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Van Rental Package Mae Hong Son - Sukhothai 11 Days 10 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: Long Neck Karen Village / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Hmong Shan Pa-O Hill Tribe Villages

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.

Journey to Su Tong Pe Bridge, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge and a testament to local ingenuity and tradition. Stretching gracefully across lush paddy fields and tranquil canals, this remarkable structure connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with the quaint Kung Mai Sak Village, offering both practicality and beauty. The bridge's charm is especially striking during the rainy season when the surrounding fields are a vibrant green or in winter when golden grains shimmer under the sunlight. Framed by majestic mountains, the picturesque landscape enhances the bridge's timeless elegance, making it a favored spot for photography and quiet reflection. As you walk along the gently swaying bamboo planks, the rhythmic sounds of nature surround you, from rustling leaves to the soft murmurs of flowing water. The experience immerses you in the tranquil beauty of Mae Hong Son's countryside, offering a unique perspective of the lush fields and serene waterways. Whether seeking a moment of solitude or capturing the perfect snapshot of rural Thailand, the Su Tong Pae Bridge invites visitors to pause, reflect, and embrace the peaceful rhythm of nature.

Extend your adventure with a visit to Baan Rak Thai village, a picturesque mountain settlement steeped in rich Yunnanese heritage. Established by former members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd Division who sought refuge in this remote region during the

20th century, Baan Rak Thai has preserved its cultural traditions and culinary artistry, making it a unique gem in northern Thailand. Surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery, the village exudes an otherworldly charm. Its serene lake reflects the vibrant foliage and mist-shrouded peaks, creating a tranquil and dreamlike atmosphere. As you stroll through narrow lanes lined with traditional Yunnanese-style houses, the intricate carvings and vibrant details of the architecture offer a window into the village's storied past. Life in Baan Rak Thai moves at a gentle pace, blending ancient customs with modern touches. A highlight of your visit is the opportunity to indulge in authentic Yunnanese cuisine. The village is particularly famous for its premium Chinese tea, a fragrant delight best enjoyed alongside traditional delicacies in the serene setting of this cultural haven.

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
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Embarking on a journey to the Pang Mapha District is an experience in itself, with the route along Highway No. 1095 offering a visual feast for travelers. This scenic highway, renowned for its dramatic twists and turns, carves its way through the mountainous terrain, revealing breathtaking panoramas at every bend. The road's winding nature adds an element of adventure to the trip, promising stunning vistas of verdant landscapes and dramatic slopes that unfold on either side. A particularly noteworthy stop along this route is the Ban Luk Khao Lam viewpoint. This popular vantage point is a must-visit for anyone traversing Highway 1095, offering an unparalleled perspective of the surrounding natural beauty. From this elevated position, visitors are treated to a sweeping vista of undulating mountain ranges stretching towards the horizon. The mountains appear to ripple and flow like a vast, green sea, creating a mesmerizing spectacle of nature's artistry. The complexity of the landscape, with its interwoven peaks and valleys, creates a sense of awe and wonder. Beyond the stunning scenery, the Ban Luk Khao Lam viewpoint also offers a glimpse into the local culture. A small, vibrant roadside market operates here, providing an opportunity to interact with members of the Lahu hill tribe. These local vendors

showcase a variety of handcrafted goods and agricultural products, offering visitors a chance to purchase unique souvenirs and support the local economy. Among the items available are beautifully woven textiles, showcasing the intricate patterns and vibrant colors characteristic of Lahu craftsmanship. These hand-woven fabrics are not only beautiful but also represent a rich cultural heritage passed down through generations. In addition to textiles, visitors can often find fresh produce and other locally sourced agricultural products, providing a taste of the region's natural bounty. This interaction with the local community adds another dimension to the visit, offering a cultural exchange alongside the natural beauty.

Step into the underground wonderland of Tham Lod Cave and marvel at the intricate stalactites and stalagmites sculpted by nature over countless millennia. As you navigate the cave's expansive chambers, follow the gentle stream that flows through it, enhancing its mystical ambiance. Tham Lod Cave is not only a geological masterpiece but also a treasure trove of history. Ancient tools and utensils, along with paintings on the cave walls dating back more than 2,000 years, have been discovered, offering a fascinating glimpse into the lives of its earliest inhabitants. For the adventurous at heart, a bamboo rafting journey through the cave's tranquil waters provides a unique perspective of its beauty. Alternatively, enjoy a short trek through the surrounding area, where lush greenery and panoramic views further immerse you in the natural splendor of the region.

