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## Chiang Mai Chiang Rai 6 Days 5 Nights

# DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival (Hotel)

O0:00 After arriving at Chiang Mai Airport, you will be warmly welcomed and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. Once you have checked in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and enjoy your stay in Chiang Mai and take this

opportunity to explore the city at your own pace.

DAY 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Wachiratharn Waterfall / Grand Pagodas (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Begin your journey through northern Thailand with a visit to Doi Inthanon National Park, where your first stop is the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon. This vibrant research center is a flourishing showcase of colorful flower beds, diverse vegetables, and an array of fruits, all cultivated with care and scientific precision. Dedicated to the study of winter crops, ornamental plants, and highland fisheries, the station also plays a crucial role in forest watershed conservation and the enhancement of local livelihoods. It actively supports nearby hill tribe communities by providing agricultural knowledge, resources, and sustainable practices that help improve their quality of life. As you stroll through the beautifully landscaped gardens, you'll encounter a kaleidoscope of blossoms that reflect the station's deep commitment to botanical research and environmental stewardship. More than just a scenic attraction, the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon stands as a model of harmony between nature and sustainable development, offering visitors an inspiring and educational beginning to their exploration of Doi Inthanon National Park.

After taking in the vibrant gardens and agricultural displays, continue your adventure to one of Thailand's most breathtaking natural landmarks—the majestic Wachirathan Waterfall. Located deep within the lush expanse of Doi Inthanon National Park, this towering 70-meter cascade delivers a spectacular visual and sensory experience that captivates all who visit. The waterfall maintains a powerful flow throughout the year, ensuring that its dramatic beauty can be enjoyed in every season. During the rainy months, the scene becomes even more enchanting, as shimmering rainbows often appear in the misty spray, lending a magical, storybook atmosphere to the surroundings. The water crashes down the rugged cliff face with impressive force, creating a cool, refreshing mist that envelops the area and offers welcome relief on warmer days. The ambiance here is both tranquil and energizing, enhanced by the

dense forest canopy that surrounds the falls. Towering trees, lush ferns, and a rich variety of tropical flora form a vibrant natural tapestry, making Wachirathan Waterfall not only a visual marvel but also a deeply immersive experience in Thailand's pristine wilderness.

## Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey through Doi Inthanon National Park continues with a visit to the majestic Twin Royal Pagodas—Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri. These two striking monuments, gracefully perched atop the mountain, command sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, which stretches endlessly across the horizon. The area enjoys refreshingly cool weather throughout most of the year, adding a serene and invigorating atmosphere to the experience. Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol was erected in 1987 to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) on the auspicious occasion of his 5th cycle birthday, symbolizing reverence and national pride. Its counterpart, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri, was built in 1992 to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's 5th cycle birthday, serving as a tribute to her enduring grace and contributions to the nation. Surrounding the pagodas are meticulously landscaped gardens, bursting with vibrant winter flowers and a rich variety of ornamental plants that thrive in the highland climate. These sacred structures are not only architectural marvels but also cultural landmarks, drawing a steady stream of visitors year-round who come to admire their beauty, pay respects, and soak in the tranquil ambiance of the mountaintop.

From the pagodas, continue your adventure to the summit of Doi Inthanon—the highest peak in Thailand, rising proudly to an elevation of 2,565 meters above sea level. As part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which stretches from the Himalayas through Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, Doi Inthanon is a geological and ecological treasure. The ascent to the summit takes you through a fascinating progression of forest types, including lush rainforests, fragrant pine forests, and mixed woodlands, each offering its own unique charm and biodiversity. Upon reaching the peak, you'll be greeted by breathtaking views that span across valleys and ridgelines, a reward that captivates travelers from around the world. The crisp mountain air provides a refreshing contrast to the warmer lowlands, making the summit an ideal place for peaceful reflection and relaxation. Doi Inthanon is home to a remarkable array of flora and fauna, including many endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. Birdwatchers, in particular, will find delight in the park's avian diversity, with rare and colorful species flitting through the canopy. The park's rich biodiversity, combined with its dramatic landscapes and cultural significance, makes it a sanctuary for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. As you explore its trails and viewpoints, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the delicate balance between conservation and cultural heritage that defines this extraordinary destination.

