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### Explore Northern Thailand 9 Days 8 Nights

## DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival / (Hotel)

00:00

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

DAY 02

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel

Embarking on a mesmerizing journey through Chiang Mai's most significant and breathtaking landmarks awaits you. First on the list is the iconic Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple, nestled atop Doi Suthep Mountain. A symbol of profound spirituality and revered as one of Northern Thailand's holiest sites, this temple dates back to 1383 and is believed to house a sacred relic of Lord Buddha. Locals and visitors alike seek blessings and tranquility here, making it an essential pilgrimage destination. To reach the temple, visitors can opt for an enchanting ascent of a 306-step staircase, flanked by magnificent serpent sculptures. For a more leisurely option, a funicular railway offers a comfortable and picturesque ride to the temple complex. The architectural brilliance of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep seamlessly blends Lanna and traditional Thai styles, adorned with intricate golden decorations, ornate wooden carvings, and striking pagodas. The main attraction, a revered chedi housing the sacred relic, is said to emanate great spiritual power. From the temple's vantage point, the sweeping panoramic views of Chiang Mai city and its surrounding countryside are breathtaking.

Explore the historical Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan, a magnificent temple nestled in the heart of Chiang Mai. As one of the largest and most ancient temples in the province, it holds immense cultural and historical significance. At its core lies a grand pagoda, a towering structure that once stood even taller before the upper portion was damaged in a devastating earthquake in 1545. Despite this, the pagoda remains an enduring emblem of Lanna heritage and architectural ingenuity. The temple, also known by its historical names Rajakudakan and Chotikaram, was originally constructed during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma of the Mungrai dynasty around 1391. Over centuries, restoration efforts during different periods have contributed to its present form, with the pagoda now measuring an impressive 60 meters on each side. This makes it one of the most significant and iconic landmarks in

Chiang Mai, drawing countless visitors who seek to admire its grandeur and rich history.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After a delightful lunch, journey to the San Kamphaeng District, a hub of traditional craftsmanship and artistry. This district is particularly famous for its silk and cotton weaving industry, which has earned a stellar reputation for producing high-quality fabrics at affordable prices. A visit here offers tourists an opportunity to witness the intricate silk weaving process firsthand, from thread production to the creation of stunning textiles. Many silk factories in the area provide guided tours, offering insights into this time-honored craft. Beyond silk and cotton, San Kamphaeng is a treasure trove of handmade goods and souvenirs. Visitors can explore numerous factories and shops showcasing exquisite items, including wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and more. Each item reflects the region's artistic legacy and makes for a perfect keepsake or gift. Whether you're drawn to the elegance of silk or the allure of intricately crafted souvenirs, San Kamphaeng promises a memorable experience steeped in tradition and creativity. Conclude your day by spending a restful night in the charming city of Chiang Mai, savoring the memories of your enriching journey exploring its cultural and spiritual gems.

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

Pick up from the hotel 08:30 AM

> Embark on a captivating journey from Chiang Mai to the picturesque heart of Lampang province. Your first stop is the esteemed Thai Elephant Conservation Center, nestled in the lush Ban Thung Kwian village. Here, you will have the unique opportunity to witness these gentle giants up close and learn about their care and rehabilitation. The dedicated efforts of the center to treat sick elephants and ensure their well-being are both inspiring and heartwarming. Beyond observing their care, the center offers a plethora of elephant-related activities to immerse yourself in. Experience the thrill of an elephant show where you can see the remarkable skills of these majestic creatures. Delve into the intricacies of elephant care and control, gaining insights from the skilled mahouts who work closely with the elephants. One of the most unforgettable experiences is participating in the heartwarming act of bathing these magnificent creatures, forming a bond with them in the process. As you explore the center, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the cultural and ecological significance of elephants in Thailand. The Thai Elephant Conservation Center stands as a beacon of hope and dedication, ensuring that these incredible animals receive the care and respect they deserve. Your visit not only offers a memorable and enriching experience but also supports the ongoing conservation efforts to protect and preserve these gentle giants for future generations.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue the journey to Chae Hom District to visit the breathtaking Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn, also known as Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng. Regarded as a heavenly haven by many, the temple's pavilion and pagoda grace the summit of a mountain, perched at an altitude of almost 1,000 meters above sea level.

