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DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival / (Hotel)

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 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Ping River Cruise / Wat Phra Singh Temple / Wat Chiang Man Temple / Wat Lok Moli Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Begin your exploration of Chiang Mai with a gentle introduction to the rhythms of the city. Depart from your hotel and make your way to the jetty, where a delightful cruise along the Ping River awaits. For centuries, this historic waterway has served as a lifeline for Chiang Mai, nourishing both the fertile land and the communities that settled along its banks. As your boat glides peacefully downstream, panoramic views unfold on either side of the river, revealing a harmonious blend of nature and daily life. Traditional wooden homes, gardens, and temples appear along the shoreline, while the calm current carries you through a landscape that reflects the tranquil character of Northern Thailand. Along the way, you witness the everyday life of the riverside communities. Villagers can often be seen tending gardens, fishing, or carrying out small household tasks—simple scenes that illustrate the deep connection between the people and the river that sustains them. Your first stop is at “Baan Chao Na,” a charming riverside cultural house where the atmosphere evokes the lifestyle of earlier generations. Here, beautifully preserved wooden houses offer insight into the traditional way of life of farmers and river communities. As you stroll through the grounds, you will discover small plots of vegetables and herbs, traditional farming tools, rice-milling demonstrations, and examples of chemical-free vegetable cultivation. This experience provides a deeper appreciation of the sustainable agricultural practices that local families have maintained for generations, forming an essential part of Chiang Mai’s cultural heritage.

From the peaceful riverside, your journey naturally continues into the historic heart of the city as you begin exploring Chiang Mai’s remarkable temples. Your first visit is to Wat Phra Singh, one of the most revered and historically significant temples in Northern Thailand. Situated in the center of the old walled city, this magnificent

temple was established in the 14th century during the reign of King Pha Yu of the Mengrai Dynasty. Wat Phra Singh beautifully represents the elegance of Lanna architecture, with intricate wooden carvings, shimmering gilded ornamentation, and graceful design elements that blend local artistic traditions with subtle Burmese influences. The temple's spiritual heart is the Viharn Luang, an impressive assembly hall that houses the sacred Phra Singh Buddha image, one of the most highly venerated Buddha statues in the region. Inside, elaborate murals portray scenes from Buddhist teachings and local legends, while finely crafted wooden beams demonstrate the remarkable craftsmanship of Lanna artisans. Nearby stands the temple's splendid pagoda, notable for its octagonal base and graceful multi-tiered structure that rises elegantly toward the sky. Another remarkable building is the Ho Trai, or temple library, which preserves ancient Buddhist scriptures and features distinctive architectural details and exquisite carvings. Even today, Wat Phra Singh remains an active monastery where monks devote themselves to study and meditation. The temple also serves as a vibrant cultural center, hosting important celebrations such as Songkran, traditional religious processions, and the beautiful "wian tian" candle-lighting ceremony.

Continuing deeper into the historic city, your journey brings you to Wat Chiang Man, the oldest temple in Chiang Mai and one that carries profound historical significance. Built in 1296 by Phaya Mangrai, the founding king of the Lanna Kingdom, this temple originally formed part of the royal palace complex constructed during the establishment of Chiang Mai itself. As you walk through the temple grounds, you are stepping into a place where the earliest chapters of the city's history were written. Wat Chiang Man houses the revered Buddha image known as Phra Setangkhamanee, also called Phra Kaew Khao, a sacred crystal-like statue deeply respected by local devotees. The temple also safeguards valuable historical relics, including the Wat Chiang Man stone inscription, which records the founding of Chiang Mai and the construction of the temple. Architecturally, one of the most striking features is the Chang Lom Pagoda, an elegant structure that blends Lanna and Sukhothai architectural styles. Its square base is surrounded by sixteen stucco elephants that appear to support the pagoda, symbolizing strength and stability, while the golden bell-shaped top gleams in the sunlight. Nearby stands the modern Wihan Luang, decorated with a magnificent golden mural illustrating the origins of Chiang Mai and the legacy of Phaya Mangrai. Adjacent to it is the older viharn, which houses the sacred Phra Setangkhamanee image. Together, these structures make Wat Chiang Man a living monument to the origins of the Lanna Kingdom and the enduring spiritual traditions of the city.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your cultural journey continues with a short drive beyond the ancient moat to Wat Lok Moli, another remarkable temple that reflects the artistic and religious heritage of the Lanna period. This temple dates back to the 14th century during the reign of King Kuena, a ruler well known for promoting Buddhism and supporting the arts. Historical records tell that in 1367 he invited a group of Burmese monks to Chiang Mai to help strengthen the teachings of Theravada Buddhism, transforming Wat Lok Moli into an important center of religious learning. Wat Lok Moli also served as a royal burial ground for several members of the Lanna royal family, including Queen Wisutthithewi. Remembered for her strength and leadership during challenging times, the queen worked to preserve the independence of the Lanna Kingdom

