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Chiang Mai Mae Hong Son 8 Days 7 Nights

DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival / (Hotel)

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM 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, a 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, a majestic temple located in the heart of Chiang Mai city. Renowned as one of the largest and oldest temples in the province, it holds significant historical and cultural importance. At its center stands a grand pagoda, a towering structure that has witnessed centuries of history. Although the peak of the pagoda was damaged by a powerful earthquake in 1545, it remains a cherished symbol of Lanna heritage and an architectural masterpiece. The temple, also known by its ancient names Rajakudakan and Chotikaram, was originally constructed in 1391 during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma of the Mungrai dynasty. Over the years, the temple has undergone several restoration efforts, resulting in the impressive structure seen today. With each

side measuring 60 meters, the pagoda is one of Chiang Mai's most significant and awe-inspiring landmarks.

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.

08:30 AM 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 the 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 hot spring is permeated with the aroma of sulfur, 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.

Continue your journey to the enchanting Pai district by following the historic World War II road. As you navigate its sharp curves, enjoy sweeping views of the stunning mountains before arriving in Pai in the afternoon. Upon arrival, check into your accommodation and prepare for an evening of exploration. As night falls, immerse

yourself in the vibrant local lifestyle on Pai's bustling walking street. Take a leisurely stroll and browse an array of handmade products, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and charming souvenirs. The street is lined with numerous international and Thai restaurants, offering a delightful culinary experience to suit every palate. The walking street comes alive from 5 PM to midnight, providing a memorable way to end your day in Pai. Afterward, rest and recharge for the night as you soak in the charm of 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

08:30 AM 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 Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, a serene and spiritually enriching site perched atop a high hill in Mae Yen Village. This temple, known locally as the "Temple on the Hill," offers a sanctuary of peace and tranquility, far removed from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. From this elevated vantage point, you'll be treated to sweeping, panoramic views of Pai City, beautifully framed by the distant, majestic mountain ranges. The scene from here is nothing short of breathtaking, especially at sunrise and sunset. During these magical hours, the sunlight bathes the horizon in a golden glow, casting a warm, ethereal light over the landscape. The play of light and shadow creates a mesmerizing effect, transforming the scenery into a living painting that will leave you in awe. The tranquil atmosphere of the temple, combined with these stunning vistas, creates an unforgettable spectacle that leaves a lasting impression on all who visit.

After immersing yourself in the spiritual serenity of the temple, head to the Memorial Bridge, a historic structure with significant ties to World War II. Originally constructed by the Japanese military to transport troops and supplies into Myanmar, this bridge holds a mirror to the history of the famous Kwai River Bridge. Standing as a testament to a tumultuous past, the Memorial Bridge is more than just a piece of infrastructure; it is a symbol of resilience and a reminder of the region's complex history. The original structure has weathered the passage of time and the ravages of war, yet it remains intact and has become a popular attraction for visitors. Walking across the bridge, you can almost feel the weight of history beneath your feet. The bridge itself offers picturesque views of the surrounding river and lush greenery, making it a perfect spot for reflection and photography. Visitors often come to take photos, capturing the blend of historical significance and scenic beauty.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture further to the stunning Pai Canyon, locally known as Kong Lan, a natural marvel that captivates visitors with its unique geological formations. Created through centuries of soil subsidence and erosion caused by wind and rain, Pai Canyon features deep trench-like cliffs and winding ridges that stretch across more than 3 acres. The area is surrounded by a mixed deciduous forest, adding to its natural allure. Narrow, steep trails weave through the canyon's ridges, offering thrilling hikes and rewarding those who reach the summit with panoramic views of the surrounding villages, lush farms, and majestic mountains. At sunset, the canyon transforms into a magical landscape, with the golden light accentuating its rugged beauty, making it a favorite spot for photography enthusiasts and nature lovers.

Continue your journey to the enchanting Merit Bridge, affectionately referred to as "Khokuso" by the locals. This faith-inspired bamboo bridge, built by the villagers, serves as a vital connection between Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri temple. Designed to ease the daily passage for monks collecting alms, the bridge ensures that the agricultural crops of the villagers remain undisturbed. For tourists, the Merit Bridge is much more than a functional structure—it is a serene pathway that invites reflection and appreciation of the surrounding natural beauty. Flanked by verdant forests, rolling mountains, and expansive rice fields, the bridge offers a unique opportunity to make merit while soaking in the tranquil atmosphere. Walking across it, one can feel the deep connection between the local community and their spiritual traditions. As your adventure-filled day comes to an end, return to Pai and enjoy another delightful night in this charming town. Reflect on the captivating experiences of the day, from exploring ancient temples and marveling at natural wonders to embracing the harmony of spiritual and rural life at the Merit Bridge. With its tranquil ambiance and picturesque surroundings, Pai continues to offer an unforgettable retreat, leaving you eager for more discoveries in the days ahead.

