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Mae Hong Son Loop Tour 5 Days 4 Nights

D/M/Y	Chiang Mai Arrival
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 01	Chiang Mai – Pai: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Lunch)
08:00 AM	Pick up from the hotel. Embark on a journey to Pai District along a historic World War II road that winds through steep, twisting paths, with alternating uphill and downhill stretches. This journey is more than just a transition; it's an adventure in itself, offering travelers breathtaking mountain views and stunning scenery with every twist and turn. The dramatic landscape presents a visual feast, featuring lush greenery and towering peaks that seem to touch the sky. Upon reaching Pai—a quaint town nestled among mountains blanketed by dense forests—you'll check in at your hotel before setting out to explore the many attractions the district has to offer. Known for its laid-back atmosphere, artistic vibe, and beautiful natural surroundings, Pai is the perfect base for your adventures. Lunch at the restaurant. Begin your exploration with a visit to Santichon Village, a cultural gem that is home to the Yunnan Chinese community who emigrated from China generations ago. Despite the passage of time, the village has successfully preserved its distinctive Yunnanese culture, traditions, and way of life. This is reflected in its architecture, decorations, and overall ambiance, which transport you to a different era and place. Walking through the village, you can see traditional Yunnan-style houses, taste authentic Yunnan cuisine, and perhaps even participate in local crafts and activities. Just a short distance away lies the Yun Lai Viewpoint, a must-visit spot that offers panoramic views of Pai's breathtaking landscape. Surrounded by lush paddy fields and rugged mountains, the viewpoint is especially enchanting during the winter and rainy seasons when a sea of mist blankets the area, creating a surreal and magical scene.

Next on your journey, visit Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, a serene and spiritually enriching site perched atop a high hill in Mae Yen Village. This temple, known locally as the "Temple on the Hill," offers a sanctuary of peace and tranquility away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. From this elevated vantage point, you'll be treated to sweeping, panoramic views of Pai City, beautifully framed by the distant, majestic mountain ranges. The scene from here is nothing short of breathtaking, especially at sunrise and sunset. During these magical hours, the sunlight bathes the horizon in a golden glow, casting a warm, ethereal light over the landscape. The play of light and shadow creates a mesmerizing effect, transforming the scenery into a living painting that will leave you in awe. The tranquil atmosphere of the temple, combined with these stunning vistas, creates an unforgettable spectacle that leaves a lasting impression on all who visit.

After immersing yourself in the spiritual serenity of the temple, head to the Memorial Bridge, a historic structure with significant ties to World War II. Originally constructed by the Japanese military to transport troops and supplies into Myanmar, this bridge holds a mirror to the history of the famous Kwai River Bridge. Standing as a testament to a tumultuous past, the Memorial Bridge is more than just a piece of infrastructure; it is a symbol of resilience and a reminder of the region's complex history. The original structure has weathered the passage of time and the ravages of war, yet it remains intact and has become a popular attraction for visitors. Walking across the bridge, you can almost feel the weight of history beneath your feet. The bridge itself offers picturesque views of the surrounding river and lush greenery, making it a perfect spot for reflection and photography. Visitors often come to take photos, capturing the blend of historical significance and scenic beauty.

Continue your journey with a visit to the Merit Bridge, locally known as "Khokuso." This charming bamboo bridge, gracefully winding through the landscape, was constructed by villagers to connect Pambok Village with Huai Khai Khiri Temple. The bridge serves a dual purpose: enabling monks to collect alms in the morning without disturbing the villagers' crops and providing a convenient route for both locals and tourists to reach the temple. As you stroll along the bridge, immerse yourself in the tranquil surroundings, with views of lush forests, majestic mountains, and vibrant rice fields that create a serene and picturesque atmosphere. The gentle sway of the bamboo underfoot and the soothing sounds of nature enhance the sense of peace and connection to the natural world.

Before the day ends, make your way to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, an awe-inspiring natural wonder shaped by centuries of soil subsidence and erosion caused by wind and rain. As you approach, the landscape transforms into a dramatic tableau of deep trenches, towering cliff-like formations, and long, winding ridges stretching across an expansive area of over three acres. The surrounding mixed deciduous forest adds a lush tapestry of greenery, enhancing the canyon's scenic beauty. The narrow, steep trails beckon adventurous explorers to navigate along the ridges, offering stunning panoramic views of the villages and farms below, set against the picturesque backdrop of majestic mountains. As you hike these trails, the sense of adventure is palpable, with every turn revealing a new perspective of the natural splendor that envelops you.

