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Mae Hong Son Loop Special 5 Days 4 Nights

D/M/Y	Chiang Mai Arrival
00:00	After arriving at Chiang Mai Airport, you will be warmly welcomed and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. Once you have checked in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and enjoy your stay in Chiang Mai and take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace.
DAY 01	Chiang Mai - Mae Hong Son: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Wachiratharn Waterfall (Hotel / Lunch)
08:00 AM	<p>Pick up from the hotel.</p> <p>Embark on a captivating journey from the bustling city of Chiang Mai to the serene province of Mae Hong Son. Your adventure will wind through the breathtaking Doi Inthanon National Park, a haven for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. Your first stop, the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, is a hidden gem nestled within the park. This research center is dedicated to the study and cultivation of winter plants, offering visitors a stunning display of vibrant flower plots and a diverse array of vegetables and fruits. As you wander through the station, you'll gain insights into the extensive research conducted on flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. Beyond its scientific significance, the station plays a pivotal role in sustainable development and community empowerment. By providing income opportunities for local hill tribe farmers, the station fosters economic growth and environmental stewardship. As you explore the lush landscapes and serene atmosphere, you'll appreciate the harmonious balance between nature and human endeavor.</p> <p>Next, you will be captivated by the breathtaking beauty of Wachirathan Waterfall, one of Thailand's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. Nestled in the heart of Doi Inthanon National Park, this 70-meter-high cascade presents a mesmerizing spectacle that never fails to enchant its visitors. Flowing robustly year-round, the waterfall guarantees a dazzling display regardless of the season. During the rainy months, the scene becomes even more magical as vibrant rainbows often appear, arcing across the mist-filled air and adding a fairytale-like charm to the setting. The water tumbles dramatically down a rugged cliff, creating a refreshing mist that cools the surrounding air and provides a welcome retreat on warm days. The ambiance around Wachirathan is both serene and invigorating, enhanced by the lush, green forest that envelops the area. Towering trees, vibrant ferns, and an array of tropical plants form a living tapestry of natural beauty, completing this enchanting experience.</p>

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your exploration of Doi Inthanon National Park with a visit to the majestic Twin Royal Pagodas: Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri. These two stunning structures, perched atop the mountain, offer breathtaking panoramic views of the expansive landscape that stretches as far as the eye can see. The area enjoys cool weather for most of the year, adding to its charm. Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol was built to honor and pay homage to Phra Bat Somdet Phra Paraminthra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX during the auspicious celebration of His Majesty the King's 5th cycle birthday in 1987. Similarly, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was constructed as an offering to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit during the celebrations on the auspicious occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's 5th cycle birthday in 1992. The area surrounding the pagodas is beautifully landscaped with gardens featuring vibrant winter flowers and a variety of plants. The Twin Royal Pagodas are among the most popular tourist attractions in Doi Inthanon National Park, consistently drawing a steady stream of visitors throughout the year.

Ascend to the summit of Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest peak, towering at 2,565 meters above sea level. This peak is part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which extends from the Himalayas through Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. The diversity of climates and forest types in this region is truly remarkable. As you ascend, you'll transition through lush rainforests, serene pine forests, and mixed forests, each offering its own unique charm and biodiversity. The summit rewards you with breathtaking panoramic views that stretch as far as the eye can see, providing a sense of tranquility and awe that only nature's grandeur can evoke. The cool, refreshing climate year-round and the abundant natural beauty attract visitors from across the globe, making Doi Inthanon a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.

After your enriching experience at Doi Inthanon, continue your journey to Mae Hong Son, a province known for its mist-covered mountains and rich cultural heritage. Upon arrival in Mae Hong Son, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can unwind and reflect on the day's adventures. The serene ambiance of the region, combined with the warmth and hospitality of its people, ensures a restful and memorable overnight stay. As you settle in, you'll carry with you the memories of the captivating landscapes and cultural richness of northern Thailand, eager for the adventures that the coming days will bring.

