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Mae Hong Son Sukhothai 11 Days 10 Nights

DAY 01 Mae Hong Son Arrival / (Hotel)

00:00 After arriving at Mae Hong Son Airport, you will be warmly welcomed and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. Once you have checked in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and enjoy your stay in Mae Hong Son and take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace.

DAY 02 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Long Neck Karen Village / Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Hmong Shan Pa-O Hill Tribe Villages (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey from Mae Hong Son city to Huai Suea Tao village, where you will encounter the fascinating Padong or Long Neck Karen Hill tribe. Having migrated from Myanmar to settle in Thailand, the Padong people have preserved a unique tradition of adorning their necks with coiled gold rings. Commencing between the ages of 5 and 9, this practice was initially exclusive to Padong women born on Wednesdays and full moon days but later extended to all Padong women. The solid brass hoops, skillfully bending around the neck like coiled springs, symbolize beauty, status, class, and position within the tribe. Wearing these rings also signifies the importance of marriage. The distinct dress of Padong women, coupled with ancient stories explaining the tradition, sets them apart from other hill tribes in Myanmar.

Continue your exploration with a visit to the majestic Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu. Perched atop Kong Mu Mountain, this sacred temple offers breathtaking views of the tranquil town below, surrounded by rolling hills and lush valleys. The temple complex is home to two historic pagodas: one built in 1860 by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant, and the other in 1874 by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first ruler of Mae Hong Son. Each pagoda contributes to the site's cultural and spiritual significance. From this serene hilltop sanctuary, you can immerse yourself in the peaceful atmosphere and pay homage to the revered Buddha images. Next, visit the twin temples of Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, located beside a tranquil swamp. These temples exemplify exquisite Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image, Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang, in particular, stands out for its intricate Burmese

wooden carvings and vivid glass paintings that depict scenes from Buddhist history and mythology, offering a glimpse into the region's rich cultural heritage.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Journey to the 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 golden rice fields, lush greenery, and distant mountains form 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 Pe Bridge offers a unique and unforgettable experience, blending natural beauty with cultural heritage in perfect harmony.

Your journey continues 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.

Continue your expedition to Ban Huai Makhuea Som, where you can immerse yourself in the rich lifestyle and culture of the Hmong, Shan, and Pa-O tribes coexisting harmoniously in the same village. Originally inhabited solely by the Hmong tribe, the dynamics of this community have evolved due to frequent tribal migrations along the Thai-Myanmar border, prompted by unrest in Myanmar. While the Hmong tribe was the initial inhabitant, the Pa-O and Shan tribes later migrated to live alongside the Hmong community. Despite distinct cultural traditions, these three tribes have established a peaceful coexistence. Engaging primarily in agriculture and animal husbandry, their farming endeavors focus on cultivating crops such as cabbage, tomatoes, rice, and beans. The majority of their produce finds its way to city markets. Nestled on the hillsides amidst lush forests and stunning natural surroundings, the villages exude a tranquil charm. The uncomplicated way of life, coupled with the unique cultural practices and beautiful traditions of each tribe, creates an enchanting atmosphere. Visitors are warmly welcomed by the friendly locals, leaving an indelible impression on those who journey through. These vivid experiences of simplicity, cultural diversity, and hospitality are sure to be etched in your memory forever.

Conclude your day by returning to the warm embrace of Mae Hong Son, where a restful night awaits before your next adventure unfolds.

DAY 03 Mae Hong Son – Pang Mapha: Ban Luk Khao Lam Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Lisu Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

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

From the Ban Luk Khao Lam viewpoint, continue your journey to Tham Lod Cave, a site of immense archaeological and natural significance. This remarkable cave is traversed by the Lang River, which flows through its entirety, creating an otherworldly ambiance. Inside, you'll discover a mesmerizing world of intricate stalactites and stalagmites formed over millennia. Adding to the cave's mystique are cave wall paintings, ancient tools, and artifacts dating back more than 2,000 years, offering a rare connection to early civilizations. The vast chambers, some soaring up to 50 meters high, leave visitors awestruck by their sheer scale and beauty. Tham Lod Cave is more than just a geological wonder; it's an adventure destination. Visitors can embark on bamboo rafting expeditions along the cave's underground river, gliding through serene waters while marveling at the illuminated rock formations. For those seeking a bit more action, short trekking trails around the cave allow for closer exploration of its surroundings. Whether paddling quietly through the cave's mysterious waterways or walking amidst its towering formations, the experience is truly unforgettable.