Reaching this summit is an adventure in itself. A 30-minute trek, approximately 1 kilometer long, winds through lush forest, offering stunning glimpses of nature along the way. Though challenging with its steep inclines and occasional stairs, the path rewards you with captivating views of the surrounding landscape. Upon reaching the summit, you'll be greeted by more than 10 magnificent pagodas, each a testament to the faith and dedication of monks and villagers over many years. These structures, along with the breathtaking panoramic vista stretching before you, create a truly unforgettable experience.

As the day nears its end, you will embark on a charming horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Lampang city. This ride offers a unique perspective on the local way of life, allowing you to witness the historical remnants of Lampang's economic prosperity. Admire the ancient buildings lining the streets, remnants of a bygone era. Though once the primary mode of transportation for locals, the horse carriage now serves as a symbol of Lampang's heritage. Witnessing these carriages, though primarily used for tourism today, is a testament to Lampang's commitment to preserving its rich history and traditions. As the evening sets in, settle into your comfortable accommodations in Lampang, reflecting on the day's captivating experiences and anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

DAY 04 Lampang - Sukhothai: Si Satchanalai Historical Park / Sukhothai Historical Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

The journey takes you to Sukhothai, the ancient capital of Thailand, where you'll be transported back in time to a bygone era. Bathed in rich history and cultural heritage, Sukhothai offers a unique blend of ancient ruins, natural beauty, and a simple traditional way of life. Your exploration begins in Si Satchanalai District, where the imposing Si Satchanalai Historical Park awaits. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, nestled amidst lush greenery, boasts a remarkable collection of archaeological sites spanning centuries. The park's vast area of 45 square kilometers houses 215 archaeological sites, whispering tales of civilizations past. Among the highlights are the majestic laterite structures, including Wat Chang Lom Temple, Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo Temple, and Wat Nang Phaya Temple. These architectural marvels, along with Wat Suwan Khiri Temple, Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Yai Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Noi Temple, and the City Pillar Shrine, stand as testaments to the artistic prowess of the ancient Siamese people. Si Satchanalai's historical charm is further enhanced by its idyllic setting. Tucked away amidst a serene forest, the park offers a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of modern life, allowing you to truly connect with the past.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing your journey, you'll arrive at Mueang Sukhothai District, home to the renowned Sukhothai Historical Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, encompassing an area of 70 square kilometers, served as the first capital of Thailand between the 18th and 20th Buddhist centuries. Immerse yourself in the remnants of a glorious era as you explore the park's numerous historical landmarks. Witness the imposing Wat Mahathat Temple, the magnificent Wat Chana Songkhram Temple, the

serene Wat Traphang Ngoen Temple, and the awe-inspiring Wat Sri Sawai Temple. Each structure speaks volumes about the architectural brilliance and cultural refinement of the Sukhothai Kingdom. Beyond the city walls, another 70 archaeological sites await discovery, including the enigmatic Wat Si Chum Temple. As you wander through these ancient ruins, you'll gain a deeper understanding of Sukhothai's significant contributions to Thai art, language, and urban planning. As evening descends, retire to your comfortable accommodations in Sukhothai, carrying with you the indelible memories of your journey through ancient Thailand. The echoes of history will continue to resonate long after you depart, leaving you with a newfound appreciation for the rich heritage of this captivating land.

DAY 05

Sukhothai - Phrae: Wat Pong Sunan Temple / Khum Wongburi Museum / Khum Chao Luang / Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your journey continues to Phrae Province, the gateway to the Lanna Kingdom and a captivating city brimming with history, natural wonders, and cultural treasures. Upon arrival in Mueang Phrae District, prepare to be enchanted by a series of fascinating attractions. Begin your exploration at Wat Pong Sunan, a temple renowned for its serene atmosphere and dazzling golden reclining Buddha. Marvel at the intricate details of the 108 Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew, a white temple adorned with 108 pagodas. Look closer and be amazed by the optical illusion created by the surrounding plexiglass balls, reflecting the pagodas in a mesmerizing upside-down image. Inside the viharn, you'll encounter the majestic "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon" Buddha image and captivating murals depicting the Buddha's life and zodiac signs.

