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### Northern Thailand Package 11 Days 10 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: Ping River Cruise / Wat Phra Singh Temple / Wat Chiang Man Temple / Wat Lok Moli Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Depart from your hotel to the jetty, where a wonderful cruise along the Ping River awaits you. The Ping River has been a lifeline for Chiang Mai since ancient times, providing sustenance and nourishment to the land and its people. The cruise offers panoramic views of both sides of the river, allowing you to immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of the surrounding landscape. You witness the daily life of the Riverside community, observing villagers engaged in various activities that revolve around their dependence on the river for their livelihoods. Your first stop is at "Baan Chao Na," where you experience the charming atmosphere of ancient riverside houses. These houses showcase the traditional way of life of farmers and the Riverside community, giving you a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region. As you explore further, you come across local vegetable and herb plots, farming equipment, rice milling processes, and vegetable cultivation practices free from harmful chemicals. This insight into traditional agricultural practices allows you to appreciate the sustainable methods employed by the locals to cultivate their crops. With the day filled with enriching experiences, you return to Chiang Mai for an overnight stay. The serene beauty of the Ping River, the vibrant Riverside community, and the cultural heritage you've encountered today set the stage for a memorable family adventure in Northern Thailand. Tomorrow, you'll continue your journey, eager for more discoveries and shared experiences with your loved ones.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Explore Chiang Mai City and delve into its history by visiting its ancient temples, starting with Wat Phra Singh. Located in the heart of Chiang Mai, Wat Phra Singh is a cornerstone of Northern Thailand's cultural and spiritual heritage. Established in the 14th century during the reign of King Pha Yu of the Mengrai Dynasty, this

temple epitomizes Lanna-style architecture with its intricate wooden carvings, gilded ornamentation, and a harmonious blend of local and Burmese influences. The temple's focal point is the Viharn Luang, an assembly hall enshrining the revered Phra Singh Buddha image. This hall showcases exquisite Lanna craftsmanship, with intricate murals depicting spiritual stories. Another highlight is the resplendent pagoda, notable for its octagonal base and multi-tiered design. The library (Ho Trai), a sacred repository for Buddhist scriptures, stands out with its ornate carvings and distinctive style. Wat Phra Singh remains an active monastery, home to monks devoted to spiritual practices. Its central location makes it a popular destination for both local worshippers and visitors seeking to experience Chiang Mai's heritage. Beyond its religious significance, the temple serves as a cultural hub, hosting events like Songkran (Thai New Year), religious processions, and the traditional "wian tian" candle-lighting ceremony.

Continue your visit to Wat Chiang Man Temple, nestled in the heart of Chiang Mai. As the city's oldest temple, it is steeped in history and reverence. Built in 1296 by Phaya Mangrai, the first king of the Lanna Kingdom, the temple originated as part of the Chiang Man Palace, constructed during Chiang Mai's founding. The temple houses the sacred Phra Setangkhamanee (Phra Kaew Khao), a revered Buddha image symbolizing faith and devotion among locals. It also safeguards historical artifacts, including the Wat Chiang Man stone inscription, which chronicles the city's establishment and the temple's creation. Architecturally, the temple features the impressive Chang Lom Pagoda, blending Lanna and Sukhothai styles, with a square base adorned by 16 stucco elephants and a golden bell-shaped top. Nearby, the Wihan Luang, a modern structure, showcases a striking golden mural narrating Chiang Mai's origins and Phaya Mangrai's legacy. Adjacent to it is the original Wihan, home to the sacred Phra Setangkhamanee. Wat Chiang Man is a living testament to Chiang Mai's rich history, preserving the legacy of its founder and the Lanna Kingdom through its sacred relics, inscriptions, and timeless architecture. It remains a profound symbol of cultural and spiritual heritage.

