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### Van Rental Package 14 Days 13 Nights

#### DAY 01 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 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a fascinating journey as you explore the renowned Phra That Doi Suthep temple, an integral part of Thailand's history and a cherished destination for tourists. Nestled atop Doi Suthep mountain, at an impressive elevation of 1,053 meters above sea level, this sacred temple holds profound religious and historical significance in the city of Chiang Mai. Established in the year 1383, the temple's fame extends throughout Thailand, as it is considered one of the most revered temples in the country. To reach this revered site, you'll climb nearly 300 stairs, leading you to the sanctified interior. A Chiang Saen style pagoda graces the temple grounds, enshrining Lord Buddha's relics beneath its base. The full name of this spiritual haven is "Praboromathat Doi Suthep Woravihan Temple," a name that reflects its vital role in showcasing Thai Lanna art alongside the splendor of Chiang Mai city. Aside from its religious significance, Phra That Doi Suthep captivates visitors with its striking beauty and serves as a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, drawn to pay their respects and seek moments of tranquility in its serene atmosphere. As you wander around the temple, you'll be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of Chiang Mai city. The temple's elevated location provides an exceptional vantage point to admire the surrounding landscape, making it a must-visit for those seeking both spiritual enrichment and awe-inspiring vistas. In conclusion, Phra That Doi Suthep temple stands as a remarkable testament to Thailand's cultural heritage, attracting visitors from far and wide with its sacred allure and the timeless beauty of its surroundings. Whether you seek spiritual enlightenment, a glimpse into history, or simply wish to revel in the charm of Chiang Mai's vistas, this cherished temple offers an unforgettable experience for all who venture to its hallowed grounds.

Next destination is Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan, situated at the heart of Chiang Mai city. This grand and ancient temple boasts a massive pagoda that once stood even taller before a devastating earthquake in 1545 caused its upper portion to collapse. Nevertheless, the pagoda remains an impressive testament to the Lanna identity. Over

the years, the temple has been restored multiple times and now spans an impressive 60 meters on each side. Known by various names such as Rajakudakan Temple and Chotikaram Temple, its construction is believed to date back to the year 1391 during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mungrai dynasty. Wat Chedi Luang Temple holds immense cultural significance and is a cherished landmark in Chiang Mai.

Continuing your adventure, you will venture to the San Kamphaeng district, approximately 13 kilometers east of Chiang Mai city. This district is famous for its exquisite silk and cotton weaving, making it a favorite destination for tourists seeking high-quality and reasonably priced textiles to take home as souvenirs for friends and family. The district's weaving factories offer visitors a unique opportunity to witness the intricate weaving process and even witness silk production up close. In addition to silk and cotton goods, the district is also known for its skilled artisans who produce an array of handicrafts, including wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and more. With numerous factories and souvenir shops, tourists are sure to find delightful treasures to commemorate their journey in Chiang Mai. After a day filled with cultural exploration and shopping, we'll retire for the night in the charming city of Chiang Mai.

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| DAY 03 | Chiang Mai - Lampang: Thai Elephant Conservation Center / Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn / Horse Carriage Riding |
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Embark on an enchanting journey from Chiang Mai province to Lampang province, where an unforgettable adventure awaits at the Thai Elephant Conservation Center in Ban Thung Kwian village, Wiang Tan Subdistrict, Hang Chat District. Operated under the supervision of the Forest Industry Organization, this center serves as a sanctuary for elephants, providing them with essential care and medical treatment. But that's not all; visitors can look forward to an array of engaging activities, including captivating elephant shows that showcase the remarkable intelligence and agility of these majestic creatures. Gain insights into the intricate aspects of elephant care and handling, and witness the enchanting ritual of elephant bathing, a truly mesmerizing experience that highlights the bond between the elephants and their caretakers. Whether you're an animal lover or simply seeking a unique experience, the center promises a day filled with wonder and admiration for these gentle giants.

Continuing the expedition, head to Chae Hom District to behold the celestial beauty of "Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn" or "Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng." Nestled atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level, this sacred site offers a sense of paradise on earth. The only way to reach its pinnacle is by walking along a 1-kilometer trail that winds through the forest, sometimes involving steep ascents and stairs. Amidst this scenic journey, travelers can immerse themselves in the lush abundance of nature before arriving at the mountain's zenith, adorned with numerous meticulously constructed pagodas. These pagodas stand as a testament to the devotion of monks and villagers, with years of dedicated effort culminating in their completion. From this vantage point, witness the most magnificent and breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscapes, with sweeping views of Chae Hom District and beyond.