Next, venture into the world of the Lahu hill tribe village at Ban Ja Bo in Pang Mapha District. Perched on a scenic ridge, this quaint settlement offers stunning views of surrounding mountains and lush valleys. The Lahu people, originally from Tibet, migrated south centuries ago and found a home in northern Thailand's cool, fertile highlands. Their lifestyle, deeply tied to animistic beliefs, reflects a profound respect for nature, which they believe influences all aspects of life. Agriculture is central to the Lahu way of life, with rice farming and corn cultivation as primary occupations, complemented by traditional hunting skills passed through generations. Despite the challenges of highland living, the Lahu are known for their resilience and self-sufficiency. As you explore the village, you'll be welcomed by the warm smiles of the Lahu people, eager to share their culture. Admire their vibrant traditional attire, observe daily activities, and learn about their unique customs and ceremonies. Ban Ja Bo offers a glimpse into a simpler way of life, where ancient traditions coexist with modern influences, revealing the enduring spirit of a people deeply connected to their land.

Continue your exploration by visiting the Lisu Hill Tribe village, tracing their origins to the Mae Kong River and Salween River in China. Over the past century, they have migrated through Myanmar and found a home in northern Thailand. The Lisu community's economic activities revolve around agriculture, including crop cultivation and livestock raising. Renowned for their expertise in sewing, embroidery, and silverware craftsmanship, the Lisu people showcase vibrant and eye-catching traditional attire, especially in the women's dress. Their simple yet colorful traditions, coupled with their friendly and helpful demeanor, leave 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.

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey from Mae Hong Son to 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, an embrace of nature nestled amidst steep mountains. The village, a headwaters and stream resource, enjoys a cool climate year-round, showcasing beautiful landscapes in every season. Primarily engaged in agriculture, the villagers cultivate farms and livestock, including the cultivation of various vegetables, fruits, and the prized Arabica coffee. Renowned for its high-quality and flavorful coffee, Huai Hom is also celebrated for its weaving craftsmanship using natural cotton, calico, and sheep's wool. The local wisdom of weaving from sheep's wool involves natural dyed threads, creating unique and intricate patterns. Huai Hom's residents impress visitors not only with their artisanal skills but also with their simple lifestyle, distinct culture, traditional attire, language, tribal activities, and the warm and friendly smiles that characterize their hospitality.

Continue your journey to Ban La-ub village, home to the Lawa hill tribe. Along the way, savor 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 village is surrounded by stunning landscapes. The Lawa people, with their distinct dress and language, have inhabited the north of Thailand for generations. Their belief system combines spirit worship with other religious influences, contributing to their unique cultural identity. Engaged in farming, vegetable and fruit cultivation, as well as livestock activities, the Lawa are particularly known for their skill in crafting 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. Conclude your day by staying overnight in Mae Sariang, where the rich cultural encounters and natural wonders of the Karen and Lawa hill tribes will linger in your memory.

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

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an unforgettable and picturesque journey from Mae Sariang to Hot District, uncovering the enchanting natural wonders and cultural treasures along the way. Begin your adventure at the stunning Ob Luang National Park in Chiang Mai Province, a geological marvel that captivates with its dramatic landscapes and raw beauty. The park's centerpiece is a narrow and steep mountain gorge carved by a turbulent river that roars through the rocky terrain, creating an awe-inspiring symphony of sound. A charming bridge spans the gorge, offering visitors a unique vantage point to fully appreciate the breathtaking scenery. The lush greenery and the powerful river work in harmony to create a setting that feels both wild and serene. Take your time to explore the park's nature trails, which lead to ancient rock art and archaeological sites that provide a glimpse into the area's rich history and cultural significance.

As your journey continues, head toward Chom Thong District to visit the majestic Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak, which rises to an impressive 2,565 meters above sea level. This iconic mountain is part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, an extension of the great Himalayas, and is renowned for its diverse climates and ecosystems. Ascend through dense rainforests, towering pine forests, and mixed

woodlands, each layer revealing a unique facet of Doi Inthanon's biodiversity. Along the way, you'll encounter rare plant species, vibrant birdlife, and cool, misty weather that adds to the mountain's mystical allure. At the summit, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of rolling hills, verdant valleys, and endless skies, making the ascent a truly memorable experience.

