

Mae Hong Son Holidays

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Mae Hong Son Sukhothai 8 Days 7 Nights

DAY 01 Mae Hong Son Arrival / (Hotel)

O0:00 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 tranquil journey along the Pai River, a ribbon of serenity winding its way through the heart of Mae Hong Son. As your boat glides effortlessly through the emerald waters, soak in the breathtaking scenery that unfolds before you. Lush rice paddies carpet the valleys, while verdant hills rise majestically in the distance. The tranquil waters reflect the surrounding landscape, creating a mirror-like effect that enhances the natural beauty. Keep your eyes peeled for glimpses of the local communities living a simple yet fulfilling life along the riverbanks. The rhythmic sound of the water lapping against the boat adds to the sense of peace and relaxation. Step back in time and immerse yourself in the unique culture of the Long-Necked Karen village. Witness the age-old tradition of women adorning their necks with brass rings, a practice that has become synonymous with this fascinating community. The rings, gradually added from a young age, create the illusion of an elongated neck, a beauty ideal deeply rooted in their cultural heritage. Learn about their rich heritage and way of life, and gain a deeper appreciation for their dedication to preserving their distinct identity. Interact with the villagers, listen to their stories, and understand the significance behind their traditions. The village's vibrant textiles, handmade crafts, and traditional music offer further insights into their unique way of life.

Ascend the sacred slopes of Doi Kong Mu Mountain and arrive at the awe-inspiring Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple. This revered site, perched atop the mountain peak, is considered the most important place of worship in Mae Hong Son. Marvel at the two exquisite pagodas, each boasting a unique history and architectural style. From the temple grounds, be mesmerized by the panoramic vistas of the town, its charming houses nestled amidst verdant valleys and embraced by majestic mountains. Journey to

the serene shores of the sprawling swamp and discover the enchanting duo of Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples. These ancient structures, adorned with intricate Burmese-style architecture, share a peaceful haven amidst the lush greenery. Step inside Wat Chong Klang and be captivated by the mesmerizing collection of Burmese wood carving dolls and the captivating glass paintings depicting Buddhist tales.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Embark on a memorable walk along the Su Tong Pe Bridge, a remarkable feat of bamboo engineering and the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. This graceful structure spans paddy fields and canals, providing a vital passage for monks and villagers. The bridge, with its simple yet elegant design, seamlessly blends into the natural surroundings. In the rainy season, witness the bridge's unique charm as its reflection shimmers on the water, while the winter months transform it into a golden path amidst the swaying rice fields. The surrounding mountains add a majestic touch to the scenery, creating an unforgettable postcard-perfect moment. The soft rustle of the bamboo underfoot and the gentle sway of the bridge enhance the sense of connection with nature.

Venture near the Thai-Myanmar border and delve into the captivating atmosphere of Baan Rak Thai village. This charming community, established by former Chinese Nationalist soldiers, offers a glimpse into Yunnan culture. Be captivated by the stunning mountain scenery, the serene beauty of the lake, and the vibrant tapestry of colorful shrubbery that adorns the village. The village's architecture, reminiscent of traditional Yunnan homes, adds to its charm. Immerse yourself in the verdant tea plantations that cascade down the mountainside, and savor the delectable flavors of Yunnan cuisine, including the renowned Chinese tea, a source of pride for Mae Hong Son province. The village's tranquil environment, combined with its rich cultural heritage, creates a perfect retreat for those seeking peace and relaxation.