DAY 02 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Chong Kham – Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Start your Mae Hong Son exploration with a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple. The temple comprises two pagodas of different sizes. The larger pagoda was constructed by Chong Thong Su a Shan merchant in 1860, and the smaller one was built by Phraya Singhanatracha the first ruler of Mae Hong Son, in 1874. Each pagoda has its own unique charm and historical importance, contributing to the

temple's revered status. From the hilltop, you can marvel at the stunning natural beauty of Mae Hong Son, with its picturesque landscapes framed by rolling hills and lush valleys. The tranquil atmosphere and scenic views make Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu a must-visit destination, offering a perfect blend of cultural heritage and natural splendor. After paying respects at Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu, you will explore the neighboring Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples, both situated next to a large swamp. These ancient temples feature stunning Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image, Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang, in particular, is known for its impressive collection of Burmese wood carving dolls and large glass paintings depicting Buddhist history, providing a window into the rich cultural heritage of the area.

The journey continues to the stunning Su Tong Pe Bridge, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. This remarkable structure spans lush paddy fields and tranquil canals, elegantly connecting Suan Tham Phusama Temple and Kung Mai Sak village. The bridge's classic beauty is most evident during the rainy season when the surrounding fields are vibrant and green, or in winter when the golden grains shimmer in the sunlight. The picturesque landscape, framed by majestic mountains, enhances the bridge's charm, making it a perfect spot for photography and quiet contemplation. As you walk along the bridge, you can feel the gentle sway of the bamboo beneath your feet and hear the soothing sounds of nature all around. The bridge offers a unique perspective of the lush fields and the serene waterways, providing an ideal setting for reflection and relaxation.

After enjoying a walk on the Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge, continue your journey to the enchanting village of Ban Rak Thai, a unique settlement nestled near the Thailand-Myanmar border. Originally founded by Chinese Nationalist soldiers from Yunnan, this village captivates visitors with its stunning mountain scenery, serene lakes, and vibrant shrubbery. The village is renowned for its green tea plantations, where rows of tea plants gracefully follow the contours of the mountainside, creating a lush, green tapestry that is truly mesmerizing. In Ban Rak Thai, visitors can indulge in delicious Yunnan cuisine and savor the famous Chinese tea, known for its high quality and distinctive flavor. The village's unique blend of cultural influences and natural beauty provides a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the village, visit tea houses, and engage with the friendly locals to learn about their traditions and way of life.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Experience the tranquility and natural beauty of Shan Village, also known as Baan Ruam Thai Village or Pang Oung. Nestled among rugged mountain ranges, this enchanting village is often referred to as the "Switzerland of Thailand" thanks to its stunning landscape and serene atmosphere. The village is set around a large lake, surrounded by lush pine forests and vibrant winter flowers that create a picturesque scene year-round. The cool weather is particularly magical, as a layer of fog floats above the lake, casting an ethereal veil over the water and enhancing the sense of tranquility. Pang Oung's peaceful ambiance and breathtaking scenery make it an ideal destination for those seeking a serene escape in nature. The combination of the rugged mountains, the reflective lake, and the colorful flora provides a captivating backdrop that is sure to leave a lasting impression on any visitor. Whether you are strolling along the lakeside, exploring the pine forests, or simply soaking in the

tranquil environment, Pang Oung offers a unique and unforgettable experience. The village's natural beauty and calm atmosphere make it a perfect retreat for relaxation and rejuvenation, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. After exploring these charming locations, return to your hotel in Mae Hong Son for another restful night. The day's adventures will leave you with lasting memories of the region's enchanting landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

DAY 03 Mae Hong Son – Pai: Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Tham Lod Cave / Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a journey from the charming town of Mae Hong Son and head towards Pai district. Along the way, stop to explore important attractions in Pang Mapha district. The first attraction you will explore is Ban Ja Bo Village, a quaint Lahu hill tribe settlement perched atop a mountain ridge, surrounded by majestic peaks and lush greenery. The Lahu people, originally from Tibet, migrated southward centuries ago and settled in northern Thailand. Renowned for their harmonious coexistence with nature, the Lahu prefer highland living, embracing a simple lifestyle deeply intertwined with their spiritual beliefs. At Ban Ja Bo, you'll be greeted by warm smiles and open hearts, as the Lahu are known for their hospitality. Agriculture is the backbone of their livelihood, with rice farming and corn planting as their primary occupations, complemented by traditional hunting skills passed down through generations. As you wander through the village, you'll encounter wooden homes built with traditional methods, observe their vibrant attire, and have the opportunity to learn about their unique customs, ceremonies, and folklore. Don't miss the chance to savor a traditional Lahu meal, often featuring locally grown ingredients prepared with techniques reflective of their culinary heritage. One of the highlights of your visit is the famous Ban Ja Bo Viewpoint, where you can witness a sea of mist blanketing the surrounding valleys during the early morning hours. The serene beauty of this vista offers a tranquil moment to connect with nature and appreciate the idyllic charm of the region.

