

Mae Hong Son Holidays

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Van Rental Package 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. Take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace. You will spend the night at the hotel, ensuring a comfortable and restful stay in Chiang Mai.

DAY 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village

08:30am Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a journey to Prathat Doi Suthep temple, a significant religious and historical landmark. Renowned as one of the most sacred temples in Thailand, it sits atop Doi Suthep, 14 kilometers west of Chiang Mai city, at an elevation of 1,053 meters above sea level. Founded in 1383, the temple can be reached by climbing nearly 300 stairs. Inside, you'll find the Mon-style pagoda, which enshrines Lord Buddha's relics at its base. The full name of the temple is "Praboromathat Doi Suthep Woravihan Temple," and it serves as a testament to the important Thai Lanna art and the city of Chiang Mai. A place of worship and pilgrimage for many, the temple also offers a stunning viewpoint of Chiang Mai city.

Visit Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan temple, situated in the heart of Chiang Mai city. As one of the largest and oldest temples in the province, it houses a grand pagoda within its complex. Although the pagoda's top was damaged in a significant earthquake in 1545, it remains a remarkable and cherished symbol of Lanna heritage. Known by various names, such as Rajakudakan temple and Chotikaram temple, it was constructed during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mungrai dynasty. The exact year of construction is unknown, but it is believed

to have been built around 1391. Chedi Luang Temple, an ancient royal temple, has undergone restoration throughout the years and now spans 60 meters on each side. It holds a prominent place among Chiang Mai's important pagodas.

Continue your exploration by visiting the San Kamphaeng district, famous for its silk and cotton weaving. Located 13 kilometers east of Chiang Mai city, this district is a must-visit for those seeking high-quality yet affordable silk and cotton products, perfect as souvenirs for loved ones. You can observe the weaving process at a local factory and gain insight into silk production. Additionally, the district offers a wide array factories and souvenir shops, showcasing items such as wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and cotton products for you to peruse and purchase.

Conclude your day by returning to Chiang Mai, where you can enjoy a comfortable overnight stay. Reflect on the rich cultural and historical experiences you've encountered throughout your journey.

DAY 03 Chiang Mai - Mae Hong Son: Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a journey from Chiang Mai to Doi Inthanon National Park, where you'll be captivated by the vibrant beauty of flower plots and a diverse array of vegetables and fruits at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon. This renowned research station focuses on winter plants and conducts vital research on flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. The station plays a significant role in promoting development, social progress, and forest watershed conservation. Moreover, it provides income for the families of hill tribe farmers residing in the surrounding villages.

Marvel at the awe-inspiring Wachirathan Waterfall, a magnificent single-tiered cascade regarded as one of Thailand's most exquisite waterfalls. With water flowing continuously throughout the year, the cascading waters plunge into the basin below, boasting a height of 70 meters. During the rainy season, sunlight interacts with water droplets, creating frequent rainbows that enhance the allure of Wachirathan Waterfall and add to its natural splendor.

Visit the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, perched atop a high hill within Doi Inthanon National Park. These architectural marvels were

constructed in collaboration between the Air Force and people from across Thailand. They were built to commemorate the 60th anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama 9 in 1987 and to honor the auspicious 5th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit on her birthday, August 12, 1992. The pagodas are surrounded by picturesque winter flower gardens and a variety of plants. With cool weather prevailing throughout the year, visitors can relish in the breathtaking panoramic views that make this spot one of Chiang Mai's most remarkable viewpoints.

Explore Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak, towering at an altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. It is part of the magnificent Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which stretches across countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, boasting diverse climates and abundant forests. Visitors can immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of rainforests, pine forests, and mixed forests at different elevations. At the peak, panoramic vistas of remarkable beauty await, showcasing the allure of the surrounding landscapes. The cool weather, stunning scenery, and abundant forests make Doi Inthanon a truly captivating destination, drawing visitors from around the world. Conclude your day by spending the night in Mae Hong Son.

DAY 04 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Pai River cruise / Long Neck Karen Village / 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

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a scenic boat ride along the Pai River, where you'll witness breathtaking landscapes and immerse yourself in the simple lifestyles along the riverbanks. Explore the Long-Necked Karen village, renowned for the women who wear distinctive brass winding rings around their necks. Their village's adherence to traditional practices has allowed them to preserve and pass down their unique culture and traditions through generations.

Pay homage at Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, a revered place of worship perched atop Kong Mu Mountain, the highest peak in Mae Hong Son. This temple comprises two pagodas of different sizes, constructed by "Chong Thong Su" in 1860 and "Phraya Singhanatracha" in 1874. From the temple's hilltop, you'll be treated to awe-inspiring views of the surrounding town, embraced by majestic mountains and lush valleys. Explore Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples, both located near the expansive swamp.