Immerse yourself in the charm of Lampang city by taking a delightful carriage ride along its historic roads, offering a glimpse into the authentic way of life of the local people. These carriage routes were once bustling main economic roads of Lampang, and even today, they bear traces of the city's bygone prosperity, adorned with ancient buildings that line both sides of the road, a treat for tourists to admire and appreciate. The horse carriage holds a special significance as a symbol of Lampang Province's identity. In the past, it served as the primary mode of transportation for the locals, embodying the rich heritage and traditions of the region. However, with the passage of time and advancements in transportation technology, machinery gradually replaced these beloved carriages, leading to their gradual disappearance from everyday life. Despite the changes brought by modernity, the people of Lampang have displayed remarkable dedication to conserving their heritage. Even to this day, horse carriages continue to be cherished and used as a means of transport, though primarily for tourism purposes. This enduring commitment reflects the deep-rooted cultural significance of these carriages, which now offer visitors a nostalgic and picturesque way to explore the city's historical charms. As your carriage glides through the streets of Lampang, you'll be transported to a bygone era, witnessing the fusion of old and new in this enchanting city. After a day filled with the allure of Lampang's heritage, spend the night in this captivating province, savoring the memories of your delightful carriage ride and the unique experiences it bestowed upon you.

**DAY 04**      Lampang - Sukhothai: Si Satchanalai Historical Park / Sukhothai Historical Park

**08:30 AM**      Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey from Lampang to Sukhothai Province, the ancient capital of Thailand, where history comes alive amidst a serene and traditional way of life. Upon arriving in Si Satchanalai District, immerse yourself in the grandeur of Si Satchanalai Historical Park, an essential site recognized by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage site in 1991. This archaeological wonder spans over 45 square kilometers and boasts an impressive 215 archaeological sites, revealing traces of prehistoric settlements. The park's distinctive feature lies in its numerous large archaeological sites constructed from laterite. Among the five key archaeological sites, you'll discover significant temples such as Wat Chang Lom, Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo, Wat Nang Phaya, Wat Suwan Khiri, Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat, Wat Suan Kaew Yai, Wat Suan Kaew Noi, and the City Pillar Shrine, each steeped in historical significance. Nestled in the heart of the forest, this ancient city has retained its natural beauty, offering visitors an unparalleled glimpse into Thailand's historical heritage.

Continuing your journey to Mueang Sukhothai District, you'll encounter the famed Sukhothai Historical Park, a sprawling area spanning approximately 70 square kilometers. Serving as Thailand's inaugural capital during the 18th to 20th Buddhist centuries, Sukhothai laid the foundation for the country's political, economic, and cultural flourishing. UNESCO's recognition in 1991 reflects the park's role in shaping the nation's arts, culture, and urban planning. Among its treasures are Sukhothai Buddhist sculptures, known for their exquisite delicacy, deemed the epitome of beauty in various fields of Thai art. Within the park's confines, you'll encounter a plethora of magnificent structures, including ancient Buddha images and over 70 ancient buildings outside the city walls, as well as 26 within the walls. Notable sites include Wat Mahathat, Wat Chana Songkhram, Wat Traphang Ngoen, Wat Sri Sawai, Wat Si Chum, and many more, each offering a unique glimpse into the rich cultural

tapestry of the region. As the sun sets, savor the day's explorations and spend the night in Sukhothai, cherishing the memories of your immersive encounter with Thailand's illustrious history and its harmonious blend with the simplicity of traditional life.

**DAY 05** Sukhothai - Phrae: Wat Pong Sunan Temple / Khum Wongburi Museum / Khum Chao Luang / Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park

**08:30 AM** Pick up from the hotel.

Depart from Sukhothai province and set your sights on Phrae province, a gateway to the Lanna Kingdom, steeped in captivating history and brimming with attractions ranging from temples to natural wonders and museums. Upon arriving in Mueang Phrae District, begin your exploration with a visit to Wat Pong Sunan, a mesmerizing temple boasting an impressive golden reclining Buddha, located near an auspicious archway. Inside the ubosot, you'll find the revered Buddha image named "Phra Chao Saen Suk," an ancient artifact over 500 years old, enshrined within a pagoda containing the Lord Buddha's relics. A unique sight to behold is the "Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew," a white temple adorned with 108 pagodas, each enclosed in a plexiglas ball. Interestingly, when viewed through these balls, the pagodas appear beautifully inverted. The viharn houses a large Buddha image named "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon" and features intricate murals depicting Buddha images in Phrae province and various zodiac years.

Next, venture to Khum Wong Buri or Ban Wong Buri, an iconic pink ancient Thai house aged over a century. Constructed in 1897 by Mae Chao Bua Tha, the first consort of Chao Luang Piriayathewong, the last ruler of Phrae, this impressive golden teak wood house showcases a splendid blend of Thai-Lanna and European architectural styles. The house's construction showcases traditional Thai craftsmanship, featuring wooden tongue inserts instead of nails. Khum Wong Buri's exquisite detailing includes wood stencil patterns that were popular during King Rama V's reign, adorning the gables, roof ridges, eaves, and various windows. The interior rooms, including Chao Mae Bua Tha's room, living room, and bedroom, are adorned with antique furniture, ancient weapons, and Buddha images from the Chiang Saen and U-Thong periods, as well as captivating old pictures recounting the house's history.

