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Mae Hong Son Loop Tour 4 Days 3 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 – Pai: Baan Chang Elephant Park Sanctuary (No Riding) / Pong Dueat Hot Spring / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Lunch)
08:00 AM	<p>Pick up from the hotel.</p> <p>Embark on an unforgettable adventure from Chiang Mai to Pai, a journey that takes you through breathtaking landscapes and immerses you in rich cultural experiences. Your exploration begins in the serene Mae Taeng district, where you'll encounter the magnificent creatures at Baan Chang Elephant Park Sanctuary. As you wind your way through the verdant countryside, you'll be captivated by the stunning vistas of lush forests, towering mountains, and fertile farmlands. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, you'll have the unique opportunity to don traditional mahout attire, transforming yourself into a part of this ancient tradition. Your journey into the world of elephants commences with the preparation of their daily meals. You'll learn how to select and distribute nutritious plants and fruits, gaining insights into the dietary needs of these gentle giants. The knowledgeable mahouts will share fascinating stories about the history and cultural significance of elephants in Thailand, as well as the intricacies of their behavior and communication. You'll have the privilege of interacting with these magnificent creatures, from playful interactions to more contemplative moments. You'll witness their natural grace as they bathe in mud pits, a rejuvenating ritual that cools their skin and protects it from the sun. And finally, you'll have the chance to provide them with a refreshing bath, a bonding experience that strengthens the connection between humans and elephants. This extraordinary encounter offers a profound opportunity to appreciate the beauty and intelligence of elephants, while also contributing to their welfare and conservation. As you continue your journey to Pai, you'll carry with you the cherished memories of your time with these majestic creatures.</p> <p>Lunch at the restaurant.</p> <p>Your journey through the stunning landscapes of Mae Taeng continues with a visit to the impressive Pong Dueat Hot Spring. This natural wonder boasts the title of the largest hot spring in the region, captivating visitors with its unique geothermal</p>

activity. The spring's most striking feature is its geyser-like eruption, where a forceful jet of scalding water and steam shoots up to a height of 1-2 meters. This mesmerizing display is fueled by the intense heat beneath the Earth's surface, with temperatures ranging from 170 to 200 degrees Celsius underground. At the surface, the water cools to a still-impressive 90 to 100 degrees Celsius. As you explore the surrounding jungle, you'll embark on a 1.5-kilometer circular trail that winds through a lush, verdant forest. Along the way, you'll encounter towering trees, delicate ferns, and vibrant moss, offering a glimpse into the region's diverse ecosystem. Informative signboards provide valuable insights into the geological processes that power the hot spring and the unique flora that thrives in this environment.

After enjoying exploring the forest around the Pong Dueat Hot Spring, continue your journey to Pai along a historic road that played a crucial role during World War II. As you wind your way up and down the steep, winding roads, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the majestic mountains. The landscape unfolds with every twist and turn, offering glimpses of lush valleys and soaring peaks that seem to touch the sky. This scenic drive is an adventure in itself, providing countless opportunities to stop and take in the natural beauty that surrounds you. Upon reaching Pai, check in at your hotel, and after settling in, prepare for an exciting excursion. You'll ascend to the summit of a hill to visit Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple. This sacred site offers awe-inspiring vistas of Pai city, particularly during sunrise and sunset, when the golden light illuminates the intricate mountain ranges. The temple itself is a serene haven, where the tranquil atmosphere and the gentle ringing of temple bells invite contemplation and peace. The panoramic views from the temple grounds are simply breathtaking, offering a sweeping vista of the town nestled in the valley below and the rugged mountains beyond.

As night descends, Pai's vibrant walking street comes alive with a bustling energy that is infectious. The market is a sensory delight, filled with the sights, sounds, and scents of local life. Explore the myriad of stalls offering unique handicrafts, stylish clothing, exquisite jewelry, and memorable souvenirs. Each item tells a story, reflecting the creativity and craftsmanship of the local artisans. Indulge your taste buds at one of the many international and Thai restaurants, sampling the diverse flavors of the region. From spicy street food to elegant dishes, there is something to tantalize every palate. The lively atmosphere of Pai's night market is a stark contrast to the tranquil beauty of the day, offering a perfect blend of excitement and relaxation. Conclude your day in Pai by taking a leisurely stroll through the illuminated streets, reflecting on the day's adventures. The charming ambiance of the town, combined with the friendly locals and the stunning natural surroundings, makes for an unforgettable experience. As you return to your hotel, you'll feel a sense of anticipation for the exciting experiences that await you on your continued journey through the enchanting landscapes of northern Thailand.