Next, venture into the world of the Lahu hill tribe village. Originally hailing from Tibet, the Lahu people gradually migrated through China and Myanmar before settling in the northern regions of Thailand centuries ago. Their villages, often perched on elevated terrain, reflect a deep connection to nature and a preference for a tranquil life steeped in spiritual beliefs. Embracing simplicity, the Lahu people primarily engage in agriculture, cultivating rice, corn, and various vegetables, alongside animal husbandry and hunting. Their farming practices are deeply rooted in tradition and sustainability,

allowing them to live harmoniously with their environment. Known for their adaptability and warm hospitality, the Lahu tribe welcomes foreign visitors with open arms, ensuring a memorable experience for all who visit. As you explore their village, you'll observe the traditional bamboo houses, the rhythmic sounds of village life, and the vibrant community spirit. Engage with the locals, learn about their customs and rituals, and gain insights into their unique way of life. The Lahu people's deep spiritual beliefs are woven into every aspect of their daily existence, from their farming practices to their communal celebrations, offering a rich tapestry of cultural experiences.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey towards the Lisu Hill Tribe village, tracing their origins from the Mae Kong and Salween Rivers in China. Over the past century, the Lisu people have migrated through Myanmar and found a home in the northern parts of Thailand. The Lisu's economic activities revolve around agriculture, including crop cultivation and livestock raising, much like the Lahu. However, they are particularly renowned for their expertise in sewing, embroidery, and silverware craftsmanship. The intricate designs and vibrant colors of their traditional attire, especially in the women's dress, are a testament to their artistic skills and cultural pride. The Lisu villages are a feast for the eyes, with homes and communal areas adorned with colorful fabrics and handcrafted items. As you wander through the village, you'll be captivated by the lively atmosphere and the friendly interactions with the locals. The Lisu people are known for their simple yet colorful traditions, coupled with a friendly and helpful demeanor that leaves a lasting impression on visitors. Conclude the day by returning to Mae Hong Son, transferring to the hotel, and settling in for a restful overnight stay. The memories of this enriching journey through cultural diversity and natural beauty will surely linger.

DAY 04	Mae Hong Son – Mae Sariang: Ban Huai Hom Karen Hill Tribe Village / Ban La-ub Lawa Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

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Embark on an exciting journey from Mae Hong Son to Mae Sariang District via Mae La Noi District, where the cultural tapestry of Karen and Lawa hill tribe villages unfolds against a backdrop of stunning natural beauty. Begin your exploration at Huai Hom Village, a Karen hill tribe community nestled amidst steep mountains and rich in natural charm. This village, a vital headwater and stream resource, enjoys a cool climate year-round and showcases breathtaking landscapes in every season. Primarily engaged in agriculture, the villagers cultivate farms and livestock, including various vegetables, fruits, and the prized Arabica coffee. Renowned for its high-quality, flavorful coffee, Huai Hom is also celebrated for its weaving craftsmanship, which utilizes natural cotton, calico, and sheep's wool. The weaving process incorporates naturally dyed threads, resulting in unique and intricate patterns that reflect the local wisdom. Beyond their artisanal skills, the residents of Huai Hom captivate visitors with their simple lifestyle, distinct culture, traditional attire, language, tribal activities, and warm hospitality marked by friendly smiles.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey to Ban La-ub Village, home to the Lawa hill tribe. Along the way, relish the breathtaking scenery that unfolds on both sides of the road, offering a visual feast of nature's grandeur. Perched on a high mountain, Ban La-ub is surrounded by stunning landscapes. The Lawa people, recognizable by their distinctive dress and language, have inhabited northern Thailand for generations. Their belief system, which blends spirit worship with other religious influences, contributes to their unique cultural identity. The Lawa are skilled farmers, cultivating vegetables, fruits, and livestock, and are particularly known for crafting exquisite silver ornaments. A visit to Ban La-ub promises warm welcomes, friendly interactions, adherence to tradition, and awe-inspiring vistas, leaving an indelible impression on every visitor. Finally, arrive in Mae Sariang and conclude your day with an overnight stay. Here, the rich cultural encounters and natural wonders of the Karen and Lawa hill tribes will linger in your memory, offering an unforgettable experience of northern Thailand's beauty and heritage.

