



## ***Welcome to OrchidHoliday!***



First, I would like to welcome you to OrchidHoliday. We are very happy that you have chosen to stay with us, and we will do our best to serve you while you are here. As we understand that you will be here for a short while, we have made this brochure so you can have the most out of your holiday here.

In this brochure you will find a lot of useful information about how to get here, what to do, where to shop, where to dine, transportation and most of the things you would like to do when you are on holiday. Please print this brochure and bring it with you. As you will find yourself on the countryside with a lot of people not so good in English or even not speaking English at all, it will be great to show pictures from this brochure and those who do not speak English will from the pictures understand what you want, or where you want to go. This brochure also contains information about the house and its facilities.

The Phomngam family is running OrchidHoliday and will take care of your needs. Mr. Somsak Phomngam may usually be found in his shop, see detailed map of the village as well as a picture of Mr. Somsak below. Mr. Somsak can also be reached on telephone +66 89 84 77 92 5. Mr. Somsak only speaks a little English but he will try his best to understand.

Yours sincerely

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(Where you will find your host, Mr. Somsak as well as OrchidHoliday when you have arrived)

## **Before you depart**

Please make a copy of your passport and bring with you. Please give it to Somsak at arrival as by law we are required to know who is living with us.

## **How to get to OrchidHoliday**



We will highly recommend renting a car when staying at this house. Several companies offers renting a car from the airport. You will get the car without leaving the terminal so it is very easy. The drive will take 3-4 hours and you will have a great pleasure of the car when you are there. Please check price and availability on:

<http://www.thairentacar.com/>  
<http://www.rentalcars.com/>

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Please remember to add GPS to the rental or bring your own. Then you can just plot in Noen Sanga / Ta Noen as the destination or the exact coordinates that is N15°33'46.2" E102°01'40.2".



To get there, follow road 31 northbound out of Bangkok. Road 31 changes name to 1 to its way to Mueang Saraburi. In Saraburi, you change to road 2 eastbound in direction of Nakon Ratchasima. After you have passed the mountains and the lake you will find 201 northbound to Chaiyaphum. About 30 kms before Chaiyaphum you will exit the main road to the right at the sign showing Noen SaNga on road 2180. 2 kms after the police station (signed) you will reach a crossing. Turn right and you will reach the lake. Drive around the lake to you find OrchidHoliday. The trip will take about 4 hrs.

You may take the bus from Mo Chit Bus Station north in Bangkok. There are several companies and there is a bus every hour. The company with the best seats is Sunbus, [www.Sunbus.co.th](http://www.Sunbus.co.th). This company has only 3 seats per row in the bus, the seats can recline good, and you have your own screen with movies and music. Halfway the bus takes a 15 minutes stop in case you prefer a normal restroom instead of the toilet in the bus, or in case you want a warm snack. The price is below 300 Bath per person per way and the bus use 4 hours. In case you want to go there by bus we recommend that you get assistance by the taxi driver driving you to the Mo Shit Bus terminal as nobody speaks English at the terminal and all signs are in Thai. You will exit the bus at Ban Kai just before Chaiyaphum. The buss driver will announce the Ban Kai stop, so make sure you exit at the right stop. From there you will need to take a Tuk Tuk It is important that you print out this brochure and show to the Tuk Tuk driver. If he still does not understand, call Somsak on +66 89 84 77 92 5 and give the phone to the Tuk Tuk driver.

## Internet

The house has free Internet WiFi. The Access Point name is 3bb-wlan and the password is 1111100000. (5 ones, and 5 zeros).

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## Local Shops



All above shops are in walking distance from OrchidHoliday and can provide you with soap, toilet paper, beer, soft drinks and a small selection of snack and food. The largest local shop is the one in the upper right corner of the above map next to Mr. Somsaks shop. In case you look for international food, please see the next section.

