

Mae Hong Son Holidays

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Van Rental Package Mae Hong Son - Nan 10 Days 9 Nights

DAY 01 Mae Hong Son Arrival

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: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Pha Suea Waterfall / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Ban Ruam Thai Shan Village / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating exploration of Mae Hong Son, Thailand, where spiritual serenity meets breathtaking landscapes. Your journey begins with a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple, the most revered temple in Mae Hong Son. Perched atop Doi Kong Mu Mountain, this sacred site offers not only spiritual significance but also panoramic vistas of the town nestled amidst verdant valleys. Witness the two pagodas, one built in 1860 and the other in 1874, standing tall against the backdrop of the mountain range. Next, delve into the cultural richness of Chong Kham and Chong Klang temples. These ancient Burmese-style edifices share a tranquil space beside a serene lake. Marvel at the intricate architecture and pay homage to the revered Luang Paw To Buddha image enshrined within Chong Klang. Be sure to admire the unique collection of Burmese wood-carved dolls and captivating glass paintings depicting Buddhist stories in Chong Klang.

Embrace the refreshing allure of nature at Pha Suea Waterfall, a breathtaking natural wonder that promises to captivate your senses. Renowned as one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Mae Hong Son, Pha Suea cascades down six distinct levels, creating a mesmerizing spectacle that enchants every visitor. As you wander along the river path, each step unveils new vantage points to marvel at the waterfall's splendor. Surrounded by lush greenery, you'll find yourself immersed in a tranquil oasis where the refreshing mist and the invigorating symphony of cascading water soothe both body and mind. To witness Pha Suea Waterfall at its most magnificent, plan your visit during the rainy season, between July and October, when the water flow is at its peak, and the surrounding flora bursts with vibrant life.

Continue your journey by stepping into the unique cultural haven of Baan Rak Thai village, a picturesque settlement near the Thai-Myanmar border. This charming village, established by former Chinese Nationalist soldiers, is steeped in rich history

and cultural heritage. Its serene lakes, vibrant shrubbery, and stunning mountainous backdrop create an idyllic escape from the modern world. As you stroll through the village, let the aroma of flourishing tea plantations guide your way. These plantations, a hallmark of Baan Rak Thai, not only beautify the landscape but also offer a sensory delight for visitors. Indulge in the exquisite flavors of Yunnan cuisine, celebrated for its delicate balance of savory and aromatic dishes. From steaming bowls of traditional noodles to the unique textures of dim sum, each bite tells a story of cultural fusion. Be sure to savor the village's prized teas, renowned for their rich and distinct flavors, which elevate the entire experience to new heights.

Seek serenity at Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung, a tranquil village nestled amidst rugged mountains. This picturesque locale is home to a magnificent reservoir, often affectionately referred to as Switzerland in Thailand due to its stunning resemblance to European alpine landscapes. Surrounded by pine forests and adorned with colorful winter blooms, Pang Oung offers an escape from the ordinary, all year round. Here, you can witness the mesmerizing interplay of mist and mountains, particularly enchanting during the winter and rainy seasons. The vibrant hues of flowers and the vast expanse of the reservoir create an unforgettable experience, inviting you to immerse yourself in the serene beauty and tranquility of this hidden gem.

As the day draws to a close, make your way to the Su Tong Pe Bridge, a testament to traditional craftsmanship and cultural significance. This remarkable structure, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand, gracefully connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple to Kung Mai Sak village. Walking along its length, you'll be treated to breathtaking vistas of sprawling paddy fields and winding canals. Depending on the season, the landscape transforms into a vibrant green expanse during the rains or a golden sea of ripened rice grains in winter, creating an ever-changing yet equally captivating backdrop. 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 community. Reflect on the serene beauty of this location as you soak in the tranquil surroundings, capturing memories of an unforgettable day. After a day filled with the wonders of nature and culture, return to Mae Hong Son to rest and rejuvenate for your next adventure. This journey has unveiled only a glimpse of the magic that awaits in this enchanting province. With its wealth of natural treasures and rich cultural heritage, Mae Hong Son promises countless more experiences to inspire and delight. Let its charm continue to weave its spell as you prepare for the adventures yet to come.