Finally, spend your evening exploring Pai's vibrant walking street. This bustling hub comes alive with stalls offering an array of handmade products, from clothing and jewelry to baskets and unique souvenirs. Savor the diverse culinary delights, ranging

from authentic Thai dishes to international cuisines, at the many restaurants and food vendors lining the street. Open from 5 PM until midnight, the walking street provides a lively and colorful atmosphere perfect for a leisurely stroll. Conclude your day by returning to your accommodation, reflecting on the memorable experiences and scenic wonders of Pai.

DAY 02 **Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Lisu Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a journey from the charming town of Pai and venture into the tranquil, picturesque Pang Mapha District. The first stop on this scenic route is the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, located between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. Here, you'll be treated to spectacular views that vary depending on the time of day. In the morning, you can witness a breathtaking sunrise as sunlight illuminates the horizon and a sea of fog blankets the valley below. As the day progresses, the fog gradually lifts, unveiling a stunning panorama of intricately lined mountains stretching endlessly into the distance. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm, orange glow over the horizon and distant clouds, creating a truly mesmerizing spectacle. Beyond the magnificent mountain vistas, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is adorned with a vibrant array of flowers, blooming in a variety of colors throughout the year. These blooms add to the charm of the location, offering a warm and inviting welcome to travelers in every season.

After admiring the magnificent scenery of Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, continue your journey to Tham Lod Cave, one of the region's most significant archaeological sites. This extraordinary cave is traversed by the Lang Stream, which flows continuously from one end to the other. Over millennia, the stream has sculpted an intricate underground system adorned with stunning stalactites and stalagmites, creating a mesmerizing display of natural artistry. Tham Lod Cave is not just a natural wonder; it is also a historical treasure trove. Inside, archaeologists have discovered ancient tools and utensils believed to date back over 2,000 years. These artifacts provide a fascinating glimpse into the early human history of the region, making the cave a site of great interest for both scholars and history enthusiasts. Exploring Tham Lod Cave offers a unique opportunity to experience both its natural beauty and historical significance. For adventurers, the cave provides the rare experience of bamboo rafting along the serene waters of the Lang Stream. As you float silently through the cavern, the cool, damp air and the rhythmic drip of water from the stalactites create an atmosphere of mystery and wonder. This tranquil journey allows visitors to fully immerse themselves in the cave's awe-inspiring surroundings. In addition to bamboo rafting, Tham Lod Cave also invites visitors to explore its surrounding area through short trekking excursions. These trails wind through lush greenery and rugged terrain, offering breathtaking views of the landscapes encircling this subterranean marvel. The combination of natural beauty, adventure, and historical intrigue makes Tham Lod Cave an unforgettable destination for travelers seeking a deeper connection with the wonders of the region.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After the thrill of exploring Tham Lod Cave, journey onward to Ban Ja Bo Village, where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Lahu hill tribe. The Lahu

people have a fascinating history, originating in Tibet and migrating through various regions of China before finally settling in the highlands of northern Thailand centuries ago. The Lahu's preference for building villages on elevated terrains reflects their simple yet profound way of life, which is deeply rooted in spirit worship and a strong connection to nature. Agriculture forms the backbone of their livelihood, with rice farming and corn cultivation being their primary activities. In addition to their agricultural expertise, the Lahu are renowned hunters, a skill refined and passed down through generations. Despite the distinctiveness of their language and traditions, the Lahu people are exceptionally hospitable, welcoming visitors with warmth and genuine friendliness. Interacting with the Lahu community offers a unique opportunity to experience their traditional way of life, steeped in vibrant customs and a profound respect for the natural world.