After exploring Wat Chiang Man, continue your journey to Wat Lok Moli, an ancient temple just outside the Chiang Mai moat. Dating back to the 14th century during the reign of King Kuena (1355–1385), this temple holds a special place in Lanna history. King Kuena, a patron of Buddhism and the arts, invited ten Burmese monks in 1367 to spread Theravada Buddhism, establishing Wat Lok Moli as a hub of religious learning. The temple also served as a royal burial site, housing the ashes of several Lanna rulers, including Queen Wisutthithewi. Known for her resilience and leadership, she defended the Lanna Kingdom, fostered diplomacy, and supported the arts, leaving a legacy enshrined in the temple's chedi. Wat Lok Moli exemplifies Lanna architecture, with its towering chedi built in 1527. The chedi's octagonal base, housing Buddha images, rises 25 meters high, and its exposed brickwork exudes rustic charm. Intricately carved naga sculptures adorn the staircases, symbolizing protection and wisdom. The temple's viharn (assembly hall) and ubosot (ordination hall) showcase ornate wood carvings, gilded details, and multi-tiered roofs with naga motifs. Commissioned by King Ket in 1545, the viharn features a large seated Buddha, while the ubosot, built in 1801, contains smaller Buddha images. Wat Lok Moli is more than a temple; it's a vivid link to the Lanna Kingdom's history, culture, and artistry. With its distinctive architecture and deep historical ties, it offers visitors a glimpse into the enduring legacy of Chiang Mai's ancient past.

As dusk approaches, continue your journey to Wat Chedi Luang, a grand temple that still exudes historical significance. The imposing Chedi Luang pagoda, a testament to the Lanna architectural style, remains unfinished at the top due to a devastating earthquake. Despite its partial ruin, the structure stands as a symbol of resilience and the enduring strength of the Lanna dynasty's architectural prowess. Explore the temple grounds and imagine the bustling monastic life that once thrived here. The serene environment provides a perfect backdrop for meditation and reflection. Learn about the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mongrai dynasty, who initiated the temple's construction in the 14th century. The temple's rich history is filled with tales of devotion and artistry, with each corner revealing a piece of the past. The temple grounds house various structures, including assembly halls and prayer rooms, each adorned with intricate details and carvings that tell stories of the region's heritage. End your day with another relaxing night in charming Chiang Mai. Reflect on the experiences of the day's travels, the spiritual serenity of the temples you visited, and the historical atmosphere of Chiang Mai, all of which will lull you to a blissful sleep.

**DAY 03** Chiang Mai - Mae Hong Son: Doi Inthanon National Park / Grand 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 an enchanting journey from Chiang Mai to the breathtaking Doi Inthanon National Park, a land of natural wonders and cultural gems. Begin your adventure at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a vibrant research station dedicated to winter plants. Marvel at the colorful flower plots, diverse vegetables, and an array of fruits. This station not only conducts essential research on various agricultural aspects, including flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries but also focuses on sharing research findings to promote sustainable development, social progress, and forest watershed conservation. The project plays a crucial role in supporting hill tribe farmers' families in the neighboring villages by generating income and fostering community development.

Discover the magnificent allure of Wachirathan Waterfall, an impressive natural wonder that stands tall and majestic as one of Thailand's most beautiful waterfalls, gracing the landscape with its year-round flowing waters. With its towering height reaching an impressive 70 meters, this single-tiered cascade captivates all who lay eyes upon it. The waterfall's charm is further enhanced during the rainy season when sun-kissed water droplets scatter through the air, giving rise to enchanting rainbows that adorn the surroundings of Wachirathan Waterfall. This mesmerizing phenomenon adds a touch of wonder and magic, elevating the waterfall's beauty to even greater heights. Wachirathan Waterfall's grandeur and unyielding flow, regardless of the season, make it a captivating destination for nature lovers and adventurers alike. As you bask in the breathtaking beauty of this natural masterpiece, you'll find yourself immersed in the sheer splendor and serenity of this enchanting waterfall.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Witness the architectural splendor of the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, perched atop a high hill within 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 pagodas are surrounded by enchanting winter flower gardens and a diverse array of plants. The area's cool climate offers a refreshing ambiance throughout the year, and the panoramic views from this vantage point are considered among the most splendid in Chiang Mai.

Venture to Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak towering at an impressive altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. This majestic mountain is part of the vast Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which stretches across multiple countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. The mountain boasts a rich variety of climates and forests, with opportunities to experience rainforests, pine forests, and mixed forests at different elevations. At the summit, visitors will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic vistas. The allure of Doi Inthanon lies not only in its cool weather and scenic splendor but also in the abundance of its diverse forest ecosystem, attracting travelers from all corners of the globe. As night falls, journey onward to Mae Hong Son Province, a hidden gem in Northern Thailand. Arrive at your hotel and unwind in preparation for the adventures that await. With its charming blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage, Mae Hong Son promises to be an enchanting chapter in your travels.