through diplomacy while encouraging artistic and cultural development. Her legacy is closely associated with the temple's great chedi, where the ashes of Lanna royalty are believed to rest. One of the temple's most striking features is its impressive brick chedi, constructed in 1527. Rising approximately twenty-five meters high, the chedi stands on an octagonal base that contains niches housing Buddha images. Its exposed brick surface gives the structure a distinctive rustic beauty, while the staircases are flanked by intricately carved naga serpents symbolizing protection and spiritual wisdom. The temple's viharn, commissioned by King Ket in 1545, contains a large seated Buddha image and showcases elaborate wooden carvings and decorative motifs typical of Lanna craftsmanship. The ubosot, constructed later in 1801, houses smaller Buddha images and continues to serve as a sacred ordination hall. Together, these buildings create a temple complex that stands as a vivid reminder of the cultural achievements of the Lanna Kingdom.

As the afternoon gradually gives way to evening, your journey concludes with a visit to the magnificent Wat Chedi Luang, one of the most iconic landmarks in the old city. At the center of the temple grounds stands the towering Chedi Luang, a monumental structure that once ranked among the tallest buildings in the ancient Lanna Kingdom. Built during the 14th century under the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the chedi originally reached an impressive height before suffering damage from a powerful earthquake centuries ago. Although the upper portion remains incomplete today, the massive structure still commands admiration and serves as a powerful symbol of the resilience and architectural brilliance of the Lanna era. As you wander through the temple grounds in the gentle light of dusk, it is easy to imagine the vibrant monastic life that once flourished here. Assembly halls, prayer chambers, and smaller shrines are scattered throughout the complex, each adorned with intricate carvings and decorative elements that reflect centuries of devotion and artistry. The peaceful atmosphere invites quiet reflection, making it a perfect place to conclude a day rich in cultural discovery. As night settles over Chiang Mai, return to your hotel and enjoy another relaxing evening in this charming northern city. Reflect on the day's experiences—from the serene cruise along the Ping River to the remarkable temples that reveal the spiritual and historical heart of Chiang Mai. The memories of tranquil riverside life, magnificent Lanna architecture, and centuries-old traditions will accompany you as you rest, preparing for the adventures that await in the days ahead.

DAY 03 Chiang Mai - Mae Hong Son: Doi Inthanon National Park / Grand Pagodas / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon / Wachiratharn Waterfall (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

After enjoying the cultural and historical discoveries of Chiang Mai on the previous day, your journey continues with an inspiring excursion into the natural splendor of Northern Thailand. Depart from the city in the refreshing morning air and travel south toward the magnificent Doi Inthanon National Park, a vast sanctuary of mountains, forests, waterfalls, and cultural treasures. Often referred to as the "Roof of Thailand," this remarkable national park offers an unforgettable blend of scenic beauty and highland traditions. Your first stop brings you to the fascinating Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a vibrant research center dedicated to the cultivation

of winter crops and sustainable agriculture in the highlands. As you explore the station's beautifully maintained grounds, you will encounter colorful flower gardens bursting with seasonal blooms, neatly arranged vegetable plots, and a variety of fruits thriving in the cool mountain climate. Beyond its visual charm, the station plays an essential role in agricultural research, studying flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and even highland fisheries. The knowledge gained here is shared with surrounding communities to promote sustainable farming, social development, and the conservation of forest watersheds. Through these efforts, the project has become an important source of support for hill tribe families living in nearby villages, helping them generate income while preserving the natural environment that sustains their livelihoods.