Nestled amidst the rugged embrace of the mountain range lies the serene Shan village of Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung. Often referred to as the "Switzerland of Thailand," this picturesque haven boasts a breathtaking reservoir that mirrors the tranquility of the surrounding pine forests. The reservoir's calm waters, reflecting the clear blue sky and lush greenery, create a mesmerizing view. In the cool mountain air, witness the vibrant tapestry of winter flowers that bloom throughout the year. The colors of the flowers, set against the green backdrop, provide a stunning contrast. As the mist dances across the lake, be mesmerized by the idyllic beauty of this enchanting village. The serene atmosphere, combined with the breathtaking scenery, offers a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. After a day filled with captivating experiences, retreat to the heart of Mae Hong Son, where our hand-picked accommodations await. Nestled amidst serene gardens or overlooking breathtaking vistas, these havens of comfort promise a restful embrace. Let the echoes of your day's adventures, the whisper of wind chimes, and the soft glow of lamplight lull you into dreams filled with vibrant landscapes, rich cultural encounters, and the unforgettably tranquil ambience of Mae Hong Son.

DAY 03 Mae Hong Son – Pai: Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Tham Lod Cave / Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Bid farewell to the enchanting Mae Hong Son and embark on a journey to the laid-back haven of Pai. Your first stop is Ban Ja Bo Village, which offers a glimpse into the captivating world of the Lahu Hill tribe. Originally hailing from Tibet, this resilient community has carved out a peaceful existence in the highlands of northern Thailand for centuries. As you ascend the ridge upon which the village rests, prepare to be welcomed by the warmth of the Lahu people and their unique cultural tapestry. Learn about their deep-rooted connection to the land, evident in their agricultural practices and preference for simplicity. Witness their skilled craftsmanship and admire the intricate details woven into their textiles and handicrafts. Be captivated by their vibrant spirit and traditional ceremonies, a testament to their rich heritage and deep spirituality.

Step into the awe-inspiring Tham Lod Cave, one of the region's most significant archaeological sites. This remarkable cave is traversed by a stream known as "Lang," which flows continuously from one end of the cave to the other. The stream has carved out an intricate underground system adorned with impressive stalactites and stalagmites, creating a mesmerizing display of natural artistry. Tham Lod Cave is also a historical treasure trove, containing ancient tools and utensils believed to date back over 2,000 years. These artifacts offer a fascinating glimpse into the early human history of the region, making it a significant site for archaeologists and history buffs. Exploring Tham Lod Cave provides an opportunity to delve into both the natural and historical wonders of the area. For those seeking adventure, the cave offers the unique experience of bamboo rafting along the serene waters of the Lang stream. As you float quietly through the cave, the cool, damp air and the echoing sounds of water dripping from the stalactites create an atmosphere of mystery and wonder. This tranquil journey allows you to fully immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the cave. In addition to the bamboo rafting experience, Tham Lod Cave also invites visitors to engage in short trekking excursions around its perimeter. These treks offer a chance to witness the captivating landscapes that surround this subterranean gem. The trails wind through lush greenery and rugged terrain, providing a refreshing outdoor experience and further enhancing the natural allure of the cave.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Ascend to the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a serene haven perched between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This scenic vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that evolves with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, marvel at the breathtaking sunrise as the first rays of light pierce the horizon, illuminating the landscape in soft, golden hues. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating an ethereal, dreamlike scene. As the day unfolds, the fog gently lifts, unveiling a spectacular view of endless mountain ridges stretching to the horizon. By evening, the setting sun bathes the distant clouds in warm, golden light, transforming the sky into a canvas of vibrant colors. The shifting interplay of light and shadow throughout the day creates a natural spectacle that will leave you in awe. Adding to its charm, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom year-round, enhancing the already picturesque setting. This harmonious blend of natural beauty and panoramic vistas makes it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers seeking to capture the magic of northern Thailand's landscapes.

As the sun dips below the horizon, immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Pai Walking Street. Stroll along the bustling alleyways, your senses awakened by the tantalizing aroma of street food and the vibrant colors of handcrafted souvenirs. Browse through an array of locally made treasures, from intricate jewelry and handcrafted baskets to unique textiles and charming trinkets. Indulge in a culinary adventure, savoring delectable Thai and international dishes prepared by skilled vendors. Mingle with fellow travelers and locals, sharing stories and laughter under the twinkling night sky. As the evening unfolds, let the lively atmosphere of the walking street wash over you, creating memories that will linger long after your journey ends. After a day filled with enriching experiences, unwind in the charming haven of Pai. As you drift off to sleep, allow the echoes of your Thai adventure to resonate within you, carrying you back to the captivating landscapes, the warmth of the Lahu people, and the vibrant energy of Pai Walking Street.