**DAY 04** Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pae Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a spiritual and scenic journey through the wonders of Mae Hong Son, Thailand's enchanting province. Begin your exploration with a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, a revered place of worship atop Kong Mu Mountain. This sacred site is graced by two magnificent pagodas, one constructed by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant, in 1860 and the other by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first ruler of Mae Hong Son, in 1874. From this hilltop temple, behold the breathtaking beauty of the town, nestled amidst picturesque mountains and valleys. Continuing your temple tour, visit Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, two ancient temples standing side by side near a large swamp. Admire their exquisite Burmese-style architecture and the revered Buddha image (Luang Paw To). In Wat Chong Klang, be captivated by an array of intricate Burmese wood carving dolls and grand glass paintings that depict Buddhist history.

Venture to the remarkable Su Tong Pe Bridge, an architectural marvel and the longest bamboo bridge in all of Thailand. This stunning bridge gracefully connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple to the charming Kung Mai Sak village. As you traverse this classic bamboo bridge, you'll be greeted by the breathtaking sight of emerald paddy fields and tranquil canals stretching into the distance. The bridge not only

serves as a picturesque pathway but also provides a convenient route for monks and villagers to traverse the serene landscape. During the rainy season, when the surroundings are cloaked in lush greenery, and the bridge seems to blend seamlessly with nature, the experience becomes truly mesmerizing. In the winter, when the golden grains of the paddy fields shimmer in the sunlight, the scene becomes a golden-hued spectacle that is equally unforgettable.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Next, make your way to Baan Rak Thai village, nestled near the Thailand-Myanmar border. Steeped in history, this village was settled by Chinese Nationalist troops, infusing it with a unique cultural charm. Prepare to be captivated by the stunning mountain vistas, picturesque lakes, and vibrant shrubbery that embrace the village. Wander through the lush green tea plantations, their rows gracefully curving along the mountainside, adding to the village's allure. While in Baan Rak Thai, indulge in the delightful flavors of Yunnan cuisine, a culinary treat that reflects the village's heritage. And of course, no visit to Baan Rak Thai is complete without savoring the esteemed Chinese tea, renowned for its exceptional quality. As you immerse yourself in the beauty and culture of this village, you'll find a sense of tranquility and a unique charm that will remain with you long after you leave.

Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Ban Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Ung, a picturesque Shan village nestled amidst steep, forested mountains. In the heart of this tranquil valley lies a stunning reservoir, its glassy surface reflecting the surrounding pine forests and vibrant seasonal blooms. These colorful winter flowers take turns adorning the landscape, creating an ever-changing tapestry of natural beauty throughout the year. The village enjoys cool, refreshing weather all year round, making it an ideal destination for those seeking peace and quiet. Take a leisurely stroll along the reservoir's edge, where you can marvel at the mist slowly drifting over the water, adding a mystical charm to the scene. The towering pine forests cast gentle shadows on the vast expanse of the reservoir, creating a captivating interplay of light and shade. Beyond the enchanting scenery, Ban Ruam Thai offers visitors the opportunity to connect with the local Shan community. Spend time meeting the villagers and gaining insight into their unique culture and traditional way of life. The combination of the village's idyllic setting, the kaleidoscope of flowers, the majestic pine forests, and the rich Shan heritage makes this a truly special destination. It's no surprise that Ban Ruam Thai is a favored retreat for tourists year-round. As the day draws to a close, return to Mae Hong Son for a cozy overnight stay, soaking in the charm and warmth of this captivating town. Whether it's the natural splendor or the cultural richness, a visit to Ban Ruam Thai is sure to leave a lasting impression.