Continuing deeper into the national park, your journey leads to one of the region's most impressive natural landmarks, the magnificent Wachirathan Waterfall. This powerful waterfall stands as one of the most beautiful cascades in Thailand, flowing gracefully throughout the year. Plunging from a dramatic height of approximately seventy meters, the single-tiered cascade creates a spectacular curtain of water that thunders into the basin below. During the rainy season, the waterfall becomes even more enchanting, as sunlight catches the mist rising from the crashing water, creating delicate rainbows that shimmer in the surrounding air. This magical display adds a sense of wonder to the already breathtaking scenery, making Wachirathan Waterfall a favorite destination for nature lovers, photographers, and adventurers alike. As you pause to admire the scenery, the cool mountain breeze and the soothing sound of rushing water create a moment of pure tranquility amid the forested landscape.

Lunch at the restaurant.

From this refreshing natural setting, your journey continues upward along winding mountain roads toward one of the park's most iconic landmarks—the majestic Twin Royal Pagodas. Perched gracefully on a high ridge within the national park, Phra Mahathat Napamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri stand as elegant tributes to the Thai monarchy. The first pagoda, Phra Mahathat Napamethanidol, was constructed to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) during the celebration of His Majesty's fifth-cycle birthday in 1987. Nearby, the second pagoda, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri, was later built in 1992 to commemorate the fifth-cycle birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. Both pagodas are surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens filled with colorful winter flowers and an impressive variety of ornamental plants that flourish in the cool mountain climate. Throughout the year, the crisp highland air provides a refreshing contrast to the warmer lowlands below, while panoramic views from this elevated vantage point reveal sweeping vistas of forest-covered mountains stretching across the horizon. Many visitors regard this location as offering some of the most breathtaking scenery in the entire Chiang Mai region.

Your adventure then continues to the summit of Doi Inthanon itself, the highest peak in Thailand, rising majestically to an altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. This towering mountain forms part of the extensive Thanon Thongchai Range, a vast chain of mountains that extends across several countries, including Myanmar, Bhutan, and Nepal. Because of its varied elevations, Doi Inthanon hosts an extraordinary range of ecosystems, from lush tropical rainforests at lower levels to cool pine forests and mixed montane forests higher up the slopes. At the summit,

visitors are greeted by cool mountain air and peaceful forest surroundings, along with scenic viewpoints that offer glimpses of the rolling mountain landscape. The unique climate and remarkable biodiversity of Doi Inthanon make it one of Thailand's most treasured natural destinations, attracting travelers, hikers, and nature enthusiasts from around the world. As the day gradually draws to a close, your journey continues westward through the mountains toward the tranquil province of Mae Hong Son Province. Known for its misty valleys, remote hill tribe communities, and serene atmosphere, Mae Hong Son offers a charming contrast to the vibrant energy of Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and enjoy a well-deserved rest after a day filled with scenic exploration. Surrounded by the peaceful ambiance of this enchanting region, you can relax and reflect on the day's remarkable experiences while preparing for the new adventures that await in the coming days of your journey.

DAY 04 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pae 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.

Continuing your journey through the serene landscapes of Northern Thailand, today invites you to discover the spiritual heritage and breathtaking scenery of the tranquil province of Mae Hong Son. Surrounded by misty mountains and peaceful valleys, this charming town reveals a slower rhythm of life, where nature and culture blend harmoniously. Begin your exploration with a visit to the revered hilltop sanctuary of Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu, perched gracefully atop Kong Mu Mountain and overlooking the town below. This sacred temple complex is distinguished by two elegant white pagodas that have watched over Mae Hong Son for more than a century. The first pagoda was constructed in 1860 by Chong Thong Su, a devout Shan merchant whose faith inspired the building of this revered shrine. The second pagoda was later added in 1874 by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first governor of Mae Hong Son. From this elevated vantage point, visitors are rewarded with sweeping panoramic views of the town nestled among lush green mountains and quiet valleys. The peaceful atmosphere, gentle mountain breezes, and distant temple bells create a deeply spiritual ambiance that perfectly introduces the cultural character of Mae Hong Son. Descending from the hilltop, your temple exploration continues in the heart of town with a visit to two historic temples that stand gracefully side by side beside a tranquil lake: Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang. These beautiful temples reflect the strong cultural influence of the Shan and Burmese communities that have shaped the region's heritage. Their distinctive Burmese-style architecture is evident in the graceful multi-tiered roofs, intricate carvings, and richly decorated interiors. Within the temples, visitors can admire the revered Buddha image known locally as Luang Paw To. Inside Wat Chong Klang, a remarkable collection of delicate Burmese wooden dolls and large glass paintings vividly illustrates scenes from Buddhist history, offering both artistic beauty and insight into centuries of regional devotion.

