

# Mae Hong Son Holidays

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## Mae Hong Son Loop Tour 3 Days 2 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 - Mae Hong Son: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Wachiratharn Waterfall (Hotel / Lunch)

08:00 AM

Pick up from the hotel.

Embarking on a journey from Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son through Doi Inthanon National Park combines stunning natural beauty with cultural treasures. The adventure begins at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a vibrant hub of colorful flower plots, diverse vegetables, and fruits. This research station focuses on winter plants, ornamental flora, and highland fisheries, while actively supporting forest watershed conservation and improving the livelihoods of nearby hill tribe farmers. Stroll through the meticulously maintained gardens, where a kaleidoscope of blooms showcases the station's commitment to botanical research and preservation. Beyond its scenic appeal, the station plays a vital role in sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation, empowering local communities with resources and knowledge. This harmonious blend of nature and sustainable development makes the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon an inspiring start to your journey through Doi Inthanon National Park.

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

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey through Doi Inthanon National Park continues with a visit to the majestic Twin Royal Pagodas: Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri. These two stunning structures, perched atop the mountain, offer breathtaking panoramic views of the expansive landscape, which stretches as far as the eye can see. The area enjoys cool weather for most of the year, adding to its charm. 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 on the auspicious occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's 5th cycle birthday in 1992. The area surrounding the pagodas is beautifully landscaped with gardens featuring vibrant winter flowers and a variety of plants. The Twin Royal Pagodas are among the most popular tourist attractions in Doi Inthanon National Park, consistently drawing a steady stream of visitors throughout the year.

A visit to Doi Inthanon National Park is crowned by the exhilarating ascent to Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak, towering at 2,565 meters above sea level. Part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which extends from the Himalayas, this iconic peak offers diverse climates and ecosystems, making it a paradise for nature lovers. The journey to the summit is a feast for the senses. As you ascend, landscapes transform from lush rainforests to serene pine groves and mixed forests, each teeming with rare flora and fauna. Birdwatchers will revel in the park's status as a top birding destination, home to numerous endemic and migratory species. Reaching the summit is both awe-inspiring and refreshing. Cool, misty weather and sweeping views of the surrounding mountains create a serene and invigorating atmosphere. A memorial to King Inthawichayanon, a conservation pioneer and former ruler of Chiang Mai, highlights the park's cultural and ecological significance. Whether drawn by stunning vistas, diverse ecosystems, or cool mountain air, Doi Inthanon offers an unforgettable blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage, making it a must-visit for adventurers and nature enthusiasts alike. As the day winds down, you will continue to Mae Hong Son, where you will check into your hotel for the night. The memories of your journey—from the vibrant agricultural station to the cascading waterfalls, serene pagodas, and the majestic peak of Doi Inthanon—will stay with you long after your adventure concludes.

DAY 02

Mae Hong Son – Pai: Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Ja Bo) / Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel.

Start your Mae Hong Son exploration with a visit to the stunning Su Tong Pe Bridge, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge. Spanning over 500 meters, this remarkable structure connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak village. A masterpiece of local craftsmanship, the bamboo bridge offers panoramic views of rice paddies and tranquil canals, showcasing the ingenuity and artistry of the region's artisans. The bridge is especially captivating during the rainy season when the surrounding area is covered with lush green rice fields and turns golden as winter sets in, with distant mountains forming a picturesque backdrop. Farmers tending to

their fields add a touch of authentic rural charm, while the gentle sway of the bamboo and the soft rustle of leaves create a soothing, meditative ambiance. Each season reveals its own distinct beauty: earthy tones and rustic warmth in the dry season, and glistening golden fields under bright winter skies. No matter the time of year, the Su Tong Pae Bridge offers a unique and unforgettable experience, blending natural beauty with cultural heritage in perfect harmony.

After the serene experience of walking across the Su Tong Pe bamboo bridge, continue your journey to the enchanting village of Ban Rak Thai. Nestled amid breathtaking mountain scenery, this picturesque settlement embodies its rich Yunnanese heritage, brought by former members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd Division who sought refuge in this remote area during the 20th century. Their enduring cultural traditions and culinary expertise have shaped Ban Rak Thai into a unique and vibrant enclave. The village's idyllic setting, with its serene lakes, colorful foliage, and mist-shrouded mountains, creates an almost otherworldly charm. Wander through narrow lanes adorned with traditional Yunnanese architecture, showcasing intricate carvings and vibrant details. The gentle pace of daily life here harmoniously blends ancient traditions with modern touches, offering a captivating glimpse into this cultural haven. A highlight of your visit is the opportunity to savor authentic Yunnanese cuisine. Renowned for its premium Chinese tea, Ban Rak Thai invites you to enjoy a cup of this fragrant brew, perfectly paired with other traditional delicacies. This culinary experience, set against the village's tranquil beauty, completes your immersion into its rich heritage.