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.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey to the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a scenic spot nestled between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This breathtaking vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that changes with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, witness the awe-inspiring sunrise as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the horizon. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating a truly magical scene. As the day progresses, the fog gradually dissipates, revealing a stunning vista of intricately lined mountains stretching as far as the eye can see. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm, golden glow on the distant clouds, painting the sky with vibrant hues. The interplay of light and shadow creates a breathtaking spectacle that is sure to leave you mesmerized. Beyond the stunning views, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is also adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom throughout the year. This natural beauty, combined with the panoramic vistas, makes it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Next, venture to Tham Lod Cave, an extraordinary archaeological site that has stood the test of time. The cave is blessed with a flowing stream known as "Lang," which meanders from end to end, creating a magnificent cave adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. These natural formations, sculpted by millennia of water erosion, create a breathtaking underground landscape. This wondrous cave has unearthed antique tools, utensils and paintings on the cave walls dating back over 2,000 years, offering a glimpse into the lives of the region's ancient inhabitants. The cave's historical significance and its natural beauty make it a must-visit destination. In addition to marveling at nature's grandeur, visitors can partake in exciting activities such as bamboo rafting inside the cave, which allows you to navigate the underground river and see the cave from a unique perspective. For the more adventurous, short treks around the cave's vicinity offer an opportunity to explore the surrounding forest and discover its diverse flora and fauna.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing your journey, you will visit the Lahu hill tribe village, a fascinating community with deep historical roots. Originating from Tibet, the Lahu people gradually migrated southward to China and eventually to the northeastern regions of Myanmar before settling in northern Thailand hundreds of years ago. The Lahu have a preference for highland areas where they lead simple, yet rich, lives. Their spiritual belief system is centered around the worship of spirits, a practice that deeply influences their daily lives. Agriculture, particularly rice and corn cultivation, is their main occupation, and they are renowned for their exceptional hunting skills. Despite their distinct culture and language, the Lahu are incredibly welcoming, extending warm greetings to all visitors who are eager to learn about their way of life.

After delving into the rich culture of the Lahu, your adventure continues to the Lisu Hill Tribe village. Originally inhabitants of the Mae Kong River and Salween River areas in China, the Lisu gradually moved to northern Myanmar and finally settled in northern Thailand over the past century. Agriculture forms the cornerstone of the Lisu economy, with crop farming and livestock raising being their primary means of livelihood. The Lisu people are also particularly skilled in sewing, embroidery, and crafting intricate silverware. One of the most striking aspects of Lisu culture is the brightly colored traditional dresses worn by women, which captivate the eyes of all visitors to Mae Hong Son province. The Lisu tribe's warm and helpful demeanor, combined with their vibrant traditions, leaves an indelible impression on all who visit. Conclude your enriching day with an overnight stay in the enchanting Mae Hong Son, where the serene ambiance and natural beauty provide the perfect end to your journey. Here, you can unwind and reflect on the incredible experiences and cultural insights gained throughout your adventure.

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 Pe Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM 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. This

sacred temple comprises two pagodas of different sizes. The larger pagoda was constructed by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant in 1860, while the smaller one was built by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first ruler of Mae Hong Son 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 Su Tong Pe, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge. Stretching over 500 meters, it connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak Village. This locally crafted bamboo marvel offers panoramic views of rice paddies and serene canals, reflecting the ingenuity of local artisans. The bridge is particularly enchanting during the rainy season, when golden rice fields, lush greenery, and distant mountains create a breathtaking backdrop. Farmers working in the fields add a touch of rural charm, while the gentle sway of bamboo and rustling leaves create a tranquil ambiance. Each season brings its own beauty: earthy tones in the dry season and shimmering golden fields under clear skies in winter. No matter the time of year, the Su Tong Pe Bridge promises a unique and unforgettable experience.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to the enchanting village of Ban Rak Thai. This picturesque settlement, nestled amid stunning mountain scenery, showcases its rich Yunnanese heritage, brought by former members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd Division who sought refuge in this remote area in the 20th century. Their cultural traditions and culinary expertise have profoundly shaped the village's identity, creating a unique cultural enclave. Ban Rak Thai's idyllic setting, with its serene lakes, vibrant foliage, and misty mountains, offers a truly magical atmosphere. Wander through narrow lanes adorned with traditional Yunnanese architecture, featuring intricate carvings and colorful details. The daily rhythms of village life blend ancient traditions with modern touches, providing a glimpse into this cultural haven. One of the highlights of your visit is indulging in authentic Yunnanese cuisine. Renowned for its premium Chinese tea, the village invites you to savor a cup of this aromatic brew alongside other traditional delicacies, completing your immersion in its rich heritage.

