

The Red Lotus Sea

Talay Bua Daeng, Udon Thani

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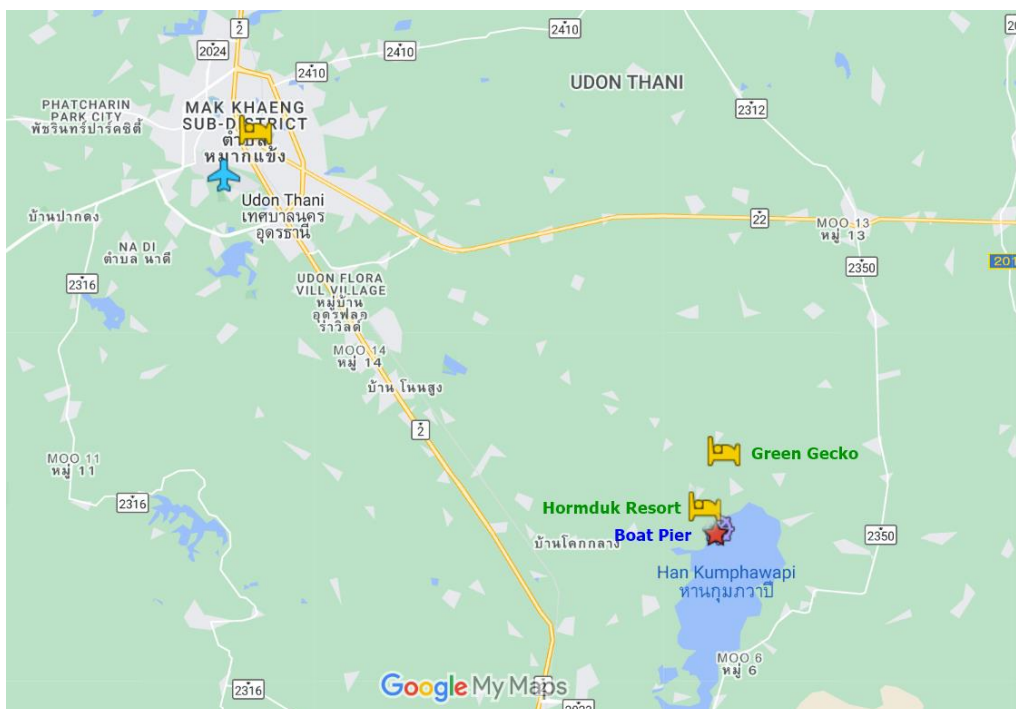
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Location of the Red Lotus Sea

The stunningly beautiful Red Lotus Sea is located in Udon Thani province in northeast Thailand. The boat pier that offers visitors the ability to hire a boat and pilot that will take you on a tour of the lake is situated at Ban Diem village, on the lake's edge, approximately 30 minutes out of Udon Thani.



The best time to visit the Red Lotus Sea

It is best to visit during the cool season, between December and February each year, as this is when the purple blooms are at their thickest and most vibrant.

And do plan your trip in the early morning, as sunset and the subsequent few hours are the best time to see the fullest blooms. As the sun strengthens, the lotus flowers close and you will no longer be greeted by the purple spectacle!



Where to Stay?

It is strongly recommended that you stay in the immediate vicinity of the lake the night before you plan to take a boat tour. In this way, you will not be forced to wake up much earlier and to arrange transportation from the city to the lake, which means you risk missing its most beautiful moments.

Budget Rooms

Hornduk Resort offers private cottages for rent in Um Chan village, just five minutes from the boat departure pier.

Your cottage is modern and set in a private garden area, and offers a bedroom, modern bathroom and living room, as well as a small terrace. Rooms feature air-conditioning, a smart TV, free and fast WiFi, fans and a refrigerator, and the sofa in the living room can be converted to a small double bed providing additional sleeping possibilities if, for example, you are visiting with children or a friend.

Hornduk also offers drinks and food, with Thai favourites being cooked to order and delivered to your room, with dishes costing no more than they would in a simple roadside market shop.