### Lunch at the restaurant.

From the charming Yunnanese village of Ban Rak Thai, your journey continues to the tranquil Shan village of Baan Ruam Thai, affectionately known as Pang Oung. Nestled within a rugged mountain range, this idyllic destination has earned the nickname "Switzerland of Thailand" for its stunning reservoir and postcard-worthy landscapes. The reservoir, a glistening gem framed by pine-clad mountains, serves as the village's centerpiece and a magnet for visitors. In the early morning, a delicate veil of fog often blankets the water, creating a mystical and dreamlike ambiance. The year-round cool, crisp climate makes Pang Oung a perfect sanctuary for those seeking peace and natural beauty. As you meander through the village, you're enveloped by fresh mountain air and a pervasive sense of calm. Vibrant winter flowers dot the landscape, adding splashes of color to the already enchanting scenery. Whether you're strolling along winding paths, soaking in the breathtaking reservoir views, or unwinding in a cozy café, Pang Oung offers a serene retreat from the demands of everyday life.

Your journey continues to the Lahu hill tribe village of Ban Ja Bo, nestled in the scenic Pang Mapha District. Perched on a ridge with breathtaking views of surrounding mountains and lush valleys, this quaint settlement invites you to experience the unique culture of the Lahu people. Originally hailing from Tibet, the Lahu migrated south centuries ago, establishing themselves in northern Thailand's cool, fertile highlands. Their way of life, deeply rooted in animistic beliefs, reflects a profound reverence for nature, which they see as intricately connected to every aspect of existence. Agriculture forms the backbone of Lahu society, with rice farming and corn cultivation as their primary livelihoods, complemented by traditional hunting techniques passed down through generations. Despite the

challenges of highland living, the Lahu are admired for their resilience, self-sufficiency, and close-knit community spirit. As you explore Ban Ja Bo, you'll be greeted by the warm smiles of the Lahu people, eager to share their rich heritage. Take in the vibrant colors of their traditional attire, observe their daily routines, and immerse yourself in their unique customs and ceremonies. Ban Ja Bo offers a rare glimpse into a simpler way of life, where ancient traditions harmonize with modern influences, embodying the enduring spirit of a people deeply connected to their land.

After exploring the charming Lahu village, journey 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 day winds down, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Pai's walking street. Bustling with energy, the street is lined with stalls offering handmade crafts, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and unique souvenirs. A variety of Thai and international restaurants provide delicious options for every palate. Open from 5 PM to midnight, this lively marketplace is the perfect place to soak in the local culture and unwind after a day of exploration. Conclude your day with an overnight stay in Pai, reflecting on the stunning landscapes and rich cultural experiences that have made your journey through Mae Hong Son truly unforgettable.

**DAY 03** 

Pai – Chiang Mai: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Pai Canyon / Memorial Bridge / Pong Dueat Hot Spring (Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Continue your exploration of Northern Thailand with a visit to Santichon Village, a charming settlement that offers a unique glimpse into Yunnan Chinese culture and way of life. The village's architecture, decorations, and environment reflect the heritage of the early settlers who emigrated from China. Walking through the village, you'll notice traditional houses adorned with red lanterns and intricate woodwork. Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine at local restaurants, where you can try Yunnan-style noodles and dumplings. Visit traditional tea houses to savor various Chinese teas while relaxing in the serene atmosphere. From Santichon Village, take a short trip to the nearby Yun Lai Viewpoint. This vantage point offers breathtaking panoramas of Pai city, surrounded by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range. The viewpoint is famous for its spectacular sunrises, casting a golden glow over the

landscape. The sea of mist that blankets the area during winter and the rainy season adds to the magical atmosphere, creating an almost otherworldly scene.