These ancient temples showcase splendid Burmese-style architecture and house revered Buddha images, including the notable Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang is particularly renowned for its remarkable collection of Burmese wood carving dolls and grand glass paintings depicting Buddhist history.

Marvel at the enchanting Su Tong Pae Bridge, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. Spanning across paddy fields and canals, this iconic bridge serves as a convenient pathway for monks and villagers, offering visitors a memorable experience. The bridge's classic beauty shines during the rainy season, when the verdant fields and glistening grains create a stunning spectacle against the backdrop of the surrounding mountains.

Visit the charming village of Baan Rak Thai, situated near the border of Thailand and Myanmar. Originally settled by the Yunnan people, who were part of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd Division, or "Kuomintang," the village welcomes visitors with its breathtaking mountain scenery, picturesque lakes, and vibrant shrubbery. Explore the lush green tea farms neatly arranged along the mountainside and savor the delights of Yunnan cuisine, including the renowned Chinese tea esteemed for its exceptional quality in Mae Hong Son province.

Indulge in the serene and captivating atmosphere of Shan village, also known as Baan Ruam Thai or Pang Oung. Nestled amidst rugged mountain ranges, this village is blessed with a stunning reservoir, often referred to as "Switzerland in Thailand." Surrounded by fragrant pine forests and adorned with colorful winter flowers, the reservoir's beauty is enhanced by the cool weather that persists throughout the year. The sight of mist floating above the lake during the crisp mornings, accompanied by an array of vibrant flowers, never fails to entice visitors. Conclude your day by spending another night in Mae Hong Son.

- DAY 05 Mae Hong Son Pai: Fish Cave Forest Park / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Trbe Village / Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Pai Walking Street
- 08:30 Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a visit to Fish Cave Forest Park, surrounded by tranquil brooks, cool hilly forests, and an abundance of plant species. A unique highlight of this park is the hollow cave, a small pond nestled within a rock, measuring 2 meters wide and 1.5 meters deep. This pond is teeming with freshwater fish, including the Pla Mung or Pla Khang, which belong to the carp family. Continue your exploration

with a trip to Tham Lod Cave, an archaeological site of great importance. The cave is traversed by a stream called "Lang," flowing from one end to the other, creating a wondrous spectacle adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. Delve into the ancient past as you witness and touch a diverse array of tools and utensils believed to be over 2,000 years old. In addition to marveling at nature's grandeur, you can partake in exhilarating activities such as bamboo rafting within the cave and embarking on a short trek in the surrounding area.

Proceed on your journey to visit the Lahu hill tribe village. Originally hailing from Tibet and residing in the southwest of China, the Lahu gradually migrated southward over the course of a century. Some found their way to the northeast of Myanmar before eventually settling northern Thailand several centuries ago. The Lahu people, known for their affinity for highland settlements, embrace a simple way of life rooted in reverence for ancestral spirits. They engage in agricultural pursuits such as rice farming, corn cultivation, and animal husbandry, with hunting remaining an integral part of their cultural heritage. Despite their distinct culture and language, the Lahu tribe readily adapts to people from and warmly welcoming backgrounds, forging friendships foreign tourists who visit their villages.

Visit Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a renowned destination that captivates both Thai and international visitors with its breathtaking sea of mist cascading into the valley, complemented by vibrant displays of colorful flowers. As night falls, immerse yourself in the vibrant local lifestyle by exploring a lively walking street. Wander along the bustling thoroughfare, where you can discover and acquire handmade products, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and a myriad of souvenirs. Savor the delectable offerings at the numerous international and Thai restaurants that street, providing a delightful culinary line the experience. The walking street comes alive from 5 p.m. until midnight, offering an unforgettable evening of exploration. Conclude your day by spending the night in the picturesque town of Pai.

DAY 06 Pai - Chiang Rai: Santichon Chinese Village) / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Hinoki Land / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Visit Santichon village, a charming community where Yunnan Chinese people who migrated from China and established their homes a long time ago. The village proudly preserves its cultures, traditions, and way of life, ensuring that

the houses, decorations, and overall ambiance maintain the unique Yunnan Chinese style. Not far from Santichon village lies the breathtaking Yun Lai viewpoint, offering visitors a splendid panorama of Pai city embraced by lush paddy fields and a majestic, rugged mountain range. Whether in winter or during the rainy season, the area of Pai and the surrounding mountains are often shrouded in a captivating sea of mist.

Next, venture to the Memorial Bridge, a historic structure built during the Second World War when Japan exerted significant influence in Thailand. The bridge served as a vital route for transporting troops and supplies into Myanmar, much like the renowned Kwai River Bridge. Though a modern bridge has replaced it, the worn-out Memorial Bridge stands as a poignant symbol of the past, attracting countless tourists who capture photographs to commemorate its historical significance while exploring Pai District.

