

# Mae Hong Son Holidays

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Chiang Mai Mae Hong Son 8 Days 7 Nights

# DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival

O0:00 After arriving at Chiang Mai Airport, you will be warmly welcomed and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. Once you have checked in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and enjoy your stay in Chiang Mai and take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace. (Hotel)

DAY 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30am Pick up from the hotel

Embarking on a mesmerizing journey through Chiang Mai's most significant and breathtaking landmarks awaits you. First on the list is the iconic Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple, nestled atop Doi Suthep Mountain. A symbol of profound spirituality and revered as one of Northern Thailand's holiest sites, this temple dates back to 1383 and is believed to house a sacred relic of Lord Buddha. Locals and visitors alike seek blessings and tranquility here, making it an essential pilgrimage destination. To reach the temple, visitors can opt for an enchanting ascent of a 306-step staircase, flanked by magnificent serpent sculptures. For a more leisurely option, funicular railway offers a comfortable and picturesque ride to the temple complex. The architectural brilliance of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep seamlessly blends Lanna and traditional Thai styles, adorned with intricate golden decorations, ornate wooden carvings, and striking pagodas. The main attraction, a revered chedi housing the sacred relic, is said to emanate great spiritual power. From the temple's vantage point, the sweeping panoramic views of Chiang Mai city and its surrounding countryside are breathtaking.

Next on your itinerary is the historical Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan temple, situated at the heart of Chiang Mai city. As one of the province's largest and oldest temples, it boasts a grand pagoda within its premises. While the pagoda's peak was damaged during a powerful earthquake in 1545, it remains a cherished symbol of Lanna heritage. This ancient temple, also known as Rajakudakan and Chotikaram temple, was constructed during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma of the Mungrai dynasty around 1391. The temple's restoration efforts have spanned several eras, resulting in its current impressive size of 60 meters on each side, making it one of Chiang Mai's most significant pagodas.

Lunch at the restaurant.

In the San Kamphaeng district, you'll encounter the renowned silk and cotton weaving industry. A must-visit for tourists, this district is celebrated for its high-quality and reasonably priced silk and cotton products, perfect as souvenirs for loved ones. Tourists can also witness the silk weaving process and silk production at one of the many silk factories in the area. Alongside this, numerous factories and souvenir shops offer an array of exquisite items, such as wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and cotton products, giving visitors a wide selection of choices for memorable keepsakes. Conclude your day by spending a restful night in the charming city of Chiang Mai, savoring the memories of your enriching journey exploring its cultural and spiritual gems.

DAY 03 Chiang Mai - Pai: Baan Chang Elephant Park Sanctuary (No Riding) / Pong Dueat Hot Spring / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Commence your adventure by departing Chiang Mai for the picturesque Mae Taeng district, where the captivating Baan Chang Elephant Park Sanctuary awaits. Along the way, soak in the breathtaking scenery of lush forests, majestic mountains, and vibrant cultivation areas tended by local farmers in Chiang Mai Province. Upon reaching Baan Chang Elephant Park, you'll be provided with traditional mahout costumes to don, setting the stage for an immersive experience. The Elephant Park's staff will distribute elephant food, including plants and fruits, to prepare you for the enriching task of feeding these gentle giants. Knowledgeable tourist guides and skilled mahouts will share fascinating insights into Thai elephants, teaching

you how to communicate with them, care for them, and prepare them for feeding. You'll be able to play with the elephants, capture heartwarming photos, engage in communication, and observe their natural behaviors and habits closely.

Lunch at the restaurant.

An exciting visit to the Pong Dueat Hot Spring awaits next, boasting the distinction of being the largest geyser-type hot spring in the region. Witness captivating display of steam rising from the underground hot spring, with water temperatures ranging from 170-200 degrees Celsius below the surface and 90-100 degrees Celsius on the water's surface. The area surrounding the spring is permeated with the aroma of providing a unique ambiance. For nature enthusiasts, there's a 1.5 km route through the jungle, adorned with towering trees, ferns, and moss, offering a short and circular path with a scenic bridge. Informative signboards along the way provide valuable insights into the Pong Dueat Hot Spring and the various plant species found in the area.