As the day draws to a close, return to Chiang Mai and settle in for another restful night in this vibrant and welcoming city. After a day filled with awe-inspiring sights and invigorating experiences, your hotel offers a comfortable retreat where you can recharge and reflect on the wonders you've encountered. Tomorrow promises new adventures as you continue to discover the beauty and charm of northern Thailand, with its rich tapestry of culture, nature, and hospitality waiting to be explored.

DAY 03 Chiang Mai - Lampang: Thai Elephant Conservation Center / Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn / Horse Carriage Riding (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Departing from Chiang Mai, the cultural heart of Northern Thailand, your journey unfolds with a captivating adventure to the neighboring province of Lampang. Known for its tranquil charm and rich heritage, Lampang offers a refreshing contrast to the bustling energy of Chiang Mai. Your first destination is the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, nestled in the verdant surroundings of Ban Thung Kwian village. This respected sanctuary is devoted to the care, rehabilitation, and long-term conservation of Thailand's revered elephants. Here, you'll witness the dedicated efforts of veterinarians and caretakers as they tend to sick and injured elephants, ensuring their recovery and well-being. But the experience goes far beyond observation—you'll have the opportunity to engage in meaningful, hands-on activities that foster a deeper connection with these majestic animals. Enjoy a captivating elephant show that highlights their intelligence, grace, and strength; learn about traditional and modern methods of elephant care and training; and take part in the heartwarming ritual of bathing them in nearby streams. The center offers a profound glimpse into the enduring bond between humans and elephants, making it a truly memorable and enriching stop on your journey.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your exploration into the scenic Chae Hom District, where the awe-inspiring Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn awaits—also known as Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng. Revered by many as a spiritual sanctuary in the sky, this temple complex is perched atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level. Reaching the summit is an adventure in itself, requiring a 30-minute trek along a forested trail that stretches approximately one kilometer. The path winds through lush greenery, offering glimpses of native flora and fauna, and moments of quiet reflection amid nature's splendor. Though the ascent includes steep inclines and occasional stairways, the effort is richly rewarded. At the summit, you'll be greeted by more than ten gleaming pagodas, each one a testament to the devotion and craftsmanship of monks and villagers who labored over many years to create this sacred site. The panoramic views from the top are nothing short of breathtaking, with rolling hills and distant peaks stretching across the horizon. The combination of spiritual serenity and natural grandeur makes this temple a highlight of your Lampang journey—an experience that lingers in both heart and memory.

As the day draws to a close, embrace the charm of Lampang city with a leisurely horse-drawn carriage ride, a nostalgic journey through streets steeped in history. This unique mode of transport offers a window into the city's past, allowing you to appreciate the architectural remnants of Lampang's former economic prosperity. As you glide past rows of heritage buildings, each one tells a story of a bygone era when horse-drawn carriages were the primary means of travel for locals. Today, these carriages serve as a living symbol of Lampang's cultural identity, preserved with pride and shared with visitors from near and far. Though now primarily used for tourism, their continued presence reflects the city's commitment to honoring its traditions and maintaining a connection to its roots. As twilight settles over the city, you'll arrive at

your comfortable accommodations, ready to unwind and reflect on the day's rich experiences. With anticipation for the adventures that await, your evening in Lampang becomes a peaceful pause in a journey filled with discovery and delight.

DAY 04

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Departing from Lampang, your journey leads you to Chiang Rai, a vibrant province renowned for its rich tapestry of artistic expression and cultural heritage. Your first destination is the iconic Wat Rong Khun, widely known as the White Temple. This breathtaking architectural marvel was conceived and brought to life by the visionary Thai artist Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat. Seamlessly blending contemporary religious symbolism with traditional Lanna design elements, the temple stands as a testament to modern Thai creativity. As you step onto the temple grounds, you'll be captivated by the gleaming white façade, intricately adorned with mirrored glass mosaics that shimmer in the sunlight. Every detail—from the ornate stucco to the symbolic sculptures—invites reflection on Buddhist teachings and the journey of the soul. Crossing the bridge that spans the temple's symbolic moat, you'll encounter evocative depictions of heaven and hell, each sculpture layered with meaning. Inside the main chapel, the serene ambiance is enhanced by delicate silver mirror patterns and murals that blend spiritual motifs with contemporary imagery. Before departing, take time to explore the adjacent art galleries, where a treasure trove of sculptures and paintings showcases the artist's boundless imagination and philosophical depth.

