

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: January 29th 2015 (277th day)

Location: Khao Lak, Thailand

Driven km up to date: 34 400.



PHOTOS



VIDEO

NEWS

Our **end-of-year celebrations** went well. We celebrated Christmas in a good beef restaurant and New Year with very cool Australians in Hakuba. We were overwhelmed by the snow in the **Japanese Alps**, rather acrobatic without chains... Skiing in two Japanese resorts was a real pleasure for us and helped us face the freezing cold nights in the van.

After a stop in front of the majestic **Mount Fuji**, we prepared the van for its 3-week trip and left it in Yokohama. Our homeless adventure began. We enjoyed living the sedentary life for a week at Gaspard's in Tokyo, met great people (En, Ryoko, Kiriu, Julian, Yudgi, etc.) and visited the city (electronics district Akiba, Senso-ji Temple, Shibuya by night !, overlapping roads, Ghibli museum). Then, we imerged ourselves into public transports to **Singapore** and **Thailand**: plane, taxi, bus, touktouk, scooter nicknamed "pétarou". We also shared some beautiful moments with our friends (to whom we made nice surprise visits): Jeanne and Romain in Singapore; Rémi and Cyril on **Koh Chang** in Thailand; Aurélie and Jonath in **Khao Lak** (and Francis and Salva). Going back to heat, flip flops and shorts is being very pleasant after the cold we had!

And... **we got our Pavan back** on Monday (26th) after quick formalities at the harbour (well prepared in advance). Staying in hotels with AC or fans was good, but we have to be cautious about the budget...

FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Waking up in the van covered with snow and skiing
- French pancakes and cider in Tokyo
- 4L drive in Shibuya with our friend En
- Faces of Jeanne, Cyril and Aurélie who we visited by surprise
- Evenings with our friends
- Relaxation in the Merlin Hotel



CURRENT MOOD : We are all relaxed and happy to have seen our friends and to have had a very sociable month. We start our Southeast-Asian adventure with the idea to enjoy its beaches, exotic nature and flavors (yummy...good fruits!).



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

COMING : Cambodia, Laos, (Vietnam), (Myanmar), (Malaysia), South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania.



MAP - ITINERARY : since the last newsletter

✦ Departure

✦ Arrival



1. Hirayu (JP)
2. Tokyo (JP)
3. Koh Chang (TH)
4. Khaosan road district in Bangkok (TH)
5. Khao Lak (TH)

