

# Mae Hong Son Holidays

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### Family Package 6 Days 5 Nights

# DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival (Hotel)

00:00 After arriving at Chiang M

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 / Grand Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / Pha Dok Sieo Nature Trail (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Depart from the vibrant city of Chiang Mai and set your sights on the magnificent Doi Inthanon National Park, often referred to as the "Roof of Thailand." Your first stop is the breathtaking Wachirathan Waterfall, a majestic single-tiered cascade celebrated as one of Thailand's most stunning natural wonders. The waterfall cascades gracefully into the basin below, standing tall at an impressive height of 70 meters. Throughout the year, its waters flow steadily, creating a serene and picturesque scene. During the rainy season, the interplay of sunlight and water droplets creates frequent rainbows, adding an enchanting touch to the already awe-inspiring sight. The lush greenery surrounding the waterfall and the thunderous roar of the cascading water create a symphony of natural sounds that enhances the magical atmosphere. Visitors can take a refreshing break by the falls, enjoying the cool mist and the tranquil ambiance.

Next, marvel at the architectural wonders 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 set amidst splendid winter flower gardens and a diverse array of plants, creating a picturesque and serene setting. With cool weather prevailing throughout most of the year, this spot offers panoramic views that are considered among the most beautiful viewpoints in Chiang Mai. The tranquil atmosphere and the meticulously landscaped gardens provide a perfect backdrop for reflection and photography.

Venture further to Doi Inthanon, the highest peak in Thailand, soaring at an altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. As part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range stretching from the Himalayas, this area boasts abundant biodiversity and varied climates. As you ascend the mountain, you'll traverse through different ecological zones, from dense rainforests to majestic pine forests and mixed forests, each offering a unique and captivating natural experience. Along the way, you'll encounter a variety of flora and fauna, including rare orchids, colorful birds, and, if you're lucky, even some elusive wildlife. At the summit, visitors are rewarded with magnificent panoramic scenery, a testament to Doi Inthanon's irresistible allure that attracts people from all corners of the world.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Explore the Pha Dok Sieo Nature Trail, a delightful hiking trail approximately 3 kilometers long. Besides immersing themselves in nature and witnessing various plants and the captivating waterfall, tourists can also relish the beauty of terraced rice fields in the valley at Ban Mae Klang Luang Village. The trail meanders through rich ecosystems, eventually leading to the village where you can explore the terraced rice fields that are a sight to behold, especially during planting or harvest season. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to visit a coffee plantation and savor locally roasted and ground coffee, adding a flavorful touch to your journey. Immerse yourself in the culture and lifestyle of the Karen hill tribes as you explore the village, where a simple and serene way of life exists amidst the pure and beautiful surroundings. Engage with the local community, learn about their customs and traditions, and gain a deeper appreciation for their harmonious relationship with nature. As the day draws to a close, return to Chiang Mai, where you'll be transferred back to your hotel, Cherish the memories of this unforgettable journey through the wonders of Doi Inthanon National Park.

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 Sightseeing: Elephant Eco Valley / Kingkong Smile Zipline / Buatong Waterfall (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Begin your third day with a journey from Chiang Mai city to Mae Taeng District, where you'll enjoy heartwarming moments with gentle giants at Elephant Eco Valley—an eco-tourism destination that invites visitors to connect closely with elephants and gain meaningful insights into their lives and conservation. The program offers a variety of fun and educational activities suitable for all ages. Your family will start with a visit to the Elephant Culture Museum, the only one of its kind in Thailand, which highlights the long-standing relationship between Thai people and elephants. Then, enjoy feeding the elephants with herbal and fruit balls made from bananas and sugarcane, learn how to make paper from elephant dung, and explore the art of

traditional herbal medicine used in elephant care. You'll also have the opportunity to craft vitamin-rich herbal balls to help nourish the elephants. End your visit by watching the elephants bathe in a natural stream—or join in and help bathe them yourself. It's a joyful and enriching experience that blends fun, learning, and a genuine connection with Thailand's most iconic animal.