From the Lahu village, proceed to the Lisu Hill Tribe village, another fascinating destination rich in cultural heritage. The Lisu people trace their ancestral roots to the area surrounding the Mae Kong River and Salween River in China. Over the years, they migrated to northern Myanmar and eventually settled in northern Thailand about a century ago. The Lisu, like the Lahu, rely heavily on agriculture, with rice and corn being staple crops essential for both consumption and livestock-raising. Their way of life is intricately tied to the land, and their agricultural practices reflect a deep understanding of the natural world. In addition to their agricultural skills, the Lisu people are highly regarded for their artistic talents. Their expertise in sewing, embroidery, and crafting silverware is evident in the intricate and beautiful items they produce. The Lisu women, in particular, are known for their strikingly vibrant and colorful dresses, which are a testament to their distinctive cultural identity and artistic prowess. These traditional garments are not only visually stunning but also serve as a symbol of their cultural pride and heritage. The Lisu people are known for their welcoming nature and friendly demeanor, making visitors feel at home in their villages. Their vibrant traditions and rich cultural practices leave a lasting impression on anyone who visits the Mae Hong Son province. The opportunity to experience the Lisu way of life, from their agricultural practices to their artistic endeavors, provides a deeper appreciation for the diverse and rich cultural landscape of northern Thailand. As the day comes to a close, you'll retreat to your accommodations in Mae Hong Son, where you can rest and reflect on the enriching experiences of the day. Tomorrow, you'll continue your journey to explore more of the region's captivating attractions and immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Northern Thailand.

DAY 03	Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Pai River Cruise / Long Neck Karen Village / Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Chong Kham–Chong Klang Temples / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Hmong Hill Tribe Village / Ban Ruam Thai Shan Village (Pang Oung) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel.
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Embark on a captivating boat ride along the serene Pai River. This leisurely tour offers breathtaking views of the tranquil waters, showcasing some of the most picturesque scenery and simple lifestyles that thrive along the riverbanks. As the boat glides slowly over the calm waters, you are invited to immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings and appreciate the natural beauty this region has to offer. The meandering journey not only provides a sense of relaxation but also offers a unique

perspective on the local way of life, highlighting the harmonious coexistence of nature and human settlements. One of the highlights of this idyllic day is a visit to the Long-Necked Karen village. Here, you'll have the opportunity to observe the fascinating and unique tradition of women wearing brass rings around their necks. This ancient practice, often initiated at a young age, gradually elongates the neck and has become a profound symbol of their cultural identity. The sight of these elegant brass coils, gracefully worn by the women, reflects a rich heritage and a deep sense of belonging to their community.

The Long-Necked Karen people, known for their conservative and traditional lifestyle, have successfully preserved their unique customs for generations. Their village serves as a living museum of their cultural practices, offering visitors a rare opportunity to delve into their world and gain valuable insights into their way of life, beliefs, and customs. The warm and welcoming nature of the Karen people fosters meaningful interactions, making your visit not just a tour, but an enriching cultural exchange. As you walk through the village, you can witness daily life up close—from traditional weaving techniques to the preparation of local delicacies. Each interaction provides a window into a lifestyle that remains largely untouched by the rapid modernization seen in other parts of the world. The experience is both humbling and enlightening, offering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Karen people's resilience in preserving their heritage.

Next on your journey, you will pay your respects at Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, one of the most significant and revered religious sites in Mae Hong Son. Perched atop Kong Mu Mountain, this sacred site offers not only spiritual enrichment but also an awe-inspiring panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. The temple comprises two beautiful pagodas of different sizes, each with its own historical and cultural significance. These pagodas were constructed in the 19th century and have since been a focal point of devotion for both locals and visitors. From the hilltop, you're treated to breathtaking vistas of the town nestled among majestic mountains and lush valleys, creating a picturesque scene that remains etched in your memory.

Continuing your exploration of religious sites, visit the enchanting Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples. These ancient temples are exemplary showcases of beautiful Burmese-style architecture, reflecting the region's rich cultural heritage. Wat Chong Kham is renowned for its serene atmosphere and the sacred Buddha images it houses, including the revered Luang Paw To, a statue that holds significant spiritual importance for the local community. Inside Wat Chong Klang, your senses are captivated by an impressive collection of Burmese wood carving dolls, meticulously crafted with intricate details that tell stories of the past. Additionally, the temple is adorned with large glass paintings that vividly depict Buddhist history and teachings, adding cultural and artistic depth to your visit. These paintings serve not only as a form of artistic expression but also as educational tools that convey the profound wisdom of Buddhism.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Afterward, head to Baan Rak Thai village, a charming settlement with Yunnan Chinese origins. This village was established by the former military members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd division, who migrated from Southern China during the communist regime. Baan Rak Thai is renowned for its stunning mountain scenery, picturesque lakes, and vibrant shrubbery, which together create a truly enchanting

