

# Mae Hong Son Holidays

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## Chiang Mai Pai 3 Days 2 Nights

| D/M/Y    | Chiang Mai Arrival   |
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| 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 - Pai: Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden / Mork Fah Waterfall / Pong Dueat Hot Spring / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Lunch)   |
| 08:00 AM | Pick up from the hotel.  |

Embark on an exciting journey from Chiang Mai to Mae Rim District, where the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden awaits. This exceptional garden is dedicated to conserving and showcasing a diverse array of plants, carefully categorized according to their respective genera. As you wander through the garden, you'll encounter a stunning array of flora, each plant thriving in its natural habitat, offering a delightful sight for visitors. The garden is divided into several themed sections, including a rainforest glasshouse, a desert house, and an orchid pavilion, each meticulously designed to replicate the unique ecosystems of these plants. One of the highlights of the garden is the Sky Walk (Canopy Walk), the longest treetop walkway in Thailand, stretching over 400 meters and standing over 20 meters high. This exhilarating experience allows you to walk among the treetops, gaining a unique perspective of the forest below. As you stroll along, some sections of the walkway feature transparent glass, allowing you to observe the world below and feel as though you're floating above the canopy. The views from the Sky Walk are breathtaking, offering panoramic vistas of the lush forest and the mountains in the distance.

#### Lunch at the restaurant.

From Mae Rim District, travel further to Mae Tang District and immerse yourself in the fascinating Mork Fah Waterfall, nestled within Doi Suthep-Pui National Park in the Sop Poeng Sub-District. Though not the largest waterfall in the region, Mork Fah captivates visitors with its serene beauty and tranquil surroundings. This single-tiered waterfall flows gracefully throughout the year, its cascading waters creating a soothing melody that blends harmoniously with the sounds of nature. The area surrounding the waterfall is a verdant paradise, teeming with moss-covered rocks, ferns, and towering trees that form a natural canopy. Visiting in the morning offers a special treat—the sunlight piercing through the

foliage often creates a sparkling rainbow in the mist of the waterfall's spray, a truly magical sight. Each season brings a unique charm to Mork Fah, from the lush greenery of the rainy months to the crisp, cool air of the dry season.

Immerse yourself in the rejuvenating Pong Dueat Hot Springs. A remarkable natural phenomenon, this large geyser-type hot spring emanates steam regularly, reaching a height of approximately 1-2 meters. Four large ponds, along with scattered smaller ones, surround the spring, creating a soothing and therapeutic atmosphere. The underground water temperature ranges from 170 to 200 degrees Celsius, while the surface water stays between 90 and 100 degrees Celsius. The area is enveloped in a constant aroma of sulfur. Explore the lush jungle surrounding the hot springs along a 1.5 km circular route, providing an enriching nature study experience. The trail weaves through towering trees, ferns, and moss, and a long bridge complements the picturesque journey. Informative signboards along the way offer valuable insights into the Pong Dueat Hot Spring and the diverse flora present.

Continue the adventure to the captivating Pai district, following the historic World War II road, which navigates numerous sharp curves, offering stunning vistas of the majestic mountains. As evening sets in, delve into the local lifestyle on the bustling walking street. Wander along and discover an array of handmade products, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and charming souvenirs. The street is also dotted with various international and Thai restaurants, beckoning you to savor a delectable culinary experience. The lively walking street caters to visitors from 5 pm until midnight, allowing you to make the most of your night in Pai. Rest and rejuvenate as you spend the night in this enchanting destination, preparing for more memorable adventures that lie ahead.

DAY 02

Pai – Pang Mapha: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM

Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a mesmerizing journey to the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a serene haven nestled between the Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This scenic vantage point offers a captivating panorama that transforms with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, marvel at the breathtaking sunrise as the first rays of light pierce the horizon, illuminating the landscape in soft, golden hues. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating an ethereal, dreamlike scene. As the day unfolds, the fog gently lifts, unveiling a spectacular view of endless mountain ridges stretching to the horizon. By evening, the setting sun bathes the distant clouds in warm, golden light, transforming the sky into a canvas of vibrant colors. The shifting interplay of light and shadow throughout the day creates a natural spectacle that will leave you in awe. Adding to its charm, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom year-round, enhancing the already picturesque setting. This harmonious blend of natural beauty and panoramic vistas makes it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers seeking to capture the magic of northern Thailand's landscapes.