After immersing yourself in Yunnanese culture, continue your journey to Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, a captivating temple perched atop a hill in Mae Yen village. This sacred site is not only a spiritual retreat but also a vantage point that offers breathtaking views of Pai city and its surrounding landscapes. The ascent to the temple is a meditative experience in itself, accompanied by the soothing sounds of rustling leaves and the gentle whispers of the wind. Upon reaching the summit, you'll be rewarded with a panoramic vista of unparalleled beauty. The lush greenery stretches endlessly, creating a serene and tranquil atmosphere. The temple is most enchanting during sunrise and sunset. At dawn, the first rays of sunlight bathe the mountain ranges in a golden glow, creating a spellbinding scene. As evening falls, the sky transforms into a kaleidoscope of orange, pink, and purple hues, offering a perfect moment for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself is an architectural marvel, showcasing traditional Thai design adorned with intricate carvings. Its centerpiece, a towering white Buddha statue overlooking the valley, symbolizes peace and tranquility. This awe-inspiring statue, paired with the temple's serene ambiance, offers solace and a deep sense of calm to all who visit.

### Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, an awe-inspiring natural wonder shaped over centuries by wind and rain erosion. As you draw closer, the landscape transforms into a striking tableau of deep ravines, towering cliff-like formations, and narrow, winding ridges that stretch across an expansive area of over three acres. Surrounded by a vibrant mixed deciduous forest, Pai Canyon's rugged terrain offers a stunning contrast of earthy hues and lush greenery. The steep and narrow trails beckon adventurous spirits, challenging explorers to traverse the ridges while rewarding them with breathtaking panoramic views. Below, villages and farmlands dot the landscape, framed by the majestic silhouettes of distant mountains. Hiking these trails is an adventure in itself, with every twist and turn revealing a new perspective of the canyon's dramatic beauty. Whether you're seeking a heart-pounding trek or a tranquil moment to take in the scenery, Pai Canyon is a destination that captivates the senses and inspires awe at every step.

After marveling at the stunning vistas of Pai Canyon, continue your journey to the Memorial Bridge, a poignant relic of the Second World War and a reminder of Japan's presence in Thailand during that tumultuous period. Although a modern bridge now serves the area, the original structure endures as a powerful symbol of resilience and history. Walking along the bridge feels like stepping back in time, offering a glimpse into an era of hardship and transformation. The Memorial Bridge stands as a testament to the strength and perseverance of those who lived through the war, carrying stories of sacrifice, bravery, and endurance. It invites visitors to pause, pay tribute to the past, and honor the memories of those who traversed its spans during wartime. More than just a historical landmark, the bridge is a place of quiet contemplation and remembrance. Its weathered planks and enduring presence forge a profound connection to history, while the surrounding area's serene ambiance and scenic views deepen the reflective mood. When visiting Pai District, the Memorial Bridge is not only a historical treasure but also a reminder of the town's resilience

and the enduring spirit of its people. It offers a space to reflect on the lessons of the past and appreciate the journey that has shaped the present.

Bid farewell to Pai and continue your journey to Mae Taeng District, where you'll find the Pong Dueat Hot Spring, Northern Thailand's largest geyser hot spring. The spring's underground water, heated to temperatures ranging from 170–200°C, bursts to the surface in dramatic jets of steam that soar 1–2 meters into the air. Surrounding the spring, you'll discover several tranquil ponds nestled within a dense jungle, along with a 1.5-kilometer nature trail that winds through this lush landscape. This circular route invites visitors to immerse themselves in the area's rich biodiversity, showcasing towering trees, vibrant moss, and delicate ferns. Along the path, informative signs offer fascinating insights into the hot spring's geology and the local flora. The gentle sulfuric scent in the air and the serene surroundings create a peaceful, almost otherworldly atmosphere, making the visit both relaxing and educational. Whether you're captivated by the natural wonders or seeking a tranquil escape, Pong Dueat Hot Spring offers a unique and rejuvenating experience. Finally, your journey leads back to Chiang Mai, where you'll transfer to your hotel. The experiences and memories gathered from your journey through Mae Hong Son and beyond will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression, reminding you of the captivating beauty and cultural richness of northern Thailand.

# D/M/Y Chiang Mai Departure

00:00

Your journey in the northern region of Thailand has come to an end, and it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will now escort you to Chiang Mai Airport to ensure that your return journey or onward travels to other destinations go smoothly, and this is end of our services.

## **Prices:**

1 Person 34,000 THB
2 Persons 19,500 THB
3 Persons 16,500 THB
4 Persons 13,500 THB
5 Persons up 12,500 THB

• 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 (2 Breakfasts / 3 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (2 Nights)
- For groups with an odd number of guests, one traveler will be accommodated in a single room at no additional cost.

### **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	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 2	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe

### **Accommodation Notes:**

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.