DAY 03 Mae Hong Son – Pang Mapha: Fish Cave Forest Park / Ban Luk Khao Lam View Point / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Ja Bo Village)

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Your exploration of Mae Hong Son unfolds as a captivating journey filled with natural marvels and cultural discoveries, offering an experience that lingers in the memory long after your visit. Nestled amidst Thailand's misty mountains, this enchanting province beckons travelers with its serene landscapes and vibrant communities. Allow yourself to be swept away by its charm as you delve deeper into the wonders it holds. Begin your adventure with the verdant embrace of Fish Cave Forest Park, a sanctuary of tranquility that seamlessly blends lush natural beauty with a sense of serene wonder. Wander through meandering brooks and cool hilly forests, where a diverse array of

plant life thrives. The park's crowning jewel, a unique hollow cave housing a natural pool, is home to freshwater fish known as Pla Mung or Pla Khang. These elegant creatures glide gracefully through the crystal-clear waters, captivating visitors with their fluid movements. As you explore the park's hidden corners, the fresh mountain air fills your lungs, and the tranquil sounds of nature soothe your soul. Take a moment to simply exist in this serene oasis, where every element invites reflection and peace.

Embarking on a journey to Pang Mapha District is like stepping into a postcard-perfect world of natural beauty and cultural charm. Traveling along the dramatic Highway No. 1095, this route offers travelers a memorable experience as it winds through steep, meandering mountain paths flanked by breathtaking landscapes. Every twist and turn reveals new vistas that showcase the majestic allure of northern Thailand's countryside. One of the highlights along this picturesque route is the Ban Luk Khao Lam Viewpoint, a must-visit stop for travelers seeking to immerse themselves in nature's grandeur. This popular viewpoint provides an unparalleled perspective of the region's mountainous terrain. Here, the hills stretch endlessly into the horizon, forming intricate waves of green that seem to dance with the wind. The scenery is especially mesmerizing during the rainy season and winter months when a delicate veil of mist blankets the valleys below. The sight of the white fog gently mingling with the lush greenery creates an enchanting contrast, painting a scene of serene beauty that feels almost otherworldly. Beyond the stunning views, Ban Luk Khao Lam offers more than just a feast for the eyes. At the viewpoint, visitors are treated to a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of the Lahu hill tribe, a community known for its vibrant traditions and craftsmanship. Along the roadside, you'll find a simple yet charming market where the Lahu people showcase their locally made products. Among the treasures on display are intricately hand-woven fabrics, each piece telling a story of heritage and artistry. These textiles, with their vibrant patterns and unique designs, make for both meaningful souvenirs and cherished keepsakes. In addition to the fabrics, the market features a variety of agricultural products harvested from the surrounding hills. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and other local specialties are sold here, offering a taste of the region's bountiful harvest. The warm, friendly demeanor of the Lahu vendors adds an extra layer of charm to the experience, making every interaction a memorable one.

Continuing your journey to the charming Ban Ja Bo Village, a haven for the Lahu hill tribe and a window into their unique culture and way of life. Perched atop a ridge, the village offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. The Lahu people, who trace their ancient origins to Tibet, carry with them a fascinating history of migration and adaptation. As you stroll through the village, immerse yourself in their traditions and daily routines. The Lahu's simple way of life, deeply rooted in agriculture and a profound reverence for spirits, offers a poignant contrast to modernity. Engage with the warm and hospitable villagers, whose willingness to share their cultural heritage enriches your understanding of their world. Should your visit coincide with one of their traditional ceremonies, you will be treated to vibrant music and dances, each step and note echoing stories of their ancestry and worldview.

