



Mae Hong Son Holidays

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Mae Hong Son Chiang Rai 8 Days 7 Nights

DAY 01 Mae Hong Son Arrival / (Hotel)

00:00 After arriving at Mae Hong Son 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 Mae Hong Son and take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace.

DAY 02 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Pai River cruise / Long Neck Karen Village / Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Ban Ruam Thai Shan Village (Pang Oung) / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating exploration of Mae Hong Son, where serene landscapes, rich cultural encounters, and historical wonders await at every turn. Begin your adventure by gliding down the gentle current of the Pai River. As you drift along, you'll be surrounded by breathtaking scenery, from lush forests to towering cliffs, all while witnessing the simple yet fulfilling lifestyles of the local communities. The tranquility of the surroundings will wash over you, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the beauty of this timeless waterway. Next, step into the unique world of the Long-Necked Karen village. Here, the women adorn themselves with brass neck rings, a centuries-old tradition that speaks volumes about their rich cultural heritage. As you observe their way of life, you'll gain a deeper understanding of this fascinating community, from their daily activities to their traditional crafts. The warmth and hospitality of the Karen people will leave a lasting impression on you.

Ascend the slopes of Doi Kong Mu Mountain to reach the revered Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, the holiest site in Mae Hong Son. This temple is a spiritual haven, offering both peace and stunning vistas. Marvel at the two pagodas, each with its own story to tell, and be mesmerized by the panoramic views of the town nestled amidst the embrace of mountains and valleys. The sight of the mist rising from the valleys in the early morning light is truly magical. From Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu, visit Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, located side-by-side near a tranquil swamp. These temples offer a glimpse into Burmese-style temple architecture. Admire the exquisite Buddha image (Luang Paw To) enshrined within Wat Chong Klang, and marvel at the intricate Burmese wood carvings and captivating glass paintings depicting Buddhist history. The beautiful surroundings and tranquil atmosphere of these two temples make them a great place to visit.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture to the Su Tong Pe Bridge, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge. Stretching over 500 meters, it connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak village. This locally crafted bamboo marvel offers panoramic views of rice paddies and serene canals, reflecting the ingenuity of local artisans. The bridge is particularly enchanting during the rainy season when golden rice fields, lush greenery, and distant mountains create a breathtaking backdrop. Farmers working in the fields add a touch of rural charm, while the gentle sway of bamboo and rustling leaves create a tranquil ambiance. Each season brings its own beauty: earthy tones in the dry season and shimmering golden fields under clear skies in winter. No matter the time of year, the Su Tong Pe Bridge promises a unique and unforgettable experience.

Journey to Baan Rak Thai, a village steeped in history and breathtaking beauty. Established by former Chinese Nationalist soldiers who fled during the Communist revolution, this village showcases a unique blend of Yunnan and Thai cultures. As you arrive, be mesmerized by the stunning mountain scenery, dotted with picturesque lakes and vibrant shrubbery. Immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere as you wander through rows of lush green tea plantations, meticulously carved along the mountainside. Indulge in the distinctive flavors of Yunnan cuisine, savoring the exquisite taste of Chinese tea, renowned as the finest in Mae Hong Son province. Let the rich aromas and delicate flavors tantalize your senses, creating a truly memorable culinary experience.

Next, embark on a journey to the peaceful haven of Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung. Nestled amidst the rugged mountain range, this village boasts a spectacular reservoir that has earned it the moniker of "Switzerland in Thailand." Surrounded by lush pine forests and bursts of colorful winter flowers, Baan Ruam Thai offers a year-round escape from the ordinary. Breathe in the crisp mountain air as you admire the majestic pine forests lining the expansive reservoir, and witness the ethereal beauty of fog gently floating above the lake, creating a surreal atmosphere. Throughout the year, vibrant flowers paint the landscape with their colorful hues, attracting visitors seeking serenity and natural beauty. Conclude your day with an overnight stay in the charming town of Mae Hong Son. Immerse yourself in the local culture, explore the bustling markets, and savor the delicious street food. Let the town's peaceful ambiance lull you into relaxation as you reflect on the unique experiences of your journey.