Continue your journey to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan. The subsidence of soil on the lofty mountains, eroded by wind and rain to form deep trench-like cliffs and long, winding ridges covering an expansive area of over 3 acres, is what creates this breathtaking natural attraction. Surrounding the Pai Canyon is a mixed deciduous forest teeming with diverse plant life. Trails along the canyon's narrow and steep ridges offer thrilling walks amidst lush forests and deep chasms, affording visitors stunning vistas of neighboring villages, farms, and the majestic backdrop of towering mountains.

Visit Hinoki Land, the first and only Hinoki Wood Kingdom in Thailand. Spanning 83 rai, this Japanese architectural gem meticulously showcases Japanese art, culture, architecture in a serene and beautiful setting. Upon arrival, a grand entrance featuring a large red lantern arch inscribed with a Japanese phrase meaning "good luck" greets visitors. Passing through the gate, a tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates leads to Hinoki Castle. This four-story marvel is constructed entirely from hinoki pine wood, revered as a noble and sacred material in Japan. Inspired by Kyoto's Kinkakuji Castle, Hinoki Castle offers an immersive experience of Japanese architecture amidst the natural splendor of mountains, forests, breathtaking scenery.

As the day comes to a close, indulge in the vibrant atmosphere of the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a renowned shopping destination that entices both Thai and international tourists. Explore a diverse array of hill tribe handicrafts, local products, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings. The bazaar also tantalizes taste buds with a variety of food and beverages. Additionally,

immerse yourself in the Lanna aesthetic as you witness folk cultural activities and performances by numerous hill tribes on the bazaar's stage. Conclude the day with an overnight stay in Chiang Rai, savoring the memories of a delightful evening.

DAY 07 Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Wat Rong Khun White Temple / Singha Park Farm

08:30am. Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey to Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple, an enchanting temple nestled atop a serene hill in Chiang Rai. Offering breathtaking vistas, this temple boasts remarkable features that are sure to captivate visitors. The centerpiece is a unique nine-story, twelvesided chedi with an elegant pointed shape. Adorned with intricate Chinese and Lanna artistic details, the chedi's roof is flanked by two majestic dragon statues adorning the staircase. Inside the chedi, a magnificent sandalwood sculpture of the Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva emanating blessings and forgiveness. Additionally, the temple houses a grand white chapel and a colossal 69-meter tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, towering over the landscape, nearly the height of a 25story building. To facilitate exploration, an elevator system has been installed within the statue, tourists to ascend and enjoy the splendid panoramas of Chiang Rai.

Continuing the expedition, venture to Singha Park Farm, agricultural attraction affiliated with Boon Rawd Brewery. Nestled amidst captivating natural spanning over 3,000 acres, Singha Park Farm serves as a significant highlight for visitors to Chiang Rai. undulating hills stretch as far as the eye can see, complemented by a vast lake. A farm car service available for traversing the expansive 250-acre oolong tea plantation, and visitors can explore various fruit kingdoms featuring melons, strawberries, raspberries, giant gooseberries, and an array of other fruits. also encompasses vegetable and herb dazzling flower fields in full bloom, and the opportunity to observe African wildlife roaming the verdant meadows. Inside Singha Park Farm, a plethora of activities awaits, including bike rides through the farm, simulated rock climbing, and exhilarating high-altitude challenges that allow participants to glide above the trees, flower fields, and tea plantations with the Zipline activity.

Conclude your expedition with a visit to Wat Rong Khun temple, an architectural masterpiece conceptualized and built by the esteemed artist Professor Chalermchai

Kositpipat. Revered as a national treasure in Thailand, the temple seamlessly combines awe-inspiring artwork with Lanna cultural influences. Elaborate stucco adorned with glass and expansive wall paintings create an ambiance. Α resplendent white reminiscent of a heavenly castle, showcases contemporary religious architecture. Connected by a bridge adorned with sculptures depicting heaven and hell, the chapel enthralls visitors with its intricate silver mirror patterns. Art galleries and exquisite sculptures further allure, the temple's providing opportunities for exploration and appreciation. Following this extraordinary encounter, continue your journey to Chiang Mai, where you will transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.

DAY 08 Chiang Mai Departure

O0:00 As your unforgettable holiday in Northern Thailand comes to an end, it's time to begin your journey back home. Prepare for your departure as you transfer to Chiang Mai airport, where our services conclude.

Price:

• 40,000 Thai baht

Included:

- 1 Van + Fuel + Driver
- English speaking guide
- Travel accident insurance
- Accommodation and meals for guide and driver

Excluded:

- Meals
- Accommodations
- Expenses during the trip

Note:

• Passenger limit, not more than 9 seats for each van.

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 car rental package programs you are interested in, along with the date you would like to start the trip, the number of passengers, and the name of the hotel you will be staying at in Chiang Mai. 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.