Next, immerse yourself in the lush expanse of Singha Park Farm, a sprawling agricultural attraction that spans over 3,000 acres of scenic beauty. This eco-tourism haven offers panoramic views of rolling hills, a tranquil lake, and a vibrant mosaic of cultivated landscapes. Begin your exploration aboard a farm car, winding through the expansive oolong tea plantations that cover more than 250 acres. Along the way, discover flourishing fruit orchards brimming with strawberries, melons, raspberries, and other seasonal delights. The air is rich with the scent of herbs and vegetables from the meticulously tended gardens, inviting you to pause and savor the moment. Wander through fields of blooming flowers, each variety adding its own splash of color to the landscape. For a touch of whimsy, visit the farm's exotic animal zone, where friendly African species offer a delightful encounter for visitors of all ages. Singha Park is more than a scenic retreat—it's a celebration of sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, and the joy of outdoor exploration.

### Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your cultural journey with a visit to Wat Rong Suea Ten, affectionately known as the Blue Temple. Designed by local artist Puttha Kabkaew, a protégé of Chalermchai Kositpipat, this temple dazzles with its bold use of color and intricate craftsmanship. The deep sapphire tones of the temple symbolize wisdom and the infinite, while the gold accents add a regal touch that elevates the entire structure. As you approach, you'll be greeted by majestic naga serpents, their scales glistening with iridescent hues that seem to dance in the light. Inside the vihara, the walls are adorned

with elaborate murals that depict spiritual themes with modern flair. At the heart of the temple stands the Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a radiant white Buddha statue believed to enshrine sacred relics. The tranquil atmosphere, combined with the temple's artistic brilliance, offers a space for both spiritual reflection and visual wonder, making it a must-visit destination in Chiang Rai.

As evening falls, make your way to the lively Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a bustling marketplace that pulses with local energy and charm. Wander through rows of colorful stalls offering handcrafted goods, stylish clothing, artisanal accessories, and unique home décor. The air is filled with the enticing aromas of northern Thai cuisine, inviting you to sample a variety of delicious street foods—from spicy sausages and grilled meats to sweet coconut desserts. As you dine and shop, enjoy live performances by local musicians and hill tribe dancers, whose vibrant costumes and rhythmic movements bring the region's cultural heritage to life. The night bazaar is more than a shopping destination—it's a celebration of community, creativity, and tradition. After a day rich with artistic exploration and cultural immersion, retreat to your cozy accommodations in Chiang Rai, ready to embrace the adventures that await you tomorrow.

DAY 05 Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Depart from Chiang Rai city and journey to the enchanting Doi Tung Palace, also known as the Doi Tung Royal Villa. Perched at an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level, it was constructed in 1987 on the forested slopes of Doi Tung Mountain in Mae Fah Luang Subdistrict, Mae Fah Luang District. This serene retreat once served as the residence of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the beloved Princess Mother of Thailand. The palace is a striking fusion of Swiss chalet and traditional Lanna architectural styles. Crafted with elegance and care, the structure features exquisite wood carvings by skilled northern Thai artisans, adorning its gables, eaves, and window frames with intricate details. Doi Tung Palace was established as part of the Princess Mother's royal initiative to restore and rehabilitate areas ravaged by deforestation and opium cultivation. Her vision gave rise to the Doi Tung Development Project, a sustainable development program designed to improve the quality of life for local communities through education, agriculture, and selfsufficiency. Just steps from the palace lies the Mae Fah Luang Garden, a vibrant sanctuary of color and fragrance. This beautifully landscaped botanical haven showcases a stunning array of flowers and plants from around the world. As the seasons change, so too does the garden's appearance—bursting into life with the soft pastels of spring or glowing with the fiery tones of autumn. It is a living canvas that delights the senses and provides a peaceful retreat from everyday life. A visit to Doi Tung Palace and the Mae Fah Luang Garden is more than a scenic experience—it is a journey through Thailand's natural beauty, architectural elegance, and the enduring legacy of a royal mission that transformed lives and landscapes alike.