Afterward, continue your journey to Bua Tong Waterfall, a unique limestone cascade nestled within lush, pristine forest. The area is filled with towering trees, blending tropical evergreen and mixed deciduous forest that remains green and humid year-round. Visitors can take a leisurely walk along nature trails or relax at scenic viewpoints overlooking the hills and flowing streams. The waterfall features multiple tiers of smooth white limestone, reaching a total height of approximately 100 meters. The mineral-rich water coats the rocks with calcium carbonate, creating a non-slippery surface that allows visitors to safely climb up and down the falls—an exhilarating and rare experience. The water stays cool and clear throughout the year, accompanied by the soothing sounds of nature, making Bua Tong Waterfall an ideal destination for those seeking both adventure and tranquility in the heart of nature.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Next, head to Kingkong Smile Zipline in Doi Saket District, Chiang Mai—one of the region's most popular adventure attractions. Here, you'll find a variety of thrilling outdoor activities set amidst lush green forests and panoramic mountain views. The park offers something for everyone, from adrenaline seekers to families. Soar through the treetops on the zipline, take on the challenge of abseiling from great heights, walk across the breathtaking Glass Bridge for a 360-degree view, or cross the Sky Bridge and Iron Bridge suspended above the forest canopy. For nature lovers, there's the Nature Trail Walkway—a serene path through the greenery—and the Spiral Staircase, a beautifully designed tower offering sweeping views of the surrounding landscape. Every activity at Kingkong Smile Zipline combines excitement, safety, and natural beauty, making it a must-visit destination for anyone seeking adventure and unforgettable scenery in Chiang Mai.

As evening falls, return to Chiang Mai city and check into your cozy accommodation, allowing you and your family to unwind after a day full of exploration. Then, head out to experience the charming Chiang Mai nightlife, where countless dining spots await —ranging from flavorful local dishes to international cuisine served in warm, inviting settings. After dinner, retreat to your hotel and drift into a peaceful night's sleep, surrounded by the calm of the northern night—ready to wake refreshed for another day of adventure and discovery in the enchanting province of Chiang Mai.

DAY 04 Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai: Wat Prathat Doi Suthep Temple / Mae Tang River Rafting / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

The fourth day of your adventure begins with a journey from Chiang Mai city to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, a revered temple nestled atop Doi Suthep Mountain. A symbol of profound spirituality and one of Northern Thailand's holiest sites, this temple dates back to 1383 and is believed to house a sacred relic of Lord Buddha. Both locals and

visitors seek blessings and tranquility here, making it an essential pilgrimage destination. To reach the temple, visitors can choose to ascend a 306-step staircase flanked by magnificent serpent sculptures, or opt for a more leisurely ride on the funicular railway, which offers a comfortable and scenic route to the temple complex. The architectural brilliance of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep 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 radiate great spiritual power. From the temple's vantage point, sweeping panoramic views of Chiang Mai city and its surrounding countryside are truly breathtaking.

After admiring the art and beauty of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, continue your journey to Mae Taeng District for an exhilarating white-water rafting experience on the Mae Taeng River. This thrilling activity perfectly combines fun, challenge, and the beauty of nature. The river winds through valleys and lush forests, stretching for several kilometers with rapids ranging from gentle flows for beginners to more intense currents for experienced rafters. Rafting here is closely supervised by professional staff to ensure the safety of all participants. Along the way, rafters will encounter alternating stretches of rushing currents and calm waters, enjoy views of mountains and forests, and hear the sounds of nature up close—making every moment filled with excitement and wonder. White-water rafting on the Mae Taeng River is an unforgettable experience for families seeking adventure in Chiang Mai's stunning natural surroundings.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Bid farewell to Chiang Mai and continue your journey to Chiang Rai Province. Upon arriving in Chiang Rai in the evening, you'll be transferred to your accommodation for a short rest before heading out to explore the vibrant Chiang Rai Night Bazaar—a bustling marketplace brimming 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 just a shopping destination—it's a celebration of community, creativity, and tradition. After a day filled with art, culture, and adventure, return to your comfortable accommodation in Chiang Rai and rest well, ready for the exciting experiences that await you tomorrow.

**DAY 05** Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai District / 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 rayaged 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:**

- 2 Persons 37,900 **B**
- 3 Persons 33,600 **B**
- 4 Persons 27,300 **B**
- 5 Persons up 26,700 **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

# **Children Policy:**

- Age requirement 9+
- Children charged as adults.

### **Tour Difficulty Levels:**

• Easy / Moderate / Challenging

Hotels			
Date	City	Hotel Name	Room Type
DAY 1-2-3	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	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.