DAY 03	Mae Hong Son – Pang Mapha: Fish Cave Forest Park / Ban Luk Khao Lam Viewpoint / Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Tham Lod Cave (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

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Your exploration of Mae Hong Son continues with a captivating blend of natural wonders and cultural encounters. Immerse yourself in the verdant embrace of Fish Cave Forest Park. Meandering brooks, cool hilly forests, and a diverse array of plant life create a sanctuary of tranquility. Discover the unique hollow cave, a natural pool within a rock formation, teeming with freshwater fish known as Pla Mung or Pla Khang. Marvel at these elegant creatures as they glide through the crystal-clear waters. Let the serene atmosphere envelop you as you explore the park's hidden corners, breathing in the fresh mountain air and relishing the tranquil sounds of nature.

From the Fish Cave Forest Park, journey along Highway No. 1095, navigating a steep and winding road that offers stunning scenery on both sides. This route is renowned for its dramatic landscapes, making the journey itself an adventure. Along the way, make a stop at the Ban Luk Khao Lam viewpoint, a favorite among travelers. Here, you'll be immersed in panoramic views of mountains that stretch out in complex waves as far as the eye can see. During the rainy season or winter, this viewpoint is particularly enchanting, with fog floating in the valleys. The white mist contrasting with the lush green forest creates a mesmerizing scene, enhancing the natural beauty of the landscape. In addition to the breathtaking views, you'll have the opportunity to experience a simple roadside market run by the Lahu hill tribe people. This market is a delightful stop where you can explore and purchase unique local products. The Lahu people are known for their beautiful hand-woven fabrics, each piece showcasing intricate patterns and vibrant colors. These textiles make for wonderful souvenirs and are a testament to the artisans' skill and cultural heritage. Additionally, the market offers a variety of agricultural products, allowing you to sample fresh, locally sourced fruits and vegetables. This viewpoint not only offers scenic beauty but also a cultural immersion, providing a rich and varied experience that highlights both the natural and cultural treasures of the region.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Embark on a journey to Ban Ja Bo Village, a haven for the Lahu hill tribe. Perched atop a ridge amidst breathtaking mountain scenery, this village offers a glimpse into the unique culture and traditions of the Lahu people. Learn about their ancient origins in Tibet and their fascinating migration journey to Thailand. Witness their simple way of life, deeply rooted in agricultural practices and a profound reverence for spirits. Be welcomed with open arms by the friendly Lahu villagers, who are known for their hospitality and willingness to share their rich cultural heritage. Immerse yourself in their traditional music and dance and gain a deeper understanding of their unique perspective on life.

Step back in time at Tham Lod Cave, one of the most important archaeological sites in the region. Witness the majestic spectacle of stalactites and stalagmites sculpted by nature over millennia. Navigate the underground wonderland, following the stream that flows through the cave, adding to its mystical ambiance. Marvel at the ancient tools and utensils, estimated to be over 2,000 years old, offering a glimpse into the lives of past inhabitants. Embrace the adventurous spirit by embarking on a bamboo rafting journey through the cave's tranquil waters. Alternatively, explore the surrounding area on a short trek, immersing yourself further in the natural beauty of the region. Conclude your enriching day with an overnight stay in the charming town of Mae Hong Son. Reflect on the day's experiences, savor the local cuisine, and soak in the peaceful atmosphere of this picturesque town.