## Larger shops with international food

Both BigC and Tesco Lotus holds an excellent selection with fresh fish,



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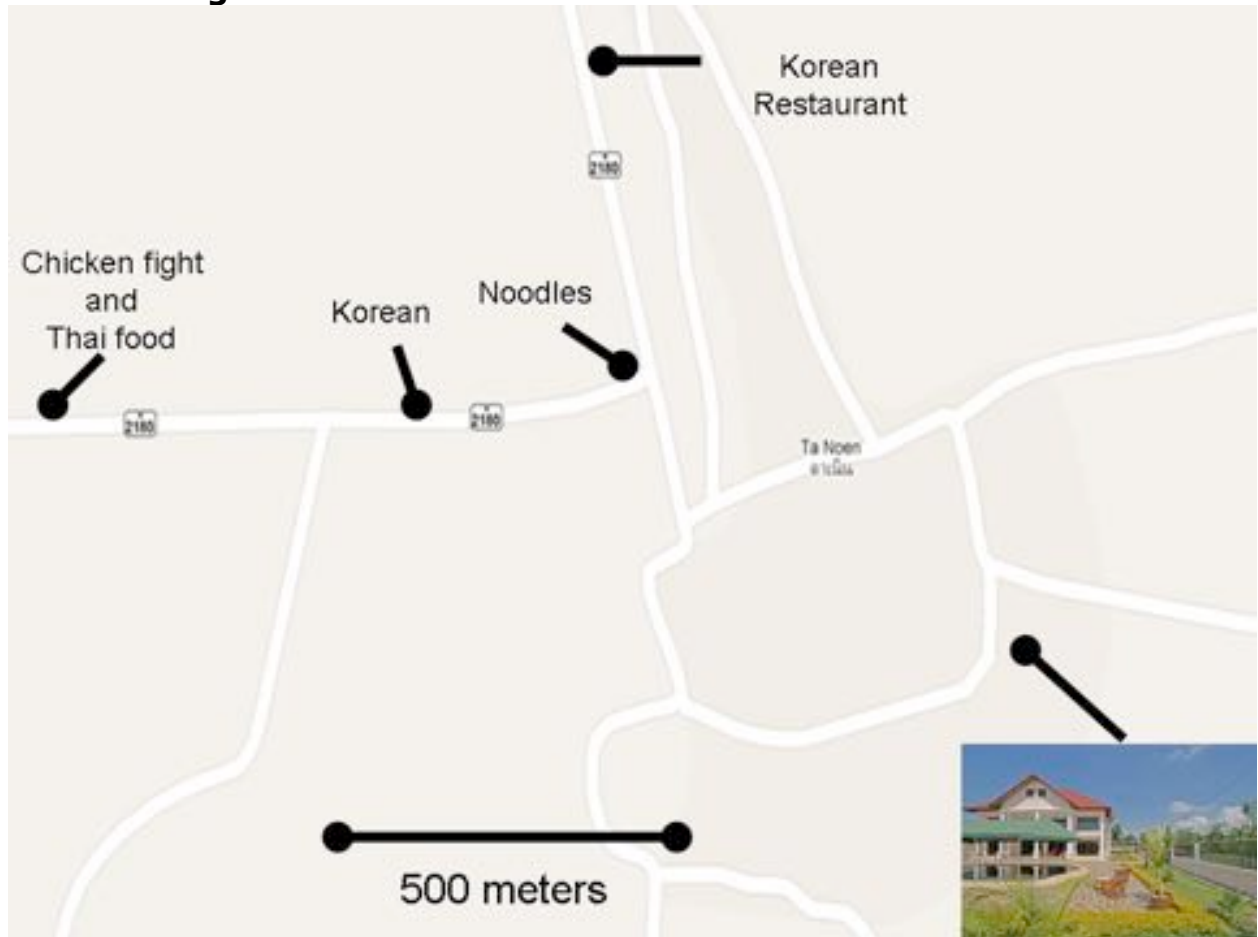
vegetables, meat, milk, juices, cheese and most of your needs. The closest one is BigC.

Here you will also find an excellent Chinese restaurant called MK. As liquor is not allowed to be sold between 1 and 5 PM in the shops, maybe an evening trip to BigC with shopping and dining is a suggestion.

In case you have a car, you drive northbound on 2180 to you hit the main road. Then turn right. After a total of 15kms you will reach BigC on the right side of the road.