DAY 02 Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village / Lisu Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a journey from the charming town of Pai, your adventure takes you to the tranquil and picturesque Pang Mapha District. The first stop on this scenic route is

the Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, which is located between Pai and Pang Mapha 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.

After admiring the magnificent scenery of Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, continue your journey to Tham Lod Cave, one of the region's most significant archaeological sites. This remarkable cave is traversed by a stream known as "Lang," which flows continuously from one end of the cave to the other. The stream has carved out an intricate underground system adorned with impressive stalactites and stalagmites, creating a mesmerizing display of natural artistry. Tham Lod Cave is also a historical treasure trove, containing ancient tools and utensils believed to date back over 2,000 years. These artifacts offer a fascinating glimpse into the early human history of the region, making it a significant site for archaeologists and history buffs. Exploring Tham Lod Cave provides an opportunity to delve into both the natural and historical wonders of the area. For those seeking adventure, the cave offers the unique experience of bamboo rafting along the serene waters of the Lang stream. As you float quietly through the cave, the cool, damp air and the echoing sounds of water dripping from the stalactites create an atmosphere of mystery and wonder. This tranquil journey allows you to fully immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the cave. In addition to the bamboo rafting experience, Tham Lod Cave also invites visitors to engage in short trekking excursions around its perimeter. These treks offer a chance to witness the captivating landscapes that surround this subterranean gem. The trails wind through lush greenery and rugged terrain, providing a refreshing outdoor experience and further enhancing the natural allure of the cave.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey through the diverse landscapes of Mae Hong Son province continues with a visit to the Lahu hill tribe village. Originating in Tibet, the Lahu people migrated through China and Myanmar before settling in the highlands of Thailand. Known for their simple and spiritual way of life, the Lahu primarily rely on agriculture, cultivating rice and corn. They are also skilled hunters, utilizing their extensive knowledge of the forest to provide for their community. Their hunting skills are legendary, passed down through generations, allowing them to live harmoniously with nature and sustain their community through careful management of their resources. Despite their secluded lifestyle, the Lahu people are warm and welcoming, inviting visitors to experience their unique culture. As you walk through their village, you will notice their homes, which are typically constructed from bamboo and wood, reflecting their resourcefulness and connection to the natural environment. The Lahu people wear traditional clothing made from locally produced fabrics, often dyed with natural colors derived from plants and minerals found in

their surroundings. This attire is not only functional but also a beautiful expression of their cultural identity.

Your journey continues to the Lisu Hill Tribe village, whose origins trace back to the regions of the Mekong and Salween Rivers in China. Through a series of migrations, the Lisu people eventually settled in the northern areas of Thailand. Agriculture forms the foundation of the Lisu economy, with rice cultivation and corn planting being their primary pursuits. They also grow a variety of vegetables and fruits, which are essential for their subsistence and contribute to their diet. The Lisu are also skilled artisans, renowned for their intricate embroidery, sewing, and silverware craftsmanship. Their colorful and vibrant attire sets them apart from other hill tribes in the region. The traditional Lisu clothing is adorned with bright, geometric patterns and intricate embroidery, showcasing their exceptional craftsmanship. This vibrant attire is worn during festivals and ceremonies, adding a splash of color to their cultural celebrations. The Lisu people are known for their warm and welcoming nature, making visitors feel at home. They are eager to share their customs and traditions, providing visitors with an authentic cultural experience. Their simple and helpful demeanor leaves a lasting impression on all who encounter them. Engaging with the Lisu people allows you to gain a deeper understanding of their resilience and adaptability, as well as their commitment to preserving their cultural heritage in the face of modern challenges. As you end your day, you'll stay overnight in Mae Hong Son, cherishing the memories of the unique cultures and landscapes you encountered throughout your journey. Your exploration of these diverse hill tribe villages showcases the richness of northern Thailand's cultural tapestry and offers a deeper understanding of the local way of life.