DAY 05 Mae Sariang – Chiang Mai: Ob Luang National Park / Doi Inthanon National Park / Twin Royal Pagodas / Wachirathan Waterfall (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an unforgettable journey through northern Thailand, traveling from the charming town of Mae Sariang to Hot District and beyond, uncovering the region's breathtaking natural treasures. Begin your adventure with a visit to Ob Luang National Park in Chiang Mai Province, where nature's artistry takes center stage. The park is defined by its dramatic, narrow mountain gorge, carved over millennia by a powerful river that rushes through with a thunderous roar. This awe-inspiring gorge is bridged by a walkway that allows visitors to traverse the rugged terrain, offering a spectacular vantage point to marvel at the park's natural splendor. The combination of roaring waters, towering cliffs, and lush greenery creates an enchanting atmosphere that is nothing short of mesmerizing.

Next, journey to Chom Thong District, home to Thailand's highest peak, Doi Inthanon. Rising majestically to 2,565 meters above sea level, this iconic mountain is part of the Thanon Thongchai range, which extends from the distant Himalayas. Doi Inthanon is renowned not only for its towering stature but also for its ecological diversity. As you ascend, you'll encounter a variety of forest ecosystems, from dense tropical rainforests to misty pine and mixed forests, each thriving at different altitudes. The mountain's cool climate, even in the warmer months, is a refreshing change, and its summit rewards visitors with breathtaking panoramic views that stretch across the surrounding countryside. It's a haven for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike, offering opportunities to explore hidden trails, observe unique flora and fauna, and revel in the tranquility of this high-altitude wonderland.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Explore the architectural splendor of the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, situated atop a high hill in Doi Inthanon National Park. Created by the Air Force in collaboration with the people of Thailand, 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 surrounding landscape is adorned with winter flower gardens and a variety of plants, providing a serene atmosphere. The cool climate year-round enhances the experience, making it one of the most beautiful viewpoints in Chiang Mai.

Visit the magnificent Wachirathan Waterfall, one of the most iconic landmarks of the Doi Inthanon area. Cascading down a 70-meter-high cliff, this single-tiered waterfall is a sight to behold. Its powerful flow creates a fine mist that often produces vibrant rainbows, especially during the rainy season, adding a touch of magic to the already captivating scene. The year-round flow of the waterfall, surrounded by lush greenery, makes it a must-see destination for visitors seeking a connection with nature's raw beauty. As your journey winds down, head to Chiang Mai City, where you'll enjoy a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel. This final stop provides an opportunity to reflect on the rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and unparalleled natural beauty you've encountered. From the dramatic cliffs of Ob Luang to the soaring heights of Doi Inthanon and the enchanting cascade of Wachirathan, this adventure promises memories that will last a lifetime.

DAY 06	Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

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Embark on a captivating exploration of Chiang Mai, where ancient temples, vibrant culture, and exquisite craftsmanship intertwine. Ascend the sacred slopes of Doi Suthep mountain to reach Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, a temple revered for its historical significance and breathtaking views. Climb the 300 steps, each one imbued with a sense of pilgrimage, and be rewarded with the majestic Chiang Saen-style pagoda enshrining Lord Buddha's relics. Immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere as you explore the temple grounds, adorned with exquisite Lanna art. Witness the devotion of Thai people who come to pay homage at this sacred site, considered one of the most important temples in Thailand. From the panoramic viewpoint, let your gaze sweep across the verdant tapestry of Chiang Mai, a testament to the temple's role as a beacon of faith and cultural heritage.