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.

End your Doi Inthanon National Park exploration with a visit to Wachirathan Waterfall, a towering single-tiered waterfall renowned for its outstanding beauty. Flowing throughout the year, the waterfall reaches a height of 70 meters, and during the rainy season, water droplets create frequent rainbows, adding to the allure of Wachirathan Waterfall. This natural phenomenon enhances the beauty of the waterfall, creating a truly magical experience. Conclude your journey in Chiang Mai, where the vibrant city welcomes you with its blend of ancient traditions and modern comforts. After a day filled with exploration and wonder, you will be transferred to your hotel for a restful overnight stay. The diverse landscapes, rich biodiversity, and cultural landmarks you've encountered along the way promise an adventure that is as enriching as it is unforgettable. Let the memories of roaring rivers, majestic peaks, and cascading waterfalls inspire your continued exploration of Thailand's natural and cultural wonders.

DAY 06	Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village
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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 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 continues to exude an aura of grandeur and historical significance. Here, you can witness the imposing Chedi Luang pagoda, a stunning example of Lanna architectural style, despite its top remaining unfinished due to a devastating earthquake in the 16th century. Now stands

as a testament to the region's rich cultural and architectural heritage. As you explore the temple grounds, imagine the bustling monastic life that once thrived here, with monks engaging in daily rituals and the local community coming together for religious ceremonies. 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. This historical site not only offers a journey through time but also provides a deep connection to the cultural and spiritual heritage of the region. The temple's courtyard is also home to a revered city pillar shrine, Lak Mueang, which adds to the spiritual atmosphere of the site.

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 an overnight stay in the charming city of 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	Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai: Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar
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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 picturesque farm is not just about agriculture; it's a full-fledged nature and adventure park. Embark on a scenic farm car ride, traversing over 250 acres of lush green oolong tea plantations, where you can learn about the intricate process of tea cultivation and even partake in a tea-tasting session. Delight in the abundance of fruits, from juicy melons and sweet strawberries to exotic giant gooseberries, all grown sustainably. Explore the fragrant vegetable and herb gardens, and be captivated by the vibrant flower fields that paint the landscape with color, particularly during the blooming seasons of tulips and marigolds. Witness the playful antics of African animals, such as zebras and giraffes, roaming freely in the green fields, and create lasting memories in this idyllic natural sanctuary. The park also offers a range of activities, from zip-lining to hot air balloon rides, making it a perfect destination for adventure seekers and nature lovers alike.

Step into the mesmerizing world of Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. Designed by Chiang Rai folk artist Puttha Kabkaew, a student of the renowned artist who created the White Temple, this temple is a visual symphony of dominant blue and gold hues. Wander through the vihara, its walls adorned with ornate blue and gold decorations, creating a sense of awe and tranquility. The temple's interior is illuminated by natural light that enhances the vibrant colors, giving the space an otherworldly glow. Pay homage to the revered Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath statue, enshrined within the temple. This statue, made of white jade, stands in stark contrast to the vivid blue surroundings, symbolizing purity and enlightenment. Let the vibrant colors and intricate details of the temple's architecture captivate you, appreciating the unique artistic expression that defines this contemporary masterpiece. The temple grounds also feature intricately designed naga sculptures and various statues that reflect the traditional Lanna architectural style, offering visitors a blend of contemporary art and ancient cultural heritage.

When night falls, immerse yourself in the bustling energy of the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a haven for shopping and cultural discovery. Browse through a 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, filled with the sounds of music and laughter. Experience 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 by 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 one of the charming hotels in Chiang Rai, reflecting on the day's enriching experiences. Let the beauty of art, the serenity of nature, and the vibrancy of culture linger in your mind 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 District
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Embark on a captivating 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 village, a captivating destination nestled in the highlands of northern Thailand. This enchanting village is renowned for its exceptional tea cultivation and breathtaking scenery, offering visitors a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Doi Mae Salong Village is a community with deep historical roots. Originally a Chinese village from Yunnan Province, its residents migrated to Thailand many decades ago, escaping the political turmoil that engulfed their homeland. Since then, they have established a thriving community in Doi Mae

Salong, where their traditions and way of life continue to flourish. The village is famed for its terraced tea plantations that stretch across the rolling hills, creating a tranquil and picturesque setting reminiscent of traditional Chinese villages in the southern regions. As you wander through these lush tea fields, you'll be enveloped by the soothing aroma of tea leaves and the serene atmosphere that pervades the landscape. The sight of verdant tea plants meticulously arranged on terraced slopes provides a stunning visual feast, making it a perfect spot for photography and relaxation.