Next, journey to the bustling Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost point and a dynamic gateway to Myanmar. Situated along the Mae Sai River, this vibrant district is marked by the Mae Sai Bridge, which connects the two countries. Standing on the

Thai side, you can catch glimpses of Myanmar just across the water, offering a unique sense of connection between the two nations. A highlight of Mae Sai is the lively Mae Sai Market, a sprawling border marketplace where Thai and Myanmar traders come together in a harmonious blend of commerce and culture. Stroll through its bustling lanes, where rows of shops and stalls overflow with an eclectic mix of goods, from affordable electronics and handcrafted souvenirs to herbal remedies, wickerwork, and an assortment of dried foods. The market's lively energy and diverse offerings make it a treasure trove for curious shoppers and cultural enthusiasts alike.

#### Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to the legendary Golden Triangle, a historically significant region located in Sop Ruak Village within Chiang Saen district. This iconic site marks the meeting point of three nations—Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar—where the Mekong River forms a natural boundary between Thailand and Laos, while the Ruak River separates Thailand from Myanmar. From this elevated vantage point, you'll be treated to a rare and captivating view of all three countries simultaneously, a moment that invites reflection on the interconnectedness of cultures and histories. The Golden Triangle was once infamous as a global center for opium cultivation and trade, earning the nickname "Black Gold Triangle" due to the immense wealth generated by the illicit industry. Though the opium fields have long vanished, the stories of that era remain etched into the landscape, offering a glimpse into a complex and turbulent past. One of the most striking landmarks here is the Golden Triangle Buddha—a magnificent bronze statue adorned with topaz. Weighing an impressive 69 tons, with a lap width of 10 meters and a height of 15 meters, this serene figure stands as a symbol of peace and transformation, honoring the region's journey from conflict to cultural preservation.

From the Golden Triangle, embark on a scenic cruise along the mighty Mekong River, one of the world's most vital and storied waterways. As your boat glides across its surface, you'll be immersed in the breathtaking beauty of the riverbanks, where lush vegetation, quiet villages, and distant hills create a tranquil and picturesque panorama. The Mekong has long served as a lifeline for the people of Southeast Asia, shaping civilizations, supporting agriculture, and fostering trade and cultural exchange across borders. Along the way, you'll catch glimpses of riverside communities whose daily lives are deeply intertwined with the rhythms of the river. The cruise offers not only visual splendor but also a deeper appreciation for the enduring role the Mekong plays in sustaining life and connecting diverse cultures. As the sun casts golden reflections on the water, you'll feel a sense of awe and reverence for this ancient river, whose presence continues to inspire and nourish the lands it touches.

As your day draws to a close, you'll make your way back to Chiang Rai City, carrying with you a tapestry of unforgettable memories. From panoramic views at the Golden Triangle to the tranquil cruise along the Mekong, each moment has offered a glimpse into the North's captivating blend of heritage and landscape. Your final evening in Chiang Rai is a time to unwind, reflect, and prepare for the next chapter of your journey. Whether you choose to relax in your accommodations or take a quiet stroll through the city's charming streets, the spirit of northern Thailand will remain with you—warm, welcoming, and full of stories waiting to be told.

DAY 06 Chiang Rai 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 Rai 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
2 Persons
35,700 B
3 Persons
4 Persons
24,800 B

● 5 Persons up 23,900 **B** 

• Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

### **Included:**

- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Admission fees as tour mentioned
- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Meals as mentioned in the program (5 Breakfasts / 4 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (5 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	Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Deluxe
DAY 4-5	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	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.