

# Mae Hong Son Holidays

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# Chiang Mai Nan 7 Days 6 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: 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 dynamic research center is a flourishing showcase of colorful flower gardens, diverse vegetables, and an assortment 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 vital role in forest watershed conservation and in enhancing local livelihoods. It actively supports nearby hill tribe communities by sharing agricultural knowledge, resources, and sustainable practices that help improve their quality of life. As you wander through the beautifully landscaped gardens, you'll be surrounded by 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 symbol of harmony between nature and sustainable development, offering visitors an inspiring and educational beginning to their exploration of Doi Inthanon National Park.

After enjoying the vibrant gardens and agricultural exhibits, continue your adventure to one of Thailand's most breathtaking natural landmarks—the majestic Wachirathan Waterfall. Nestled deep within the lush expanse of Doi Inthanon National Park, this towering 70-meter cascade offers a spectacular visual and sensory experience that captivates everyone who visits. The waterfall maintains a strong flow throughout the year, ensuring that its dramatic beauty can be appreciated in every season. During the rainy months, the scene becomes even more enchanting, as shimmering rainbows often form in the misty spray, creating a magical, storybook atmosphere. The water thunders down the rugged cliff face with impressive force, generating a cool, refreshing mist that blankets the area and offers a pleasant respite on warmer days. The ambiance is both tranquil and invigorating, enhanced by the dense forest canopy that envelops the falls. Towering trees, lush ferns, and a rich variety of tropical flora

create a vivid natural tapestry, making Wachirathan Waterfall not only a visual masterpiece but also an 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 Naphamethanidon and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri. Gracefully perched atop the mountain, these two stunning monuments command sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding landscape that stretch 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 Naphamethanidon was constructed in 1987 to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) on the auspicious occasion of his fifth-cycle birthday, symbolizing national pride and heartfelt reverence. Its companion, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri, was built in 1992 to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's fifth-cycle birthday, serving as a tribute to her enduring grace and devotion to the Thai people. Surrounding the pagodas are beautifully landscaped gardens, bursting with vibrant winter blooms and a variety of ornamental plants that thrive in the cool highland climate. These sacred structures are not only architectural masterpieces but also cultural landmarks that attract visitors year-round, who come to admire their beauty, pay their respects, and soak in the tranquil ambiance of the mountaintop.

From the pagodas, continue onward to the summit of Doi Inthanon—the highest peak in Thailand, standing proudly at 2,565 meters above sea level. As part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain Range, which extends from the Himalayas through Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, Doi Inthanon is both a geological and ecological treasure. The ascent to the summit takes you through an enchanting transition of forest types, from lush rainforests and fragrant pine groves to mixed woodlands, each brimming with unique flora and fauna. Upon reaching the peak, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views stretching across valleys and ridgelines, a spectacle that captivates travelers from around the world. The crisp mountain air provides a refreshing contrast to the warmer lowlands, making the summit an ideal spot for peaceful reflection and rejuvenation. Doi Inthanon shelters an extraordinary range of wildlife, including many endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. Birdwatchers, in particular, will delight in the park's avian diversity, with rare and colorful species darting among the treetops. The mountain's rich biodiversity, combined with its dramatic scenery and cultural heritage, makes it a sanctuary for both nature lovers and adventure seekers. As you explore its trails and viewpoints, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the delicate harmony between conservation and cultural tradition that defines this remarkable destination.

As the day draws to a close, return to Chiang Mai and settle in for another restful evening in this vibrant and welcoming city. After a day filled with awe-inspiring sights and invigorating experiences, your hotel provides a comfortable haven where you can relax and reflect on the wonders you've encountered. Tomorrow promises new adventures as you continue to uncover the beauty and charm of northern Thailand—a region rich in culture, nature, and warm hospitality awaiting your discovery.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an enchanting journey from Chiang Mai to the breathtaking Chiang Rai, a land of natural wonders and cultural gems. Begin your adventure at the Hinoki Land, a unique attraction that seamlessly blends Japanese art, culture, and architecture with the scenic beauty of Thailand. Spanning an impressive 32 acres 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.

Then, the journey take you to Ban Huai San Village in Mae Ai District, 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 04

Chiang Rai - Pua: Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Kwan Phayao Lake (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating exploration from Chiang Rai to Pua District in Nan Province, where stunning temples, vibrant farmlands, and breathtaking landscapes interweave to create an unforgettable experience. Begin your journey with a visit to Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. This architectural marvel, designed by Chiang Rai native artist Puttha Kabkaew, will mesmerize you with its vibrant blue and gold hues. The temple's striking color scheme creates an enchanting atmosphere that draws visitors from all over the world. As you explore the vihara, you'll be captivated by the exquisite art installations that adorn its walls and ceilings. Pay homage to the revered Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath statue enshrined within, a symbol of peace and tranquility that inspires reflection and reverence.

