Site Visits Around Ubon Ratchathani Province, Northeast Thailand

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Where is Ubon Ratchathani Province?

Borders
- Thailand
  - Sisaket, Yasothon and Amnat Charoen Provinces
- Lao PDR
  - Salavan and Champasak Provinces
- Cambodia
  - Preah Vihear Province

Key features
- Mun, Chi and Mekong Rivers
- Don Rak Mountains
- Sirindhorn Dam
“Ubon”

- Mun River
- Chi River
- Mekong River
- Sirindorn Dam
- Ubon Ratchathani
- Det Udom
- Emerald Triangle
- Preah Vahear
  — (Si Saket Province)
Laos Siamois
Ubon Ratchathani Museum
Gemstones of the Khorat Plateau

Sapphires & Rubies
Hunting Society  c. 14,000 – 7,000 Years ago

Agricultural Society  c. 6,000 – 2,000 Years ago

Early Urban Society  c. 1,800 – 1,500 Years ago
ROCK PAINTING

The archeological sites whose precise dating has not yet been determined are the group of rock shelter paintings. They, however, had some relations with the community at the planet area. The paintings can be categorized into main groups: geometric designs, objects in animals, human hands and figures, some appeared in single form while some are in group which may represent ritual or environmental scenes. Most are painted in red color, assumingly, it is a mixture of soil, gum of a tree and some wax. Important sites for these paintings are at various caves in Trakanphang District, Si Muang Mai District and at Khong Chiam District.

Ubon
Ratchathani
Prehistory
The Emerald Triangle
Where Thailand, Cambodia and Lao PDR interconnect
View of the Emerald Triangle Area Contested by Thai, Lao and Cambodian Governments

- Limited access
- National parklands
- Concerns over landmines
Mun (Moon) River
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Me Nam Khong

Mother Water Khong
Wat Tham Khuha Sawan, Khong Chiam, Khong Chiam District, Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand

Mekong River
Mun & Mekong River Confluence
Two-coloured river, Amphoe Khong chiam. The indigo blue Moon River joins the orange brown Mekong River at Amphoe Khong chiam, creating a river of two colours. The best places to observe the contrast of the two colours are on the slip-off slope of the Moon River, on the bank of the Mekong River in front of Wat Khong chiam and in parts of Huay Mak Village. April is the best month, when the distinction of the two colours is most visible. A river cruise service is available in the vicinity, and visitors can also cross the river to shop in a local market in Laos.
Preah Vihear (Si Saket Province)

Pha Mo E Dang
Checking in with the Thai Army
Visitor’s Center

Models of Preah Vihear

Access to the temple site is currently restricted
Preah Vihear
Khao Pra Vihan National Park
Bas-reliefs on the cliffs above Cambodia
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