Continue your adventure with a visit to Tham Lod Cave; this captivating cave is more than just a natural wonder. It is an important archaeological site that offers a glimpse into the early ages of human civilization. Join us on a thrilling journey as we explore the wonders of Tham Lod Cave and the exciting activities it has to offer. As you step into Tham Lod Cave, you'll be greeted by the melodious sound of "Lang," a flowing stream that meanders from one end of the cave to the other. This stream has played a pivotal role in shaping the cave's breathtaking interior, adorned with stunning stalactites and stalagmites that have formed over countless millennia. The sheer grandeur of these geological formations will leave you in awe of nature's artistry Beyond its natural splendor, Tham Lod Cave holds a treasure trove of ancient artifacts that transport you back in time. Preserved within the cave are numerous antique tools and utensils, which archaeologists estimate to be over 2,000 years old. These relics offer valuable insights into the daily lives and practices of our early ancestors, making Tham Lod Cave an important archaeological site in the region. As you wander through the cave, you'll have the unique opportunity to see and even touch these ancient artifacts, connecting you directly to the past and fostering a sense of wonder at the resilience of the human spirit across generations.

The adventure doesn't end there. Tham Lod Cave offers additional thrills for the intrepid traveler. Imagine yourself gliding on a bamboo raft along the serene stream that flows within the cave. This enchanting bamboo rafting experience allows you to immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance of the cave, surrounded by the majestic stalactites and stalagmites. For those seeking to explore the great outdoors further, short trekking trails around the cave provide the perfect opportunity to connect with nature and soak in the pristine beauty of the surrounding landscape. The verdant surroundings, fresh mountain air, and the allure of undiscovered paths make for a rejuvenating and unforgettable experience. In conclusion, Tham Lod Cave is a treasure trove of natural wonders and ancient history that beckons travelers seeking an unforgettable adventure. The magnificent stalactites and stalagmites, the flowing "Lang" stream, and the rich collection of ancient artifacts create an enthralling experience that leaves an indelible mark on the hearts of all who visit. Whether you're a nature lover, history enthusiast, or an adventurous soul, Tham Lod Cave has something extraordinary to offer—a journey that blends the marvels of nature with the mysteries of the past.

# Lunch at the restaurant.

After lunch, travel to Ban Ja Bo Village, a charming Lahu hill tribe settlement perched on a ridge surrounded by picturesque mountain vistas. Originally hailing from Tibet, the Lahu migrated to the southwest of China and later to the northeast of Myanmar over a span of centuries before finally settling in the northern regions of Thailand hundreds of years ago. The Lahu people prefer living in highland villages and embrace a simple lifestyle, valuing their spiritual beliefs in worshipping spirits. Their main occupations revolve around agriculture, including rice farming, corn planting, and raising animals for sustenance. The Lahu are renowned for their hunting skills. Despite their distinct cultural background and language, they warmly welcome foreign tourists, forming genuine friendships with visitors who come to explore their way of life. After an enriching experience, return to Pai, where you'll be transferred to your hotel for another relaxing night, ready to embrace more adventures in the days ahead.

**DAY 03** 

Pai – Chiang Mai: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge / Wat Ban Den Temple (Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Continue your exploration of Pai, Thailand, with a visit to Santichon Village, a charming settlement that offers a unique glimpse into Yunnan Chinese culture and way of life. The village's architecture, decorations, and environment reflect the heritage of the early settlers who emigrated from China. Walking through the village, you'll notice traditional houses adorned with red lanterns and intricate woodwork. Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine at local restaurants, where you can try Yunnan-style noodles and dumplings. Visit traditional tea houses to savor various Chinese teas while relaxing in the serene atmosphere. From Santichon Village, take a short trip to the nearby Yun Lai Viewpoint. This vantage point offers breathtaking panoramas of Pai City, surrounded by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range. The viewpoint is famous for its spectacular sunrises, casting a golden glow over the landscape. The sea of mist that blankets the area during winter and the rainy season adds to the magical atmosphere, creating an almost otherworldly scene. Bring your camera to capture these stunning views and create lasting memories.