atmosphere. The village's unique cultural heritage is reflected in its architecture and daily life, offering a glimpse into the rich traditions of its inhabitants. Visitors to Baan Rak Thai will also have the delightful opportunity to savor delicious Yunnan cuisine. Among the culinary highlights is the renowned Chinese tea, considered to be of the highest quality in the Mae Hong Son province. Tasting this exceptional tea, along with other Yunnan delicacies, provides a culinary experience that is both authentic and unforgettable.

Next, explore the peaceful and serene Shan village of Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung. This idyllic village is nestled among a rugged mountain range and is famed for its spectacular reservoir, which has earned it the nickname "Switzerland in Thailand." The picturesque landscape of pine forests and colorful winter flowers adds to the village's charm, creating a setting that is both tranquil and breathtaking. The reservoir itself is a focal point of beauty, often shrouded in a captivating fog that floats above the water in the lake. The cold weather throughout the year further enhances the village's allure, making it an ideal destination for nature enthusiasts seeking tranquility and serenity. Walking through the village, you can enjoy the crisp mountain air and the serene ambiance that permeates the surroundings. Pang Oung's unique climate and enchanting scenery provide a perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Lastly, your journey brings you to the Hmong hill tribe, which, despite having the smallest population in Mae Hong Son, is scattered throughout the region. The Hmong people originally hail from the Tibet Plateau and Mongolia, having migrated into China centuries ago and eventually settling in Thailand hundreds of years ago. Their history is a tapestry of migration and adaptation, reflecting their resilience and deep connection to their heritage. The Hmong, like many other hill tribes, rely on agriculture as the cornerstone of their livelihood. They engage in rice planting, the cultivation of various fruits and vegetables, and the rearing of livestock. These agricultural practices are not just a means of sustenance but also a way to preserve their traditions and maintain a self-sufficient lifestyle. The Hmong are known for their intricate embroidery and vibrant traditional attire, which are often adorned with colorful patterns and designs that tell stories of their culture and beliefs. Experiencing the culture, traditions, and lifestyle of the Hmong offers a unique and enriching encounter. As you interact with the Hmong people, you gain insights into their way of life, characterized by a strong sense of community, respect for nature, and a rich cultural heritage. The hospitality of the Hmong people is genuine, and their willingness to share their customs and stories with visitors creates a meaningful and memorable experience. As the day comes to an end, you'll return to Mae Hong Son for another night. This time allows for reflection on the rich cultural experiences and the beautiful landscapes you have encountered throughout the day.

DAY 04	Mae Hong Son – Mae Sariang: Lawa Hill Tribe Village / Karen Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel.
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Embark on a journey from the charming town of Mae Hong Son to Mae Sariang District through Mae La Noi District, where you can visit Huai Hom Village, a picturesque Karen hill tribe settlement nestled amidst the lush embrace of nature and