In case you do not have a car, you may use the minibus or taxi service, see later in this brochure. Lotus is inside Chayiaphum town. See map in the restaurants section for Lotus location.

## Local Dining Places



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Thai food. They serve Thai and Korean food and have a bar on this place.



(See image on the left) The place is driven by a nice family that does not speak any English, but they do have an image menu. The distance from OrchidHoliday is 2 km, a

nice Sunday walk.

We have not tried the Korean food place, see image to the right, as the restroom facility is really not according to our standards. However, in case you have a robust stomach you can have a very cheap evening and the couple running the place is very nice. This place is in walking distance.



The nodule place is a place where you can buy a soup for 25 Bath during the daytime. Not open in the evenings. They also provide take-away so you can bring back to OrchidHoliday. Order chicken (Kai) or pig (Mo) and show fingers for number of soups!



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## International Restaurants



Chaiyaphum city, 27kms away from the OrchidHoliday castle has a number of good places to eat. First, you have Tesco Lotus which in addition to be a hypermarket has a food court. As all of them have pictures, there is no problem to order food.

Next to Tesco you have an extremely large Korean/Karaoke food place which always has guests and an English menu. You barbeque the food on the table, and it is quite enjoying.

The Korean pavilion is focusing only on food and here the food is better. They do not have an English Menu so inviting the driver for translation and of cause give him a free meal pays off.

The bear hall and live band place always have very good bands and is completely full on weekends. You order food and drinks by the table and have fun with the surrounding guests. They will be trilled when meeting white people!

In case you really want European or Chinese food, the Riverside Hotel is the place. For those who stay up all hours, the Thai Bus station is a funny place to eat where you meet those who really do not want to sleep.



## Taxi Service



Mr. Somsak also provides a Taxi Service. For 750 Bath a half day including max 60 kms and 1500 bath pr day including 120 kms you will have a very nice driver. The car can take 5 persons inside. Please contact Mr. Somsak for agreement.

## Minibus Rental



A minibus can be rented for 1500 Bath for a half day including 60Kms and 3000 Bath for a full day including 120 kms. The driver speaks a little English and can take you anywhere local and even longer. To Bangkok the price is 8000 Bath. Transfer can be pre-booked from the airport for 190 Euro. Please contact Mr. Somsak for arrangements.

## Motorcycle renting

A Honda 100 cc motorcycle can be rented for 175 Bath per day. Please contact Mr. Somsak for arrangements.



## Massage

At BigC and at several hotels down town you can enjoy Thai Massage. See map above for BigC.

## Fishing



Several places around the lake have well suited spots for fishing. We suggest purchasing fishing equipment at BigC as the price for such is very low.



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## Recreation



The Noen Sanga Resort has small cottages with bathroom, shower, air-condition, satellite TV, fishing, water jet and fun boats. It is a very nice resort only 6 kms from OrchidHoliday. Use the full day minibus or taxi service and enjoy this place. Bring the food and drinks you need. The fee for entrance and stay-over is 600 Bath pr. two persons. As the place is extremely difficult to find, we recommend using Taxi or Minibus service to get there.