Next, journey to Tham Lod Cave, a breathtaking destination renowned for its archaeological significance and natural splendor. This remarkable cave, carved over millennia by the Lang River, presents an otherworldly scene filled with awe-inspiring stalactites and stalagmites. These formations create intricate patterns that will captivate you. Tham Lod Cave is more than just a geological wonder—it is a gateway to the past. Within its cool, shadowy chambers lie ancient relics, including tools and utensils dating back over 2,000 years, offering a glimpse into the lives of early humans who once sought refuge here. To explore the cave, embark on a bamboo rafting adventure along the Lang River. The soft sounds of the water and the occasional flutter of bats overhead add to the cave's mysterious ambiance. After the bamboo rafting, continue your adventure with a short trek around the cave's surrounding area. The trails wind through serene forests, offering a chance to appreciate the peaceful natural environment. Listen to the soothing sounds of birdsong and rustling leaves as you immerse yourself in this tranquil wilderness. Tham Lod Cave offers a perfect blend of adventure, history, and natural wonder, making it a must-visit destination in the Pang Mapha region.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Afterward, proceed to Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, which is located between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. Here, you will experience a spectacular view. No matter when you visit, you'll be greeted by a different breathtaking view. In the morning, you can witness a breathtaking sunrise, with sunlight illuminating the horizon and a sea of fog blanketing the valley below. As the morning progresses, the fog dissipates, revealing a stunning panorama of intricately lined mountains stretching as far as the eye can see. In the evening, as the sun begins its descent, it casts a warm, orange glow on the horizon and distant clouds, creating a breathtaking sight. In addition to the view of the vast and magnificent mountains, the fog floating in the valleys and the shades of the horizon when the sun rises or sets, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is also decorated with a variety of flowers, blooming in various colors, waiting to welcome travelers in every season.

In the evening, explore Pai's lively walking street, which comes alive with various stalls selling handmade products, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and souvenirs. This vibrant market is a great place to find unique items and gifts. You'll also have the opportunity to try delicious local and international cuisines at the numerous restaurants along the street, providing a delightful culinary experience. The lively atmosphere and friendly interactions with the locals make it a perfect way to immerse yourself in the local lifestyle. As you stroll through the bustling market, the sights, sounds, and aromas create a sensory feast, with each stall offering a new discovery. From street performers to artisan craftspeople, the walking street is a hub of creativity and culture, ensuring that your evening in Pai is as memorable as the stunning landscapes you explored during the day. After an eventful day, you will be transferred to your accommodation in Pai to relax and rest for the night. As you unwind, savor the memories and experiences of the day, and look forward to more adventures on your journey. The charm of the places you've visited and the warmth of the people you've met will leave a lasting impression, making your journey through northern Thailand truly unforgettable.

DAY 04 Pai Sightseeing: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your journey through Pai and the surrounding areas promises to be a memorable and enriching experience, with a diverse range of attractions and scenic spots to explore. Your first destination is Santichon Village, a charming settlement that offers a unique glimpse into the Yunnan Chinese culture and way of life. The village's architecture, decorations, and environment retain their distinct Yunnan Chinese style, reflecting the heritage of the early settlers who emigrated from China. Walking through the village, you will notice traditional houses, each with unique characteristics, decorated with red lanterns and intricate woodwork. Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine at local restaurants, where you can try delicious dishes like Yunnan-style noodles and dumplings. There are also traditional tea houses where you can savor various Chinese teas while relaxing and soaking in the serene atmosphere. From Santichon Village, take a short trip to the nearby Yun Lai Viewpoint, a vantage

point offering a breathtaking panorama of Pai city, surrounded by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range. This viewpoint is famous for its spectacular sunrises, where you can witness the first light of day breaking over the horizon, casting a golden glow over the landscape. The sea of mist that blankets the area during both winter and the rainy season adds to the magical atmosphere, creating a scene that feels almost otherworldly.

