



## Celebrate Thai New Year at Soneva Kiri

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



April 13<sup>th</sup> is a very special day at Soneva Kiri as we celebrate The Songkran Festival, or Thai New Year festival, at which time the property is blessed by a monk in a traditional ceremony.

Water is the theme for the festivities, with fun games and of course good food. April is the warmest month in Thailand so one of the highlights of Songkran is the water fight. It is customary for Thai people to roam the streets with containers of water or post themselves at the side of the roads with a garden hose and drench each other and passersby. This, however, is not always the main activity of this festival. Songkran was traditionally the time to visit and pay respect to the elders, including family members, friends, neighbours and monks. It is also the time where Buddhist Thais unite with friends and family to visit temples and pay respect to the Buddha with offerings of food and goods to the monks. Songkran has traditionally been celebrated as New Year for many centuries, and it is now observed nationwide.

**Soneva Kiri is offering a Songkran Festival experience on Thursday April 13th, 2017.**

**Come join us to learn some deeply rooted Thai traditions and fun activities, we highly recommended that you keep your phone in a waterproof case for the day, or leave them in your villa.**

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- 07:30 – 11:00 **Siamese Breakfast** at 'The Dining Room'  
Start Songkran Day with your favourite breakfast dishes. Choose from a vast selection including at The traditional Thai breakfast and revitalizing juices to cleanse the body and awaken the mind.
- 09:00 - 09:45 **Yoga** at Six Senses Spa'  
An entry level class designed for those who want to learn Yoga with basic positions (Asana), breathing and relaxation techniques. This class is designed to enable a balanced practice for the students.
- 09:00 - 18:00 **Non-motorized water sports** at 'North Beach'  
Water Sport hosts are waiting at North Beach, to offer instructions for sailing, windsurfing and paddle boarding.
- 11:00 - 11:45 **Tum Bum Tak Bat** at 'The Ice Cream Parlour'  
Tum Bun Tak Bat is a very common practice in Thai society. It means making merits by offering food to Buddhist monks. Join Soneva Kiri Hosts in this beautiful monk blessing ceremony and learn some Thai traditions.
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Songkran Assembly** at 'Six Senses Spa'  
Get together with Soneva Kiri hosts at the Spa where a local Long Drums band will be performing Thai traditional music to create a Songkran vibe.
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Songkran Parade** at 'Six Senses Spa'  
The Long Drums band will lead the way to The Arrival Jetty before boarding long tail boat to North Beach.
- 15:00 - 16:30 **Water games** at 'North Beach'  
Join water sports/games, get competitive and have some fun!
- 15:00 - 18:00 **Water Ski, Wake board and Fun tube** at 'North Beach'  
Our speedboat will be at North Beach, ready to take you out for fifteen minutes of extra water fun.  
*THB 3,000 per person*
- 15:45 - 16:00 **Traditional Thai Dancing** at 'North Beach'  
Witness the art of Thai Dancing, performed by our hosts. This beautiful traditional dance will surely stay in your memory.
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Sea Adventure** at 'North Beach'  
The adventure starts with kayaking from North Beach to the nearby mangrove river then paddle back to the sea before stopping by Soneva Kiri Solar Reef for some snorkelling, before returning to the The Arrival Jetty.  
*THB 1,200 per person*
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Rhino Island Snorkeling** at 'North Beach'  
Take a short boat ride from North Beach to explore the marine restoration project and some underwater surprises.  
*THB 2,000 per person (Minimum 2 guests)*
- 18:30 - 19:30 **Songkran Cocktails** at 'Arrival Pier'  
Sipping delicious cocktails while nipping on mouth-watering Thai street foods and mingle with the management team.
- 19:30 – 22:00 **Four Region Thai Dinner** at 'The Dining Room'  
Celebrate the Thai New Year with authentic Thai cuisine. Enjoy a vast variety of classic dishes from the Four Regions of Thailand. Chef's Goff & Benz will be recreating dishes what their mothers make for their family on Songkran day.



# Junior Songkran Programme

10:00 - 10:30

**Flower Garland** at 'Eco Den'

Join us to get colourful and ready for the celebrations, make a colourful garland to wear and stand out from the crowd.

10:30 - 11:00

**Ice Age Bin** at 'The Den'

This awesome salt, ice and water experiment will stimulate children's imagination and creativity. Sprinkle, squirt, rub and dig away and let's see what you can find.

10:30 - 11:00

**Super Soaker** at 'The Den'

Use recycled materials to create your own device that is designed to get anyone who crosses your path wet. Let's get wet and wild.

11:00 - 11:30

**Colour Laboratory** at 'Eco Den'

Water, bubbles and an assortment of containers for the children to explore liquids, colour and colour mixing.

11:00 - 11:30

**Water Fight** at 'The Den'

Let's get together and see who can stay the driest for the longest when you go head to head with the management team.

11:30 - 12:00

**Coconut Cup Surprise** at 'The Den'

Turn a regular coconut shell into an awesome coconut creation and use it to get your parents wet, when you meet during the celebrations - nobody will be safe.

11:30 - 12:00

**Water Tracing** at 'The Den'

Enjoy outdoor play, painting and creating a work of art using water that will disappear. Using water and the floor to create patterns, write names and get creative.

12:00 - 13:00

**Splashing Fun in The Pool**

Head on down to the pool for lots of fun games and challenges. Everyone gets wet.

14:00 - 14:30

**Songkran Assembly** at Six Senses Spa'

Join Soneva Kiri hosts in the resort celebrations for all the family lots of wet fun on a journey to the beach, prepare to get wet.