DAY 04	Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel
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Prepare yourself to be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes, cultural treasures, and natural wonders as you embark on your journey from Mae Hong Son to Chiang

Mai. Bid farewell to Mae Hong Son and set forth on a scenic ascent to Doi Inthanon National Park, where the journey itself is as enchanting as the destination. Brace yourself for the thrilling twists and turns as you navigate the mountain roads, each bend revealing majestic panoramas of verdant valleys and soaring peaks. Breathe in the crisp mountain air as you ascend, feeling the anticipation build with every turn. Let the diverse tapestry of forests unfold before you, from the vibrant rainforest teeming with life to the serene charm of the pine forests. Reach the summit of Doi Inthanon, Thailand's majestic crown jewel, perched at an impressive 2,565 meters above sea level. Stand in awe as the world stretches out before you in a panoramic tapestry of verdant valleys and majestic mountains. Feel the cool embrace of the mountain air, a welcome respite from the tropical heat below. Immerse yourself in the remarkable biodiversity, transitioning from the rich rainforests teeming with life to the fragrant pine forests cloaked in serenity.

Descend slightly to encounter the architectural splendor of the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri. These majestic structures, perched atop a hill within the park, were built to honor and pay homage to Phra Bat Somdet Phra Paramintra 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. Admire the intricate details and symbolic beauty of the pagodas, set against the backdrop of stunning winter flower gardens and diverse plant life. Let the cool breeze caress your skin as you soak in the spectacular panoramic views, considered one of the most breathtaking in Chiang Mai.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Descend further to witness the towering majesty of Wachirathan Waterfall, one of Thailand's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. Nestled in the heart of Doi Inthanon National Park, this 70-meter-high cascade offers a mesmerizing spectacle that never fails to enchant its visitors. The waterfall flows robustly year-round, ensuring a dazzling display no matter when you visit. During the rainy season, the scene becomes even more magical, with vibrant rainbows frequently arching across the mist-filled air, adding a fairytale-like quality to the setting. The water tumbles dramatically down the rugged cliff, generating a refreshing mist that cools the surrounding air—a perfect retreat on warm days. The ambiance around Wachirathan Waterfall is both serene and invigorating, enhanced by the lush green forest that envelops it. Towering trees, vibrant ferns, and a diverse array of tropical plants form a living tapestry of natural beauty, making it a truly enchanting destination.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant beauty of the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon. This research station, dedicated to winter plants, boasts colorful flower plots, a diverse array of vegetables, and luscious fruits. Wander through the fragrant gardens, marveling at the meticulous cultivation and remarkable variety of plant life. Witness the station's efforts to support hill tribe farmers, fostering sustainable development and forest conservation. The station not only serves as a hub for agricultural research but also as a testament to the harmonious coexistence of nature and human ingenuity. Conclude your journey with a transfer to your hotel in charming Chiang Mai. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences of your Doi Inthanon exploration, and prepare to be captivated by the vibrant culture, historical treasures, and culinary delights that await you in this enchanting city.

DAY 05 **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

Embark on a captivating journey through Chiang Mai, where sacred temples, artistic traditions, and breathtaking landscapes await. Begin your adventure by ascending the majestic Doi Suthep mountain, scaling nearly 300 stairs to reach the revered Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple. Feel the spiritual significance of this important historical landmark, considered one of Thailand's most sacred temples. As you step inside, be mesmerized by the Chiang Saen-style pagoda, which enshrines the Lord Buddha's relics. The intricate Lanna art that adorns the temple stands as a testament to Chiang Mai's rich cultural heritage. From the temple grounds, take in the breathtaking panoramic views of Chiang Mai city sprawling below—a tapestry of verdant landscapes and vibrant urban life. Let the serenity of the surroundings wash over you as you experience the profoundness of this sacred place.