Leaving the temple grounds behind, your journey continues through the peaceful countryside of Mae Hong Son Province toward one of the region's most iconic landmarks, the extraordinary Su Tong Pae Bridge. This remarkable structure is

celebrated as the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand, gracefully stretching across wide rice fields and narrow irrigation canals that weave through the valley. Constructed almost entirely from natural bamboo, the bridge reflects the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the local community, harmonizing beautifully with the surrounding rural landscape. The bridge connects the serene Suan Tham Phusama Temple with the quiet farming settlement of Kung Mai Sak Village. As you walk along the gently swaying bamboo pathway, the experience feels both peaceful and immersive. On either side, expansive views of emerald-green rice paddies stretch toward distant hills, while the calm rural scenery reveals the simple rhythms of life in northern Thailand. Farmers tending their fields, water buffalo grazing in the distance, and monks quietly crossing the bridge at dawn all contribute to the timeless atmosphere of the area. The bridge serves not only as a scenic walkway for visitors but also as an important daily route for monks and villagers traveling between the temple and their homes. Throughout the year, the surrounding scenery changes with the seasons. During the rainy season, the rice fields transform into a vibrant sea of lush green, while in the cooler months the ripened rice glows golden beneath the sunlight, creating an equally enchanting panorama that photographers and travelers alike find unforgettable.

Your adventure then continues toward the misty mountains near the border of Thailand and Myanmar, where the picturesque village of Ban Rak Thai awaits. Tucked into a scenic mountain valley, this unique settlement was established by former Chinese Nationalist soldiers who migrated to the region decades ago, bringing with them the traditions, architecture, and culinary heritage of Yunnan culture. Over time, their descendants have preserved many of these customs, giving the village a distinct cultural character unlike anywhere else in northern Thailand. Nestled beside the tranquil waters of Rak Thai Lake and surrounded by rolling mountain slopes, the village presents a charming blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Traditional clay houses, Chinese-style lanterns, and tea shops line the quiet lanes, creating an atmosphere that feels both nostalgic and serene. Stroll through the surrounding tea plantations, where rows of carefully tended tea bushes curve elegantly along the hillsides, forming graceful patterns that follow the contours of the landscape. The cool mountain air, combined with sweeping views of mist-covered hills, makes the area especially inviting for visitors seeking tranquility and scenic beauty. While exploring Ban Rak Thai, you will also have the opportunity to savor authentic Yunnan cuisine, a delightful culinary experience that reflects the village's cultural roots. Dishes such as stewed pork with herbs, handmade noodles, and steamed buns are often prepared using traditional recipes passed down through generations. To complete the experience, enjoy a cup of fragrant Chinese tea—locally grown, carefully harvested, and expertly brewed—while gazing across the peaceful lake. It is the perfect way to pause, relax, and fully appreciate the tranquil charm of this remarkable mountain village.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to another serene retreat hidden among the forested hills: Ban Ruam Thai, also widely known as Pang Ung. This peaceful Shan village lies within a beautiful valley surrounded by steep mountains and dense pine forests. At the center of the valley rests a tranquil reservoir whose mirror-like waters reflect the tall pine trees and colorful seasonal flowers that decorate the landscape. Throughout the year, different varieties of winter flowers bloom around the lake, creating a