surrounded by majestic mountains. The village's unique topography, with its steep mountains, provides a rich source of headwaters and streams, contributing to a vibrant ecosystem. The year-round cool climate and stunning natural scenery make it an idyllic destination in every season, captivating visitors with its tranquil beauty. The villagers of Huai Hom primarily rely on agriculture for their livelihood. They engage in farming, livestock rearing, and the cultivation of various vegetables and fruits, with a special emphasis on the renowned Arabica coffee. The coffee produced here is of exceptional quality, known for its superior flavor and delightful taste, making it a sought-after commodity. One of the village's notable supplementary occupations is weaving, where artisans use natural cotton, calico, and sheep wool to create intricate and beautiful fabrics. The traditional cloth woven from sheep wool in Baan Huai Hom showcases the local wisdom and craftsmanship of the Karen tribe, reflecting their rich cultural heritage. The simple lifestyle, distinct culture, traditional clothing, language, and artistic expressions of the Karen people, along with the warm and friendly demeanor of the villagers, leave a lasting impression on visitors. Experiencing the daily life and traditions of the Karen people offers a unique and enriching encounter, providing insights into their harmonious relationship with nature and their enduring cultural practices.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After learning about the lifestyle and culture of the Karen people, continue to Ban Laub Village, a settlement of the Lawa hill tribe. As you approach the village, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of nature on both sides of the road, with the landscape unfolding in a tapestry of verdant beauty. Situated on a high mountain, the village offers panoramic vistas of the surrounding scenery, creating a sense of awe and wonder. The Lawa people have a long history in northern Thailand and possess a distinct dress and language, setting them apart from the Thai population. Their beliefs revolve around spirit worship, which is interwoven with elements of other religions, reflecting a unique spiritual tapestry. Like other hill tribes, the Lawa engage in farming, cultivating vegetables and fruits, and rearing livestock for their livelihood. They are also renowned for their skill in creating intricate and beautiful silver ornaments, a testament to their artistic talents and cultural heritage. The warm welcome, friendly greetings, strong faith, and rich traditions of the Lawa people, coupled with the breathtaking natural scenery, leave a profound impact on visitors. As the day draws to a close, head to Mae Sariang District for an overnight stay. The tranquil atmosphere of Mae Sariang and the secluded accommodation offer the perfect retreat for contemplation and relaxation.

DAY 05	Mae Sariang – Chiang Mai: Mae Saam Laeb Village / Salween River cruise (Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel.
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Bid farewell to Mae Sariang and embark on a journey to the serene Mae Saam Laeb Village, nestled along the stunning banks of the Salween River. This river holds great international significance, originating from the melting snow of the majestic Himalayan Mountains and flowing through China, Myanmar, and Thailand. Spanning an impressive 2,800 kilometers, it is the 26th longest river in the world and the second longest in Southeast Asia, after the Mekong River. The Salween River is renowned for

its breathtaking beauty, marked by merging streams that create fertile lowlands. These rich lands have sustained at least ten ethnic groups across China, Myanmar, and Thailand for generations, fostering a diverse and vibrant cultural landscape steeped in history and natural splendor. Your journey includes a captivating long-tail boat ride along the Salween River. This leisurely excursion allows you to fully appreciate the natural beauty of the riverbanks and observe the daily lives of the Thai and Burmese people who reside along its shores. The scenic views and tranquil surroundings offer a serene and unforgettable experience, showcasing the region's lush landscapes and cultural richness as you glide along this remarkable waterway.

A delightful lunch will be provided at a local restaurant, where you can savor the authentic flavors of the region while enjoying the scenic beauty around you. The culinary experience, with its local specialties and fresh ingredients, perfectly complements the day's adventures and adds a delicious chapter to your journey. After your boat excursion and exploration of Mae Saam Laeb Village, you will continue your journey back to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can unwind and reflect on the incredible experiences of your trip. Throughout your journey, you will have witnessed the diverse landscapes, cultural richness, and natural wonders that northern Thailand has to offer. The experiences and memories gathered from this trip will undoubtedly stay with you for a lifetime, providing a deep appreciation for the region's beauty and cultural heritage.

D/M/Y	Chiang Mai Departure
00:00	As your remarkable journey in Northern Thailand comes to an end, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will transfer you to Chiang Mai Airport to ensure that your return journey or onward travels to other destinations go smoothly, and this is where our service ends.

Prices:

- 1 Person 54,200 ฿
- 2 Persons 29,600 ฿
- 3 Persons 24,900 ฿
- 4 Persons 20,000 ฿
- 5 Persons up 19,000 ฿
- 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 (4 Breakfasts / 5 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (4 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	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe
Day 2-3	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 4	Mae Saring	River House Resort	Deluxe

Note:

Please note that the package does not include accommodation in Chiang Mai on the day of arrival or the last night after the tour is completed, nor does it include any other nights not specified in the itinerary. If you choose this package, you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation in Chiang Mai for those nights. There are plenty of hotels, guesthouses, and other lodging options available in Chiang Mai to suit various preferences and budgets. We recommend booking your accommodation in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable stay during your time in Chiang Mai. However, if you are not comfortable booking these accommodations yourself and would like us to include them in your package, please let us know.

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.