Step back in time at Wat Chedi Luang, a once-grand temple that still exudes an aura of grandeur and historical significance. Witness the imposing Chedi Luang pagoda, a testament to the Lanna architectural style, though its top remains unfinished due to a devastating earthquake. The structure, despite its partial ruin, stands as a symbol of resilience and the enduring strength of the Lanna dynasty's architectural prowess. Explore the temple grounds, imagining the bustling monastic life that once thrived here. The serene environment provides a perfect backdrop for meditation and reflection. Learn about the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mongrai dynasty, who initiated the temple's construction in the 14th century. The temple's history is rich with tales of devotion and artistry, each corner revealing a piece of the past. The temple grounds house a variety of structures, including assembly halls and prayer rooms, each adorned with intricate details and carvings that tell stories of the region's heritage.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Journey to San Kamphaeng, a district renowned for its exquisite silk and cotton weaving traditions. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you witness the age-old techniques passed down through generations, from silkworm raising to intricate weaving patterns. Visit a silk factory to witness the entire process firsthand, from the delicate threads to the finished masterpiece. Marvel at the skill and artistry of the weavers, who create breathtaking textiles that are both beautiful and functional. Browse the numerous shops and souvenir stalls, where you can find exquisite silk scarves, garments, and home decor, perfect keepsakes to remember your Chiang Mai adventure. Conclude your day with a comfortable stay in charming Chiang Mai. Reflect on the day's experiences, the spiritual tranquility of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, the historical echoes of Wat Chedi Luang, and the artistic mastery of San Kamphaeng's silk weavers.

DAY 07	Chaing Mai - Chiang Rai: Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

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Embark on a captivating journey from Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai, where architectural marvels, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture await. Step into the ethereal beauty of Wat Rong Khun, also known as the White Temple. Designed by the renowned artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, this temple is a magnificent fusion of Lanna culture and contemporary art. Marvel at the shimmering white facade adorned with intricate glass mosaics, reflecting the sunlight in a mesmerizing display. Explore the serene interiors, adorned with intriguing murals and exquisite sculptures. Cross the symbolic bridge, its path lined with sculptures depicting the cycle of life, before reaching the chapel, a masterpiece of modern Buddhist architecture. Let the harmony of art and faith wash over you as you contemplate the temple's profound message.

Immerse yourself in the verdant embrace of Singha Park Farm, an expansive agricultural haven nestled amidst rolling hills and a vast lake. This idyllic retreat offers a captivating blend of natural beauty, agricultural wonders, and cultural experiences. Embark on a scenic farm car ride, traversing over 250 acres of lush green oolong tea plantations. As you wind through the rolling hills, witness the meticulous cultivation of these delicate tea leaves, a testament to the farm's commitment to quality and tradition. Delight in the abundance of fresh, seasonal fruits, from juicy melons and sweet strawberries to the exotic giant gooseberries. Explore the fragrant vegetable and herb gardens, where a kaleidoscope of colors and scents tantalize the senses. Be captivated by the vibrant flower fields that paint the landscape with hues of pink, purple, and yellow, creating a breathtaking floral tapestry. Witness the playful antics of African animals roaming freely in the green fields. Observe graceful giraffes, majestic zebras, and curious antelopes as they interact with their natural surroundings. Capture unforgettable moments in this serene wildlife sanctuary, where nature's beauty unfolds before your eyes.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Step into a world of vibrant colors and spiritual serenity at Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. This contemporary masterpiece, designed by renowned Chiang Rai artist Puttha Kabkaew, is a visual feast for the eyes. Dominated by striking shades of blue and gold, the temple's intricate details and ornate decorations create a sense of awe and tranquility. Wander through the vihara, where the walls are adorned with mesmerizing murals depicting Buddhist mythology and folklore. Pay homage to the revered Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath statue, enshrined within the temple's sacred halls. Let the vibrant colors and unique architectural style of Wat Rong Suea Ten captivate your senses. As you explore this stunning temple, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the artistic expression and spiritual significance that define this modern masterpiece.

Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a haven for shopping and cultural discovery. Browse through the diverse array of stalls, offering everything from hill tribe handicrafts and local souvenirs to mouthwatering street food and refreshing beverages. Be captivated by the lively atmosphere, pulsating with the sounds of music and laughter. Witness the traditional Lanna-style performances and hill tribe cultural showcases, offering a glimpse into the region's rich heritage. Savor the authentic flavors of Northern Thai cuisine, indulging in spicy curries, fragrant noodles, and grilled meats. Conclude your evening with a treasured souvenir or a delightful memory, etched forever in your heart. Rest your head in a charming Chiang Rai hotel, reflecting on the day's enriching experiences. Let the beauty of art, the serenity of nature, and the vibrancy of culture linger in your memories as you dream of your next adventure.