## Gas stove



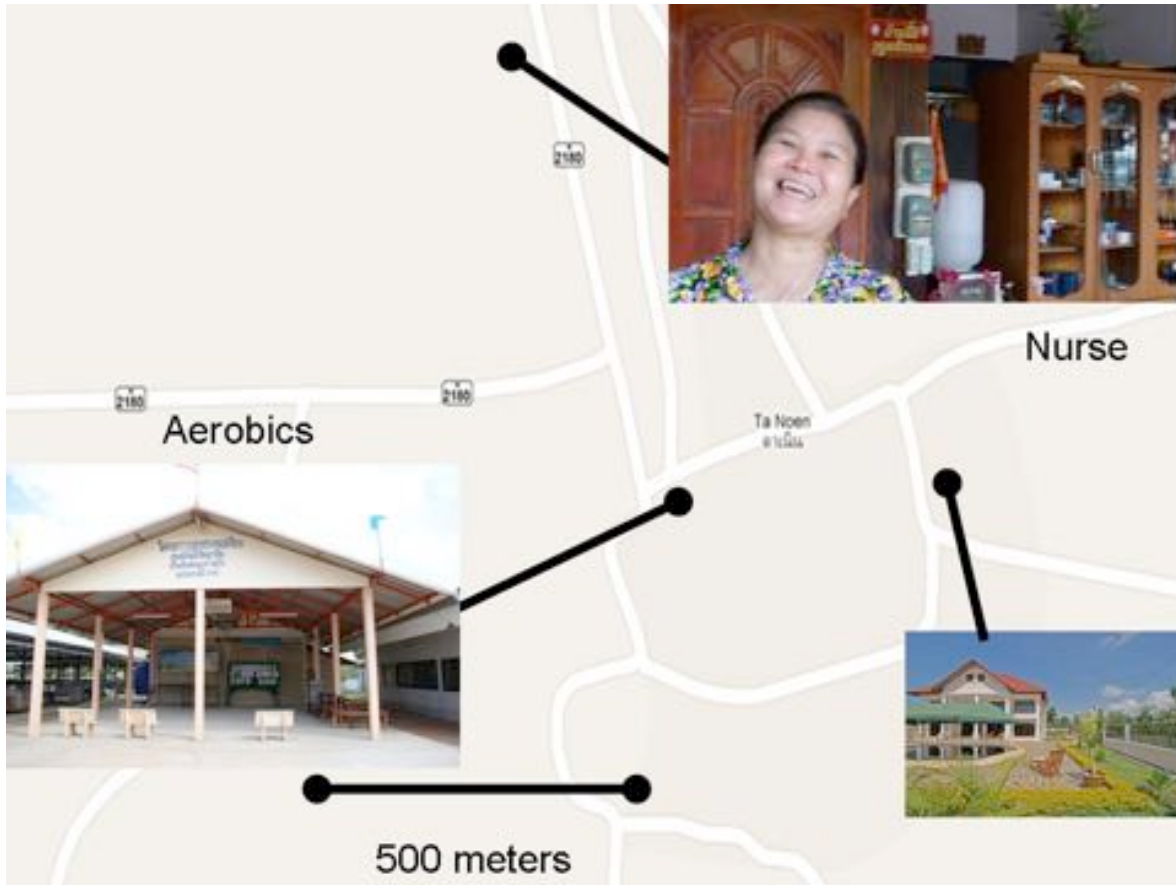
As the gas stove in the kitchen can be a bit tricky, please excuse us for giving some hints. Start by opening the gas container by turning the dark knob counter clock – wise. Then press the button on the yellow reduction chamber. Then, on the oven press and turn the selected burner knob counter clock wise to maximum. A spark will kick repeatedly. Keep the button pressed for at least 5 seconds and release it slowly when the gas

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has lighted properly. Repeat if not burning. If no spark, ask Mr. Somsak for battery replacement.

## Aerobics and Nurse



Every night at 6 PM a free Aerobics class is provided at the location given on the map above. Also, on the map you will find the office of the local nurse that can assist with any smaller or serious issues.

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## Hospital



About 25 kms from OrchidHoliday you will find the Hospital that can deal with any serious issues you may have during your stay. Please contact Mr. Somsak in case you need transport.

## Wat (Temple)

The very nice Wat (temple) by the water is open and welcome anybody that want to view or to enter to speak with the monks. Some of the monks even speak English.



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## Pha Eiang Waterfall



Location : Amphoe Muang. This is a medium-sized waterfall that is a slant cliff across a stream which makes the waterfall fall to one side of the cliff. The waterfall is west of Tat Tone National Park at Lam Huai Chi Long. The area surrounding the waterfall is a dry, thick jungle which has many big trees, making for a shady area ideal for relaxation. For a full day trip by minibus the price is 3000 Bath for everybody.