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.

Continue your adventure to Mae Sai District, the northernmost district of Thailand, which borders Myanmar's Tachilek province. Here, the Mae Sai River serves as the natural boundary between the two nations, and a bridge connects the bustling towns on either side. From the Thai side, you can catch a glimpse of Myanmar and appreciate the blend of cultures that this unique location offers. One of the main attractions in Mae Sai is the vibrant Mae Sai Market, a renowned border market that attracts both Thai and Myanmar residents. This market is a bustling hub of activity, where unrestricted trade flourishes. You can discover an array of products at affordable prices, ranging from electrical appliances to local goods, herbs, wicker items, dry food, and more. The market offers a fascinating insight into the local way of life and the vibrant commerce that thrives at the border. After a day of exploration and shopping, return to Chiang Rai for an additional night. As you conclude your journey, you'll be enriched with the diverse cultural experiences and the natural beauty that northern Thailand has to offer. Whether it's the serene landscapes, the historic landmarks, or the bustling markets, your journey promises unforgettable memories and a deep appreciation for the region's unique charm.

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
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Embark on a captivating journey from the lush landscapes of Chiang Rai province to the historical and culturally rich Phrae province. Along the way, you'll encounter a treasure trove of temples, natural wonders, and museums that tell the stories of this ancient region. Begin your adventure with a delightful stop at Kwan Phayao Lake in Muang Phayao District, Phayao Province. This crescent-shaped lake, cradled by intricate mountain ranges, is the largest freshwater lake in northern Thailand and the fourth largest in the entire country. Kwan Phayao serves as a vital freshwater fishing area, teeming with more than fifty species of fish and acting as a crucial breeding ground for various aquatic life. The serene beauty of the lake, with its mirror-like surface reflecting the surrounding mountains, offers a tranquil escape and a perfect introduction to your journey.

Upon reaching Mueang Phrae District, your first stop is the serene Wat Pong Sunan. This temple is home to a large golden reclining Buddha, situated near an auspicious archway that welcomes visitors with a sense of tranquility and reverence. As you enter the ubosot, you'll encounter the revered Buddha image "Phra Chao Saen Suk," which is over 500 years old and housed within a pagoda containing relics of Lord Buddha. This historical and spiritual site exudes a peaceful atmosphere, inviting contemplation and reflection. A highlight of Wat Pong Sunan is the "Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew," a striking white temple adorned with 108 pagodas. These pagodas are encircled by a wall of 108 plexiglass balls that create a mesmerizing optical illusion of beautifully inverted reflections. Inside the viharn, a large Buddha image named "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon" is enshrined, accompanied by intricate murals depicting various Buddha images in Phrae province and zodiac years. These murals provide a rich tapestry of the temple's spiritual essence and historical significance.

Your exploration continues with a visit to the ancient house, Khum Wong Buri, also known as Ban Wong Buri. This distinctive pink Thai-Lanna house, built over a century ago, stands as a testament to the region's rich cultural heritage and architectural brilliance. Constructed in 1897 by Mae Chao Bua Tha, the first consort of Chao Luang Piriyahep Wong, the last ruler of Phrae, the house exudes historical significance and charm. Crafted from golden teak wood, Khum Wong Buri seamlessly combines Thai-Lanna and European styles, reflecting the unique blend of cultural influences that characterized the era. The house employs traditional construction techniques, including intricately stenciled wood patterns that were popular during the reign of King Rama V. These patterns showcase the artistic craftsmanship and attention to detail that went into its creation, making the house a true architectural gem. As you step inside, you are transported back in time. The house features several rooms, including Chao Mae Bua Tha's room, the living room, and the bedroom, each filled with an array of antique items and artifacts. These include ancient Buddha images, historical photographs, and meticulously preserved pieces of furniture, each telling a story of the house's illustrious past. The artifacts offer a fascinating glimpse into the lives of its inhabitants and the historical context of the period. A visit to Khum Wong Buri not only enriches your understanding of the region's past but also provides a tangible connection to the lives and traditions of those who once lived there. The experience is both educational and inspiring, leaving you with lasting memories of your journey through this beautiful and historically significant home.