DAY 04

Pai – Chiang Mai: Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Pong Dueat Hot Spring / Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden (Canopy Walkway) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating adventure through the charming town of Pai and its surrounding wonders. Your journey begins at the Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, perched atop a hill overlooking Pai. Ascend the steps and be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the town and its surrounding landscapes. The climb itself is a tranquil experience, with each step bringing you closer to the summit where serenity and beauty await. Witness the sunrise paint the horizon with vibrant hues, casting long shadows over the distant mountains, creating an unforgettable spectacle. The early morning light bathes the valley in a soft, golden glow, offering a perfect moment for reflection and photography.

Next, step onto the Memorial Bridge, a silent testament to the region's past. Built during World War II, the bridge served as a crucial passage for Japanese troops and supplies. Though a newer bridge has replaced it, the Memorial Bridge stands as a reminder of history, its weathered planks whispering tales of a bygone era. The bridge's rustic charm and historical significance make it a poignant stop on your journey. Capture the essence of this historical landmark in photographs, preserving its memory for future generations. The tranquil river flowing beneath and the surrounding greenery add to the scenic beauty, making it a perfect spot for a leisurely stroll.

Embrace the wonders of nature at Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan. Witness the erosive forces of wind and rain transform the landscape into a labyrinth of deep trenches and towering ridges. The canyon's dramatic landscape offers a sense of adventure and wonder. Hike along the narrow, winding trails, feeling the cool breeze caress your skin as you marvel at the sculpted beauty around you. From the canyon's heights, gaze upon the patchwork of villages and farms nestled amidst the majestic mountains, a scene that will leave you awestruck. The panoramic views from the top are breathtaking, providing a perfect backdrop for photography and contemplation.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Immerse yourself in the geothermal magic of Pong Dueat Hot Spring, the largest hot spring in the region. Witness geysers erupt, sending plumes of steam skyward, while the natural pools bubble with mineral-rich waters. The hot spring's soothing warmth and therapeutic qualities make it a must-visit destination. Breathe in the sulfurous air, a unique characteristic of this geothermal wonderland. The invigorating scent adds to the overall sensory experience. Embark on a 1.5-kilometer nature trail, winding through the lush jungle, teeming with diverse plant life. The trail offers a chance to explore the rich biodiversity of the area, with informative signs along the way that reveal the secrets of the surrounding flora. Cross the long bridge, stopping to admire the natural beauty and tranquility that envelops you.

Journey to Mae Rim District and step into the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, a haven for plant enthusiasts. Explore the diverse collection of plants meticulously categorized and showcased in their natural habitats. Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of colors and textures, a testament to the rich biodiversity of the region. Soar above the treetops on the Sky Walk, the longest canopy walkway in Thailand. Stretching over 400 meters and towering 20 meters above the ground, this breathtaking walkway offers unparalleled views of the lush rainforest. Experience the thrill of walking on transparent sections of the walkway, feeling the wind whisper through the leaves and the sunlight dappling the forest floor below. Conclude your adventure in Chiang Mai, carrying with you the memories of Pai's enchanting beauty and the wonders of nature you encountered along the way.

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 ancient temples, exquisite handicrafts, and breathtaking panoramas await at every turn. Begin your adventure by ascending the majestic Doi Suthep mountain, scaling the 300 steps that lead to the sacred sanctuary of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple. Feel the reverence in the air as you approach this historically significant temple, revered by Thai people as one of the holiest in the country. The climb is not merely physical; it is a spiritual journey that deepens your connection to the history and culture of the region. Step inside and be awestruck by the Chiang Saen-style pagoda, believed to enshrine relics of the Lord Buddha. The pagoda's golden spire reaches toward the sky, shimmering in the sunlight and casting a divine glow over the temple grounds. Immerse yourself in the artistic beauty of Lanna architecture, a unique blend of Thai and Burmese influences that is evident in the intricate carvings and ornate details. From the panoramic viewpoint, let your gaze sweep across the verdant tapestry of Chiang Mai city, basking in the tranquility and spiritual significance of this sacred site.