## Sai Thong National Park



Location : Amphoe Thep Satit. The Park consists of dry evergreen forest, dipterocarp forest and mixed deciduous forest. It is also a home of scenic attractions such as Sai Thong Waterfall, Chuan Chom Waterfall, Thung Bua Sawan or Siam Tulip field which blooms during June to August, Khao Pung Huai viewpoint located on km 70 of the Highway No.225. The Park also provides accommodation, camping

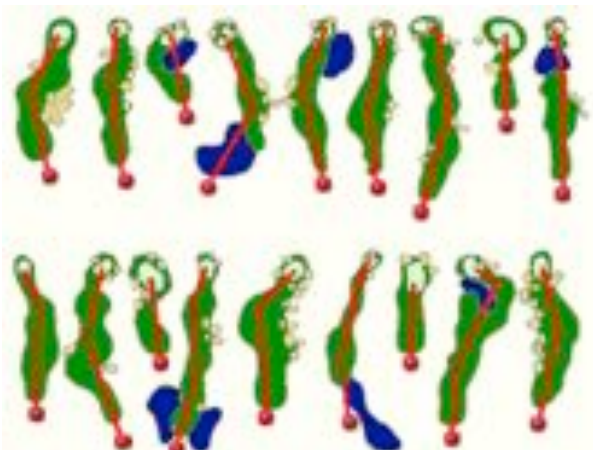
ground and restaurant for tourists. The tourist centre is open daily from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. For a full day trip by minibus the price is 3000 Bath for everybody.

## Friendship Meadows Country Club -Golf

Location: Nakhon Ratchasima

Address: Mittraphab Highway Km 162-163 Amphur Parkchong

Telephone: +66 44 315 136 or + 66 4431 3245



Three nine-hole layout are featured here. Set in beautiful rolling countryside, this undulating terrain needed little landscaping to make it a superb test of golf. Distances are short, but the narrow fairways and judicious placement of water and sand demands placement of water and sand demands accuracy. Varied fairway lies need care, especially on

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approaches to the well-bunkered greens. It is possible to make the trip from the OrchidHoliday castle in the morning, play a round in the afternoon, have dinner at a nice restaurant in Korat and return to the OrchidHoliday castle in the evening. Service inside the pleasant clubhouse is friendly. Those who play golf at this course will not be disappointed.

## **Mission Hills Golf Club Khao Yai**

Location: Nakhon Ratchasima

Address: 151 Moo 5, Thambol Mhoosee, Amphur Pakchong

Telephone: +66 76 310 888

On the misty mountains near Khao Yai National Park provide a spectacular backdrop to the undulating fairways. There are five sets of tees and the course is a tough test at 7,058 yards from the back tees. The course is beautifully maintained. There are some difficult dog-leg holes, especially the par five second and twelfth. There is a palatial clubhouse with wonderful views. The resort hotel is of five-star standard. The average temperature is always 7 degrees Celsius lower than elsewhere in the area.



## **Rooks Korat Country Club Golf & Resort**

Location: Nakhon Ratchasima

Telephone: +66 81 212 0254

Address: 622 Moo 12. Korat-Pakthonchai Road Baan Lam Rua



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This is a very pretty inland course surrounded by mature woodland. From the blue tees the par fours are challenging and the layout is a fair test for most handicap group. Approach shots to the rather small greens are made easier as the threes in the background assist the player in judging the distance. There is a golf lodge at the course and the clubhouse facilities are good. This is an ideal place for families to stay amidst the beautiful countryside.

## **The Country Club Khao Yai**

Location: Nakhon Ratchasima

Telephone: +66 4442 6099

Address: 1/3 Moo 6 Thanarat Road Moo-Si Pakchong

This beautiful golf course set in the Khao Yai Mountains has five different tee boxes to choose from. The course rewards smart course management and punishes errant shot making. Expansive contouring, pristine lakes and a wide variety of bunker styles and shapes give each hole a new and exciting challenge. The greens tend to be slick and three putting is common. The added bonus of playing golf here is that there is usually a breeze. Clubhouse facilities are good, including two swimming pools, but there is no hotel on site.