Embark on a journey through time at Khum Wong Buri, a magnificent pink ancient Thai house that serves as a stunning testament to the architectural brilliance of bygone eras. Built over a century ago, this two-story golden teakwood house is a harmonious blend of Thai-Lanna and European styles, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of northern Thailand. As you approach, you'll be captivated by the pastel pink façade, delicately adorned with intricate wood carvings and elaborate stencil patterns that reflect the meticulous craftsmanship of traditional Thai artisans. Every corner of this house tells a story, with its unique design and ornate details offering glimpses into the grandeur of the past. Step inside Khum Wong Buri and immerse yourself in history as you explore its meticulously preserved interiors. The house is a treasure trove of fascinating artifacts and ancient relics, including intricately designed furniture, elegant tableware, vintage photographs, and rare weapons. Admire the Buddha images from various eras, each representing the spiritual and artistic evolution of Thai culture. Each artifact is thoughtfully displayed, allowing visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the region's history, traditions, and lifestyle. The house's peaceful ambiance, combined with its historical significance, makes it a must-visit destination for history buffs and architecture enthusiasts alike.

Next on your itinerary is Khum Chao Luang, another architectural marvel that has withstood the test of time. Built over a century ago by the last ruler of Phrae, this two-story brick and mortar mansion is an outstanding example of the seamless fusion of Thai-Lanna and European architectural styles. The grandeur of Khum Chao Luang begins with its imposing exterior, adorned with exquisite fretwork and intricate

carvings that exude elegance and sophistication. The house's unique features, including the distinctive "Mai Pan Kled" roof and beautifully crafted porch, showcase the ingenuity and artistic vision of its creators. Step through the grand entrance and be greeted by the spacious and meticulously designed interior. The house boasts 72 intricately carved windows and doors, each a masterpiece in itself, flooding the interior with natural light and creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. As you wander through the rooms, you'll notice the careful attention to detail in every corner, from the ornate ceiling designs to the elegantly crafted wooden staircases. Each element of the house reflects a blend of practicality and artistic flair, making it a perfect representation of the era's architectural trends. In addition to its architectural splendor, Khum Chao Luang holds significant historical importance. It served as a residence for the region's rulers and played a crucial role in shaping the political and cultural landscape of Phrae. Today, the mansion stands as a cultural landmark, offering visitors a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the Thai nobility during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Guided tours provide fascinating insights into the history of the house, the life of its inhabitants, and the broader historical context of the region. Whether you're an architecture enthusiast or a history lover, a visit to Khum Chao Luang is a journey into the heart of Phrae's rich heritage.

#### Lunch at the restaurant.

As the day comes to a close, take a journey into the enchanting Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park, a true natural marvel that showcases the breathtaking artistry of time and nature. Nestled within the tranquil landscapes of Phrae, this park is famed for its stunning geological formations, where sandstone and compacted soil have been shaped by centuries of erosion into striking pillars, cliffs, and fantastical shapes. These natural sculptures evoke an otherworldly charm, making the park a must-see destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike. Stroll along the nature trail, where every turn offers a new perspective on this unique terrain. As you wander through the serene forest, you'll not only admire the dramatic formations but also feel a profound connection to the ancient forces that crafted them. The park's name, Phae Mueang Phi, translates to "Ghost Town of the City," reflecting the mysterious allure of its landscape and the legends that surround it. After your exploration, settle into the peaceful surroundings of Phrae for the night. Reflect on the rich tapestry of history and natural wonders you've experienced throughout the day. From the timeless artistry of nature at Phae Mueang Phi to the cultural treasures of this charming province, each moment has painted a vivid picture of Phrae's unique character. Let the memories linger as you prepare for another day of discovery, knowing these experiences will remain etched in your heart for years to come.