DAY 05 Mae Hong Son – Pai: Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo Village) / Tham Lod Cave / Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an enriching journey from Mae Hong Son to Pang Mapha District, where captivating experiences await in Ban Ja Bo Village, a serene Lahu hill tribe settlement perched on a ridge amidst breathtaking mountain vistas. The Lahu people have a fascinating history, originating from Tibet and later migrating to the south of

China and the northeast of Myanmar over the course of centuries. Eventually, they settled in the northern regions of Thailand. Embracing a simple way of life, the Lahu prefer to build their villages on high lands, away from chaos. They hold strong beliefs in spirit worship and maintain a harmonious relationship with nature. Agriculture, including rice farming and corn planting, forms the core of their livelihood, along with animal husbandry and traditional hunting. Upon arriving at Ban Ja Bo Village, visitors are warmly greeted by the friendly Lahu community, known for their adaptability and open-heartedness towards people from different cultures and languages. Embrace the tranquil surroundings and learn about the tribe's customs and heritage, making for a truly enriching experience.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Embark on an awe-inspiring journey to Tham Lod Cave, an archaeological marvel nestled in Pang Mapha District. This cave boasts a unique feature, as a stream known as "Lang" flows through it from one end to the other, creating a truly captivating underground wonder. As you venture into the cave's depths, prepare to be mesmerized by the stunning stalactites and stalagmites that adorn the cave's interior, creating a mesmerizing natural spectacle. These intricate formations have taken thousands of years to develop, adding to the cave's allure. But Tham Lod Cave is not just a geological marvel; it also holds significant historical value. Throughout the cave, you'll encounter an array of ancient tools and utensils, dating back over an astonishing 2,000 years. These well-preserved artifacts provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives of early inhabitants who once called this cave their home. Aside from marveling at the magnificent splendor of nature and the rich archaeological treasures, there are plenty of exciting activities to engage in. Experience the thrill of bamboo rafting inside the cave, where you can peacefully float along the stream, enveloped by the cave's ancient beauty. The soft murmur of the water and the echo of the cave create a unique ambiance that will stay with you long after you leave. For the adventurous souls, a short trekking excursion around the cave awaits. Explore the surrounding area and revel in the natural beauty of the landscape, which is a treat for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike. Tham Lod Cave offers an extraordinary experience, blending nature's grandeur with glimpses of the past, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking both adventure and enlightenment.

Continue your adventure to Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a serene haven perched between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This scenic vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that evolves 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.

As the day winds down, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Pai's walking street. Bustling with energy, the street is lined with stalls offering handmade crafts, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and unique souvenirs. A variety of Thai and international restaurants provide delicious options for every palate. Open from 5 PM to midnight, this lively marketplace is the perfect place to soak in the local culture and unwind after a day of exploration. Conclude your day with an overnight stay in Pai, reflecting on the stunning landscapes and rich cultural experiences that have made your journey through Mae Hong Son truly unforgettable. After a day of exploration and cultural immersion, spend the night in Pai, cherishing the memories of this enchanting journey through the heart of northern Thailand.

**DAY 06** 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 captivating journey through Pai, exploring its unique villages, stunning viewpoints, historical sites, and natural wonders. First, visit Santichon village, a charming settlement belonging to Yunnan Chinese people who migrated from China long ago. Despite the passage of time, the village remains a treasure trove of Yunnan Chinese culture, traditions, and way of life. The houses, decorations, and overall environment still exude the distinct Yunnan Chinese style, offering a fascinating glimpse into their heritage. Nearby, don't miss the Yun Lai viewpoint, a breathtaking spot that provides panoramic views of Pai city enveloped by lush paddy fields and rugged mountain ranges. The sight of a sea of mist blanketing the area during both winter and the rainy season is truly enchanting. Be sure to catch the spectacular sunrise at the viewpoint, an awe-inspiring moment that will etch a lasting memory in your heart.

Next, visit Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, a captivating temple perched atop a hill in Mae Yen village. This sacred site is not only a spiritual retreat but also a vantage point that offers breathtaking views of Pai city and its surrounding landscapes. Upon reaching the summit, you'll be rewarded with a panoramic vista of unparalleled beauty. The lush greenery stretches endlessly, creating a serene and tranquil atmosphere. The temple is most enchanting during sunrise and sunset. At dawn, the first rays of sunlight bathe the mountain ranges in a golden glow, creating a spellbinding scene. As evening falls, the sky transforms into a kaleidoscope of orange, pink, and purple hues, offering a perfect moment for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself is an architectural marvel, showcasing traditional Thai design adorned with intricate carvings. Its centerpiece, a towering white Buddha statue overlooking the valley, symbolizes peace and tranquility. This awe-inspiring statue, paired with the temple's serene ambiance, offers solace and a deep sense of calm to all who visit.