DAY 08	Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Akha Hill Tribe Village / Doi Mae Salong Chinese Village / Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

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Embark on a fascinating journey from Chiang Rai city to delve into the rich culture, traditions, and lifestyle of the Akha hill tribe, whose villages are nestled amidst breathtaking surroundings. Originally hailing from the southern regions of China, the Akha ethnic group migrated to the north of Myanmar before establishing their homes in the northern regions of Thailand nearly a century ago. Scattered across different districts of Chiang Rai Province, Akha villages are situated at elevations of approximately 1,000 meters above sea level, with houses featuring thatched roofs and bamboo walls. Engage with the Akha people, known for their agricultural practices, including crop planting and livestock, as well as household industries such as sewing, embroidery, and silverware crafting. Admire the brightly colored dresses and intricately adorned hats worn by Akha women, showcasing their unique tribal identity.

Next, venture to Doi Mae Salong, a hidden gem nestled in northern Thailand, renowned for its pristine tea plantations and stunning mountain scenery. This enchanting destination offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of rolling green hills blanketed with meticulously cultivated tea plants, creating a mesmerizing tapestry of nature's artistry. As you wander through the verdant fields, the soothing aroma of fresh tea leaves will envelop you, providing a sensory experience like no other. Doi Mae Salong's history is as

captivating as its landscapes. It was once a haven for Chinese Yunnan villagers who immigrated to Thailand decades ago, fleeing the political turmoil of their homeland. These resilient settlers brought with them their rich cultural heritage, including their expertise in tea cultivation. Today, Doi Mae Salong stands as a testament to their enduring legacy, with tea plantations that produce some of the finest Oolong tea in the region. Visitors can take guided tours of the plantations, learning about the intricate processes of tea cultivation, harvesting, and processing. Don't miss the opportunity to sample a variety of teas and even purchase some to take home as a delightful souvenir.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your exploration with a visit to Mae Fah Luang District, where the captivating Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden await discovery. Doi Tung Palace, also known as the Doi Tung Royal Villa, was constructed in 1987 and sits atop Doi Tung Mountain at an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level. This stunning residence once served as the home of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the Princess Mother. The architecture of the palace harmoniously blends the elegance of a Swiss chalet with the traditional charm of Lanna design. Adorned with intricate wood carvings crafted by skilled northern artisans, its gables, eaves, and window frames showcase exquisite decorative details. The creation of Doi Tung Palace was an integral part of the Princess Mother's visionary mission to restore areas damaged by deforestation and opium cultivation. Her unwavering efforts led to the establishment of the Doi Tung Development Project, an initiative dedicated to fostering sustainable livelihoods for local communities. Adjacent to the palace lies the breathtaking Mae Fah Luang Garden, a vibrant paradise filled with colors and fragrances. This meticulously curated botanical haven showcases an impressive variety of flowers and plants, transforming with the changing seasons. Whether adorned with the soft pastels of spring or the fiery hues of autumn, the garden offers an ever-changing spectacle of beauty that captivates visitors. It provides a peaceful retreat far removed from the bustle of daily life. A visit to Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden is more than an opportunity to marvel at the harmony of nature and architecture—it is a journey through Thailand's rich history and cultural heritage.

Proceed to the bustling Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost point and a dynamic gateway to Myanmar. Situated along the Mae Sai River, this vibrant district is marked by the Mae Sai Bridge, which connects the two countries. Standing on the Thai side, you can catch glimpses of Myanmar just across the water, offering a unique sense of connection between the two nations. A highlight of Mae Sai is the lively Mae Sai Market, a sprawling border marketplace where Thai and Myanmar traders come together in a harmonious blend of commerce and culture. Stroll through its bustling lanes, where rows of shops and stalls overflow with an eclectic mix of goods, from affordable electronics and handcrafted souvenirs to herbal remedies, wickerwork, and an assortment of dried foods. The market's lively energy and diverse offerings make it a treasure trove for curious shoppers and cultural enthusiasts alike. Return to Chiang Rai for an additional night, concluding your journey enriched with cultural experiences and the natural beauty of northern Thailand.