No visit to Mae Hong Son is complete without exploring the awe-inspiring Tham Lod Cave, a site of immense natural and historical significance. Step into this underground wonderland and marvel at the intricate stalactites and stalagmites that have been sculpted by nature over countless millennia. As you navigate the cave's expansive chambers, follow the gentle stream that flows through it, adding to its mystical ambiance. Tham Lod Cave is not only a geological masterpiece but also a treasure

trove of history. Ancient tools and utensils, some estimated to be over 2,000 years old, provide a glimpse into the lives of its earliest inhabitants. For the adventurous at heart, a bamboo rafting journey through the cave's tranquil waters offers a unique perspective of its beauty. Alternatively, take a short trek through the surrounding area, where lush greenery and panoramic views further immerse you in the natural splendor of the region. Conclude your enriching day with an overnight stay in the charming town of Mae Hong Son. Reflect on the day's experiences, savor the local cuisine, and soak in the peaceful atmosphere of this picturesque town.

DAY 04 Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey from Mae Hong Son to Chiang Mai, culminating in a breathtaking ascent to Doi Inthanon National Park and encounters with cultural and natural wonders. Bid farewell to Mae Hong Son and prepare for a thrilling drive up the winding roads of Doi Inthanon National Park. Embrace the spectacular panoramas that unfold with every turn, showcasing majestic mountain ranges cloaked in verdant forests. Breathe in the crisp mountain air as you ascend, feeling the anticipation build as you approach Thailand's highest peak. Reach the summit of Doi Inthanon, a majestic peak towering at an impressive 2,565 meters above sea level. Stand in awe as you survey the panoramic vistas, a breathtaking tapestry of verdant valleys and majestic mountains stretching out before you. Immerse yourself in the diverse forest ecosystems, transitioning from the lush rainforest teeming with life to the tranquil pine forests. Marvel at the unique flora and fauna that thrive in this cool mountain environment.

Descend slightly to encounter the architectural splendor of 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. Admire the intricate details and symbolic beauty of the pagodas, set against the backdrop of stunning winter flower gardens and diverse plant life. Let the cool breeze caress your skin as you soak in the spectacular panoramic views, considered one of the most breathtaking in Chiang Mai.

Descend further to encounter the majestic Wachirathan Waterfall, a single-tiered marvel towering at an impressive 70 meters. Be mesmerized by the powerful cascade of water plunging into the basin below, creating a breathtaking spectacle. The sheer force of the waterfall is both awe-inspiring and humbling, as the roaring water generates a refreshing mist that envelops the surroundings. During the rainy season, the waterfall is at its most dramatic, and you can witness the iridescent beauty of rainbows arcing across the mist, adding to the enchantment of this natural wonder. The lush greenery and vibrant flora that frame the waterfall enhance its stunning beauty, making it a photographer's paradise and a haven for nature lovers.

Delve into the world of sustainable agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a pioneering project dedicated to research and innovation. Here, you'll learn about the extensive research conducted on winter plants, vegetables, fruits, and

highland fisheries. The station's commitment to sustainable practices is evident in the vibrant displays of colorful flowers, exotic vegetables, and succulent fruits, all grown using cutting-edge techniques. Appreciate the efforts made to promote sustainable agriculture, generate income for hill tribe communities, and conserve the forest watershed. The station's holistic approach not only supports local livelihoods but also ensures the preservation of the natural environment. As you explore the Royal Agricultural Station, you'll gain insights into the various initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for the local communities. The project's emphasis on education and training empowers the hill tribe people, providing them with the skills and knowledge needed to cultivate a sustainable future. The lush gardens, experimental plots, and innovative farming practices on display are a testament to the project's success and its positive impact on the region. Conclude your enriching journey with a transfer to your hotel in vibrant Chiang Mai. Reflect on the day's experiences, savor the local cuisine, and immerse yourself in the charming atmosphere of this captivating city.