> Journey to the heart of Chiang Mai and delve into the rich history of Wat Chedi Luang. Once the largest pagoda in the kingdom, it still exudes an aura of grandeur despite the ravages of time and earthquakes. Imagine the temple in its former glory, adorned with intricate carvings and shimmering gold. The towering structure, though partially ruined, stands as a testament to the enduring strength and resilience of the Lanna dynasty's architectural prowess. Marvel at the resilient beauty of the remaining structure, contemplating the skill and artistry that went into its construction. Wander

through the temple grounds, soaking in the peaceful atmosphere and reflecting on the passage of time. The temple's serene environment provides a perfect backdrop for meditation and contemplation, allowing history to come alive as you explore this iconic landmark.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Venture beyond the city walls to San Kamphaeng, renowned for its exquisite silk and cotton weaving traditions. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of workshops and shops, where skilled artisans create masterpieces using time-honored techniques. Witness the intricate process of silk production, from raising silkworms to weaving the fine threads into stunning fabrics. The meticulous work involved in each step is a testament to the artisans' dedication and expertise. Be mesmerized by the dazzling array of colors, patterns, and textures, each piece reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region. Treat yourself to a unique souvenir, supporting local communities and carrying home a piece of Chiang Mai's cultural heritage. The vibrancy of San Kamphaeng is not just in its products but also in the pride and passion of its people, making your visit a truly enriching experience.

Conclude your day in Chiang Mai by exploring its bustling night markets, savoring delectable local cuisine, and soaking in the vibrant cultural scene. The city's night markets are a sensory delight, with the sounds of lively chatter, the aromas of street food wafting through the air, and the colorful array of goods on display. Sample local delicacies, such as khao soi, a traditional northern Thai curry noodle dish, and indulge in sweet treats like mango sticky rice. The market's energy and atmosphere provide the perfect end to a day filled with discovery. The city offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and modernity, ensuring that every moment of your journey is filled with discovery and delight. Whether you are exploring ancient temples, witnessing the artistry of local craftsmen, or savoring the flavors of traditional cuisine, Chiang Mai promises an unforgettable adventure that will leave you longing to return.

DAY 06

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey from Chiang Mai to Lampang, Thailand, where majestic elephants roam, serene temples perch on mountaintops, and history whispers through horse-drawn carriages. Your adventure begins at the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, nestled amidst the verdant embrace of Ban Thung Kwian village. This haven serves as a sanctuary for rescued elephants, providing them with expert care and treatment. Witness the deep bond between humans and these gentle giants as you observe their daily routines, from playful mud baths to insightful demonstrations of their remarkable intelligence. Learn about elephant conservation efforts and how you can contribute to protecting these magnificent creatures. The center also offers educational programs and interactive experiences, allowing visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by elephants in the wild and the importance of conservation.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Prepare for an ethereal experience as you ascend the slopes of Chae Hom District towards Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn, also known as Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng. This sacred temple complex, perched atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level, offers panoramic vistas that will leave you breathless. Embark on a 30-minute trek through the lush forest, following a winding path that alternates between gentle slopes and steeper climbs. Immerse yourself in the serenity of nature, listening to the symphony of birdsong and breathing in the crisp mountain air. As you reach the summit, be greeted by a breathtaking spectacle of over 10 pagodas, each imbued with the unwavering faith of monks and villagers who painstakingly built them over many years. Marvel at the intricate architecture and the serene aura that permeates the temple grounds. From this heavenly vantage point, feast your eyes on the sprawling landscapes that unfold below, encompassing the charming district of Chae Hom and beyond.

