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Chiang Mai Chiang Rai 4 Days 3 Nights

D/M/	Y	Chiang Mai Arrival
00:00		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.
DAY	01	Chiang Mai - Lampang: Thai Elephant Conservation Center / Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat

Phrachomklao Rachanusorn / Horse Carriage Riding (Hotel / Lunch)

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Begin your journey in Chiang Mai, the cultural heart of Northern Thailand, where a captivating adventure to the neighboring province of Lampang awaits. Your first stop is the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, located in the lush surroundings of Ban Thung Kwian village. This esteemed sanctuary is dedicated to the care, rehabilitation, and conservation of Thailand's beloved gentle giants. Here, you'll witness firsthand the tireless efforts to treat sick and injured elephants, ensuring their health and well-being. Beyond simply observing, you can engage in a range of immersive experiences that deepen your understanding of these magnificent creatures. Watch an enchanting elephant show that showcases their intelligence and agility, learn the intricacies of elephant care and training, and participate in the heartwarming ritual of bathing them in nearby streams. The center provides a profound appreciation for the bond between humans and elephants, making it an unforgettable stop on your journey.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue the journey to Chae Hom District to visit the breathtaking Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn, also known as Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng. Regarded as a heavenly haven by many, the temple's pavilion and pagoda grace the summit of a mountain, perched at an altitude of almost 1,000 meters above sea level. Reaching this summit is an adventure in itself. A 30-minute trek, approximately 1 kilometer long, winds through lush forest, offering stunning glimpses of nature along the way. Though challenging with its steep inclines and occasional stairs, the path rewards you with captivating views of the surrounding landscape. Upon reaching the summit, you'll be greeted by more than 10 magnificent pagodas, each a testament to the faith and dedication of monks and villagers over many years. These structures, along with the breathtaking panoramic vista stretching before you, create a truly unforgettable experience.

As the day nears its end, embark on a charming horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Lampang city. This ride offers a unique perspective on the local way of life, allowing you to witness the historical remnants of Lampang's economic prosperity. Admire the ancient buildings lining the streets, remnants of a bygone era. Though once the primary mode of transportation for locals, the horse-drawn carriage now serves as a symbol of Lampang's heritage. Witnessing these carriages, though primarily used for tourism today, is a testament to Lampang's commitment to preserving its rich history and traditions. As the evening sets in, settle into your comfortable accommodations in Lampang, reflecting on the day's captivating experiences and anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

DAY 02 Lampang - Chiang Rai: Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Departing from Lampang to Chiang Rai, a vibrant province brimming with artistic and cultural treasures, your first stop is the iconic Wat Rong Khun, also known as the White Temple. This architectural masterpiece, designed by the renowned artist Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, is a striking blend of contemporary religious architecture and traditional Lanna culture. As you step onto the temple grounds, you'll be mesmerized by its intricate details—from the gleaming white stucco adorned with reflective glass to the captivating murals showcasing Buddhist teachings. Cross the symbolic bridge and reflect on the hidden messages woven into sculptures depicting heaven and hell. Inside the chapel, marvel at the exquisite silver mirror patterns and the serene atmosphere that permeates the space. Explore the art galleries to discover a treasure trove of sculptures, each a testament to the artist's visionary creativity.

Next, immerse yourself in the vibrant landscape of Singha Park Farm, a sprawling agricultural tourist attraction spanning over 3,000 acres. This haven boasts breathtaking vistas of rolling hills, a vast lake, and a mesmerizing patchwork of greenery. Hop on a farm car and embark on a journey through the verdant oolong tea plantations, encompassing over 250 acres. Discover diverse fruit orchards teeming with melons, strawberries, raspberries, and more. Wander through the vibrant vegetable and herb gardens, their fragrance filling the air. Be captivated by the kaleidoscope of colors in the flower fields, each blooming in its unique beauty. And for a touch of the exotic, interact with the friendly African animals that call this farm home.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your adventure to the awe-inspiring Wat Rong Suea Ten, commonly known as the Blue Temple. This architectural masterpiece, designed by local artist Puttha Kabkaew, captivates visitors with its vibrant blue and gold palette. The deep azure hues of the temple, symbolizing wisdom and the infinite, stand in stunning contrast to the intricate gold details, creating an otherworldly ambiance. As you approach, admire the vividly sculpted naga serpents that guard the entrance, their scales shimmering with multicolored hues. Inside, the vihara features meticulously detailed murals and houses the Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a radiant Buddha statue

said to enshrine sacred relics. The serene atmosphere and artistic brilliance of Wat Rong Suea Ten offer both spiritual solace and aesthetic delight.