Continue your historical journey with a visit to Khum Chao Luang, another century-old house steeped in Phrae's heritage. Built in 1892 by Chao Luang Piriayathewong, this two-story brick and mortar building showcases a graceful blend of Thai Lanna and European architectural influences. Supported by solid wood logs instead of piles, the building exudes elegance with its fretwork and intricately carved patterns. Inside, you'll find three rooms below the elevated structure used to store belongings, money, and treasures. The abundance of windows and doors, along with beautifully carved fretwork patterns, adds to the building's allure, showcasing the craftsmanship of renowned Chinese artisans from that era.

After the historical immersion, journey to Phae Mueang Phi, also known as Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park, a natural wonder formed by soil and sandstone erosion, resulting in beautifully lined-up, peculiar clay pillars. This captivating forest park was established on March 4, 1981, and spans over 100 rai, offering a geological feast for the eyes with its cliffs and intriguingly shaped formations. A nature trail awaits

adventurous tourists, providing an opportunity to explore the park's geological features and appreciate its natural beauty. As the day draws to a close, bask in the tranquility of Phrae and spend the night, cherishing the unforgettable experiences and discoveries of this remarkable province.

**DAY 06** Phrae - Chiang Rai: Kwan Phayao Lake / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar

**08:30 AM** Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a picturesque journey from Phrae Province to Chiang Rai Province, making captivating stops along the way to explore the region's natural beauty and cultural wonders. First, pay a visit to Kwan Phayao Lake in Muang Phayao District, Phayao Province. This crescent-shaped lake is surrounded by stunning mountain ranges, creating a serene and picturesque setting. As the largest freshwater lake in the north and the fourth largest in Thailand, it holds great significance as the primary freshwater fishing area of the upper northern region. Its waters are teeming with over fifty species of freshwater fish, making it a vital breeding ground for diverse aquatic life.

Next on your itinerary is the renowned Wat Rong Khun Temple, popularly known as the White Temple. This artistic marvel was envisioned and constructed by Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, a highly acclaimed Thai artist. His masterpiece combines striking contemporary religious architecture with the rich influences of Lanna culture. The temple's pure white chapel resembles a heavenly castle, adorned with intricate stucco patterns embellished with glass and large wall paintings. As you approach the chapel via a bridge, you'll encounter sculptures depicting both heaven and hell, offering a thought-provoking exploration of religious precepts. The chapel's interior features a dazzling display of shiny silver mirror patterns, adding to the temple's ethereal beauty. Art galleries and exquisite sculptures further enhance the experience for visitors.

Continue your journey to the enchanting Singha Park Farm, an agricultural attraction owned by Boon Rawd Brewery. Spanning over 3,000 acres, this sprawling farm presents a captivating landscape of rolling hills and a vast lake. Explore more than 250 acres of lush green oolong tea plantations, where the aroma of fresh tea leaves fills the air, creating a serene and calming atmosphere. Discover the various fruit kingdoms that showcase melons, strawberries, raspberries, giant gooseberries, and an array of other delightful fruits. Wander through meticulously maintained vegetable and herb gardens, and marvel at the vibrant flower fields that burst with color throughout the seasons. The farm also offers a chance to interact with African animal life, allowing visitors to get up close and personal with creatures from far-off lands amidst the lush greenery of the park.

As the day unfolds, make your way to Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. This architecturally stunning temple, designed by Chiang Rai's folk artist, Mr. Puttha Kabkaew, is a visual feast for the eyes with its mesmerizing blue and gold color scheme. The intricate applied art adorning the vihara inside the temple creates a beautiful and artistic atmosphere that captivates every visitor. Within the temple, you will find the enshrined place of Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, which houses sacred relics on the head of the Buddha image. This serene and

spiritually uplifting environment invites travelers to offer their prayers and respect, making it a perfect culmination to a day filled with exploration and discovery.

Finally, conclude your day at the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a vibrant shopping destination renowned among locals and tourists alike. Peruse a wide array of hill tribe handicrafts, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings. The night bazaar also tantalizes taste buds with a diverse selection of food and beverages. Immerse yourself in the lively ambiance, enjoy Lanna cultural activities, and be entertained by performances from various hill tribes. As the night falls, savor your time in Chiang Rai, cherishing the memories of the day's enriching encounters.

**DAY 07**      **Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise**

**08:30 AM**      Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey to the charming Mae Fah Luang District, where the enchanting Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden await your visit. Doi Tung Palace—also known as the Doi Tung Royal Villa—is perched at an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level on the forested slopes of Doi Tung Mountain. Constructed in 1987, 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, it features exquisite wood carvings by skilled northern Thai artisans, adorning its gables, eaves, and window frames with intricate detail. Doi Tung Palace was established as part of the Princess Mother's royal initiative to restore and rehabilitate areas ravaged 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 self-sufficiency. Just steps from the palace lies the Mae Fah Luang Garden, a vibrant sanctuary of color and fragrance. This beautifully landscaped botanical garden 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 offers 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.