Continue your adventure to Khum Chao Luang, an ancient house dating back to 1892, constructed by Chao Luang Piriyahep Wong. This two-story brick and mortar masterpiece showcases a captivating blend of Thai Lanna and European architectural

styles. The structure, supported by solid wood logs, is gracefully adorned with elaborate fretwork and intricately carved patterns that reflect the craftsmanship of its era. With a remarkable 72 windows and doors, each one exquisitely detailed, the house features a Pan-Yah style roof with a rectangular porch that adds to its architectural splendor. Inside Khum Chao Luang, you'll find a treasure trove of historical artifacts and furnishings that offer a glimpse into the lifestyle of Thai nobility in the late 19th century. The house's interior is a testament to the cultural richness and artistic heritage of the period, with each room meticulously preserved to reflect the opulence and elegance of its time. As you wander through this architectural gem, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the intricate design and historical significance that define Khum Chao Luang.

As your day winds down, conclude with a visit to Phae Mueang Phi, also known as the Ghost Pillars. This natural wonder features striking formations of soil and sandstone that have been eroded into captivating shapes over time. Designated as a forest park in 1981, Phae Mueang Phi presents a geological spectacle with its cliffs and peculiarly shaped clay pillars that stand as silent sentinels of nature's artistry. The park includes a nature trail that allows tourists to explore the unique geological features of the forest and gain a deeper understanding of this extraordinary landscape. Walking along the nature trail, you'll be immersed in the serene beauty of the park's surroundings. The interplay of light and shadow on the eroded formations creates a constantly changing canvas that enhances the mystical ambiance of Phae Mueang Phi. As you reflect on the day's discoveries, you'll appreciate the delicate balance between nature's raw power and its ability to create such ethereal beauty. Finally, take the time to savor the historical and natural wonders of Phrae province before settling in for a restful night in this captivating region. The experiences of the day, from the spiritual tranquility of Wat Pong Sunan and the architectural elegance of Khum Wong Buri and Khum Chao Luang to the geological marvels of Phae Mueang Phi, will leave you with lasting memories and a profound appreciation for the rich heritage and natural beauty of this enchanting part of Thailand.

DAY 10 Phrae – Sukhothai: Sukhothai Historical Park / Si Satchanalai Historical Park

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a journey from Phrae to Sukhothai, a city steeped in history and home to the renowned Sukhothai Historical Park, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site covering approximately 70 square kilometers. Serving as Thailand's first capital between the 18th and 20th Buddhist centuries, Sukhothai played a pivotal role in shaping the nation's political, economic, and cultural landscape. The park is a testament to the flourishing Thai culture during this period. Marvel at the intricate Sukhothai Buddhist sculptures, recognized as the epitome of beauty in Thai art. The park features numerous significant structures both inside and outside the city walls, including Wat Mahathat Temple, Wat Chana Songkhram Temple, Wat Traphang Ngoen Temple, Wat Sri Sawai Temple, Wat Si Chum Temple, and more. These ancient buildings and the large ancient Buddha image showcase the grandeur of Sukhothai's historical and cultural heritage.

Continue your historical exploration with a visit to Si Satchanalai Historical Park, another UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site located in Si Satchanalai District. Spanning over 45 square kilometers, this archaeological site boasts traces of settlements dating back to prehistoric times. The park features 215 archaeological sites, with prominent structures built from laterite. Notable temples include Wat

Chang Lom Temple, Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo Temple, Wat Nang Phaya Temple, Wat Suwan Khiri Temple, Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Yai Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Noi Temple, and the City Pillar Shrine. Si Satchanalai's remote location amidst the forest preserves its natural beauty and completeness of ancient sites, offering a unique glimpse into Thailand's rich history. Conclude your day by returning to Sukhothai city, where you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy a restful overnight stay. The historical and cultural richness of Sukhothai promises an immersive and unforgettable experience.

DAY 11 Sukhothai 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 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.

Price:

- 67,000 Thai baht

Included:

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

Excluded:

- Meals
- Accommodations
- Expenses during the trip

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	Mae Sariang
Day 5-6	Chiang Mai
Day 7-8	Chiang Rai
Day 9	Phrae
Day 10	Sukhothai