

Hi Buakhao,

As we discussed, here is a copy of our tickets to visit the U.S.. As you know, we are interested in staying in the U.S. for almost a year and so were looking for one way tickets. However, the cheapest fares we could find were round trips (cheaper than one way) which worked out great. These tickets are the best price I have ever seen for BKK to NYC round trip, just \$510 each. I have gotten your round trip ticket (and our one way tickets) and can easily pay for your accommodations and meals during your two week visit. We can take you to the airport when you need to return while we continue our stay in the U.S..

As to the expenses, if you want you can repay Air and I by helping out your nephews (Air's sons) Tin and Earth and your and Air's mom if something comes up. We have found that when we stay in the U.S. for an extended stay we sometimes lose access to our accounts (they get locked and then we can not access our accounts until we return to Thailand, geez). You could make payments we request as needed. That would be so awesome. At the end of the year, when we next visit Thailand we can make adjustments as needed so that things balance out (pay you the net balance or you pay us as needed).

While we are in the U.S. together (Oct 13 to 27), we will surely visit the KTD (previous email) and my son at DMCXXXXX at XXXXXXXXXX, NY 12205. We may also visit NYC, West Point (my alma mater), and M.I.T. (another of my alma maters) and Boston. So many fun places to go, but I am not sure we will have time to fit it all in, but surely we can visit more on later visits.

I do hope your visa goes smoothly. Please be assured that I can take care of your expenses during your two week visit and we can sort your repayment later when you are back in Thailand. Wishing you all the best,

Brian

On 6/29/2019 6:40 AM, Brian Carr wrote:

Hi Buakhao,

As you know, Air and I will be returning to Thailand on September 5 and expect to return to the U.S. about October 9. It would be great if you could join us on the flights to the U.S.. We will be visiting N.Y. and you could stay with us in Albany, NY while we visit my son, DMCXXXXX at XXXXXXXXXX, NY 12205.

You could also visit the KTD, the Tibetan Buddhist shrine and retreat center nearby in Woodstock, NY. You could stay there and practice meditation, make offerings, pray, and practice service, helping out with cooking and cleaning. The price at the KTD would be most affordable at \$48 a night for room and meals as described in the attached email. I understand that with your house and dogs in Thailand you can't stay in the U.S. for more than two weeks and so could only stay at the KTD for a week. You could likely stay for the KTD for free if you could commit to helping out with cooking and cleaning for three months, but even if you only stay for a week it is likely that you can get a reduced rate (possibly free) by helping with the cooking and cleaning (based on their needs at the time).

We could take you back to the airport when you return to Thailand in mid October. However, we will want to get your tickets in a few weeks so this might be a good time to apply for your tourist visa to the U.S.. Wishing you all the best,

Brian

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From: **KTD Office** <office@kagyu.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 19, 2019 at 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: Cost of Visit to KTD in the Fall
To: Brian Carr <carrbp@gmail.com>

Hello Brian,

Thank you for your email. In order for anyone to stay at KTD they must be either registered for a teaching program or have applied for a personal retreat. Please find attached an application, and general information, for a personal retreat.

When on personal retreat students only pay for their room (meals are included):

private room - \$96 per night

dorm room - \$48 per night

Those wishing to volunteer at KTD stay for at least 3 months. Will ask management about a reduced rate if one volunteers while here on personal retreat.

Yours in Dharma,
Linda

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On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 6:37 PM Brian Carr <carrbp@gmail.com> wrote:

Dearest Karma Yogi,

First off I would like to thank you for your wonderful support and service to the community. I have visited the KTD over the past twenty years, often to attend teachings by Lama Dudjam Dorjee. However my new wife and I were able to attend the Tibetan New Year celebration this

year and it was wonderful (and her first experience of the KTD). Then it was such a treat to be able to receive the teachings of Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche this last weekend via the web at KTC Dallas (I helped with the A/V). That was awesome.

My wife's sister (and my new sister as well), Buakhao, would love to visit the KTD. She would like to make offerings, pray, chant, meditate, attend the teachings, and practice service (karma yoga) for a week in the fall. As she has a house and dogs in Thailand she really can't stay for longer than a week. Also, as she is Thai she is a little overwhelmed by prices in the U.S.. Do you know if she could stay at the KTD in dorm rooms for a lesser fee if she helped out as needed (she is comfortable with cooking and cleaning)? Thanks again for your continued loving service.

Brian

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