The journey continues to the northernmost district of Thailand, Mae Sai. Bordered by Myanmar's Tachilek province, the district boasts the Mae Sai River as a natural demarcation line, with a bridge seamlessly connecting the two cities. From the Thai side, you can catch a glimpse of Myanmar, and a visit to the renowned Mae Sai Market offers a unique experience. This bustling border market has a long-standing reputation and serves as the largest shopping district in northern Thailand. Here, an impressive variety of products can be found, from electrical appliances and local goods to herbs, wicker items, and delectable dry food, all offered at attractive prices.

The journey then takes an intriguing turn, inviting you to explore the historical significance of the Golden Triangle, situated in Sop Ruak Village, Chiang Saen District. The Mekong River gracefully divides the borders of Thailand and Laos, where it converges with the Ruak River, marking the boundary between Thailand and

Myanmar. This vantage point affords a clear view of the Myanmar and Laos landscapes. The Golden Triangle's past reveals a fascinating history as it once served as a thriving opium cultivation area, famously known as the epicenter of the global opium trade, earning the moniker "Golden Triangle." Legends abound about the immense wealth generated from trading opium for raw gold, leading to this evocative title. Today, the opium trade has been relegated to history's pages, but the allure of the past remains. Tourists can pay their respects at The Golden Triangle Buddha, an awe-inspiring bronze sculpture adorned with topaz, weighing a staggering 69 tons, with a span of 10 meters and a towering height of 15 meters. This magnificent Buddha was erected to replace its predecessor, which had been submerged in the Mekong River. Now, it stands majestically on the river's shore, a symbol of peace and reflection.

To appreciate the wonders of nature and embrace the local way of life, a cruise along the Mekong River presents an unforgettable opportunity. Originating from the Tibetan Plateau's icy embrace in northern Tibet and Qinghai county in China, the Mekong River traverses mountains and plateaus in China, meanders through the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Thailand's "Golden Triangle" area in Chiang Saen District, Chiang Rai Province. The river acts as a natural boundary between Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, nourishing the livelihoods of the people residing along its banks while fostering economic and cultural connections. The Mekong River stretches an impressive 4,880 kilometers, culminating in the vastness of the South China Sea in Vietnam. After a day filled with exploration, immerse yourself in the charming ambiance of Chiang Rai, where you can spend another night, savoring the memories of an unforgettable adventure in this enchanting region.

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| DAY 08 | Chiang Rai – Ban Tha Ton: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Doi Mae Salong / Akha hill tribe Village / Roi Jai Rak Project / Wat Tha Ton Temple |
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Embark on an enriching journey to explore the cultural and natural wonders of Northern Thailand. Begin your day by visiting the awe-inspiring Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple in Chiang Rai. Perched on a small hill, the temple boasts a striking 9-storey, 12-sided chedi with an intriguing pointed shape adorned with Chinese and Lanna arts. The red roof is flanked by two dragon statues, leading to the chedi. Inside, marvel at the enshrined Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva, an impressive large sandalwood statue offering blessings and forgiveness. Moreover, the temple features a 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, resembling a 25-storey building. An elevator system allows tourists to ascend easily and enjoy panoramic views of Chiang Rai's picturesque landscapes.

Next, venture to the captivating area of Doi Mae Salong, renowned for its cultivation of fine tea. The region is characterized by its green terraced tea plantations, which create a serene and natural ambiance, making it a delightful destination for visitors. Doi Mae Salong is a Chinese Yunnan village, where immigrants settled decades ago to escape the communist regime in China. The area's scattered villages resemble a traditional Chinese village from the southern regions, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the community. As you wander through the terraces, you'll be surrounded by the soothing scent of tea leaves and the tranquil beauty of the landscape, making it a perfect place to relax and unwind.

Explore the fascinating culture, traditions, and lifestyle of the Akha hill tribe, which resides in picturesque settings. Originating from southern China, the Akha people migrated to the north of Myanmar and later settled in various districts of Chiang Rai Province over the past century. They prefer to reside at higher altitudes, building thatched-roof houses with bamboo walls on mountain ridges. Agriculture, crop planting, and livestock form the basis of their economy, while household industries such as sewing, embroidery, and silverware making also contribute to their income. Admire the vibrantly colored dresses and hats adorned with eye-catching silverware and beads, showcasing the distinctive tribal dress of the Akha.

Continue your journey to Ban Huai San Village in Mae Ai District, where you'll find the Roi Jai Rak Project, managed by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King. This project aims to generate income and create job opportunities for the hill tribe communities in the area, fostering sustainable development and improving the quality of life for the local residents. Explore Suan Roi Jai Rak, a garden plantation that features an array of winter flowers and vegetable plots, showcasing the region's agricultural diversity. At Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, a market within the village, you'll find villagers bringing their quality produce, fruits, flowers, and handicrafts for tourists to choose from, providing a unique opportunity to support the local economy and take home a piece of the region's culture.