DAY 05 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 an enchanting journey through the cultural heart of Chiang Mai, a city where history, artistry, and breathtaking landscapes converge to create an unforgettable experience. Begin your adventure with a visit to the revered Doi Suthep, a majestic mountain crowned by the sacred Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple. Ascend the 300 steps of the Naga-lined staircase, each step drawing you closer to this spiritual sanctuary steeped in centuries of devotion. Revered as one of Thailand's holiest sites, the temple's golden Chiang Saen style pagoda is said to enshrine relics of the Lord Buddha, radiating an aura of divine serenity. Admire the intricate Lanna architecture, a harmonious blend of Thai and Burmese influences, that speaks to the region's rich cultural heritage. From the temple's vantage point, gaze out over the lush expanse of Chiang Mai, a breathtaking panorama that adds to the site's tranquil and spiritual ambiance.

Journey to the heart of Chiang Mai city with a visit to Wat Chedi Luang, a monument to Chiang Mai's illustrious past. This iconic temple, once home to the largest pagoda in the Lanna Kingdom, stands as a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of its creators. Though time and earthquakes have taken their toll, the temple's weathered grandeur still captivates visitors. Visualize its original splendor, with its towering structure adorned with intricate carvings and gilded accents that reflected the skill and artistry of the Lanna craftsmen. Stroll through the temple grounds, where the quiet serenity invites contemplation and a connection to the past. The stoic beauty of the remaining chedi inspires awe, reminding us of the enduring legacy of the Lanna dynasty and the passage of time.

Venture beyond the city walls to San Kamphaeng, renowned for its exquisite silk and cotton weaving traditions. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of workshops and shops, where skilled artisans create masterpieces using time-honored techniques. Witness the intricate process of silk production, from raising silkworms to weaving the fine threads into stunning fabrics. Be mesmerized by the dazzling array of colors, patterns, and textures, each piece a testament to the artisans' skill and dedication. Treat yourself to a unique souvenir, supporting local communities and carrying home a piece of Chiang Mai's cultural heritage. Conclude your day by immersing yourself in

the bustling nightlife of Chiang Mai. Savor delicious street food, explore the colorful night markets, and soak in the energetic atmosphere of this dynamic city.

DAY 06 Chaing Mai - Chiang Rai: Wat Ban Den Temple / Akha Hill Tribe Village / Doi Mae Salong / Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Your journey from Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai promises an unforgettable blend of cultural enrichment, awe-inspiring landscapes, and an exploration of Thailand's historical treasures. This adventure takes you through lush mountains, quaint villages, and iconic landmarks that reveal the region's rich heritage and natural beauty. Begin your trip with a stop at the magnificent Wat Ban Den, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen. Perched atop a picturesque hilltop, this ancient temple complex showcases the splendor of traditional Lanna architecture. Wander through its meticulously designed grounds, where each structure tells a story of spiritual devotion and artistic mastery. Explore the Ubosot (ordination hall), the intricate Tripitaka library, the striking drum tower, and the golden teak pagoda—a masterpiece of Lannastyle craftsmanship. Every corner of Wat Ban Den bursts with vivid details, from its elaborate carvings to vibrant murals, creating a scene as mesmerizing as a living painting. The serene atmosphere invites quiet reflection, making it a perfect place to begin your journey.

Next, venture deeper into the cultural heart of northern Thailand by immersing yourself in the traditions of the Akha people, an indigenous community that has called the mountainous regions of Chiang Rai home for nearly a century. Known for their unique and colorful attire adorned with beads and intricate silver ornaments, the Akha carry a rich cultural legacy. Spend time exploring their villages, nestled amidst verdant hills and rolling landscapes. Learn about their way of life, including their agricultural practices, spiritual beliefs, and ceremonies that celebrate their connection to the land. Engage with community members who are eager to share stories and traditions, offering you a glimpse into their vibrant, enduring culture.