As dusk settles, explore the bustling Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a vibrant hub of local life and commerce. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you browse through a diverse array of stalls offering handicrafts, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings. Indulge in delicious local delicacies from the numerous food stalls and soak in the lively atmosphere. Take in the captivating performances by local artists and hill tribes, gaining a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of the region. After a day filled with artistic and cultural discoveries, settle into your comfortable accommodations in Chiang Rai, ready for another day of exciting adventures.

DAY 03

Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your journey on Day three takes you to the enchanting Doi Tung, where you will be captivated by the beauty of Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden. These popular attractions are a haven for nature lovers, offering a vibrant display of flowers that change throughout the seasons. As you stroll through the gardens, you'll be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes adorned with meticulously arranged flowers, each blooming in harmony with the changing seasons. This ever-evolving display ensures that each visit to Mae Fah Luang Garden offers a unique and aweinspiring experience. Beyond the gardens lies the captivating Doi Tung Palace, a stunning example of Lanna architecture. The intricate details and artistic design of the palace offer a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Next, journey to the bustling Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost point and a dynamic gateway to Myanmar. Situated along the Mae Sai River, this vibrant district is marked by the Mae Sai Bridge, which connects the two countries. Standing on the Thai side, you can catch glimpses of Myanmar just across the water, offering a unique sense of connection between the two nations. A highlight of Mae Sai is the lively Mae Sai Market, a sprawling border marketplace where Thai and Myanmar traders come together in a harmonious blend of commerce and culture. Stroll through its bustling lanes, where rows of shops and stalls overflow with an eclectic mix of goods, from affordable electronics and handcrafted souvenirs to herbal remedies, wickerwork, and an assortment of dried foods. The market's lively energy and diverse offerings make it a treasure trove for curious shoppers and cultural enthusiasts alike.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to the legendary Golden Triangle, located at Sop Ruak Village in the Chiang Saen district. Here, the Mekong River forms a natural border between Thailand and Laos, while the Ruak River separates Thailand from Myanmar. From this vantage point, you'll be able to see all three countries simultaneously. Learn about the fascinating history of the Golden Triangle, once a major center for opium cultivation and drug trade. This area was known as the "Black Gold Triangle" due to the wealth generated by the illicit trade. Today, opium cultivation has ceased to exist, leaving behind only stories of a bygone era. Pay your respects at the Golden Triangle

Buddha, a magnificent bronze statue adorned with topaz. Weighing 69 tons, with a lap width of 10 meters and a height of 15 meters, this impressive statue stands as a testament to the region's past.

Embark on a scenic cruise along the mighty Mekong River, one of the world's most important waterways. Witness the breathtaking natural beauty of the riverbanks and gain a glimpse into the lives of the communities that thrive along its shores. The Mekong River has been a vital source of life and culture for centuries, connecting diverse economies and fostering cultural exchange. As you cruise along its waters, you'll be filled with a sense of awe and appreciation for its enduring presence. As evening descends, you'll return to Chiang Rai, reflecting on the day's rich tapestry of historical sites, cultural experiences, and natural wonders. The memories of this day will stay with you long after your journey ends.

DAY 04 Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Doi Mae Salong / Akha hill tribe Village / Wat Tha Ton Temple / Hinoki Land (Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your final day in the North begins with a visit to the breathtaking Wat Huay Pla Kang. Perched atop a small hill, this temple offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The temple's unique features include a nine-story, twelve-sided chedi with an unusual pointed shape, exquisitely adorned with a blend of Chinese and Lanna art. The red roof, flanked by two dragon statues, adds to the grandeur of the structure. Inside the chedi, you'll find a colossal statue of the Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva, carved from fragrant sandalwood and depicted in a posture of blessing and forgiveness. The temple also boasts a magnificent white chapel and a 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, almost the size of a 25-story building. An elevator conveniently transports visitors to the top of the statue, offering breathtaking views of Chiang Rai.