Continue your expedition to Ban Tha Ton Village, a charming border village adjacent to Myanmar in Mae Ai District, Chiang Mai Province. The village's picturesque setting boasts mountains and a meandering river, offering a cool and inviting atmosphere throughout the year. Embrace the rich cultural diversity and traditions of the multi-ethnic hill tribes residing in and around the village. Explore Wat Tha Ton temple, situated on the hillside, with its impressive nine-tiered base housing sacred religious places on each peak. At the highest peak rests "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan" or "Phra Chedi Kaew," offering breathtaking views of Ban Tha Ton village and the surrounding mountains. Spend a restful night in Ban Tha Ton Village, cherishing the memories of a day filled with cultural encounters and natural splendor.

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| DAY 09 | Ban Tha Ton - Pai: Hinoki Land / Wat Ban Den Temple / Mork Fah Waterfall / Pong Dued Hot Spring / Pai Walking Street |
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Embark on a captivating journey to explore the unique attractions and natural wonders of Northern Thailand. Begin your day by visiting Hinoki Land, a fascinating Japanese architectural tourist attraction. Spread across an area of 33 acres, this enchanting land showcases Japanese art, culture, and architecture in a beautiful Japanese setting. As you enter, a large red lantern arch symbolizing "good luck" welcomes you, leading to a tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates that guide you to the magnificent four-story Hinoki Castle, built from the noble and sacred hinoki pine wood. Inspired by Kyoto's Kinkakuji Castle, Hinoki Castle offers visitors a glimpse of Japanese splendor amidst the serene mountains and forests.

Next, visit Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen, will be a captivating experience enriched with cultural and architectural beauty. Located in Inthakin Sub-District, Mae Taeng District, the temple holds a significant historical

background. The name "Sari Tree" comes from the Bodhi tree that graced the temple grounds, carrying auspicious meaning and influencing the temple's name. The location of the temple within the ancient old city, Muang Kaen, has resulted in its full name being called "Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen" by the villagers. Set amidst a breathtaking landscape, Wat Ban Den Temple stands gracefully on a hill. Upon arrival, visitors are greeted by a vast area adorned with an array of exquisite buildings, each showcasing the remarkable Thai Lanna Architecture. The temple complex includes the ubosot, the tripitaka hall, the drum tower, the Inthakin pole sanctuary, the Lanna cubicle golden teak, and the pagoda. Every structure is meticulously crafted, resembling works of art in literature, leaving tourists awestruck by their intricate details. Stepping into the enchanting world of Wat Ban Den Temple allows tourists to immerse themselves in the beauty of Thai Lanna architecture, appreciating the harmonious blend of cultural heritage and nature's splendor that surrounds this sacred place.

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Mork Fah Waterfall, located within the enchanting Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, in the Sop Poeng Sub District, Mae Taeng District. This single-tiered waterfall, while not the largest, flows continuously throughout the year, with streams of water cascading from the dense forest above down the rocky cliffs below. As the morning sunlight filters through the trees, it creates a mesmerizing sparkling rainbow over the waterfall, adding a magical touch to the scene. The beauty of Mork Fah Waterfall is not limited to a single season; autumn brings its own unique charm, with the foliage transforming into a kaleidoscope of colors, while the rainy season intensifies the waterfall's splendor, as the water rushes down with a powerful, rumbling noise, creating a mist-like backdrop that enhances the overall atmosphere.

Indulge in the rejuvenating experience of Pong Dueat Hot Springs, a remarkable natural wonder that offers a unique and soothing escape. Located amidst the lush jungle of northern Thailand, this hot spring is known for its impressive geyser-like eruptions and continuous steam that rises from the surface. The water temperatures range from a soothing 90 degrees Celsius to a boiling 200 degrees Celsius, infusing the air with a distinctive sulfur aroma that is both invigorating and relaxing. Visitors to Pong Dueat Hot Springs are greeted by a serene and picturesque environment, where the sounds of bubbling water and the sight of rising steam create a tranquil atmosphere. The hot springs are nestled within a verdant jungle, providing a perfect backdrop for relaxation and reflection. For those who wish to explore more of this natural haven, there is a 1.5-kilometer nature study route that winds through the area. This trail offers an immersive experience into the heart of the jungle, where you can marvel at the towering trees, lush ferns, and vibrant moss that thrive in this rich ecosystem. Along the way, informative signboards provide interesting insights into the local flora and fauna, making it an educational journey as well.

Continue your journey to Pai district, traversing the historical World War II road, offering breathtaking views of the majestic mountains through numerous sharp curves. In Pai, explore the local lifestyle on a lively walking street, where you can shop for handmade products, clothing, jewelry, and souvenirs. Sample delectable dishes at various international and Thai restaurants, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere of the walking street, open from 5 pm until midnight. Relish your night in Pai, surrounded by the charm of this enchanting destination.