Escape to the tranquility of Doi Mae Salong, a haven renowned for its lush green tea plantations and charming blend of Thai and Chinese Yunnan culture. The area is adorned with verdant terraced tea plantations, offering tourists a serene and natural landscape to enjoy. This picturesque scene is complemented by the village's calm and welcoming atmosphere. Doi Mae Salong is a village steeped in Chinese Yunnan heritage. Decades ago, its residents migrated to Thailand following the revolution and the establishment of a communist regime in China. Initially, scattered settlements appeared in northern Thailand in 1961. By 1972, the Thai government officially welcomed Chinese immigrants, enabling them to settle and pursue agricultural careers, including the cultivation of tea, vegetables, and fruits for sale. Thus, beyond the allure of its terraced tea plantations and mountain vistas, Doi Mae Salong offers an ambiance reminiscent of a traditional Chinese village in southern China.

As the day unfolds, journey to the iconic Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple, a striking architectural marvel perched atop a hill in Chiang Rai. This temple, a harmonious blend of Chinese and Lanna artistry, captivates visitors with its grandeur and spiritual significance. Marvel at the unique 9-story, 12-sided chedi, adorned with intricate carvings and crowned by a vibrant red roof, flanked by majestic dragon sculptures that seem to dance along the staircases. Inside, discover the exquisite sandalwood statue of

Guan Yin Bodhisattva, revered for her compassion, offering a serene space for reflection and blessings. A highlight of your visit is the towering 69-meter-tall Guan Yin statue, an iconic landmark visible from miles away. Take the elevator inside the statue to reach its observation deck, where breathtaking panoramic views of Chiang Rai and the surrounding countryside await. The serene beauty of this vantage point provides the perfect culmination to a day filled with cultural discovery and scenic wonders. After a day filled with cultural encounters and scenic wonders, settle in for an overnight stay in Chiang Rai.

DAY 07 Chiang Rai - Pua: Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Kwan Phayao Lake

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey through Chiang Rai, a province in northern Thailand where stunning temples, vibrant farmlands, and breathtaking landscapes intertwine to create an unforgettable experience. Your adventure begins at Wat Rong Suea Ten, affectionately known as the Blue Temple. This architectural marvel, designed by local artist Puttha Kabkaew, is a feast for the eyes. Its vibrant blue and gold hues create a mesmerizing contrast against the lush greenery. Step inside the vihara, adorned with intricate art installations that depict Buddhist teachings. Don't miss the awe-inspiring Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath statue, a revered figure enshrined within the temple. The Blue Temple is a masterpiece of modern Thai architecture, blending traditional Lanna style with contemporary design. The temple complex is home to several buildings, each with its own unique features. The Ubosot, or ordination hall, is a stunning example of Lanna architecture, with its intricate wood carvings and ornate decorations. The Wihan, or prayer hall, is a more modern structure, featuring large stained glass windows that depict scenes from the life of the Buddha.

Venture beyond the urban landscape and delve into the agricultural haven of Singha Park Farm. Sprawling over 3,000 acres, this scenic wonderland offers a plethora of activities for visitors of all ages. Indulge in a farm car tour amidst verdant green oolong tea plantations and diverse fruit orchards bursting with melons, strawberries, giant gooseberries, and other exotic fruits. The meticulously maintained fields and gardens provide a feast for the senses, with vibrant colors and fragrant aromas filling the air. Immerse yourself in the aroma of herb gardens, marvel at colorful flower fields, and interact with friendly animals grazing in the green fields. The farm's serene environment offers a perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Your journey of artistic discovery continues with a visit to Wat Rong Khun, more famously known as the White Temple. Designed by the renowned artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, this architectural masterpiece seamlessly blends Buddhist philosophy with contemporary art. The temple's pure white façade, adorned with intricate stucco patterns and shimmering silver mirror decorations, creates an ethereal, almost otherworldly atmosphere. Crossing the bridge, which symbolizes the transition from the cycle of rebirth to enlightenment, you delve into the deeper philosophical meanings embedded within the artwork. Explore the on-site art galleries showcasing exquisite sculptures and intricate paintings, further enriching your cultural and artistic understanding.