Continuing your exploration to Doi Mae Salong, a region celebrated for its lush tea plantations and serene mountain vistas. As you ascend into the hills, you'll be greeted by terraced tea fields that stretch as far as the eye can see, painting the landscape in vibrant shades of green. These plantations are not only a feast for the eyes but also a testament to the agricultural prowess of the region. Doi Mae Salong is deeply rooted in history as the home of a Chinese Yunnan community, descendants of soldiers who sought refuge in Thailand after the Chinese Communist Revolution. Today, this community thrives in agriculture, cultivating premium-quality tea, fruits, and vegetables that have gained recognition across Thailand and beyond. Strolling through the village, you'll encounter traditional Yunnan-style houses, quaint tea shops, and bustling markets, offering a glimpse into the daily life of this unique settlement. The tranquil ambiance, combined with the cultural richness of the area, evokes a sense of being transported to a remote village in southern China, making it a perfect retreat for relaxation and exploration.

Delve deeper into Chiang Rai's cultural tapestry with a visit to an Akha hill tribe village, nestled amidst stunning natural surroundings. The Akha people, originally from southern China, have a fascinating history of migration, first to northern Myanmar and eventually to northern Thailand over a century ago. Their villages are

typically located on mountain ridges, with homes constructed from bamboo and thatched roofs, blending harmoniously with the environment. The Akha are known for their vibrant and colorful attire, featuring elaborate silver ornaments and multicolored beads that symbolize their cultural identity and pride. Their way of life revolves around subsistence farming, livestock rearing, and traditional crafts such as sewing and silverware making. As you explore their villages, take a moment to appreciate the breathtaking natural scenery that surrounds these communities. The combination of lush greenery, mist-covered mountains, and the Akha's warm hospitality creates an enriching cultural experience that lingers long after your visit.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Step into the charming Ban Tha Ton village, a border village nestled alongside Myanmar. Immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere, surrounded by mountains and a lazy river flowing gently through the village. The cool climate throughout the year adds to the village's unique charm. Experience the rich multi-ethnic culture of the hill tribes who call this village home. Ascend to Wat Tha Ton, a temple perched on a hillside, offering stunning views of the village and surrounding landscapes. The temple boasts nine layers, with each level dedicated to a sacred religious place. The central peak, the highest point, houses the revered "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan," also known as "Phra Chedi Kaew." From every peak, breathtaking vistas of Ban Tha Ton village, Mae Ai District, and the majestic mountains unfold before your eyes.

Your final stop is the enchanting Hinoki Land, Thailand's first and only hinoki wood kingdom. This 83-rai complex meticulously recreates the essence of Japanese art, culture, and architecture, transporting you to a serene Japanese atmosphere. Step through the imposing red lantern arch emblazoned with Japanese characters signifying "good luck" and embark on a journey through a tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates, leading you to the majestic Hinoki Castle. This four-story castle, built entirely from hinoki pinewood, exudes the grandeur of its Japanese inspiration, the Kinkakuji Castle in Kyoto. Immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere of Hinoki Land, surrounded by mountains, forests, and breathtaking natural beauty. As your day draws to a close, you'll embark on your journey back to Chiang Mai, carrying with you unforgettable memories of the North's cultural treasures and captivating natural landscapes. Your final evening in Chiang Mai allows you to reflect on the extraordinary experiences of your journey and prepare for your departure.

D/M/Y Chiang Mai Departure

00:00

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 51,500 **B**
- 2 Persons 28,950 **B**
- 3 Persons 25,500 **B**
- 4 Persons 20,350 **B**
- 5 Persons up 18,900 **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
- Meals as mentioned in the program (3 Breakfasts / 4 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (3 Nights)

Excluded:

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

Tour Difficulty Levels:

• Easy / Moderate / Challenging

Hotels					
Date	City	Hotel Name	Room Type		
Day 1	Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Deluxe		
Day 2-3	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe		

Note:

Please note that the package does not include accommodation in Chiang Mai on the day of arrival or the last night after the tour is completed, nor does it include any other nights not specified in the itinerary. If you choose this package, you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation in Chiang Mai for those nights. There are plenty of hotels, guesthouses, and other lodging options available in Chiang Mai to suit various preferences and budgets. We recommend booking your accommodation in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable stay during your time in Chiang Mai. However, if you are not comfortable booking these accommodations yourself and would like us to include them in your package, please let us know.

No Hidden Costs:

Aside from personal expenses and dinner, you will not incur any additional 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.

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.