**DAY 06** 

Phrae - Chiang Rai: Kwan Phayao Lake / 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

Your journey unfolds as you leave Phrae Province, venturing towards the captivating landscapes of Chiang Rai. Along the way, a stop at the magnificent Kwan Phayao Lake promises to be a feast for the senses. This crescent-shaped natural wonder, nestled amidst lush mountain ranges, is a serene paradise. As the largest freshwater

lake in Northern Thailand and the fourth largest in the country, Kwan Phayao plays a crucial ecological role, serving as a vital fishing area and a breeding ground for a rich diversity of aquatic life. Take a moment to breathe in the tranquil atmosphere, observe the vibrant birdlife, or enjoy the picturesque reflections of the surrounding mountains on the lake's pristine waters.

Continuing your journey, step into the surreal and enchanting world of Wat Rong Khun, famously known as the White Temple. This iconic site, conceived and meticulously crafted by celebrated Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, stands as a contemporary masterpiece of religious art and architecture. The temple's pristine white façade, symbolizing purity, is adorned with dazzling glass inlays and intricate stucco details, creating a dazzling effect that evokes a sense of wonder. As you approach, cross the symbolic Bridge of Rebirth, which leads visitors on a journey from the earthly realm of temptation to the heavenly sanctuary of enlightenment. Along the way, you'll encounter thought-provoking sculptures that depict moral dilemmas and the balance between heaven and hell, inviting deep reflection on Buddhist precepts. Inside the temple, prepare to be captivated by a blend of traditional and modern art. Vibrant murals and intricately detailed sculptures fill the space, each telling profound stories and offering glimpses into the artist's vision of spiritual harmony. The temple grounds also feature galleries showcasing Chalermchai's other works, providing insight into his creative genius and dedication to preserving Thai culture.

#### Lunch at the restaurant.

Immerse yourself in the natural bounty of Singha Park Farm, an agricultural wonderland spanning over 3,000 acres. This vast estate, owned by Boon Rawd Brewery, offers a unique blend of agricultural activities and nature exploration. Journey through rolling green hills, admire the vast expanse of the lake, and witness the impressive 250-acre green oolong tea plantation. Be amazed by colorful fruit kingdoms, such as the melon, strawberry, raspberry, and giant gooseberry fields, and delight in the vibrant vegetable and herb gardens. Let the beauty of the blooming flower fields captivate your senses, and experience the joy of feeding the friendly African animals in the green fields.

Your journey through Chiang Rai's spiritual landscape continues at Wat Rong Suea Ten, more famously known as the Blue Temple. This architectural marvel, a brainchild of the visionary artist Puttha Kabkaew, is a testament to the region's artistic prowess and spiritual significance. The Blue Temple is a feast for the eyes, with its striking blue and gold color palette that immediately draws visitors in. The vihara, or assembly hall, is a masterpiece of intricate details and vibrant hues. Every inch of the temple, from the walls to the ceiling, is adorned with exquisite murals depicting Buddhist mythology and contemporary art. The serene ambiance within the temple invites contemplation and inner peace. At the heart of the Blue Temple resides the revered Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a magnificent Buddha image believed to contain sacred relics. Devotees and tourists alike flock to this sacred site to pay their respects and seek blessings.

As your day draws to a close, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar. This famed shopping destination attracts visitors from all over the world, offering a diverse selection of local products and hill tribe handicrafts. From clothing and accessories to home furnishings and souvenirs, the night bazaar caters to every taste and budget. Indulge in the delicious array of food and beverage

options, and be captivated by the stage performances showcasing traditional Lanna dances and music from various hill tribes. Let the lively atmosphere of the night bazaar be the perfect ending to your captivating day in Chiang Rai. As you spend the night in Chiang Rai, let the memories of the day's extraordinary experiences wash over you, leaving an indelible mark on your heart and mind.

DAY 07 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.