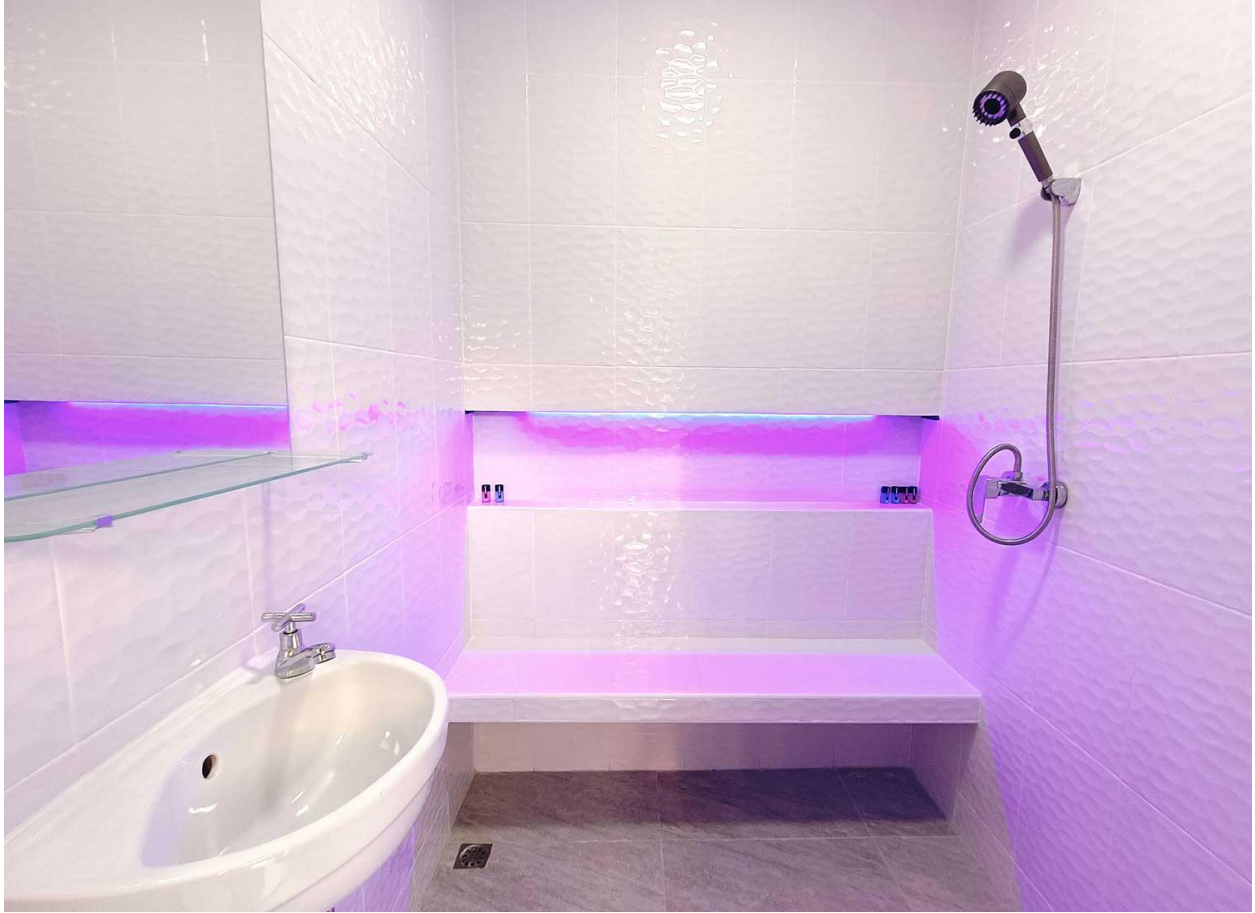
Hornduk Garden Bungalows with private garden



Floating bed in air-conditioned bedroom at Hornduk Resort



Adjoining living room with smart TV and refrigerator, as well as a sofa bed for additional guests.



Bathroom at Hornduk Resort

The Red Lotus Lake in style

If you want to enjoy everything the area has to offer and to do so in style, then opt for the private pool villa, [Green Gecko](#). Offering a private saltwater, negative edge swimming pool, a sun deck and sala, two bedrooms with four poster beds, a large living and dining room and both Western and Thai kitchens, the property is fully air-conditioned and features smart TV, free WiFi, and more.

Green Gecko is built in the traditional Thai way, raised on stilts to maximize breezes and with steeply sloping roofs finished in hand-made terracotta tiles. The interior is finished with silks, cottons and teak wood furniture.



A huge advantage to staying at this property is that the owners, who live a couple of kms away, will collect you from Udon Thani airport and look after you during your holiday. This includes cooking you freshly prepared, authentic Thai meals daily, at no additional cost. Dishes can be as spicy or as mild as you prefer, and are mouth-watering. Take a look below at some of the dishes prepared during a recent stay there!







Boat hire at the Red Lotus Lake

Two types of boat are typically offered for hire, in each case with a dedicated boat driver. You will be able to choose between a traditional, long and narrow wooden boat, or a larger aluminium boat with a sunshade.

The smaller wooden boats are good if you are no more than two or three people in total, whilst the larger boats can seat up to around 8 passengers.



Prices for boat tours on the Red Lotus Sea

Wooden boat tour THB300/boat

Metal boat tour: THB500/boat

In each of the cases above, expect your trip to depart from Ban Diem boat pier and to last approximately 90 minutes.

Photos of the Red Lotus Sea

Don't miss out on a trip to one of Thailand's most beautiful sights – the natural world in all its splendour!