Continuing your journey, proceed to the enchanting Pai district by following the historic World War II road, navigating sharp curves that provide sweeping views of the stunning mountains. As evening descends, immerse yourself in the local lifestyle on the vibrant walking street. Stroll along the bustling street and indulge in purchasing handmade products, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and an array of charming souvenirs. The street is lined with a plethora of international and Thai restaurants, inviting you to savor a delightful culinary experience. The walking street comes alive from 5 pm until midnight, offering a memorable way to conclude your day in Pai. Rest and recharge for the night as you stay overnight in this captivating destination.

DAY 04 Pai Sightseeing: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a fascinating journey to Santichon village, a charming enclave inhabited by Yunnan Chinese people who settled here long ago, preserving their culture, traditions, and way of life. The village's unique Yunnan Chinese style is evident in its houses, decorations, and

overall ambiance. A short distance away lies the Yun Lai viewpoint, offering tourists a mesmerizing panorama of Pai city surrounded by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range. Visitors are treated to the awe-inspiring sight of a sea of mist enveloping Pai and the mountains, creating a magical scene during both winter and the rainy season. For an unforgettable experience, witness the breathtaking sunrise from the viewpoint, etching a beautiful memory in your heart forever.

Next, explore the serene Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple perched on a hill in Mae Yen village. From its vantage point, take in the stunning landscape of Pai city, particularly enchanting during sunrise and sunset when the golden sunlight bathes the intricate mountain ranges in the backdrop, offering an unforgettable sight. Journey onwards to the Memorial Bridge, a significant historical site constructed during World War II, when Japan used Thailand as a route for transporting troops and arms into Myanmar, similar to the famous Kwai River Bridge. Though replaced by a standard bridge today, the old Memorial Bridge remains a poignant spot for tourists to photograph, commemorating its historical significance and keeping the memories of Pai District's past alive.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture to the awe-inspiring Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, a natural wonder formed by soil subsidence and erosion from wind and rain, creating deep trench-like cliffs and winding ridges over a vast area of more than 3 acres. The surrounding landscape boasts a diverse mixed deciduous forest, and narrow, steep trails meander along the ridges, offering spectacular views of the forests and deep chasms below. The canyon's summit treats visitors to breathtaking vistas of the villages and farms below, with majestic mountains completing the stunning backdrop.

Continue the journey to the Merit Bridge, affectionately called "Khokuso," a faith-inspired winding bamboo bridge connecting Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri temple. Built by the villagers, the bridge eases the passage for monks to receive alms without disrupting the agricultural crops of the locals. For tourists and villagers alike, the bridge provides a convenient way to traverse the area, offering opportunities to make merit and revel in the beauty of the surrounding forest, mountains, and rice fields. Spend another delightful night in Pai, cherishing the memories of your adventure-filled day.

DAY 05 Pai - Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Lisu Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey to the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, renowned among Thai and foreign visitors for its stunning sea of mist that gathers in the valley, accompanied by an array of vibrant and colorful flowers. Next, venture to the Tham Lod Cave, an important archaeological site with a stream named "Lang" flowing through its length, creating a mesmerizing cave adorned with magnificent stalactites and stalagmites. As you explore, you'll be able to witness and even touch a diverse collection of antique tools and utensils dating back over 2,000 years. Besides marveling at nature's splendor, there are other exciting activities to partake in, including bamboo rafting within the cave and a short trek around its vicinity.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing the journey, you'll visit the Lahu hill tribe village. Originally from Tibet, the Lahu gradually migrated southward to China and eventually into the northeast of Myanmar before settling in the northern regions of Thailand hundreds of years ago. The Lahu people prefer settling in highland areas, leading a simple lifestyle, and adhering to a spiritual belief in worshipping spirits. Agriculture, particularly rice and corn cultivation, forms their primary occupation, and they are known for their prowess in hunting. Despite their distinct culture and language, the Lahu are remarkably welcoming and friendly to visitors, extending warm greetings to all foreign tourists who come to learn about their way of life.