Your Chiang Rai journey continues with a visit to Doi Tung Palace, also known as the Doi Tung Royal Villa, was constructed in 1987 and sits atop Doi Tung Mountain at an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level in Mae Fah Luang Subdistrict, Mae Fah Luang District. This stunning residence once served as the home of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the Princess Mother. The architecture of the palace harmoniously blends the elegance of a Swiss chalet with the traditional charm of Lanna design. Adorned with intricate wood carvings crafted by skilled northern artisans, its gables, eaves, and window frames feature exquisite decorative details. The creation of Doi Tung Palace was an integral part of the Princess Mother's visionary mission to restore areas damaged by deforestation and opium cultivation. Her Royal Highness's unwavering efforts gave rise to the Doi Tung Development Project, an initiative focused on fostering sustainable livelihoods for local communities. Adjacent to the palace lies the breathtaking Mae Fah Luang Garden, a vibrant paradise filled with colors and fragrances. This meticulously curated botanical haven showcases an impressive variety of flowers and plants, transforming with the changing seasons. Whether adorned with the soft pastels of spring or the fiery hues of autumn, the garden presents an ever-changing spectacle that captivates visitors with its beauty. It offers a peaceful retreat, far removed from the bustle of daily life. A visit to Doi Tung Palace and the Mae Fah Luang Garden is not only an opportunity to marvel at the harmony between nature and architecture but also a journey into Thailand's rich history and cultural heritage.

Venture north to Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost point, where the serene Mae Sai River defines the border with Myanmar. Here, you'll encounter the bustling Mae Sai Market, a captivating border market renowned as the largest shopping district in Northern Thailand. This vibrant marketplace is a melting pot of cultures, a place where Thai and Myanmar traditions intertwine. As you wander through the bustling stalls, you'll be greeted by a kaleidoscope of colors, sounds, and scents. From local handicrafts and exotic spices to traditional clothing and jewelry, the market offers a diverse array of goods. The market's strategic location has made it a hub for trade and cultural exchange between the two countries. You can witness the daily lives of local people, both Thai and Myanmar, as they go about their business. The market's lively atmosphere, coupled with the opportunity to bargain for unique treasures, makes it an unforgettable experience.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey to the Golden Triangle, a historic point where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos converge. This unique destination has a storied past,

once infamous for its opium cultivation and the illegal drug trade. Learn about the region's fascinating history, which stretches back centuries and has shaped the lives of the local communities. The Golden Triangle's name alone evokes images of a bygone era marked by intrigue and mystery. Step into the present and witness the remarkable transformation of the Golden Triangle. Once a hotspot for illicit activities, this area has now become a peaceful haven for cultural exchange and tourism. The transformation is a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of the local people, who have turned their focus towards fostering cross-border friendships and economic development. The Golden Triangle is now a vibrant hub where visitors can experience the rich cultural heritage of three countries in one location.

Embark on a scenic cruise along the majestic Mekong River, one of the world's most significant waterways. The Mekong River, often referred to as the "Mother of Waters," plays a crucial role in the lives of millions of people across Southeast Asia. As you glide along the calm waters, you will be captivated by the breathtaking natural beauty of the surrounding landscapes. The river's banks are lined with lush greenery, traditional villages, and bustling markets, providing a window into the daily lives of those who call this region home. Admire the panoramic views of the river's twists and turns, and take in the sights and sounds of river life. Along the way, you'll see fishermen casting their nets, children playing by the water's edge, and farmers tending to their crops. The Mekong River is not just a body of water but a lifeline that supports diverse ecosystems and communities. This immersive experience provides a unique opportunity to appreciate the cultural and economic significance of the Mekong River. The river has been a vital trade route for centuries, facilitating the exchange of goods, ideas, and traditions between neighboring countries. Today, it continues to be a source of sustenance and inspiration for the people living along its banks. Spend your final night in Chiang Rai, reflecting on the extraordinary experiences and captivating sights you encountered. As you prepare to depart, carry with you a treasure trove of memories that will forever remind you of the magic and beauty of northern Thailand.

**DAY 08** Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Doi Mae Salong / Akha hill tribe Village / Wat Tha Ton Temple / Hinoki Land (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

> Your exploration of northern Thailand continues with a visit to Wat Huai Plakang, another architectural gem in Chiang Rai. Nestled atop a hill, this temple offers breathtaking panoramic views. The highlight of the temple is its nine-story, twelvesided chedi, a unique structure adorned with intricate Chinese and Lanna-style artwork. The red roof and two majestic dragon statues flanking the staircase add to the grandeur of the chedi. Inside, the sandalwood statue of Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva welcomes visitors with her blessing. Additionally, the white chapel and the towering 69-meter-tall Guan Yin Bodhisattva statue, accessible by elevator, provide stunning vantage points to admire the surrounding landscape.

