

An Lac – Khe Ro

Community Based EcoTourism

The Forest

Khe Ro Primitive Forest is a wonderful destination which brings people close to the wild life to get leisure, fresh feeling and truly, pure senses about nature. Located in Tay Yen Tu Natural Reserve, about 150km far from Hanoi, the Khe Ro Forest resides by An Lac commune, Son Dong District, Bac Giang Province. It covers 7,153ha land including 5,092ha natural forest with the diverse ecosystem. Khe Ro Forest situates between two streams Nuoc Vang and Khe Din; in the middle of the forest, there flows Khe Ro stream, that's why the forest is named Khe Ro.

Khe Ro primitive forest is the living place of 786 types of vegetation including many rare and specious ones such as: Pomu, Thong Tre, incense, Ironwood , Thong Lang, Amomum, Ba Tich, etc...; 226 animal species belonging to 81 Ordos, 24



families , including the ones listed in red data book: Tibetan bear, chamois, Malayan bear, leopard, golden turtle, pangolin ... It is a forbidden primitive forest that maintains its wildness, being suitable for visitors who are interested in adventure and discovering wild nature.

The landscape of Khe Ro is very wild and fascinating with bushy canopies, springs, falls, rocky rapids, especially pure blue lakes inside the forest where people can freely swim and take a bath. Due to the typicality of high mountainous region, Khe Ro Primitive Forest has pure air and cool springs that are suitable for trips and climbing adventure. Furthermore, there are two beautiful streams in the forest: Nuoc Vang stream having honey yellow water and different-sized, colorful stones; Khe Din stream stretching with 3-to-4-floor waterfalls and each floor is about 30-40m high. The waterfalls pour water down, creating transparent puddles like Vung Tron, Vung Soong – the natural swimming pools.



An Lac Community

An Lac, with a population of 3,424, locates right by the gate of Khe Ro Forest. There are 12 villages with totally 732 families. An Lac is one of the poorest communes in Son Dong district, which is also part of the 61 poorest districts in Vietnam. More than 65% of families are living under poverty line. The main economic sector of the commune is agriculture generated by more than 90% of the population. Among the community, there are five ethnic groups: Tay (53.9%), Kinh (34.9%), San Chi (8.3%), Cao Lan(1.7%), and Dao (1.2%). Different ethnic groups have different custom. Indigenous people still reserve their own culture. “ Dan Tinh – Hat Then” is the popular musical performance of Tay group in the commune.

Our Project

CSDS has been working with GTV to support local people to improve their well-being through Community Based Eco-Tourism. Local farmers are trained about community based tourism



service provision. The structure is managed by a board consisting of local authorities and community representatives. It is expected that community ecotourism will be an alternative livelihood for local people. Profits from tourism are shared among the group members and also with the whole community.

In the frame of the project, several test tours are organized in order to test all the services and products provided by local community. Constructive and serious feedbacks from participants are highly welcome and appreciated as they would help to improve the services.

Price: 500,000VND/pax

*(including homestay accommodation, all meals and transportation).
This price is partially supported by CSDS and GTV.*

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Tentative Itinerary (27th – 28th October 2012)

Day 1 Visit Khe Vang Water Fall

- 7:00 Depart from Hanoi
- 11:00 Arrive An Lac
- 11:30 Check in Homestay – Lunch and Rest.
- 13:30 Visit Khe Vang Water Fall – Swimming
- 16:00 Exploring local life
Visit a honey bee-keeper or a wild pig farmer.
- 17:00 Back Homestays – Dinner and Rest
- 20:00 Visit Community Culture House
Meeting local people & enjoying traditional cultural performance.

Day 2 Visit Khe Ro Stream and Trekking

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:15 Gather in Cultural house
- 7:30 Trekking (easy) to Vung Tron where the two streams meet.
- 8:30 Forest Trekking
Option 1: Trekking up to Vuon Tau (1.5 hours)
Option 2: Trekking up to Khau Chon Peak (3 hours) for a great view of the whole region.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Evaluation
- 14:00 Return to Hanoi
- 18:00 Arrive in Hanoi

Things to bring:

- Passport
- Swimming suit
- Light jacket
- Trekking shoes
- Sleeping bag (if you don't want to use the blanket provided by the host)



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