Afterwards, visit Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, an enchanting site perched atop the high hill of Mae Yen village. This sacred temple is not only a spiritual haven but also a vantage point that offers an unparalleled view of Pai city. As you make your ascent, the journey itself becomes a meditative experience, with the sound of rustling leaves and the gentle whisper of the wind accompanying you. Once you reach the top, you will be greeted by a panoramic vista that is nothing short of breathtaking. The sweeping scenic beauty stretches far and wide, painting a picture of serene landscapes and lush greenery. One of the most captivating moments to experience here is the stunning sunrise and sunset scenes. As the first light of dawn breaks, the intricate mountain ranges are bathed in a golden glow, creating a mesmerizing spectacle that stirs the soul. Similarly, the evening paints the sky in hues of orange, pink, and purple, making it a perfect spot for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself stands as an impressive structure, boasting traditional Thai architecture with intricately carved details. The large white Buddha statue that overlooks the valley is a symbol of peace and tranquility, offering solace and a sense of calm to all who visit.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Moving on, your journey will take you to the Memorial Bridge, a poignant reminder of the Second World War and Japan's presence in Thailand. This historic bridge, though replaced by a standard bridge in modern times, serves as an enduring symbol of the past. As you walk along the bridge, you are transported back in time to an era of great tumult and change. The Memorial Bridge stands as a testament to the resilience and strength of those who lived through the war. It is a place where tourists can pay tribute to the past, reflect on the sacrifices made, and honor the memories of those who crossed it during wartime. The bridge is more than just a historical site; it is a place of contemplation and remembrance. The stories of bravery and perseverance are etched into its very structure, and as you stand there, you can't help but feel a profound connection to history. The surrounding area, with its peaceful ambiance and scenic views, further adds to the contemplative mood, making it a perfect spot for quiet reflection. While visiting Pai District, the Memorial Bridge serves as a poignant reminder of the town's historical significance and the enduring spirit of its people.

After reflecting on the past at the Memorial Bridge, continue your journey to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, an awe-inspiring natural wonder shaped over centuries by wind and rain erosion. As you draw closer, the landscape transforms into a striking tableau of deep ravines, towering cliff-like formations, and narrow, winding ridges that stretch across an expansive area of over three acres. Surrounded by a vibrant mixed deciduous forest, Pai Canyon's rugged terrain offers a stunning contrast of earthy hues and lush greenery. The steep and narrow trails beckon adventurous spirits, challenging explorers to traverse the ridges while rewarding them with breathtaking panoramic views. Below, villages and farmlands dot the

landscape, framed by the majestic silhouettes of distant mountains. Hiking these trails is an adventure in itself, with every twist and turn revealing a new perspective of the canyon's dramatic beauty. Whether you're seeking a heart-pounding trek or a tranquil moment to take in the scenery, Pai Canyon is a destination that captivates the senses and inspires awe at every step.

As you venture further, you will encounter the Merit Bridge, also known as "Khokuso," a remarkable winding bamboo bridge constructed by the villagers with great care and devotion. This bridge of faith serves a practical and spiritual purpose, connecting Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri Temple, thereby facilitating the monks' morning alms round without disturbing the villagers' agricultural activities. For both tourists and locals, this bridge offers a serene and picturesque path to make merit while soaking in the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding forest, mountains, and rice fields. As you walk across the bridge, you can feel a profound sense of connection to the local community and their spiritual practices. The gentle sway of the bamboo underfoot, the rustle of leaves in the breeze, and the distant chants of monks create a tranquil and meditative atmosphere. This journey across the Merit Bridge is not just a physical crossing but a passage into the heart of the local culture and traditions. Today's adventure will leave you with unforgettable memories and a deep appreciation for Pai's cultural heritage and natural wonders. Spend another night in Pai to soak up the tranquility and charm of this enchanting destination before continuing your journey tomorrow.