Journey to the heart of Chiang Mai to explore the ancient grandeur of Wat Chedi Luang. Witness the impressive remains of the once-towering pagoda, its majesty undimmed despite the ravages of time. Imagine the temple in its former glory, a masterpiece of Lanna architecture that dominated the city's skyline. Learn about its fascinating history, dating back to the 14th century during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma. Feel the whispers of history as you wander through the temple grounds, contemplating the enduring legacy of this once-royal temple. The atmosphere is imbued with a sense of reverence and tranquility, making it a perfect place for reflection and appreciation of Chiang Mai's rich cultural heritage.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and delve into the timeless tradition of silk weaving in San Kamphaeng district. Witness skillful artisans at work, their nimble fingers transforming delicate threads into exquisite works of art. Marvel at the vibrant silks and cottons displayed in workshops and shops, each piece infused with the artistry and cultural heritage of the region. Be tempted by the remarkable quality and affordability of these textiles, making them the perfect souvenirs to remember your journey. Gain insights into the silk-making process, from raising silkworms to dyeing and weaving, and appreciate the dedication and expertise behind each creation. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of this district, where history, artistry, and commerce intertwine seamlessly. Conclude your day with another night stay in the enchanting city of Chiang Mai. Reflect on the day's discoveries, savor the delectable local cuisine, and let the warm hospitality of the city embrace you. The blend of sacred sites, rich cultural experiences, and artisanal traditions ensures that your journey through Chiang Mai will be filled with unforgettable moments and cherished memories.

DAY 06 **Chiang Mai - 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

Embark on a captivating journey from Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai, where architectural marvels, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture await. Step into the enchanting realm of Wat Rong Khun, also known as the White Temple. Witness the visionary artistry of Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, who seamlessly blends Lanna culture with contemporary design. Be mesmerized by the pure white façade, adorned with shimmering mosaics and intricate glasswork, creating a celestial ambiance. Cross the symbolic bridge, a journey through sculptural representations of hell and heaven, leading you towards enlightenment. Explore the art galleries and exquisite sculptures, each piece a testament to the artist's boundless creativity. Immerse yourself in the spiritual serenity of the temple, a unique fusion of artistic expression and religious devotion.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Escape the city and embrace the tranquility of Singha Park Farm, nestled amidst rolling hills and a vast lake. Embark on a farm car journey through verdant oolong tea plantations and discover a fruit kingdom brimming with melons, strawberries, raspberries, and more. Wander through vegetable and herb gardens, their vibrant colors and fragrant aromas delighting your senses. Marvel at the stunning flower fields bursting with blooms, creating a visual symphony against the backdrop of the natural landscape. Encounter friendly African animals in their green pastures, and savor delicious farm-to-table cuisine that celebrates the bounty of the land. Let the peace and beauty of this haven rejuvenate your spirit.

Continue your journey to the awe-inspiring Wat Rong Suea Ten, commonly known as the Blue Temple. This architectural masterpiece, designed by local artist Puttha Kabkaew, captivates visitors with its vibrant blue and gold palette. The deep azure hues of the temple, symbolizing wisdom and the infinite, stand in stunning contrast to the intricate gold details, creating an otherworldly ambiance. As you approach, admire the vividly sculpted naga serpents that guard the entrance, their scales shimmering with multicolored hues. Inside, the vihara features meticulously detailed murals and houses the Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a radiant Buddha statue said to enshrine sacred relics. The serene atmosphere and artistic brilliance of Wat Rong Suea Ten offer both spiritual solace and aesthetic delight.

Conclude your day with a vibrant immersion in the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a bustling haven of handicrafts, local products, and delicious food. Wander through the colorful stalls, discovering treasures crafted by hill tribes, from clothing and accessories to home furnishings. Savor the delectable array of food and beverages, tantalizing your taste buds with local delicacies. Witness folk cultural performances and hill tribe dances, immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of Lanna culture. Let the energetic atmosphere and warm hospitality of the vendors captivate you as you soak in the essence of this lively marketplace. Rest and reflect on the day's enriching experiences as you spend the night in the charming city of Chiang Rai. Let the memories of artistic marvels, natural wonders, and cultural vibrancy linger, beckoning you to return and explore further.