Explore the historical significance of the Memorial Bridge, a poignant relic from the Second World War. This bridge symbolizes an era of significant historical importance when Japan held considerable influence in Thailand. Constructed by the Japanese during the war, the bridge served as a vital transportation route for troops and arms into Myanmar, akin to the historic Kwai River Bridge. Today, a standard

bridge has replaced it, but the remnants of the old structure stand as a solemn reminder of history. The old bridge, with its rusting iron and weathered wood, draws tourists who capture its legacy through photographs, preserving its memory in their hearts. The juxtaposition of the old and new bridges serves as a powerful reminder of the passage of time and the enduring impact of historical events.

Lunch at the restaurant.

From the Memorial Bridge, continue to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, a natural wonder shaped by the erosion of soil on high mountains. The resulting deep trenches and winding ridges create a mesmerizing landscape spread across an expanse of more than 3 acres. The canyon, with its dramatic cliffs and narrow pathways, offers a thrilling adventure for those who dare to traverse its rugged terrain. The surrounding mixed deciduous forest further enhances the beauty of the canyon, providing a lush green backdrop that contrasts with the reddish-brown hues of the soil. As you traverse the narrow and steep trails along the ridges, you are rewarded with stunning vistas of the charming villages and verdant farms below, nestled amidst the majestic mountains. The panoramic views from the canyon's highest points are truly breathtaking, offering a unique perspective on the natural beauty of the region.

Lastly, explore the Merit Bridge, also known as "Khokuso," a bridge built on faith by the villagers. This elegant bamboo bridge gracefully stretches across rice fields, framed by the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding mountains. Connecting Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri temple, the bridge facilitates the monks' alms rounds in the morning without disrupting the villagers' daily agricultural activities. The bridge, with its simple yet sturdy construction, embodies the spirit of community and cooperation among the villagers. This bridge not only serves the practical needs of the locals but also provides an opportunity for both tourists and villagers to relish the beauty of the encompassing forest, mountains, and rice fields as they traverse it. Walking along the bridge, you can feel the gentle sway of the bamboo underfoot and hear the rustle of the leaves, creating a soothing ambiance. After a day filled with cultural discoveries and natural splendors, spend the night in Pai, cherishing the memories of this enriching and captivating journey.

**DAY 07** Pai – Ban Tha Ton Village: Pong Dued Hot Spring / Mork Fah Waterfall / Wat Ban Den Temple / Hinoki Land / Ban Tha Ton (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

**08:00 AM** Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a mesmerizing journey from Pai to Mae Taeng District, where a plethora of natural wonders, cultural delights, and architectural marvels await. First, visit the Pong Dued Hot Springs, a grand geyser-like hot spring with steam rising regularly. This underground hot spring boasts a temperature between 170-200 degrees Celsius, while the surface water hovers around 90-100 degrees Celsius, emitting a constant aroma of sulfur. Surrounding the hot springs is a lush jungle, offering a nature study route spanning approximately 1.5 km. This scenic path leads you through towering trees, ferns, and moss, presenting a captivating journey that forms a circular loop and crosses a long bridge. Along the way, informative signboards share insights about



Pong Duet Hot Springs and the plants you encounter, adding to the enriching experience.

Next, venture to Mork Fah Waterfall, nestled within the enchanting Doi Suthep-Pui National Park. Mork Fah Waterfall is a serene destination that captivates visitors year-round. Though modest in size compared to other waterfalls, its charm lies in the consistent flow of water that cascades gracefully through the lush forest. Streams originating deep within the dense jungle converge to form two branches, which tumble over rocky cliffs below. The surrounding environment is a verdant paradise, with towering trees and plants covered in moss and ferns, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and natural beauty. When sunlight filters through the foliage, it dances across the cascading waters, creating shimmering rainbows that lend a magical quality to the scene. Each season brings its own unique allure: in autumn, the crisp air enhances the peaceful ambiance, while the rainy season amplifies the waterfall's power, transforming it into a breathtaking spectacle of force and grandeur.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After soaking in the beauty of Mork Fah Waterfall, continue your journey by visiting the awe-inspiring Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen. Located in the Inthakin Sub-District, this temple holds historical and cultural significance. The name "Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen" is derived from the sacred "Sari Tree," or Bodhi tree, that grows within its grounds. Positioned atop a hill within the ancient city of Muang Kaen, the temple offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Visitors are greeted by the exquisite Thai Lanna architecture showcased in the temple's various structures, including the ornately decorated ubosot, the tripitaka hall, the drum tower, the Inthakin pole sanctuary, and the Lanna-style golden teak cubicles. A towering pagoda further enhances the spiritual aura of the temple, making it a must-visit for those seeking cultural enrichment and moments of reflection.