**DAY 10**      **Pai Sightseeing: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge**

**08:30 AM**      Pick up from the hotel.

Discovering Santichon village is an extraordinary journey that transports you to the preserved world of the Yunnan Chinese community, who settled here generations ago. The village exudes an authentic Yunnan Chinese ambiance, from its traditional houses to the quaint decorations that adorn the surroundings. Stepping into Santichon feels like stepping back in time, immersing oneself in the nostalgic charm of a bygone era. Just a stone's throw away from Santichon lies the Yun Lai viewpoint, a mesmerizing spot that unveils the picturesque landscape of Pai city. Enveloped by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range, the viewpoint offers a breathtaking panorama of Pai, with mist-kissed mountains providing a dreamlike backdrop during both winter and the rainy season. Witnessing the sunrise from this vantage point is an ethereal experience that etches itself into the memories of all who are fortunate enough to behold it.

Another captivating destination in Pai is the Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, an enchanting site perched atop a high hill in Mae Yen village. This sacred temple is both a spiritual haven and a vantage point offering unparalleled views of Pai city. As you make your ascent, the journey itself becomes a meditative experience, accompanied by the sound of rustling leaves and the gentle whisper of the wind. Upon reaching the top, you'll be greeted by a breathtaking panoramic vista. The sweeping scenic beauty stretches far and wide, painting a serene landscape of lush greenery. The most captivating moments here are the stunning sunrise and sunset scenes. As dawn breaks, the mountain ranges are bathed in a golden glow, creating a mesmerizing spectacle. In the evening, the sky transforms into hues of orange, pink, and purple, making it a perfect spot for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself is an impressive structure, boasting traditional Thai architecture with intricate carvings. The large white Buddha statue overlooking the valley symbolizes peace and tranquility, offering solace and a sense of calm to all who visit.

Continuing the exploration, you will encounter the Memorial Bridge, a poignant reminder of the Second World War and Japan's presence in Thailand. Though replaced by a modern bridge, this historic structure endures as a symbol of the past. Walking along the bridge transports you back to an era of great tumult and change. The Memorial Bridge stands as a testament to the resilience and strength of those who lived through the war. It is a place where tourists can pay tribute to the past, reflect on sacrifices made, and honor the memories of those who crossed it during wartime. More than just a historical site, it is a place of contemplation and remembrance. The stories of bravery and perseverance are etched into its very structure, fostering a profound connection to history. The surrounding area, with its peaceful ambiance and scenic views, further enhances the contemplative mood, making it perfect for quiet reflection. While visiting Pai District, the Memorial Bridge serves as a poignant reminder of the town's historical significance and the enduring spirit of its people.

A visit to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, is an enchanting experience that unveils the marvels sculpted by nature's patient hand over countless years. This remarkable canyon has formed through a combination of soil subsidence and the relentless forces of wind and rain, giving rise to deep trenches that resemble magnificent cliffs. The terrain stretches over an area of more than 3 acres, with

meandering ridge-like structures that present a truly captivating sight. Pai Canyon's surroundings boast a rich diversity of deciduous forests and an array of flora, further enhancing the allure of this one-of-a-kind attraction. Adventurous souls can trek along the narrow and steep trails that wind along the canyon's edges, treating themselves to breathtaking vistas of the lush forests and the deep chasms below. One of the highlights of Pai Canyon is the awe-inspiring view from its highest points. As visitors reach these elevated vantage points, they are rewarded with sweeping panoramas of quaint villages and farms nestled amidst the majestic mountains. The landscape presents a harmonious blend of nature and human habitation, showcasing the symbiotic relationship between the local community and the stunning environment.

The rugged beauty of Pai Canyon, with its ever-changing colors and textures, creates an otherworldly atmosphere, making it a favorite spot for photographers seeking to capture nature's artwork. Strolling along the trails, travelers can bask in the tranquil ambiance and embrace the sense of wonder that permeates the area. The feeling of being surrounded by nature's grandeur and contemplating the forces that sculpted Pai Canyon is an enriching and unforgettable experience for all who venture here. As the sun gracefully sets over the canyon, casting a warm glow over the landscape, visitors can savor the enchantment of the moment and bid adieu to the day with hearts filled with gratitude for the breathtaking beauty they have encountered. Pai Canyon is a natural masterpiece that leaves an indelible mark on the souls of those who explore its magnificence.

The Merit Bridge, known as "Khokuso," exudes its own unique charm as a bridge of faith, lovingly constructed by the villagers. This winding bamboo bridge gracefully meanders through verdant rice fields, with the stunning mountains serving as an exquisite backdrop. The bridge holds a special purpose, facilitating the monks' alms rounds and offering a convenient path for both tourists and villagers to traverse, providing them with opportunities to make merit and bask in the splendor of the surrounding forests, mountains, and rice fields. Spending a night in Pai allows visitors to relish the peaceful ambiance and embrace the distinctive atmosphere of this captivating destination.