Step back in time as you embark on a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage ride through the heart of Lampang city. Let the gentle clip-clop of hooves guide you along historic routes that were once the city's main arteries of commerce. As you meander through the charming streets, admire the elegant remnants of Lampang's prosperous past, evident in the colonial-era buildings that line the roads. These horse-drawn carriages, once the primary mode of transportation for locals, now serve as a cherished symbol of Lampang's heritage. Witness the enduring spirit of the Lampang people who have preserved this tradition, transforming the carriages into delightful tourist experiences. As the sun dips below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the city, savor the unique charm of Lampang and the timeless allure of its horse-drawn carriages. Spend the night in Lampang, allowing the echoes of history and the gentle rhythm of the city to lull you into a peaceful slumber.

DAY 07 Lampang - Sukhothai: Si Satchanalai Historical Park / Sukhothai Historical Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey to Sukhothai, Thailand, where the whispers of history resonate amongst majestic temple ruins and lush natural landscapes. Your odyssey begins in Si Satchanalai District, where the Si Satchanalai Historical Park unfolds like an open-air museum. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, this 45square-kilometer archaeological treasure trove boasts over 215 sites whispering tales of settlements dating back to prehistoric times. As you explore, immerse yourself in the grandeur of laterite structures, including the iconic Wat Chang Lom, Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo, and Wat Nang Phaya temples. Marvel at the architectural artistry of Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat and the serene Wat Suan Kaew temples. Each structure, with its unique design and historical significance, offers a glimpse into the past. Breathe in the mystique of the City Pillar Shrine, a silent guardian standing amidst the ruins, symbolizing the spiritual heart of the ancient city. Nestled amidst verdant forests, Si Satchanalai exudes a unique aura of natural beauty and historical completeness, making it a haven for history buffs and nature lovers alike. The park's tranquil environment, combined with its rich history, provides a perfect setting for reflection and exploration. Take your time to wander through the ancient ruins, appreciating the intricate details and craftsmanship that have stood the test of time.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your time-traveling adventure to Mueang Sukhothai District, home to the sprawling Sukhothai Historical Park. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site alongside Si Satchanalai, this 70-square-kilometer expanse served as the first capital of Thailand between the 18th and 20th Buddhist centuries. Witness the cradle of Thai culture and political foundations as you explore the park's numerous ancient wonders. Be mesmerized by the intricate artistry of Sukhothai sculptures, renowned for their unparalleled beauty and elegance. The sculptures, with their graceful lines and serene expressions, are a testament to the skill and creativity of the artists of the time. Gaze upon the majestic Wat Mahathat and Wat Chana Songkhram temples, their grandeur echoing the golden age of the Sukhothai kingdom. These temples, with their towering structures and elaborate decorations, provide a glimpse into the architectural brilliance of the era. Delve deeper into history at Wat Traphang Ngoen, Wat Sri Sawai, and Wat Si Chum, each whispering stories of a bygone era. Wat Si Chum, with its massive seated Buddha image, is particularly awe-inspiring and evokes a sense of reverence and wonder.

As the sun sets over the ancient ruins, let the echoes of history resonate within you, leaving an indelible mark on your soul. The warm hues of the setting sun cast a golden glow over the ruins, creating a magical and ethereal atmosphere. As dusk descends, settle in Sukhothai and allow the day's adventures to unfold in your dreams. Let the echoes of ancient temples, the whispers of history, and the serene beauty of nature lull you into a peaceful slumber. Reflect on the rich cultural heritage and the timeless beauty of the Sukhothai Historical Park, cherishing the memories of your journey through this ancient land.

DAY 08 Sukhothai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

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As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Sukhothai 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 **B**
- 3 Persons 40,750 **B**
- 4 Persons 32,650 **B**
- 5 Persons up 31,400 **B**
- 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	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 3	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe
Day 4-5	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 6	Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Deluxe
Day 7	Sukhothai	Le Charme Sukhothai	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.