Escape the urban landscape and delve into the agricultural haven of Singha Park Farm. Sprawling over 3,000 acres, this scenic wonderland offers a plethora of activities for visitors of all ages. Indulge in a farm car tour amidst verdant green oolong tea plantations and diverse fruit orchards bursting with melons, strawberries, giant gooseberries, and other exotic fruits. The meticulously maintained fields and gardens provide a feast for the senses, with vibrant colors and fragrant aromas filling the air. Immerse yourself in the aroma of herb gardens, marvel at colorful flower fields, and interact with friendly animals grazing in the green fields. The farm's serene environment offers a perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your artistic exploration with a visit to Wat Rong Khun, also known as the White Temple. Designed by renowned artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, this architectural masterpiece seamlessly blends Buddhist philosophy with contemporary art. The temple's pure white facade, adorned with intricate stucco patterns and shimmering silver mirror decorations, creates a dazzling spectacle that is both serene and otherworldly. As you cross the bridge, adorned with sculptures depicting the cycle of rebirth, delve into the deeper meanings embedded within the artwork. Each element of

the temple's design carries profound symbolic significance, inviting visitors to reflect on the spiritual journey and the impermanence of life. Wander through art galleries showcasing exquisite sculptures and paintings, further enriching your cultural understanding and appreciation of Thai art.

As you journey towards Pua District, make a stop at the breathtaking Kwan Phayao Lake. This crescent-shaped marvel, nestled amidst picturesque mountains, is the largest freshwater lake in northern Thailand. The lake's tranquil waters and serene surroundings create a perfect setting for relaxation and reflection. Witness the vibrant life it sustains, with over fifty species of freshwater fish thriving in its depths. The lake is also a vital source of livelihood for local fishermen and a sanctuary for various bird species. Soak in the serene atmosphere and capture panoramic views of the lake against the backdrop of rolling hills. The shimmering water, framed by lush greenery and distant mountains, provides a stunning and tranquil vista. Arrive in Pua District in the evening, ready to explore its charm and tranquility. Settle into your hotel and unwind after a day filled with artistic and natural wonders, reflecting on the enriching experiences and breathtaking sights you have encountered.

DAY 05 Pua – Nan: 1715 Phu Kha Viewpoint / Sapan Village / Bo Kluea Rock Salt Well / The View at Kew Muang (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a journey to Muang Nan District, where breathtaking landscapes, charming villages, and ancient traditions captivate every step. Kick off your day by ascending to the 1,715-meter viewpoint within Doi Phu Kha National Park. Feel the cool mountain air caress your face as you soak in panoramic vistas of the surrounding landscape. Capture stunning photos and cherish the moment of standing at the highest point in the park, where the views stretch out over lush valleys and forested peaks. The crisp, fresh air and serene environment provide a perfect start to your day. Embark on a scenic drive along Highway No. 1081, a winding route that hugs the mountain ridges on both sides. This visually stunning journey, often considered one of the most beautiful in Thailand, offers breathtaking views of valleys, forests, and distant peaks. Keep your camera handy as you navigate the turns, enjoying the everchanging scenery that unfolds before you. Each bend in the road reveals a new, picturesque vista, making this drive a highlight of your journey.

Descend into the tranquility of Sapan Village, a peaceful haven nestled amidst a verdant valley in Nan Province. As you arrive, you'll witness the simple life of the locals, their traditional homes blending seamlessly with the surrounding rice fields and fertile forests. The village is a picturesque tableau of rural Thai life, with wooden houses on stilts, lush greenery, and meandering streams creating a serene and idyllic setting. Breathe in the fresh air, rich with the scent of earth and growing crops, and lose yourself in the tranquil atmosphere that pervades every corner of Sapan. The gentle rustle of leaves and the distant calls of birds provide a soothing soundtrack to your exploration. Take a leisurely stroll through the village, observing the daily activities of the villagers as they go about their routines. The fields are a patchwork of verdant green and golden hues, especially as they approach harvest season. Capture the beauty of the rice fields, with their delicate stalks swaying in the breeze, and the

farmers tending to their crops with care and dedication. The sight of water buffalo grazing peacefully adds to the pastoral charm of the landscape.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Step back in time at the ancient Rock Salt Boiling Plant, a testament to Nan's rich history and enduring traditions. This unique site reveals the 800-year-old tradition of salt production that has been passed down through generations. As you explore the plant, you'll witness the locals' expertise in extracting this essential mineral, using methods that have remained largely unchanged over the centuries. The process involves boiling brine in large vats over wood fires, a labor-intensive and skillful practice that produces high-quality salt. Learn about the unique process of salt production, understanding its dependence on sunlight during the dry season to evaporate water and crystallize the salt. The plant is a fascinating blend of history and practicality, offering insights into the region's past and its resourceful use of natural materials. The salt produced here is not only a vital ingredient for the local cuisine but also a valuable commodity that has played a significant role in the area's economy.