Next, visit Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, an enchanting site perched atop a high hill in Mae Yen village. This sacred temple is both a spiritual haven and a vantage point offering unparalleled views of Pai city. As you make your ascent, the journey itself becomes a meditative experience, accompanied by the sound of rustling leaves and the gentle whisper of the wind. Upon reaching the top, you'll be greeted by a breathtaking panoramic vista. The sweeping scenic beauty stretches far and wide, painting a serene landscape of lush greenery. The most captivating moments here are the stunning sunrise and sunset scenes. As dawn breaks, the mountain ranges are bathed in a golden glow, creating a mesmerizing spectacle. In the evening, the sky transforms into hues of orange, pink, and purple, making it a perfect spot for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself is an impressive structure, boasting traditional Thai architecture with intricate carvings. The large white Buddha statue overlooking the valley symbolizes peace and tranquility, offering solace and a sense of calm to all who visit.

Then, your journey will take you to the Memorial Bridge, a poignant reminder of the Second World War and Japan's presence in Thailand. Though it has been replaced by a modern bridge, this historic structure endures as a symbol of the past. Walking along the bridge transports you back to an era of great tumult and change. The Memorial Bridge stands as a testament to the resilience and strength of those who lived through the war. It is a place where tourists can pay tribute to the past, reflect on the sacrifices made, and honor the memories of those who crossed it during wartime. More than just a historical site, it is a place of contemplation and remembrance. The stories of bravery and perseverance are etched into its very structure, fostering a profound connection to history. The surrounding area, with its peaceful ambiance and scenic views, further enhances the contemplative mood, making it perfect for quiet reflection. While visiting the Pai District, the Memorial

Bridge serves as a poignant reminder of the town's historical significance and the enduring spirit of its people.

Continuing your journey, you will reach Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, an awe-inspiring natural wonder formed by centuries of soil subsidence and erosion caused by wind and rain. As you approach, the landscape transforms into a dramatic tableau of deep trenches, towering cliff-like formations, and long, winding ridge-like structures that stretch across an expansive area of over 3 acres. The surrounding mixed deciduous forest adds a lush tapestry of greenery, enhancing the scenic beauty of Pai Canyon. The narrow and steep trails beckon adventurous explorers to navigate along the ridges, providing stunning panoramic views of the villages and farms below, set against the picturesque backdrop of majestic mountains. As you hike these trails, the sense of adventure is palpable, with every turn revealing a new perspective of the natural splendor that surrounds you.

As you venture further, you will encounter the Merit Bridge, also known as "Khokuso." This remarkable winding bamboo bridge, constructed by villagers with great care and devotion, serves both practical and spiritual purposes. It connects Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri Temple, facilitating the monks' morning alms round without disturbing the villagers' agricultural activities. For both tourists and locals, the bridge offers a serene and picturesque path to make merit while soaking in the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding forest, mountains, and rice fields. As you walk across, you can feel a profound sense of connection to the local community and their spiritual practices. The gentle sway of the bamboo underfoot, the rustle of leaves in the breeze, and the distant chants of monks create a tranquil and meditative atmosphere. This journey across the Merit Bridge is more than just a physical crossing; it's a passage into the heart of local culture and traditions. Today's adventure will leave you with unforgettable memories and a deep appreciation for Pai's cultural heritage and natural wonders.

#### Lunch at the restaurant.

Bid farewell to Pai and continue your journey to the Mae Taeng District to explore Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen, located in Inthakin Sub-District, Mae Taeng District. This temple holds historical significance as it was named after the Bodhi tree, locally known as the "Sari Tree." Situated within the ancient old city of Muang Kaen, the temple boasts an impressive array of buildings with exquisite Thai Lanna architecture. The grand ubosot, tripitaka hall, drum tower, Inthakin pole sanctuary, Lanna cubicle golden teak, and pagoda showcase the temple's beauty and elegance, resembling intricate works of art. With hearts filled with cherished memories, your journey concludes as you return to Chiang Mai. Arriving at your hotel, reflect on the wonders and experiences that Northern Thailand has bestowed upon you, cherishing the memories of this extraordinary adventure.

# D/M/Y Chiang Mai Departure

O0:00 Your journey in the northern region of Thailand has come to an end, and it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will now escort you to Chiang Mai Airport to ensure that your return journey or onward travels to other destinations go smoothly, and this is end of our services.

#### **Prices:**

1 Person 32,500 B
2 Persons 17,500 B
3 Persons 14,500 B
4 Persons 11,500 B
5 Persons up 10,500 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 (2 Breakfasts / 3 Lunches)

Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (2 Nights)

#### **Excluded:**

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

## **Tour Difficulty Levels:**

• Easy / Moderate / Challenging

| Hotels  |      |                   |           |  |
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| Date    | City | Hotel Name        | Room Type |  |
| Day 1-2 | Pai  | The Quarter 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.