

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: February 25th 2015 (304th day)

Location: Khanom, Thailand

Driven km up to date: 35 600.



PHOTOS



VIDEO



NEWS

After our friends left, we continued to enjoy the beautiful Thai beaches. The Andaman coast in Thailand has incredible advantages: good infrastructure, excellent service, exquisite cuisine with delicious flavors (red or green curry, ginger, lemongrass, seafood, etc.), tasty fruits (mango, coconut, pineapples, bananas), warm and crystal clear sea, rich waters (we dove with manta rays!), great weather (warm but not humid in this season), relaxing Thai massage (kind of passive yoga), and smiling and friendly people.

We spent another week in **Khao Lak**, between the pleasant heat and elephants. We got back to an intensive book reading period and got a little tanned. Then, after a short visit in Phuket, Krabi and its surrounding karst hills, we've spent a week on Koh Lanta, between sand, coconut trees and monkeys (little thieves!). We met other families travelling by camping car with whom we had a great time and exchanged tips & tricks.

Since our month-permit for Thailand was expiring, we spent four days in Malaysia. Our target: spend the Chinese New Year in Georgetown on Penang, among smoky incense temples, thousands of red lanterns, lion dance, etc. As a former crossroads of trade between Asia and Europe, Malaysia surprised us by its ethnic plurality (Indian, Malay, Chinese) and religious plurality (Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists). This results in a significant culinary variety and, in the northwest of the country (Kedah and Perlis), an atmosphere of tolerance and peace.

FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Diving with manta rays.
- Rest and relax on the beach, losing the notion of time.
- Shared moments with the families of David &Orlane, Ion &Nina, Jose &Patricia.
- Chinese New Year in Georgetown.
- Malaysian smiles around the car.



CURRENT MOOD : We still want to enjoy a few more days of relaxation and then we'll be heading north on the road again to meet new people. If we go to Myanmar and Vietnam, it will be backpacking since it's too expensive with the van.



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia.

COMING : (Myanmar), Laos, Cambodia, (Vietnam), South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, and maybe crossing the African continent.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

✦ Departure

✦ Arrival



1. Khao Lak (TH)
2. Northwest of Phuket (TH)
3. Koh Lanta (TH)
4. Georgetown (MA)
5. Regions of Kedah/ Perlis (MA)
6. Beach of Khanom (TH)