Conclude your day with a rejuvenating stop at The View at Kew Muang, a charming mountain café that offers breathtaking vistas of the lush, rolling hills. This scenic spot is perfect for enjoying a freshly brewed cup of coffee while breathing in the crisp mountain air. Surrounded by tranquil greenery and sweeping views, it's an ideal place to unwind, soak in the peaceful atmosphere, and reflect on the memorable moments of your journey so far. After your relaxing break, continue your drive to Nan City, a destination brimming with historical charm and deep cultural heritage. Upon arrival, check in to your accommodation and take some time to rest and recharge for tomorrow's adventures. With its blend of natural beauty, warm hospitality, and timeless traditions, Nan promises an unforgettable experience that will leave a lasting impression on every traveler.

DAY 06 Nan Sightseeing: Nan National Museum / Nan Riverside Art Gallery / Wat Phra That Khao Noi / Wat Phumin Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Set off to explore Muang Nan District, where historical sites, beautiful scenery, and vibrant art await your visit. Start your day by immersing yourself in the local history at the Nan National Museum. Housed in a beautiful two-story brick and mortar building, it showcases fascinating artifacts that tell the story of the region's people and art. Wander through the exhibits, where you'll discover artifacts and relics that span centuries, providing a deep understanding of the region's rich heritage. Explore exhibits on the lifestyles of native inhabitants and various hill tribes, gaining insights into their unique traditions, customs, and way of life. Don't miss the photo opportunity at the stunning frangipani tunnel arch outside, where the fragrant flowers create a picturesque setting. Next, delve into the contemporary art scene at the Nan Riverside Art Gallery. Founded by renowned artist Winai Prabripoo, this expansive gallery houses works by talented Thai artists. The gallery's serene riverside location enhances the experience, as you immerse yourself in diverse creative expressions. Stroll through the galleries and engage with local art enthusiasts, appreciating the vibrant colors and innovative techniques on display. The gallery offers a unique

perspective on modern Thai art, blending traditional influences with contemporary styles.

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Wat Phra That Khao Noi, a serene and spiritually significant temple perched atop the picturesque Khao Noi Mountain. The ascent, whether by climbing the iconic staircase or driving up the winding mountain road, is a rewarding experience, offering visitors breathtaking panoramic views of Nan city and its lush surroundings. At the heart of this sacred site lies the relic pagoda, a beautiful fusion of Burmese and Lanna architectural styles. The pagoda is said to enshrine a relic of the Buddha's hair, making it a revered destination for both locals and visitors seeking spiritual solace. The intricate designs and craftsmanship of the structure reflect the rich cultural heritage of the region. A highlight of the visit is the golden Buddha statue, majestically poised atop the mountain. This towering figure, gazing out over the landscape, exudes a sense of peace and serenity. Pilgrims and tourists alike often come here to seek blessings, meditate, or simply bask in the tranquil atmosphere. For photography enthusiasts, Wat Phra That Khao Noi is a treasure trove of stunning vistas and architectural beauty. The temple's elevated position provides an excellent vantage point to capture the sprawling beauty of Nan city, particularly during sunrise or sunset, when the landscape is bathed in warm, golden hues. Whether you're drawn by the spiritual significance, the architectural charm, or the captivating views, Wat Phra That Khao Noi promises an experience that lingers long after your visit.

### Lunch at the restaurant.

Conclude your exploration with a visit to Wat Phumin, an ancient temple boasting over 400 years of history. Be astounded by its unique architecture, blending the styles of an ubosot and a pagoda. The central Ubosot houses four large Buddha images, each facing a different direction, symbolizing the omnipresence of the Buddha's teachings. Immerse yourself in the cultural significance of the captivating "Hoop Tam" mural paintings, which depict Jataka stories and local legends. These intricate murals are not only artistically impressive but also rich in historical and cultural narratives. Don't miss the iconic "Pu Man Ya Man" painting, showcasing a whispering lovers' scene, and discover other fascinating murals that adorn the walls. Each painting tells a story, offering a glimpse into the beliefs and values of the people who created them. Enjoy your last evening in Nan, savoring delicious local cuisine at a traditional restaurant or wandering through the lively night market. The market's vibrant atmosphere, filled with the sounds and aromas of street food vendors, provides a perfect end to your day. Reflect on your journey through this charming city, filled with cultural treasures and stunning natural landscapes. Whether you're enjoying a bowl of khao soi, a traditional northern Thai curry noodle dish, or browsing for unique handicrafts, the evening promises to be a delightful and memorable experience.

# DAY 07 Nan Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

O0:00 As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Nan 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 72,200 B
2 Persons 39,200 B

• 3 Persons 33,900 **B** 

● 4 Persons 27,300 **B** 

• 5 Persons up 26,500 **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 (6 Breakfasts / 5 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (6 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	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
DAY 4	Pua	Pua De View Boutique Resort	Deluxe
DAY 5-6	Nan	Nan Nakara Boutique 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.