Travel plan from Chiang Mai to Surin for joining "Elephant Round-Up in Surin 2023"

Surin elephant festival

Surin is typically termed as the 'land of elephants' in Thailand, and this majorly influences the annual event - Surin Elephant Festival. The elephant parades, their buffet breakfasts, skill demonstrations, cultural shows, ancient elephant warfare techniques, and much more, are truly a sight to behold. It's that time of the year when a bunch of travellers from all over the globe book their tickets for Surin to experience the best of their local cultures surrounding this particular round-up. It's a festival of fun and frolic among the locals, which has now majorly become a part of tourist fancy.

https://www.carnifest.com/elephant-round-up-in-surin-2023/

https://thai23.com/elefantenfest-surin/

There are 3 ways to travel.

1st way: Travel by airplane

1. Departure: Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX) Destination: Buriram Airport (BFV)

(Transfer at Don Mueang International Airport (DMK)) in Bangkok

Nok air (https://www.nokair.com/)

Air asia (https://www.airasia.com/en/gb)

2. Continue taking public transportation (Van/Grab) to Sri Narong Stadium, Mueang

Surin District, Surin Province

Approximate time:

Chiang Mai to Don Mueang - 1 hour and 10 minutes

Don Mueang to Buriram - 1 hour

Buriram to Surin - 1 hour

2nd way: Travel by public bus

1. Book the ticket at Chiangmai Bus Terminal via Nakhonchaiair

(https://booking.nakhonchaiair.com/ncabooking/home.php?policy=1)

Departure Nakhonchaiair-Chiang Mai

Destination Surin

2. Continue taking public transportation to Sri Narong Stadium, Mueang Surin

District, Surin Province

Approximate time: 14 hours

3rd way: Travel by train (extra express CNR)

1. Book the ticket at Chiang Mai railway station or online booking

https://www.railway.co.th/

Departure Chiang Mai railway station

Destination Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal Station

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Destination Surin railway station

2. Continue taking public transportation to Sri Narong Stadium, Mueang Surin

District, Surin Province

Approximate time:

Chiang Mai to Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal Station - 7-8 hours

Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal Station to Surin - 7 hours

Sri Narong stadium (the elephant performance) is located in the Surin city center. You can take taxi or public transport to this place. However, the elephants are everywhere in the city center, you can ask information from the local people.