DAY 03 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Pai River cruise / Long Neck Karen Village / Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Ban Rak Thai Chinese Village / Ban Ruam Thai Shan Village (Pang Oung) / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your exploration of Mae Hong Son continues with a serene boat trip along the Pai River. As you glide through the tranquil waters, you'll be mesmerized by the stunning natural beauty of the surrounding landscape and the serene lifestyle of the riverine communities. The journey along the river is a sensory feast, with the gentle lapping of the water against the boat, the rustling of leaves in the breeze, and the occasional call of birds echoing through the trees. The lush vegetation along the riverbanks, interspersed with quaint wooden houses on stilts, paints a picture of rustic charm and tranquility. A highlight of the boat trip is a visit to the Long-Necked Karen village, where you'll have the opportunity to witness a unique cultural tradition. The women of this community adorn themselves with brass rings around their necks, a distinctive practice that has been passed down through generations. These rings create the appearance of elongated necks, which is considered a mark of beauty and cultural identity among the Karen people. As you walk through the village, you will be greeted by the sight of women and girls wearing these intricate adornments, their heads held high with pride.

The conservative nature of the village has allowed them to preserve their cultural heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into a bygone era. The Karen people have a rich history, with traditions and customs that date back centuries. Their village, with its traditional bamboo houses and simple lifestyle, stands as a testament to their resilience and commitment to maintaining their cultural identity in the face of modern influences. Visitors to the Long-Necked Karen village are encouraged to interact with the community, providing a deeper understanding of their way of life. You can observe the daily activities of the villagers, from weaving colorful textiles on traditional looms to tending to their gardens. The Karen are skilled artisans, and you can purchase handmade crafts and textiles directly from the makers, supporting their local economy and taking home a unique piece of their culture. Throughout your visit, guides provide valuable insights into the history and significance of the Karen people's traditions. You will learn about the origins of the neck rings, their cultural significance, and how the practice is passed down through generations. This educational aspect of the trip enriches your experience, offering a deeper appreciation for the uniqueness and resilience of the Karen culture.

After enjoying the tranquil boat trip along the Pai River, continue your adventure by traveling up to the top of Doi Kong Mu mountain, where the revered Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple is located. This sacred site offers panoramic views of Mae Hong Son, with its picturesque mountains and valleys. The temple complex comprises two pagodas, each with its own historical significance. The larger pagoda, constructed in 1860, is a testament to the devotion of Chong Thong Su a Shan merchant, while the smaller one, built in 1874, was commissioned by Phraya Singhanatracha the first ruler of Mae Hong Son, in addition to the Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple, you'll have the opportunity to explore the nearby Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples. These stunning structures showcase exquisite Burmese-style architecture and house revered Buddha images, including Luang Paw To. The temples are further adorned with intricate Burmese wood carvings and captivating glass paintings depicting significant Buddhist stories.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After admiring the art of various temples in Mae Hong Son city, continue your journey to Su Tong Pe Bridge, the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. This remarkable structure, spanning over 500 meters, connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak village, offering a picturesque view of the surrounding paddy fields and canals. The bridge, constructed entirely from locally sourced bamboo, showcases the ingenuity and craftsmanship of local artisans, providing a vital link for the community and a stunning attraction for visitors. The Su Tong Pae Bridge is particularly stunning during the rainy season when the golden rice fields contrast beautifully with the lush greenery and towering mountains. The bridge seems to float above the fields, creating a serene and almost ethereal landscape. As you walk along the bridge, you can see farmers working in the fields, their silhouettes against the backdrop of the verdant hills. The gentle swaying of the bamboo beneath your feet and the soft rustling of the leaves add to the tranquil ambiance, making this a perfect spot for reflection and appreciation of nature's beauty. In addition to the rainy season, each season offers its own unique charm. During the dry season, the fields take on a different hue, with earthy tones that highlight the natural beauty of the land. In the winter, the golden fields of rice shimmer under the sun, painting a landscape that is equally enchanting. The crisp,

cool air and the clear blue skies provide a refreshing contrast to the lush scenery. This seasonal variety ensures that the bridge is a captivating sight no matter when you visit, offering new perspectives and experiences throughout the year.

Afterward, head to Baan Rak Thai village, a charming settlement with Yunnan Chinese origins. This village was established by the former military members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd division, who migrated from Southern China during the communist regime. Baan Rak Thai is renowned for its stunning mountain scenery, picturesque lakes, and vibrant shrubbery, which together create a truly enchanting atmosphere. The village's unique cultural heritage is reflected in its architecture and daily life, offering a glimpse into the rich traditions of its inhabitants. Visitors to Baan Rak Thai will also have the delightful opportunity to savor delicious Yunnan cuisine. Among the culinary highlights is the renowned Chinese tea, considered to be of the highest quality in the Mae Hong Son province. Tasting this exceptional tea, along with other Yunnan delicacies, provides a culinary experience that is both authentic and unforgettable.