As you journey towards Pua District, make a stop at the breathtaking Kwan Phayao Lake. This crescent-shaped marvel, nestled amidst picturesque mountains, is the largest freshwater lake in northern Thailand. The lake sustains a vibrant ecosystem with over fifty species of freshwater fish thriving in its pristine waters. As you soak in the serene atmosphere, the panoramic views of the lake against the backdrop of rolling hills are truly captivating. Arriving in Pua District in the evening, you are ready to explore its charm and tranquility. Settle into your hotel and unwind after a day filled with artistic and natural wonders, leaving you with a sense of peace and fulfillment.

DAY 08 Pua - Nan: 1715 Phu Kha Viewpoint / Sapan Village / Bo Kluea Rock Salt Well / The View at Kew Muang

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Muang Nan District, where breathtaking landscapes, charming villages, and ancient traditions captivate every step. Begin your day by ascending to the mesmerizing 1715-meter viewpoint within Doi Phu Kha National Park. Here, the cool mountain air caresses your face as you soak in panoramic vistas of the surrounding landscape. This lofty perch offers unparalleled photo opportunities, making it a must-visit for those eager to capture the essence of the region's natural beauty and savor the moment of standing at the highest point in the park. Next, take to the road for a scenic drive along Highway No. 1081. This winding route, which hugs mountain ridges on both sides, is often considered one of the most beautiful in Thailand. The journey unveils breathtaking views of valleys, dense forests, and distant peaks, creating an ever-changing tableau of natural wonders. Keep your camera handy to snap shots of this picturesque scenery, which promises a visual feast at every turn.

Descend into the tranquility of Sapan Village, a peaceful haven nestled amidst a verdant valley in Nan Province. As you arrive, you'll witness the simple life of the locals, their traditional homes blending seamlessly with the surrounding rice fields and fertile forests. The village is a picturesque tableau of rural Thai life, with wooden houses on stilts, lush greenery, and meandering streams creating a serene and idyllic setting. Breathe in the fresh air, rich with the scent of earth and growing crops, and lose yourself in the tranquil atmosphere that pervades every corner of Sapan. The gentle rustle of leaves and the distant calls of birds provide a soothing soundtrack to your exploration. Take a leisurely stroll through the village, observing the daily activities of the villagers as they go about their routines. The fields are a patchwork of verdant green and golden hues, especially as they approach harvest season. Capture the beauty of the rice fields, with their delicate stalks swaying in the breeze, and the farmers tending to their crops with care and dedication. The sight of water buffalo grazing peacefully adds to the pastoral charm of the landscape.

Step back in time at the ancient Rock Salt Boiling Plant, a testament to Nan's rich history and enduring traditions. This unique site reveals the 800-year-old tradition of salt production that has been passed down through generations. As you explore the plant, you'll witness the locals' expertise in extracting this essential mineral, using methods that have remained largely unchanged over the centuries. The process involves boiling brine in large vats over wood fires, a labor-intensive and skillful practice that produces high-quality salt. Learn about the unique process of salt production, understanding its dependence on sunlight during the dry season to evaporate water and crystallize the salt. The plant is a fascinating blend of history and

practicality, offering insights into the region's past and its resourceful use of natural materials. The salt produced here is not only a vital ingredient for the local cuisine but also a valuable commodity that has played a significant role in the area's economy.