For a change of pace, venture to Hinoki Land, a unique attraction that seamlessly blends Japanese art, culture, and architecture with the scenic beauty of Thailand. Spanning an impressive 83-rai area, Hinoki Land is the country's first and only hinoki wood kingdom, designed to transport visitors into a captivating Japanese atmosphere. At the entrance, a grand red lantern arch welcomes visitors, symbolizing good luck and prosperity. A tunnel of 88 pairs of torii gates guides guests toward the centerpiece of the attraction: the majestic Hinoki Castle. Inspired by Kyoto's iconic Kinkakuji Castle, this stunning structure is a testament to the intricate craftsmanship and attention to detail that defines Japanese architecture. Surrounded by mountainous and forested terrain, Hinoki Land provides a serene and picturesque setting for visitors to immerse themselves in Japanese culture.

Conclude your day's journey in Ban Tha Ton Village, a charming border village adjacent to Myanmar in Mae Ai District, Chiang Mai Province. The village is embraced by picturesque mountains and a tranquil river, boasting a cool climate throughout the year. Immersed in the cultural diversity of the multi-ethnic hill tribe people living in the vicinity, visitors will relish the opportunity to experience their customs and traditions fully. A highlight of the visit is Wat Tha Ton Temple, beautifully perched on a hillside with a nine-layered base, each tier housing sacred religious places and culminating in the highest peak housing "Phra Borommathat

Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan" or "Phra Chedi Kaew." From every peak, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of Ban Tha Ton Village, Mae Ai District, and the surrounding mountains. As the day draws to a close, savor the captivating experiences of the journey and spend the night in Ban Tha Ton Village, cherishing the beauty and serenity of this charming borderland retreat.

**DAY 08** Ban Tha Ton - Chiang Rai: Roi Jai Rak Project / Akha hill tribe Village / Doi Mae Salong / Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

**08:30 AM** Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an enriching journey to Ban Huai San Village in Mae Ai District, Chiang Mai Province, where cultural discoveries, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant markets await. Begin your visit at the Roi Jai Rak Project, a thoughtful initiative managed by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King. The project's main goal is to enhance the quality of life for the local hill tribe communities by creating employment opportunities and generating income. The project encompasses Suan Roi Jai Rak, a delightful garden plantation showcasing a variety of winter flowers and vegetables for visitors to admire. Additionally, explore Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, a market where villagers present high-quality produce, including fresh vegetables, fruits, and flowers, along with intricate handicrafts for tourists to peruse and purchase.

Next, immerse yourself in the fascinating culture, traditions, and lifestyle of the Akha hill tribe. Originally from southern China, the Akha people have migrated and established villages in the north of Myanmar and, eventually, settled in the north of Thailand over the past century. These vibrant communities prefer high-altitude living, typically residing at around 1,000 meters above sea level. Most Akha houses are built on the ground, featuring thatched roofs and bamboo walls, often situated on flat areas along mountain ridges. Agriculture, including crop cultivation and livestock rearing, forms the backbone of their economy. Household industries such as sewing, embroidery, and silverware crafting also contribute to their livelihood. Admire the Akha women's colorful dresses adorned with eye-catching silverware and multicolored beads, a tribal attire as captivating as that of other northern Thai tribes.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture to Doi Mae Salong, renowned for cultivating excellent tea and surrounded by breathtaking beauty. Green terraced tea plantations spread across the area, offering a serene and tranquil atmosphere for visitors to enjoy. Doi Mae Salong is a Chinese Yunnan village, whose residents immigrated to Thailand decades ago due to political changes in China. Scattered settlements emerged in northern Thailand in 1961, and the Thai government officially welcomed Chinese immigrants to settle in Thailand in 1972. Agriculture, particularly tea and various fruits and vegetables, became their primary occupation. Apart from the scenic terraced tea plantations and mountain vistas, the village exudes an ambiance reminiscent of a Chinese village in southern China.

