

A holiday for orchid enthusiasts.

Next March enjoy a friendly group holiday with similar minded enthusiasts and discover:

The orchids of Thailand

March 11th – 26th 2017

The tour is timed to coincide with the main flowering season of the wild orchids in Thailand and revolves around taking treks into the jungle to see the orchids in their natural wild habitat when many of them will be in flower.

The treks we have selected are easy to negotiate and are the result of research over many years to areas where we know you will see orchids growing. You will be taken to several different types of habitat at various altitudes and be able to observe the climatic conditions and different species growing there.

The treks are interspersed with visits to orchid farms, plant markets, botanical gardens and some interesting local cultural attractions. Along with the opportunity of excellent shopping and the renowned cuisine - it all adds up to an exciting orchid themed holiday.

The tour starts on March 11th and is divided into two parts. The first part concentrates on the orchids and attractions to be found in the area around Chiang Mai which is the ancient northern capital of Thailand - and the second part will take you to visit some of the orchid habitats in the more remote eastern part of the country. You can join us for either the first or second part of the tour - or for the whole tour.

You will be met at the airport on arrival and escorted throughout the tour. Your guide will be Peter Williams who established his own 'CITES' registered orchid nursery in Thailand in 1990 and has written many articles on the orchids of Thailand for leading botanical publications. He has been leading these specialist orchid tours for over twenty years and has now completed thirty five group tours as well as eight private tours (for couples and individuals) and in November 2011 was selected by the organisers of the 20th World Orchid Conference (Singapore) to conduct the delegate's official post conference orchid tour.

The experience gained from these previous tours and his knowledge of Thai orchid species built up over the past thirty years ensures you have a competent tour leader, who will be able to guarantee that you see a wide range of orchids in the wild and also be able to identify them correctly for you. His local knowledge and ability to speak Thai ensures that you will have a fascinating informative holiday.

The tour also includes our special plant buying service: Members will be taken to a large 'CITES' registered orchid nursery where they can purchase plants at very low wholesale prices. The plants will then be left at the nursery while you carry on with the tour. The owner will complete all the required paperwork and at the appropriate time pack the plants, bringing them to the hotel the night before you are due to leave.



A slide show of a typical tour showing the areas to be explored and some of the species to be seen in flower can be viewed on our web site:

www.theorchidman.com

Society discount: There is a 10% discount on the tour price for society group bookings of six or more people.

A comprehensive 25 page tour information pack is available. Please email us for more information:

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Top: *Dendrobium gratiosissimum* - seen on our March 2016 tour.
Left: Our March 2016 tour group.