After delving into the Lahu culture, the journey continues towards the Lisu Hill Tribe village. Originally inhabiting the Mae Kong River and Salween River areas in China, the Lisu gradually moved to the north of Myanmar and eventually settled in the northern regions of Thailand over the past century. Agriculture, including crop farming and livestock raising, constitutes the mainstay of the Lisu economy. They are particularly skilled in sewing, embroidery, and crafting silverware. The most striking aspect of Lisu culture is the brightly colored dresses worn by women, which captivate the eyes of all visitors in Mae Hong Son province. With their warm and helpful demeanor, along with their vibrant traditions, the Lisu

tribe leaves an indelible impression on tourists who have the privilege of visiting them. Conclude your day by spending the night in the enchanting Mae Hong Son.

DAY 06 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu
Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Ban
Rak Thai Chinese Village / Ban Ruam Thai Shan Village
(Pang Oung) / Su Tong Pae Bamboo Bridge (Hotel /
Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a spiritual journey by visiting Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, a significant place of worship situated atop Kong Mu Mountain in Mae Hong Son. sacred temple comprises two pagodas of different sizes. The larger pagoda was constructed by "Chong Thong Su" in 1860, while the smaller one was built by "Phraya Singhanatracha" in 1874. From this elevated vantage point, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the town, surrounded by majestic mountains and serene valleys. Continue your exploration with visits to Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples, adjacent to a grand swamp. These ancient temples boast splendid Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image, Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang is renowned for its impressive collection of Burmese wood carving dolls and magnificent glass paintings depicting Buddhist history.

Next, marvel at the beauty of the Su Tong Pae Bridge, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand, connecting Suan Tham Phusama Temple and Kung Mai Sak village. Spanning over lush paddy fields and canals, this bridge serves as a convenient passage for monks and villagers. The bridge's classic charm is enhanced during the rainy season when it traverses verdant fields and transforms into a golden wonder in winter, complemented by the surrounding mountains.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture to Baan Rak Thai village, situated near the Thailand-Myanmar border. Originally established by the Yunnan Chinese, former members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd division or "Kuomintang," who sought refuge from the communist regime, this village offers stunning mountain views, beautiful lakes, and vibrant shrubbery. Visitors will be delighted by the picturesque green tea plantations gracefully winding along the mountainside. The village also treats guests to delicious Yunnan cuisine and the

chance to savor the renowned Chinese tea, considered the finest in Mae Hong Son province.

Admire the serene and idyllic atmosphere of the Shan village, also known as Baan Ruam Thai or Pang Oung. Nestled amidst rugged mountain ranges, the village boasts a mesmerizing reservoir often dubbed "Switzerland in Thailand." The lake, embraced by pine forests and adorned with colorful winter flowers, creates a picturesque landscape with its cool weather throughout the year. Tourists are drawn to this enchanting spot to relish the beauty of fog hovering over the lake during the chilly mornings, making it a year-round destination. Conclude your day by spending another peaceful night in Mae Hong Son, cherishing the unforgettable memories of your enriching journey.

DAY 07 Mae Hong Son - Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Wachiratharn Waterfall (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00am. Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a scenic journey from Mae Hong Son to Doi Inthanon National Park, marveling at the breathtaking mountains as you navigate sharp curves. Arriving at Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak at 2,565 meters above level, you'll be greeted by the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, an extension of the Himalayas stretching across countries like Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. park offers a diverse range of climates and forests, from lush rainforests to pine forests and mixed forests, creating a rich tapestry of natural beauty. The cool weather and stunning scenery at the peak attract visitors around the world, making Doi Inthanon irresistible destination.