DAY 09	Chiang Rai – Phrae: Kwan Phayao Lake / Wat Pong Sunan Temple / Khum Vongburi Museum / Khum Chao Luang / (Ancient Thai House) / Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)
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Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a fascinating journey from Chiang Rai province to Phrae province, a gateway to the historical Lanna Kingdom, where a wealth of temples, natural wonders, and museums await exploration. Begin with a delightful stop at Kwan Phayao Lake in Muang Phayao District, Phayao Province. This crescent-shaped lake, surrounded by intricate mountain ranges, is the largest freshwater lake in the north and the fourth largest in Thailand. Serving as a vital freshwater fishing area, it boasts more than fifty species of freshwater fish and is a breeding ground for various fish species. The serene atmosphere and picturesque views make Kwan Phayao a perfect spot for relaxation and reflection. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the lakeshore, take in the stunning scenery, and perhaps even enjoy a boat ride to fully appreciate the lake's beauty.

Upon reaching Mueang Phrae District, your first stop is Wat Pong Sunan. This temple boasts a large golden reclining Buddha, situated near an auspicious archway. Inside the ubosot, you'll find the revered Buddha image "Phra Chao Saen Suk," over 500 years old, housed within a pagoda containing relics of Lord Buddha. Noteworthy is the "Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew," a white temple with 108 pagodas encircled by a wall of 108 plexiglass balls. This unique feature allows visitors to marvel at the beautifully inverted reflection of the pagodas. Inside the viharn, a large Buddha image named "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon" is enshrined, accompanied by murals depicting Buddha images in Phrae province and various zodiac years.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your exploration continues with a visit to the ancient house, Khum Wong Buri, or Ban Wong Buri. This distinctive pink Thai-Lanna house, over a century old, was constructed in 1897 by Mae Chao Bua Tha, the first consort of Chao Luang Piriyaathepwong, the last ruler of Phrae. Crafted from golden teak wood, the house combines Thai-Lanna and European styles using traditional construction techniques. It features stenciled wood patterns popular during the reign of King Rama V, portraying a rich blend of artistic craftsmanship. The house showcases Chao Mae Bua Tha's room, the living room, and the bedroom, each filled with various antique items and artifacts, including ancient Buddha images and historical pictures narrating the house's story.

Continue your journey to the historic Khum Chao Luang, an ancient house dating back to 1892, built by Chao Luang Piriyaathepwong. This two-story brick and mortar structure exhibits an impressive blend of Thai Lanna and European architectural styles. Supported by solid wood logs, the building stands gracefully adorned with fretwork and intricately carved patterns. With 72 windows and doors, the structure showcases a Pan-Yah style roof with a rectangular porch and intricately carved fretwork patterns. The house offers a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the Lanna nobility and their architectural ingenuity. Explore the well-preserved rooms, admire the antique furniture and artifacts, and learn about the history and cultural significance of this magnificent residence.

Conclude your day with a visit to Phae Mueang Phi, also known as the Ghost Pillars, a natural wonder in the form of soil and sandstone eroded into striking shapes.

Designated as a forest park in 1981, Phae Mueang Phi offers a geological spectacle with cliffs and peculiarly shaped clay pillars. The park features a nature trail allowing tourists to explore the forest's geological features and gain a deeper understanding of this unique landscape. The eerie yet fascinating formations create an otherworldly atmosphere, making it a perfect place for photography and exploration. As you walk through the park, you'll be captivated by the diverse shapes and sizes of the pillars, each telling a story of natural erosion and geological processes. Savor the historical and natural wonders of Phrae before spending a restful night in this captivating province. The blend of cultural heritage, architectural marvels, and natural beauty promises a memorable experience. Reflect on the day's adventures and the rich tapestry of history and nature that defines Phrae. The province's charm and tranquility provide a perfect setting for unwinding and appreciating the beauty of Northern Thailand.