As your day draws to a close, take a rejuvenating break at The View at Kew Muang, a charming mountain cafe offering breathtaking vistas of the verdant landscape. This idyllic spot is perfect for sipping coffee while inhaling the fresh mountain air. Savor the picturesque scenery and relax in the peaceful ambiance before continuing your journey. Arrive in Nan City, a place brimming with historical charm and cultural richness. Check into your hotel and prepare to explore the vibrant markets, where the energy and colors of local life come alive. Discover ancient temples, each with its unique architectural style and spiritual significance, and delight in the variety of local cuisine offerings. Nan City invites you to unwind and immerse yourself in its serene yet vibrant atmosphere, providing the perfect end to a day filled with natural and cultural wonders.

DAY 09 Nan Sightseeing: Nan National Museum / Nan Riverside Art Gallery / Wat Phra That Khao Noi Temple / Wat Phumin Temple

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Before bidding farewell to Nan Province, take a day to delve into its rich history, stunning scenery, and vibrant art scene. Start your day by immersing yourself in local history at the Nan National Museum. Housed in a beautifully preserved two-story brick and mortar building, this museum showcases fascinating artifacts that tell the story of the region's people and their art. Explore exhibits on the lifestyles of the native inhabitants and various hill tribes, gaining a deeper understanding of their traditions and way of life. Don't miss the photo opportunity at the stunning frangipani tunnel arch outside, which provides a picturesque frame for memorable snapshots. Next, delve into the contemporary art scene at the Nan Riverside Art Gallery. Founded by renowned artist Winai Prabripoo, this expansive gallery is home to works by talented Thai artists. Immerse yourself in a diverse array of creative expressions, from paintings and sculptures to mixed media installations, and engage with local art enthusiasts who can provide insight into the vibrant Thai art community.

Embark on a scenic journey to Wat Phra That Khao Noi Temple, perched atop Khao Noi Mountain. As you ascend the stairs, you will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of Nan City, an unforgettable sight that stretches out below you. Once at the top, take time to explore the relic pagoda, a charming blend of Burmese and Lanna art, believed to house Buddha's hair relics. The pagoda's intricate design and serene ambiance offer a peaceful retreat from the world below. Seek blessings at the majestic golden Buddha statue that overlooks the stunning landscape. This imposing statue, bathed in golden hues, serves as a beacon of tranquility and spiritual solace. The elevated viewpoint also offers the perfect opportunity to capture stunning photographs of the surrounding beauty, from the lush greenery of the mountains to the sprawling urban landscape of Nan City. Each click of your camera will preserve the memory of this serene and awe-inspiring place, ensuring that the beauty of Wat Phra That Khao Noi Temple stays with you long after you depart.

Conclude your exploration with a visit to Wat Phumin Temple, an ancient temple boasting over 400 years of history. Be astounded by its unique architecture, which cleverly combines the styles of an ubosot (ordination hall) and a pagoda. Inside the

central Ubosot, you'll find four large Buddha images, each facing a different direction, symbolizing the omnipresence of the Buddha. Immerse yourself in the cultural significance of the captivating "Hoop Tam" mural paintings, which depict Jataka stories and local legends. One of the most iconic is the "Pu Man Ya Man" painting, which showcases a whispering lovers' scene, a masterpiece of Thai mural art. Explore other fascinating murals that adorn the temple walls, each telling its own story. As evening falls, enjoy your last moments in Nan City by savoring delicious local cuisine at a traditional restaurant or wandering through the lively night market. Here, you can sample a variety of local dishes, meet friendly vendors, and perhaps pick up some unique souvenirs to remember your journey. Reflect on your travels through this charming city, filled with cultural treasures and stunning natural landscapes, as you prepare to bid it farewell.

DAY 10 Nan Departure

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 Nan Airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition for your journey back home or to your next destination, and this is where our service ends.

Price:

• 59,500 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

Note:

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

Difficulty Levels:

• Easy / Moderate / Challenging

Overnight Stay	
Date	City
Day 1-2-3	Mae Hong Son
Day 4-5	Chiang Mai
Day 6	Chiang Rai
Day 7	Pua
Day 8-9	Nan