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| DAY 11 | Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo Village) |
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Departing from Pai to Pang Mapha District, you are in for a treat as you visit the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a scenic spot nestled between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This breathtaking vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that changes with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, witness the awe-inspiring sunrise as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the horizon. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating a truly magical scene. As the day progresses, the fog gradually dissipates, revealing a stunning vista of intricately lined mountains stretching as far as the eye can see. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm, golden glow on the distant clouds, painting the sky with vibrant hues. The interplay of light and shadow creates a breathtaking spectacle that is sure to leave you mesmerized. Beyond the stunning views, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is also adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom throughout the year. This natural beauty, combined with the panoramic vistas, makes it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Continuing the journey, you will arrive at Tham Lod Cave, one of the most significant archaeological sites in the region. The cave features a flowing stream known as "Lang" that traverses from one end to the other, creating a mesmerizing underground world adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. The cave's interior showcases a variety of ancient tools and utensils, along with paintings on the cave walls dating back more than 2,000 years, offering a glimpse into ancient human history and cultural practices. Aside from admiring the cave's magnificent splendor, visitors have the opportunity to partake in other exciting activities, such as bamboo rafting inside the cave. The enchanting journey on the bamboo raft takes travelers through the dark waters, allowing them to appreciate the unique cave formations from a different perspective. Furthermore, short trekking around the cave offers an opportunity to explore the surrounding natural beauty, embracing the tranquility of the lush landscapes that envelop the area.

Afterward, the journey continues to a Lahu hill tribe village. The Lahu people have an ancestral origin in Tibet and have gradually migrated to different regions over time. They have settled in the north of Thailand for hundreds of years, bringing with them their unique lifestyle and culture. The Lahu prefer to build their villages on high land and lead a simple and close-knit way of life. Agriculture, particularly rice farming and corn planting, is their primary occupation, and they are skilled hunters as well. The Lahu people are known for their friendliness and warm hospitality, eagerly welcoming foreign tourists with open arms. This presents an excellent opportunity for travelers to immerse themselves in the Lahu culture, learn about their customs and traditions, and witness their way of life firsthand. As the day comes to an end, travelers will retire for the night in Mae Hong Son, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences and cultural encounters they've had throughout the day. The journey has taken them through stunning natural landscapes, ancient caves, and encounters with vibrant local communities, leaving them with lasting memories of Northern Thailand's rich cultural heritage and picturesque scenery.

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| DAY 12 | Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village |
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Embarking on the next leg of the journey, you will visit Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, a significant and revered place of worship in Mae Hong Son. Situated on top of Kong Mu Mountain, the temple comprises two pagodas, one larger one constructed by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant, in 1860 and the smaller one by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first ruler of Mae Hong Son, in 1874. The hilltop location offers panoramic views of the town surrounded by majestic mountains and lush valleys, creating a serene and awe-inspiring atmosphere. Continuing the exploration of local temples, visitors will arrive at Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, two ancient temples located near a large swamp. These temples boast exquisite Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image called "Luang Paw To." Inside Wat Chong Klang, visitors will be captivated by the numerous Burmese wood carving dolls and intricate glass paintings depicting Buddhist history, adding to the spiritual and cultural significance of these temples.

Next on the itinerary is the Su Tong Pe Bridge, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. This remarkable structure gracefully spans sprawling paddy fields and

winding canals, providing a vital connection between Suan Tham Phusama Temple and Kung Mai Sak Village. The Su Tong Pae Bridge is a marvel of traditional engineering, showcasing the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the local community. With its classic beauty, the bridge offers breathtaking vistas that change with the seasons, enhancing its allure. During the rainy season, the bridge crosses over lush, verdant paddy fields, creating a vivid green landscape that captivates the eyes. In the winter, the fields turn golden as the rice ripens, shimmering under the sunlight and creating a picturesque scene that feels almost magical. The ever-changing scenery ensures that each visit to the bridge offers a unique and memorable experience. The surrounding landscape, embraced by majestic mountains, further enhances the bridge's beauty and charm. The serene backdrop of rolling hills and distant peaks adds to the tranquil atmosphere, making it a perfect spot for reflection and photography. The bridge's name, which translates to "The Bridge of Success," holds special meaning for locals and visitors alike, symbolizing the harmony between nature and the community. This blend of practicality and beauty highlights the sustainable practices that have been a part of the local culture for generations.

Arriving at Baan Rak Thai village, you will be transported to a unique enclave with a rich history and cultural heritage. The village, settled by the "Kuomintang" or the 93rd Division of the Chinese Nationalist forces, is located near the border between Thailand and Myanmar. The Kuomintang soldiers evacuated from Southern China during the revolution and the rise of the communist regime, seeking refuge in this picturesque region. As you explore Baan Rak Thai, you will be captivated by the stunning mountain scenery that surrounds the village, offering breathtaking panoramic views. The natural beauty of the landscape, with its lush greenery and majestic mountains, creates a serene and awe-inspiring atmosphere that leaves a lasting impression on visitors. One of the highlights of Baan Rak Thai is its beautiful lakes, which add to the village's charm and allure. The tranquil lakes create a calming environment that perfectly complements the surrounding mountains, offering visitors a sense of peace and tranquility.