DAY 05 Pai – Chiang Mai: Pong Dueat Hot Spring / Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden (Canopy Walkway) (Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Leave the charm and beauty of Pai behind and head towards Mae Taeng District, where you will find the largest hot spring in the area, the Pong Dueat Hot Spring. This impressive hot spring is in the form of a geyser, with steam regularly rising from the ground, creating a truly magical sight. The hot spring area consists of four large ponds and several smaller ones scattered around, each contributing to the overall beauty and serenity of the place. The temperature of the underground water is exceptionally high, ranging from 170 to 200 degrees Celsius, while the water's surface temperature is between 90 and 100 degrees Celsius. As you approach the hot spring, you will notice a continuous sulfur smell due to the presence of sulfur compounds in the water, adding to the unique atmosphere. Surrounding the Pong Dueat Hot Spring is a lush jungle, offering a nature study route of approximately 1.5 km. As you follow this circular path through the forest, you will be surrounded by tall trees, ferns, and moss, creating a serene and picturesque environment. The route is thoughtfully designed with a long bridge to ensure a pleasant and safe walking experience for all visitors. Along the way, you'll find informative signboards providing details about the Pong Dueat Hot Spring and the various plant species you encounter, making it an educational and enjoyable nature trek. As you explore the Pong Dueat Hot Spring and its surrounding natural beauty, take your time to soak in the unique atmosphere and appreciate the wonders of the geothermal phenomenon. The hot spring's geyser-like behavior and the healing properties of the warm waters make it a popular destination for locals and tourists alike seeking relaxation and immersion in nature's gifts.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After your excursion at the Pong Dueat Hot Spring and the jungle trail, continue your journey to Mae Rim District, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, a splendid destination for nature enthusiasts and plant lovers alike. The botanic garden is dedicated to conserving and showcasing a wide array of plant species, categorized according to their respective genera, all cultivated in harmony with their natural environment. Upon arrival at the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, you will be treated to a delightful and educational experience. As you stroll through the garden's beautifully curated paths, you will encounter an incredible diversity of plants, each contributing to the conservation efforts of Thailand's rich flora. This botanical wonderland provides a peaceful and immersive setting to learn about the unique characteristics and importance of various plant species. One of the highlights of the garden is the Sky Walk, also known as the Canopy Walk. This enchanting walkway stretches over 400 meters in length and stands over 20 meters above the ground, granting visitors a truly remarkable view of the surrounding treetops and the lush green landscape below. Some parts of the walkway are designed with clear glass flooring, allowing you to observe the world beneath your feet and adding an exciting touch to the experience. As you walk along the Sky Walk, you'll be mesmerized by the captivating sights and sounds of the forest canopy, providing a rare glimpse into the fascinating world of the treetops. The walkway provides a unique vantage point, making it a must-visit attraction for anyone seeking to connect with nature and appreciate the beauty of the botanical wonders around them.

After a rewarding visit to the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden and an exhilarating walk on the Sky Walk, you will return to Chiang Mai, where you can relax and reflect on the remarkable experiences you've had during your journey. Take the time to stroll through the bustling markets of Chiang Mai, where you can find local handicrafts, delicious street food, and live music performances. The vibrant atmosphere and friendly locals will make your stay in Chiang Mai a truly unforgettable experience, leaving you with cherished memories of your journey through northern Thailand.

D/M/Y	Chiang Mai Departure
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00:00	Your journey in the northern region of Thailand has come to an end, and it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will now escort you to Chiang Mai Airport to ensure that your return journey or onward travels to other destinations go smoothly, and this is end of our services.
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Prices:

- 1 Person 52,500 THB
- 2 Persons 29,100 THB
- 3 Persons 24,700 THB
- 4 Persons 19,800 THB
- 5 Persons up 18,900 THB
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

Included:

- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Admission fees as tour mentioned

- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Meals as mentioned in the program (4 Breakfasts / 5 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (4 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	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 3-4	Pai	Yoma Hotel	Deluxe

Accommodation Notes:

Please note that the package does not include accommodation in Chiang Mai on the day of arrival or the last night after the tour is completed, nor does it include any other nights not specified in the itinerary. If you choose this package, you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation in Chiang Mai for those nights. There are plenty of hotels, guesthouses, and other lodging options available in Chiang Mai to suit various preferences and budgets. We recommend booking your accommodation in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable stay during your time in Chiang Mai. However, if you are not comfortable booking these accommodations yourself and would like us to include them in your package, please let us know.

No Hidden Costs:

Aside from personal expenses and dinner, you will not incur any additional costs. We are committed to providing complete transparency and ensuring that the prices and services listed on our website or in the quotation letter are the final and all-inclusive prices for our valued customers. You can rest assured that there will be no hidden or extra charges added to the quoted price. Our goal is to offer a seamless and hassle-free booking experience, and we understand the importance of providing accurate and upfront pricing to our customers. We take pride in our integrity and customer-centric approach, and we want you to feel confident and assured when booking with us. Should you have any questions or concerns about the pricing or services offered, our dedicated team is always available to address any queries and provide you with the necessary information.