Your journey concludes in a serene Shan village at Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung. This idyllic village is nestled among a rugged mountain range and is famed for its spectacular reservoir, which has earned it the nickname "Switzerland in Thailand." The picturesque landscape of pine forests and colorful winter flowers adds to the village's charm, creating a setting that is both tranquil and breathtaking. The reservoir itself is a focal point of beauty, often shrouded in a captivating fog that floats above the water in the mornings. The cold weather throughout the year further enhances the village's allure, making it an ideal destination for nature enthusiasts seeking tranquility and serenity. Walking through the village, you can enjoy the crisp mountain air and the serene ambiance that permeates the surroundings. Pang Oung's unique climate and enchanting scenery provide a perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern life. With another night in Mae Hong Son, you'll have more time to immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of the region. Each stop on your itinerary has allowed you to experience the diverse cultures, stunning landscapes, and warm hospitality of the local communities.

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

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Bid farewell to the enchanted city of Mae Hong Son and return to Chiang Mai through the majestic Doi Inthanon National Park. This breathtaking destination is famous for its stunning natural beauty and diverse ecosystem. As you wind your way up the mountain roads, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the lush valleys and towering peaks. The journey itself is an adventure, with each twist and turn revealing new vistas of the breathtaking landscape. Along the way, you may encounter quaint villages, cascading waterfalls, and vibrant wildflowers, adding to the allure of the journey. Doi Inthanon, the highest peak in Thailand, stands at an impressive altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. This majestic mountain is part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which stretches across several countries in Southeast Asia. The park's diverse climate and rich forest cover support a variety of ecosystems, ranging from tropical rainforests to temperate pine forests. Upon

reaching the summit, you'll be greeted by breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The cool, refreshing climate throughout the year makes Doi Inthanon a popular destination for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.

Your journey through Doi Inthanon National Park continues with a visit to the Twin Royal Pagodas: Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri. These two pagodas, perched atop the mountain, offer stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, which stretches as far as the eye can see. The area enjoys cool weather for most of the year, adding to its charm. Phra Mahathat 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 Royal Twin Pagodas are among the most popular tourist attractions in Doi Inthanon National Park, consistently drawing a steady stream of visitors throughout the year.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Next, you will be captivated by the 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 offers a mesmerizing spectacle that never fails to enchant its visitors. The waterfall flows robustly year-round, ensuring a dazzling display no matter when you visit. During the rainy season, the scene becomes even more magical, with vibrant rainbows frequently arching across the mist-filled air, adding a fairytale-like quality to the setting. The water tumbles dramatically down the rugged cliff, generating a refreshing mist that cools the surrounding air—a perfect retreat on warm days. The ambiance around Wachirathan Waterfall is both serene and invigorating, enhanced by the lush green forest that envelops it. Towering trees, vibrant ferns, and a diverse array of tropical plants form a living tapestry of natural beauty, making it a truly enchanting destination.

Your exploration of the park continues with a visit to the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon. This research station plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable agriculture and supporting local communities. The station focuses on cultivating a wide variety of plants, including flowers, vegetables, and fruits, many of which are adapted to the region's unique climate and soil conditions. By conducting research and developing innovative farming techniques, the station helps farmers increase their yields and improve their livelihoods. Additionally, the station offers educational programs and workshops to teach farmers about sustainable practices, such as organic farming and water conservation. The station's efforts contribute to the preservation of the region's natural resources and the well-being of its people. The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon is a fascinating place to learn about the challenges and opportunities of farming in a mountainous region. Visitors can see a variety of crops being grown, as well as learn about the research being conducted to improve agricultural practices. As your journey through Doi Inthanon comes to an end, you'll return to Chiang Mai, carrying with you unforgettable memories of the park's natural beauty, cultural significance, and the warm hospitality of the local people.

D/M/Y Chiang Mai Departure

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

Prices:

- 1 Person 46,000 THB
- 2 Persons 26,000 THB
- 3 Persons 22,000 THB
- 4 Persons 18,000 THB
- 5 Persons up 16,800 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 (3 Breakfasts / 4 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (3 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	Pai	Yoma Hotel	Deluxe
Day 2-3	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	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.