Amidst the village, you will encounter colorful shrubbery that adds a touch of vibrancy and beauty to the setting. The colorful blooms and well-maintained gardens create a picturesque scene, inviting you to take leisurely strolls and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature. Another notable attraction in Baan Rak Thai is the green tea farmland, carefully cultivated in rows that gracefully curve along the mountainside. The tea plantations not only add to the scenic beauty of the village but also serve as a source of pride and livelihood for the local community. You can witness the tea cultivation process and may even have the opportunity to taste the renowned Chinese tea, celebrated for its exceptional quality, making it a delightful experience for tea enthusiasts. Additionally, the village offers a gastronomic journey through Yunnan cuisine, allowing you to savor a delectable array of flavors. The unique blend of local ingredients and traditional Chinese recipes makes the dining experience in Baan Rak Thai truly memorable.

The exploration takes you to Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung, a tranquil Shan village surrounded by rugged mountain ranges. This village boasts a spectacular landscape with a large lake, often referred to as the "Switzerland in Thailand." Surrounded by pine forests and colorful winter flowers, the area enjoys cool weather throughout the year. The picturesque sight of the pine forest hugging the spacious reservoir amidst the mountain range, with fog floating above the lake, is simply

mesmerizing. The serene and peaceful atmosphere, along with the beauty of the surrounding nature, makes Baan Ruam Thai an enchanting destination for travelers to cherish. As the sun sets, travelers will spend another night in Mae Hong Son, reflecting on the diverse cultural encounters, natural wonders, and breathtaking landscapes they have experienced throughout their journey.

**DAY 13**      Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon

**08:00 AM**      Pick up from the hotel.

Departing from Mae Hong Son, the journey to Doi Inthanon National Park takes you through a winding and scenic route, offering impressive views of the beautiful mountains. As visitors arrive at Doi Inthanon, they will be greeted by the highest peak in Thailand, rising to an altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. Doi Inthanon is a part of the majestic Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, stretching from the Himalayas through various countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. The diverse and abundant climate and forest in the area make it a nature lover's paradise. Within Doi Inthanon National Park, tourists will have the opportunity to experience different types of forests, including rain forests, pine forests, and mixed forests at various altitudes. The cool weather throughout the year, coupled with the breathtaking scenery and lush forest, makes Doi Inthanon a sought-after destination for visitors from around the world.

One of the prominent attractions in Doi Inthanon is the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri. 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 beautifully adorned with winter flower gardens and an array of plants. The location provides stunning panoramic views and is considered one of the most picturesque viewpoints in Chiang Mai.

Next, you will visit the majestic Wachirathan Waterfall, a magnificent and towering single-tiered cascade that boasts unparalleled beauty, earning its reputation as one of Thailand's most stunning waterfalls with a continuous flow of water throughout the year. As the water gracefully descends into the basin below, the waterfall stands tall at an impressive height of 70 meters, leaving spectators in awe of its grandeur. During the rainy season, a delightful natural phenomenon occurs as water droplets glisten in the sunlight, creating mesmerizing rainbows that grace the surroundings of Wachirathan Waterfall. This enchanting display adds an extra touch of wonder and allure to the already breathtaking sight, making this waterfall an even more captivating destination for nature enthusiasts and visitors seeking a true sense of awe-inspiring beauty.

At the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, you will be delighted by the vibrant flower plots showcasing a variety of colorful blooms, as well as the diverse assortment of vegetables and fruits. The research station focuses on winter plant cultivation, including flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. The project not only contributes to agricultural research but also supports

social development and forest watershed conservation while generating income for hill tribe farmers in the surrounding villages. After a day of exploring the natural beauty and cultural landmarks of Doi Inthanon National Park, travelers will retreat to Chiang Mai for a restful night. This journey promises to leave visitors with unforgettable memories of Thailand's stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

#### DAY 14 Chiang Mai Departure

00:00 As your delightful holiday in Northern Thailand draws to a close, it is now time to bid farewell and head back home. We are pleased to provide you with transportation from your hotel to Chiang Mai Airport, where our services will come to an end.

**Price:**

- 82,000 Thai baht

**Included:**

- 1 Van + Fuel + Driver
- English speaking guide
- Travel accident insurance
- Accommodation and meals for tour guide and driver

**Excluded:**

- Meals
- Accommodations
- Expenses during the trip

**Notes:**

- Passenger limit, not more than 9 seats for each van.

**Difficulty Levels:**

- **Easy** / Moderate / Challenging

| Overnight Stay |              |
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| Date           | City         |
| Day 1-2        | Chiang Mai   |
| Day 3          | Lampang      |
| Day 4          | Sukhothai    |
| Day 5          | Phrae        |
| Day 6-7        | Chiang Rai   |
| Day 8          | Ban Tha Ton  |
| Day 9-10       | Pai          |
| Day 11-12      | Mae Hong Son |
| Day 13         | Chiang Mai   |