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Yes, Thailand is truly amazing. I wish I had made it to the Laos and Cambodia borders, but we did go to and a bit into Burma. Crossing the two check points was a bit unnerving....

Did you get the pictures of Abu, the monkey? He is a rhesus, so won't get overly big. We could have gotten a baby gibbon at the monkey training facility, but they do get big. However, if he were to get to be the size of Mighty Joe Young, think of all the labor help on the farm!!! As for eating the entire republican party, I'm sure even Godzilla would get intense indigestion at best!

I was a bit nervous about going through security so many times, in Thailand=

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Korea, Japan and then the US! But, I admit to a few priors, just not quite so intense, and I am thinking I am getting a little old for it. A man we me=
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who did the horse tour in the jungle became our friend, and he is bad for aiding and abetting in things like this. He is a great anarchist, flew his little plane over the air space of all the mid and far east countries and all others all the way from Germany on bluff and bluster without diplomatic clearance! Drove in Cambodia for a couple weeks without obtaining the permits AFTER being told to leave the country! Bad influences seem to be drawn to me.

I want to go back, but I also want to go to Laos, where I am told they are not emerging at all but are still living in the 16th or 17th century. I

loved learning the old farming methods and lifestyle of the hill tribes.
THAT was a lesson in culture you'll not get from history books or just about
anything else! If you should ever want a wonderful guide, not touristy at
all, I can really recommend my new friend. You would get doors opened to the
most real parts of these areas. We stayed with several Hill Tribe villages.
Boris' wife is related to most, it seems!
Fran

On 11/29/07, [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Thank you so much for the fork efforts!!! Don't send them yet as we will
> be stuck on the island until the lake freezes solid. We've been getting ice
> and then big wind blows it out - no telling how long it will be until it's
> safe to travel. Amazing sights in Thailand, aren't there? I hope to go back,
> but I'm thinking my next Asian adventure will be either China or Vietnam.
A
> monkey? You walked through security with a monkey? I am thoroughly
> impressed!! What kind of monkey? You didn't get one that will turn out to
be
> the proverbial 800 pound gorilla did you? Remember the movie *Mighty Joe
> Young*? It was about a baby monkey that grew to King Kong size and
> devoured the entire Republican Party (I wish). Any way welcome back, and
> thanks again. [REDACTED]