room. 105 USD Single sup.

SOUTH VIETNAM (3)

Ho Chi Mihn City (Saigon) 3 Day / 2 Night

This Private tour operates with minimum 4 passengers on any day. Based on twin sharing room. If you require 1 or 2 pax only, please contact North by North-East staff.

Accommodation at Sofitel Plaza, Caravelle, Renaissance.(5star)

273 USD per person. 112 USD Single sup.

Accommodation at New World, Equatorial, Saigon Princes.(4 star)

262 USD per person. 86 USD Single sup.

Accommodation at Empress, Grand, Saigon Star (3 star)

235 USD per person 75 USD Single sup.

ESSENTIAL NORTHERN LAOS (4)

Vientiane- Luang Prabang 5 Day / 4 night

Group Set departure on 1st October 2002. (Minimum 6 passengers)

510 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 95 USD Single sup.

Private Daily departure on any day, (Minimum 2 passengers)

590 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 95 USD Single sup.

AIRBASE RE-VISIT (5)

Udon Thani 2 days / 1 night

Group Set departure on 1st October 2002. (Minimum 4 passengers)

139 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 22 USD Single sup.

Private Daily departure on any day, (Minimum 2 passengers)

189 USD per person based on twin sharing room. 22 USD Single sup.

AIRBASE RE-VISIT & NORTHERN LAOS (6)

Udon Thani - Vientiane - Luang Prabang 5 days / 4 nights

Group Set departure on 1st October 2002. (Minimum 6 passengers).

449 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 92 USD Single sup.
Private Daily departure any day, (Minimum 2 passengers).
550 USD per person, based on twin sharing room. 92 USD Single sup.

BASIC LAOS (7)

Vientiane Laos 3days/2night

Group Set departure tour departs on 1st October 2002 (Minimum 6 passenger).
239 USD per person, Based on twin sharing room. 50 USD Single sup.

KINGDOM OF ANGKOR (8)

Siem Riap, Cambodia 3 day / 2 night

This Private tour will operate minimum 4 passengers. Based on twin sharing room. If you require arrangements for 1 or 2 pax only, please contact the North by North-East staff.

Accommodation at Grand Hotel d'Angkor or Sofitel Royal Angkor.(5 star hotel)
595 USD per person. 230 USD. Single sup.

Accommodation at Pansea Hotel (5 star)
450 USD per person 165 USD Single sup.

Accommodation at Angkor Century Hotel (4 star)
430 USD. Per person 135 USD Single sup.

Accommodation at Angkor Hotel (3 star)
390 USD per person. 95 USD Single sup.

Reservation Form

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Sept 27,28 and 29, 2002

Fill out this form and mail with your check made payable to Lester D. Strouse, Jr. (put in remarks/for section, RTN to SEA) to:

Les Strouse
102/30 Prompruksa
Samkhok, Pathumthani 12160 THAILAND

Or go to our web site at

www.thaitourism.com/sea2002/index.html

to register on line.

Name: _____

Nick Name _____

Spouse: _____

Nick Name _____

Guest(s) _____

Nick Name _____

Nick Name _____

Nick Name _____

Nick Name _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

ZIP _____

Registration US\$40 per person
US\$ _____

Banquet US\$10 per person
US\$ _____

TOTAL
US\$ _____

Please reserve your hotel room(s) and tours via the web site. If you have difficulties with the web site please contact: les@loxinfo.co.th