> Next, venture to Doi Mae Salong, a captivating hill station renowned for its picturesque tea plantations. As you ascend the winding roads, you'll be greeted by breathtaking vistas of rolling hills blanketed in lush greenery. This idyllic region was once inhabited by Chinese Yunnan immigrants who fled their homeland decades ago.

Their cultural influence is still evident in the village's architecture, customs, and, most notably, the thriving tea industry. The meticulous care taken by the local farmers in cultivating these delicate tea leaves has earned Doi Mae Salong a reputation for producing some of the finest teas in Thailand. As you wander through the charming village, you'll be transported to a serene world where time seems to slow down. The tranquil atmosphere, coupled with the remnants of Chinese culture, creates a unique and enchanting experience.

### Lunch at the restaurant.

Immerse yourself in the rich and vibrant world of the Akha hill tribe, an indigenous community whose villages are nestled amidst the stunning natural landscapes of Northern Thailand. With roots tracing back to their migration from Southern China through Myanmar, the Akha people settled in Thailand nearly a century ago, bringing with them a unique cultural identity that continues to thrive. Their villages, often located at high altitudes in Chiang Rai Province, provide not only spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys but also a glimpse into their fascinating way of life. As you explore their villages, you'll notice the distinctive architecture of their homes—traditional structures built with bamboo walls and thatched roofs, designed to harmonize with their environment. The Akha people are known for their vibrant clothing, intricately crafted and adorned with striking silverware and colorful beads, which often carry symbolic meanings reflecting their rich heritage. Each piece of attire tells a story of their connection to nature, spirituality, and community.

Your journey continues to Ban Tha Ton, a picturesque border village cradled by majestic mountains and traversed by a gentle river. Known for its cool, year-round climate, Ban Tha Ton offers a tranquil escape for those seeking to connect with nature and experience the diverse cultural mosaic of Northern Thailand. The village is home to several hill tribe communities, creating a harmonious blend of traditions and lifestyles that enrich the area's cultural tapestry. A visit to Wat Tha Ton, a magnificent temple perched on a hillside, is a highlight of any trip to Ban Tha Ton. This temple complex, spanning nine distinct levels, is a masterpiece of spiritual architecture. Each level features sacred religious sites, with the crowning glory being the Phra Chedi Kaew, or the Crystal Pagoda, which shimmers under the sunlight and symbolizes enlightenment. As you ascend through the layers of the temple, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of Ban Tha Ton village, the lush mountains, and the surrounding Mae Ai district.

Your exploration culminates at Hinoki Land, the first and only hinoki wood kingdom in Thailand. This unique attraction, spread across 83 rai, transports you to Japan through its meticulously crafted architecture and immersive atmosphere. Step through the large red lantern arch and witness the awe-inspiring tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates leading to the magnificent Hinoki Castle. This four-story castle, inspired by Kinkakuji Castle in Kyoto, was built entirely from hinoki pine wood, revered as the "noble pine" in Japan. At Hinoki Land, lose yourself in the serene beauty of the Japanese-inspired landscape, surrounded by mountains and forests, as you experience the essence of Japanese culture and architecture. As your journey reaches Chiang Mai in the evening, transfer to your hotel and settle in for the night. Let the memories of the day's cultural encounters and breathtaking landscapes linger, enriching your understanding of northern Thailand's unique charm.

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00

As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Chiang Mai airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition for your journey back home or to your next destination, and this is where our service ends.

#### **Prices:**

● 1 Persons 90,700 **B** 

● 2 Persons 49,700 **B** 

• 3 Persons 43,100 **B** 

● 4 Persons 34,100 **B** 

• 5 Persons up 32,800 **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 (8 Breakfasts / 7 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (8 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	Sukhothai	Le Charme Sukhothai	Deluxe
Day 5	Phrae	Huern Na Na Boutique Hotel	Deluxe
Day 6-7	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 8	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.