## **Voyage Panorama Resort and Golf Club**

Location: Nakhon Ratchasima

Telephone: +66 4423 0270

Address: 68 Moo 10 Nong Yakaw, Si Khiew

The course here follows the natural contours of the terrain, taking advantage of a mountain rimmed valley. Set in pleasant rolling countryside the course is often pleasantly breezy. Designer Ronald Fream has provided some challenging tee shots, particularly the 10th, blind over

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a valley and across the face of a hill. The clubhouse overlooks a lake and facilities are geared to suit all the family. Accommodations are also available.



## **Zoo and water amusement park [www.StarTigerZoo.com](http://www.StarTigerZoo.com)**

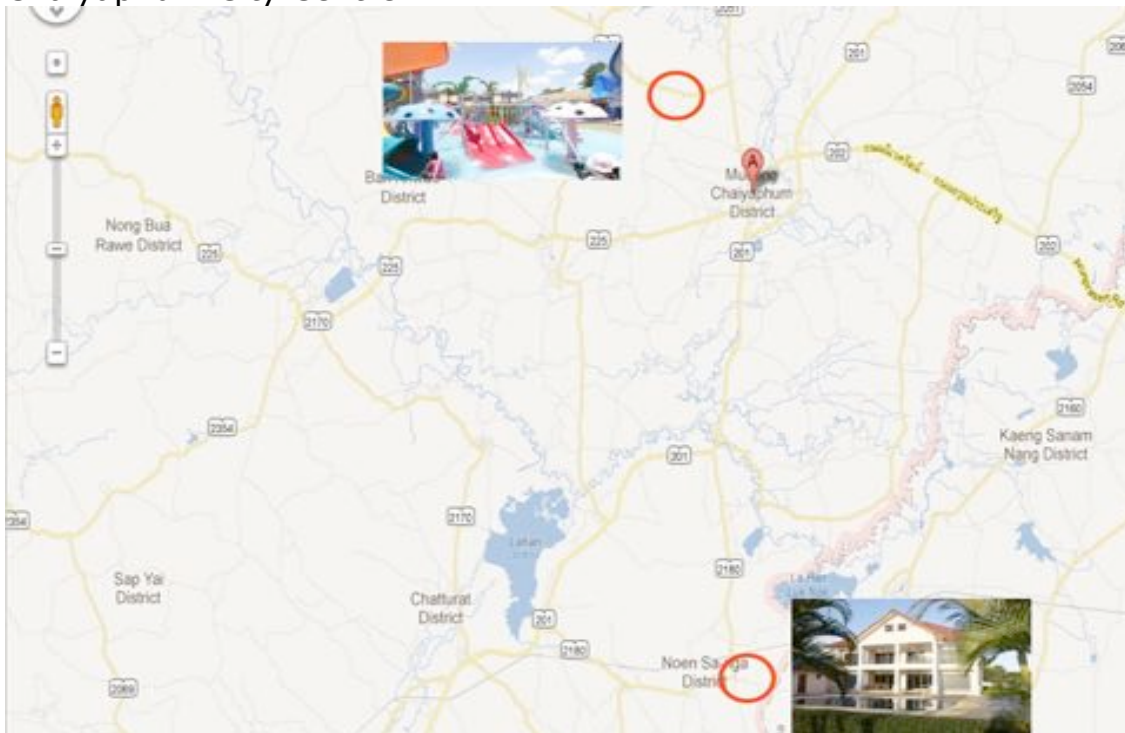
This is a great place for kids! This is both a Zoo, and a water amusement park. Zoo is maybe something you not visit everyday, but my kids just love water, and here they can find many kids off the same age to play together with. Below you will see a few pictures from the park. It is open from 9AM to 5PM. Please bring money in cash as the do not take credit cards.



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To drive to the Zoo and water amusement park, you first drive to Chaiyaphum City Centre.



Then you drive 2051 North for 5 kms and turn left into 2159 for 2.8 kms. Then its a smaller road to the left that leads you there. The GPS coordinates are  $+15^{\circ} 51' 18.64''$ ,  $+101^{\circ} 59' 23.76''$ . The entire drive may take you 25-30 minutes depending on the traffic. Mr. Somsak can also arrange transport for you there.