After immersing yourself in the Ban Rak Thai village, you'll admire the serene and idyllic atmosphere of the Shan village, also known as Baan Ruam Thai or Pang Oung. Nestled amidst rugged mountain ranges, this village is renowned for its mesmerizing reservoir, often dubbed "Switzerland in Thailand." The lake is embraced by dense pine forests and adorned with colorful winter flowers, creating a picturesque landscape that is both calming and enchanting. The cool weather throughout the year makes it an ideal destination for tourists, who are drawn to the ethereal beauty of the fog that hovers over the lake. This enchanting spot offers a tranquil escape and a unique opportunity to experience nature's splendor. Conclude your day by spending another peaceful night in the enchanting Mae Hong Son, where the serene ambiance and natural beauty provide the perfect end to your journey. Here, you can unwind and reflect on the incredible experiences and cultural insights gained throughout your

adventure. Cherish the unforgettable memories of your enriching journey and look forward to the many more adventures that await you.

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.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a scenic journey from the charming town of Mae Hong Son to the majestic Doi Inthanon National Park. This adventure will take you through a series of breathtaking mountain landscapes and sharp curves, offering panoramic views that will leave you in awe. As you traverse the winding roads, each turn reveals new vistas of lush greenery and towering peaks. Upon arriving at Doi Inthanon, you will be greeted by the sight of Thailand's highest peak, standing tall at 2,565 meters above sea level. This iconic mountain is part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which extends from the legendary Himalayas. This range spans several countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, making Doi Inthanon a significant part of this vast and impressive mountain system. Doi Inthanon National Park is a sanctuary of natural beauty and biodiversity. The park boasts a variety of climates and forest types, ranging from dense rainforests to serene pine forests and mixed forests. This diversity creates a rich tapestry of flora and fauna, providing a habitat for countless species of plants and animals. The cool weather at the peak is a refreshing escape from the tropical heat, and the stunning scenery draws visitors from around the world, making Doi Inthanon an irresistible destination for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

Explore the architectural splendor of the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, perched atop a high hill in Doi Inthanon National Park. Phra Mahathat Napamethanidol was built to honor and pay homage to Phra Bat Somdet Phra Paraminthra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX during the auspicious celebration of His Majesty the King's 5th cycle birthday in 1987. Similarly, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was constructed as an offering to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit during the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's 5th cycle birthday in 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 your journey to the mesmerizing Wachirathan Waterfall, one of Thailand's most magnificent natural wonders. This single-tiered waterfall plunges 70 meters into a pool below, creating a thunderous roar and a mist that cools the air. The waterfall is renowned for its steady flow of water throughout the year, ensuring that visitors can witness its grandeur in any season. During the rainy season, the sunlight filters through the mist, creating vibrant rainbows that add an extra layer of magic to the already stunning scene. The sight of these rainbows dancing in the spray is truly mesmerizing, making Wachirathan Waterfall a highlight of any visit to Doi Inthanon National Park.

No journey to Doi Inthanon is complete without a visit to the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon. This research station is dedicated to the study and cultivation of winter plants, including flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. As you stroll through the station's colorful flower plots, you will be captivated by the vibrant hues and intricate designs of the blooms. The station's research contributes to the development of local communities and the conservation of forest watersheds. It also provides income opportunities for hill tribe farmers in the surrounding villages, supporting sustainable agriculture and improving the livelihoods of the local population.

After an exhilarating day of exploration, return to the vibrant city of Chiang Mai. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and the natural beauty you've witnessed. As you settle into your hotel for a restful overnight stay, cherish the memories of your incredible journey from Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son and through Doi Inthanon National Park. From historic temples adorned with beautiful art to hill tribe villages rich in cultural heritage, from towering mountains and mesmerizing waterfalls to colorful gardens, every moment of this adventure will leave a lasting impression on your heart.

DAY 08 Chiang Mai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

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 79,200 ฿
- 2 Persons 43,100 ฿
- 3 Persons 37,200 ฿
- 4 Persons 29,900 ฿
- 5 Persons up 28,900 ฿
- 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 (7 Breakfasts / 6 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (7 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 1-2	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 3-4	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe
Day 5-6	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 7	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe

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.