Continue your journey to Chiang Rai to visit the impressive Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple. Perched atop a small hill, the temple boasts stunning views of its surroundings. Notably, the temple's 9-storey, 12-sided chedi captivates with its

unique shape adorned with intricate Chinese and Lanna arts. The chedi's red roof is flanked by two majestic dragon statues, leading visitors up the stairs to its peak. Inside the chedi, an exquisite large sandalwood statue of the Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva graces the space. The temple also features a 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, nearly the height of a 25-storey building, with an elevator system providing easy access for tourists to enjoy breathtaking views of Chiang Rai. As the day comes to an end, find comfort and rest in Chiang Rai, reflecting on the captivating experiences of the journey and the beauty of the destinations explored.

**DAY 09** Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an enchanting journey to the Mae Fah Luang District, a treasure trove of cultural and natural beauty in Chiang Rai. Here, the captivating Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden beckon travelers with their year-round allure. The Mae Fah Luang Garden, a botanical masterpiece, showcases a vibrant array of flowers that rotate with the seasons, ensuring that visitors are treated to a stunning display of nature's splendor at any time of the year. This meticulously maintained garden is a testament to the dedication of the people who uphold its beauty, offering a serene retreat for nature enthusiasts. Adding to the enchantment is the Doi Tung Palace, a striking example of Lanna-style art and architecture. The palace's intricate wooden carvings, traditional designs, and harmonious integration with its surroundings create an atmosphere of timeless elegance, making it a must-visit landmark.

Continue your adventure to the Mae Sai District, the northernmost point of Thailand, where culture and commerce intertwine. This district shares a border with Myanmar's Tachilek province, separated by the Mae Sai River and connected by a bridge that symbolizes the unity between the two nations. From the Thai side, visitors can glimpse the bustling life of Myanmar just across the river. A highlight of this region is the renowned Mae Sai Market, a vibrant hub of trade and culture. This bustling border market is a shopper's paradise, offering an eclectic array of goods at affordable prices. Browse through stalls brimming with electrical appliances, intricate local crafts, medicinal herbs, finely crafted wicker products, and mouthwatering dry foods. The market's lively atmosphere and diverse offerings make it an essential stop for anyone visiting the area.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture to the historic Golden Triangle at Sop Ruak Village, Chiang Saen District, where the Mekong River demarcates the border between Thailand and Laos, while the Ruak River separates Thailand and Myanmar. From this vantage point, tourists can witness the clear borders of Myanmar and Laos, and here lies the intriguing past of the Golden Triangle. In times gone by, the region comprising the junction of these three countries was known for its opium cultivation, making it the epicenter of opium production worldwide. The name "Golden Triangle" originated from the riches derived from trading raw opium, often referred to as "black gold." However, as the times changed, opium cultivation and trade have ceased, leaving behind fascinating

legends and historical stories. Upon delving into the past of the Golden Triangle, visitors can explore the awe-inspiring Golden Triangle Buddha. This remarkable statue, crafted from bronze and gilded with topaz, stands with a weight of up to 69 tons, a lap width of 10 meters, and a soaring height of 15 meters. The Golden Triangle Buddha was erected to replace the former Buddha image that had once been submerged in the waters of the Mekong River. Today, it stands majestically enshrined outdoors on the Mekong River's shore, serving as a symbol of peace and serenity in this historically significant area.

For a more tranquil experience, embark on a serene cruise along the majestic Mekong River, a waterway steeped in history and significance. Originating in the Tibetan Plateau, the Mekong River meanders through China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam before eventually emptying into the South China Sea. This mighty river has long been a lifeline for the communities along its banks, sustaining livelihoods and nurturing cultures. As you glide along its calm waters, take in the breathtaking views of the lush landscapes and observe the unique ways of life of the riverbank communities. Fishermen casting their nets, children playing by the water, and vibrant markets along the shore offer a glimpse into the daily rhythms of life sustained by this vital waterway. The cruise provides not just relaxation but also a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of the cultures and economies along the Mekong.