DAY 07	Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel
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Venture to the enchanting Mae Fah Luang District, where the stunning Doi Tung Royal Villa and Mae Fah Luang Garden await your exploration. Constructed in 1987, high on Doi Tung Mountain at an elevation of 1,200 meters, the Doi Tung Royal Villa served as the residence of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the revered Princess Mother of Thailand. The villa's architectural style is an extraordinary fusion of Swiss chalet influences and Northern Thai (Lanna) traditions, featuring intricate wood carvings created by skilled local artisans. More than just a royal residence, the villa played a central role in the Princess Mother's groundbreaking Doi Tung Development Project. This visionary initiative was launched to combat deforestation and address the socio-economic challenges associated with opium farming. By fostering reforestation efforts and introducing sustainable agriculture and crafts, the project transformed the region and profoundly improved the lives of its ethnic minority communities. Her Royal Highness's presence and unwavering dedication were instrumental to its success. Adjacent to the villa, the Mae Fah Luang Garden blooms as a living symbol of this remarkable revitalization. This meticulously landscaped garden features a vast array of flora, its vibrant tapestry shifting with the seasons. From the soft pastels of spring to autumn's fiery hues, the garden offers visitors a serene retreat and stands as a testament to the region's recovery. A visit to Doi Tung offers more than breathtaking scenery and architectural marvels—it provides insight into a pivotal moment in Thailand's environmental and social development, shaped by the visionary leadership of the Princess Mother.

Venture further to Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost region, which shares its border with Myanmar's Tachilek province, separated by the Mae Sai River and connected by a bridge. From the Thai side, you can catch a glimpse of Myanmar's bustling streets and explore the renowned Mae Sai Market, a longstanding border market teeming with trade activities between Thai and Myanmar locals. This expansive shopping district, the largest in northern Thailand, features an array of shops lining its bustling alleys. You can find an abundance of products at affordable prices, ranging from electrical appliances and local goods to herbs, wicker, dry foods, and more. The market is a vibrant hub of commerce and culture, where the lively atmosphere is enhanced by the friendly interactions between traders and shoppers. Take your time to explore the various stalls, discovering unique items and souvenirs that reflect the rich cultural tapestry of the region. The market offers not only a shopping experience but also a glimpse into the daily lives and traditions of the local people.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue the odyssey to the Golden Triangle, situated in Sop Ruak Village, Chiang Saen District, where the Mekong River forms a natural boundary between Thailand and Laos. This historical region, where the Mekong converges with the Ruak River, once bore witness to opium cultivation, making it the world's largest opium production hub. The name "Golden Triangle" harks back to the wealth generated from trading raw opium, also known as "black gold." However, the cultivation and trade of opium have ceased, leaving behind only echoes of a bygone era. Immerse yourself in the tales of the Golden Triangle's past before paying homage to the awe-inspiring Golden Triangle Buddha. Crafted from gilded bronze and weighing a staggering 69 tons, this colossal Buddha statue, with a lap width of 10 meters and a height reaching 15 meters, stands proudly on the Mekong River's shore, replacing its predecessor that had sunk into the river.

Embark on a cruise to marvel at the natural beauty and observe the local way of life along the Mekong River's banks. As one of the world's crucial rivers, the Mekong originates from the Tibetan Plateau, meandering through China, Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand's Golden Triangle region. Serving as a vital lifeline for communities on both sides, the Mekong River fosters cultural and economic connections before flowing into the South China Sea in Vietnam. With a total length of 4,880 kilometers, the Mekong River weaves a tale of nourishment, connectivity, and shared existence. Conclude your journey with a night in the enchanting city of Chiang Rai, reflecting on the captivating experiences and the rich cultural tapestry you've encountered.

DAY 08 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 48,250 ฿
- 3 Persons 40,750 ฿
- 4 Persons 32,650 ฿
- 5 Persons up 31,400 ฿
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour / Minimum 2 persons

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 (7 Breakfasts / 6 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (7 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 1-2-3	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 4-5	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 6-7	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.