Explore the architectural splendor of the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol, and Napapolpumisiri, perched atop a high hill in Doi Inthanon National Park. These pagodas were built by the Air Force in collaboration with people from across Thailand to commemorate the 60th anniversary of King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama 9 in 1987 and to honor Queen Sirikit on her auspicious 5th birthday on August 12, 1992. The surrounding landscape is adorned with winter flower gardens and a variety of plants. The cool weather provides a pleasant atmosphere year-round and offers spectacular panoramic views, making this one of the most captivating viewpoints in Chiang Mai.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue the journey to Wachirathan Waterfall, a magnificent single-tiered waterfall with a height of 70 meters. It is renowned as one of Thailand's most beautiful waterfalls, boasting a steady flow of water throughout the year. During the rainy season, the sunlight creates vibrant rainbows, enhancing the waterfall's allure and creating a truly mesmerizing spectacle.

Admire the beauty of the colorful flower plots and an array of vegetables and fruits at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a research station for winter plants. The station conducts research on flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. It also contributes to the development of local communities and forest watershed conservation while providing income opportunities for hill tribe farmers in the surrounding villages. After a fulfilling day, return to Chiang Mai, where you'll be transferred to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay, cherishing the memories of your extraordinary journey.

# DAY 08 Chiang Mai Departure

Breakfast at the hotel.

O0:00 As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Chiang Mai airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition for your journey back home or to your next destination, and this is where our service ends.

### Prices:

- 1 Persons 79,200 ₿
- 2 Persons 43,100 B
- 3 Persons 37,200 B
- 4 Persons 29,900 ฿
- 5 Persons up 28,900 B
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

### Included:

- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Admission fees as tour mentioned
- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (7 Nights)
- Meals as mentioned in the program (7 Breakfasts / 6 Lunches)

## Excluded:

- Air Fare
- Personal expenses
- Meals are not mentioned in the program

#### Hotels:

- Chiang Mai: Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai or similar
- Mae Hong Son: The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort or similar
- Pai: The Quarter Hotel or similar

### No Hidden Costs:

We are committed to providing complete transparency and ensuring that the prices and services listed on our website or in the quotation letter are the final and all-inclusive prices for our valued customers. You can rest assured that there will be no hidden or extra charges added to the quoted price. Our goal is to offer a seamless and hassle-free booking experience, and we understand the importance of providing accurate and upfront pricing to our customers. We take pride in our integrity and customer-centric approach, and we want you to feel confident and assured when booking with us. Should you have any questions or concerns about the pricing or services offered, our dedicated team is always available to address any queries and provide you with the necessary information.

### Dinner:

In our tour packages, you will enjoy complimentary breakfast and lunch, which will be provided during our guided tours and activities throughout the day. However, dinner is not included in the package to allow you the flexibility to explore and experience the local lifestyle in the evenings. We encourage you to venture out on your own, savoring the vibrant nightlife and indulging in the diverse range of local delicacies or your favorite dishes available in each city where you stay overnight. To ensure your convenience and safety during your evening adventures, we will offer a shuttle service from your hotel to popular nightlife attractions, such as bustling shopping districts, lively walking streets, or charming restaurants.

# Travel Accident Insurance:

All tours and car rentals are covered by travel accident insurance. According to the regulations of the Department of Tourism of Thailand, every tourist who uses the services of a travel company in Thailand must be provided with travel accident insurance by that company. Therefore, if you book a tour or car rental with us, please provide us with a name list and personal details of all passengers, including their first name, last name, date of birth, age, gender, and nationality. We will send the name lists of all passengers to the insurance company at no additional cost.

# Booking Requirements:

Please inform us of the tour package programs you are interested in, along with the date you would like to start the tour and the number of participants. If there are children participating, please provide the number of children and their ages. Additionally, specify the type of room you need and any other requirements you may have. Please also, provide the details of your flight to Chiang Mai, such as the name of the airline, flight

number, arrival date and time, and departure date and time. If you are traveling by bus or another mode of transportation, please provide full details of the journey. This information will help us plan your itinerary perfectly and arrange transfers between airports, train stations, bus terminals, and hotels efficiently.