Conclude your day with a visit to the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a vibrant and colorful market that comes alive as the sun sets. This bustling night market is a melting pot of local and international visitors, drawn by its extensive selection of goods and lively ambiance. The bazaar offers a treasure trove of hill tribe handicrafts, local products, traditional clothing, unique accessories, and charming home furnishings. As you explore the market, tantalize your taste buds with a variety of delectable foods and beverages, ranging from traditional Thai dishes to international delights. The night bazaar also serves as a cultural stage, hosting folk performances and hill tribe dances that celebrate the rich heritage of the region. The enchanting Lanna aesthetics, combined with the lively sounds and sights, create an unforgettable experience. After a day filled with exploration and discovery, retreat for the night in Chiang Rai, reflecting on the wonders and memories created during this remarkable journey.

**DAY 10** Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai: Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Khun White Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

**08:30 AM** Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an extraordinary journey to the enchanting Wat Rong Suea Ten, more commonly known as the Blue Temple, a true architectural and artistic gem nestled in the heart of Chiang Rai. Designed by the gifted Chiang Rai folk artist Puttha Kabkaew, a protégé of the celebrated artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, the temple is a striking example of contemporary Thai art blended with traditional Buddhist themes. The temple's interior is a visual masterpiece, dominated by vibrant shades of blue and gold that exude an ethereal and captivating ambiance. Every intricate detail—from the mural paintings on the walls to the beautifully crafted patterns on the pillars—reflects the artist's unparalleled creativity and devotion. At the heart of this

mesmerizing sanctuary stands the revered Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a radiant Buddha image containing sacred relics. This statue is not only a focal point of worship but also a beacon of peace and spiritual reflection, drawing visitors from near and far who seek solace and inspiration in its serene presence.

Following this spiritual retreat, venture to the expansive and picturesque Singha Park Farm, an agricultural haven that promises a unique blend of natural beauty and engaging activities. Developed by Boon Rawd Brewery, this sprawling 3,000-acre estate is a testament to sustainable farming and eco-tourism. The park's rolling hills, serene lakes, and meticulously maintained landscapes provide a refreshing escape from bustling city life. Visitors can hop on a farm car service that weaves through the verdant oolong tea plantations, where rows of lush greenery stretch as far as the eye can see, painting a picture of tranquility and abundance. As you journey deeper into the park, you will discover the vibrant "Fruit Kingdom," an enchanting area brimming with an assortment of seasonal fruits. Marvel at the sight of melons, strawberries, raspberries, and giant gooseberries flourishing in their natural splendor. Each fruit, nurtured with care, bursts with flavor, offering a delightful treat for both the eyes and the palate. Nearby, the vegetable and herb gardens invite you to explore their diverse offerings, showcasing a variety of fresh, organic produce grown using sustainable practices. The park's flower fields are another highlight, blooming with vivid hues and filling the air with their sweet fragrance, creating a truly idyllic setting for relaxation and photography.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing the journey, set your sights on the awe-inspiring Wat Rong Khun Temple, famously known as the White Temple. This architectural wonder was conceived and built by the renowned artist Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat. With the desire to create a masterpiece that harmoniously blends art and Lanna culture, the temple is a sight to behold. Adorned with intricate stucco patterns and large wall paintings, the pure white chapel is as ethereal as a heavenly castle, showcasing contemporary religious architecture. The bridge leading to the chapel unveils a hidden puzzle of religious precepts through sculptures depicting heaven and hell. The chapel's interior, bedecked with shiny silver mirror patterns, and the art galleries with exquisite sculptures, offer a truly captivating experience for visitors. As the day draws to a close, return to Chiang Mai, where the charm of this vibrant city awaits, promising an enriching and delightful stay.

## DAY 11 Chiang Mai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your remarkable journey in Northern Thailand comes to an end, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will transfer you to Chiang Mai Airport to ensure that your return journey or onward travels to other destinations go smoothly, and this is where our service ends.

### Prices:

- 2 Persons 62,000 ฿
- 3 Persons 53,500 ฿
- 4 Persons 42,800 ฿

- 5 Persons up 41,300 ฿
- 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 (10 Breakfasts / 9 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (10 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	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 5-6	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe
Day 7	Ban Tha Ton	Maekok River Village Resort	Deluxe
Day 8-9	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 10	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 Northern Thailand 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 prefer 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.