DAY 10 **Phrae – Sukhothai: Sukhothai Historical Park / Si Satchanalai Historical Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

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

Embark on an unforgettable journey from Phrae to Sukhothai, a province steeped in history and cultural pride. Your first stop is the majestic Si Satchanalai Historical Park, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site nestled in the heart of Si Satchanalai District. Spanning over 45 square kilometers, this ancient archaeological treasure holds traces of settlements dating back to prehistoric times. Within its forested embrace lie 215 archaeological sites, where laterite temples rise in quiet splendor. Among the most revered are Wat Chang Lom, with its elephant-lined base; Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo, adorned with multiple chedis; and Wat Nang Phaya, famed for its delicate stucco designs. Other notable landmarks include Wat Suwan Khiri, Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat, Wat Suan Kaew Yai, Wat Suan Kaew Noi, and the sacred City Pillar Shrine. Si Satchanalai's remote location, surrounded by dense forests, winding rivers, and gentle hills, preserves the serenity and completeness of its ancient sites. As you walk through its timeless grounds, the harmony between nature and history becomes palpable. The tranquil setting invites reflection, offering a rare glimpse into Thailand's rich and enduring past.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your historical exploration continues with a visit to Sukhothai Historical Park, another UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site that spans approximately 70 square kilometers. Once the first capital of Thailand between the 18th and 20th Buddhist centuries, Sukhothai played a vital role in shaping the nation's political, economic, and artistic identity. Here, the golden age of Thai culture comes to life. Marvel at the exquisite Sukhothai-style Buddhist sculptures, celebrated as the pinnacle of Thai artistic expression. The park features a wealth of architectural wonders both within and beyond the ancient city walls—Wat Mahathat, the spiritual heart of the kingdom; Wat Chana Songkhram, with its graceful symmetry; Wat Traphang Ngoen, serene and reflective; Wat Sri Sawai, with its Khmer-inspired design; and Wat Si Chum, home to the colossal seated Buddha that gazes with timeless wisdom. Each temple and statue stands as a silent witness to a glorious past, where royal palaces, sacred shrines, and vibrant communities once thrived. The park's layout, with its perfectly aligned

structures and meticulously preserved grounds, reflects the sophistication and vision of the Sukhothai Kingdom. As you wander through these hallowed ruins, you may hear whispers of history carried on the breeze—echoes of devotion, artistry, and life that once filled these sacred spaces. Sukhothai invites you not just to observe, but to feel the soul of a civilization that continues to inspire.

The journey through Si Satchanalai and Sukhothai offers a profound reminder of Thailand's storied past and its enduring legacy. As you explore these historic sites, the ancient structures, artistic achievements, and cultural relics highlight the ingenuity and resilience of the Thai people. Every temple, pagoda, and statue tells a story of devotion, creativity, and the pursuit of enlightenment, providing a rich tapestry of history and cultural splendor. Reflecting on the serene beauty of the present, you can appreciate the rich history that has brought you here. The experiences and memories gathered during your visit will stay with you, inspiring a deeper understanding and appreciation of Thailand's heritage. The grandeur of the ancient ruins, combined with the breathtaking natural landscapes, creates an unforgettable journey through time, leaving a lasting impression on all who explore these remarkable sites. This journey is not just a trip through history but a meaningful connection to the past that enhances your appreciation for the present and the future.

DAY 11 Sukhothai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to 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 64,600 THB
- 3 Persons 55,800 THB
- 4 Persons 43,700 THB
- 5 Persons up 42,000 THB
- 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 (10 Breakfasts / 9 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (10 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 1-2-3	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 4	Mae Sariang	Riverhouse Resort	Deluxe
Day 5-6	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 7-8	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 9	Phrae	Maeyom Palace Hotel	Deluxe
Day 10	Sukhothai	Le Charme Sukhothai	Deluxe

Accommodation Included Throughout Your Journey:

Please note that this tour package thoughtfully includes accommodation for every night of your journey, starting from the very first day until the final evening. Guests can enjoy the convenience of having all lodging arrangements fully taken care of, ensuring a seamless travel experience without the need to worry about additional bookings. Each stay is selected to provide comfort and ease, allowing you to focus entirely on enjoying the destinations, activities, and cultural encounters along the way. By covering all nights' accommodation, we aim to give you peace of mind and the assurance that your trip will be both well-organized and worry-free.

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.