constantly changing tapestry of color that enhances the village's natural charm. The cool mountain climate makes Pang Ung a refreshing retreat in every season. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely walk along the edge of the reservoir, where soft morning mist often drifts across the water, creating a magical and dreamlike atmosphere. The towering pine forests cast gentle shadows across the calm lake, producing a captivating interplay of light and shade that adds to the serene beauty of the area. Beyond the scenery, Ban Ruam Thai offers meaningful opportunities to connect with the local Shan community. Meeting the villagers provides insight into their traditional lifestyle, culture, and warm hospitality. The combination of scenic tranquility, colorful flowers, majestic pine forests, and rich cultural heritage makes this village a truly memorable destination. As the day gradually draws to a close, return to the peaceful town of Mae Hong Son for another comfortable overnight stay. Reflect on the day's experiences—from sacred temples and cultural landmarks to mountain villages and breathtaking landscapes. Whether it is the spiritual charm, the rich traditions, or the natural beauty of the region, the memories of Mae Hong Son will continue to enrich your journey as your adventure through Northern Thailand unfolds.

DAY 05 Mae Hong Son – Pai: Ban Luk Khao Lam Viewpoint / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo 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.

Leaving Mae Hong Son behind, we set off towards Pang Mapha District along Highway No. 1095, a steep and winding mountain road that reveals spectacular scenery on both sides. This route is renowned for its dramatic landscapes, making the journey itself an unforgettable part of the adventure. Along the way, make a stop at the Ban Luk Khao Lam viewpoint, a favorite among travelers seeking breathtaking mountain vistas. From this scenic spot, you will be surrounded by panoramic views of mountain ranges that unfold in graceful, undulating layers as far as the eye can see. During the rainy and winter seasons, the atmosphere becomes particularly enchanting as soft blankets of mist drift through the valleys below. The contrast between the floating white fog and the lush green forests creates a mesmerizing scene that highlights the natural beauty of the landscape. Beyond the spectacular views, visitors also have the opportunity to experience a simple roadside market operated by members of the Lahu hill tribe. This small yet charming market offers a chance to explore and purchase unique local products while gaining a glimpse into the daily life of the local community. The Lahu people are especially known for their beautiful hand-woven textiles, each piece displaying intricate patterns and vibrant colors that reflect their rich cultural heritage. These traditional fabrics make wonderful souvenirs and serve as a testament to the artisans' remarkable craftsmanship. In addition, the market often features a variety of locally grown agricultural products, allowing visitors to sample fresh fruits and vegetables cultivated in the surrounding highlands. A stop at this viewpoint therefore offers more than just scenic beauty—it also provides a meaningful cultural encounter, combining the natural splendor of Northern Thailand with the traditions and livelihoods of its hill tribe communities.

Continuing along the winding road, your journey leads to the peaceful mountain settlement of Ban Ja Bo Village. Perched on a high ridge overlooking sweeping mountain vistas, this serene village is home to members of the Lahu hill tribe. The Lahu people trace their origins to the highlands of Tibet before migrating over centuries through southern China and northeastern Myanmar, eventually settling in the mountainous regions of Northern Thailand. Life in Ban Ja Bo reflects a simple yet harmonious relationship with nature. Traditionally, the Lahu prefer to build their villages on elevated land, surrounded by forests and distant from busy urban centers. Agriculture forms the foundation of their livelihood, with rice cultivation, corn farming, livestock raising, and traditional hunting practices sustaining the community. Upon arrival, visitors are often greeted with warm smiles from villagers known for their hospitality and openness to people from diverse cultures. Walking through the village provides an opportunity to observe daily life and learn about the customs, beliefs, and traditions that continue to shape Lahu culture today.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey then ventures deeper into the mountains to one of the most remarkable natural attractions in the region: Tham Lod Cave. This extraordinary cave system is both a geological marvel and an important archaeological site. What makes the cave particularly unique is the presence of the Lang Stream, which flows continuously through the cavern from one end to the other, creating a fascinating underground waterway. Inside the cave, visitors are greeted by spectacular formations of stalactites and stalagmites that have developed over thousands of years. These intricate limestone structures create a dramatic natural gallery that captivates everyone who enters. Yet Tham Lod Cave holds more than just natural beauty—it also reveals traces of ancient human history. Archaeological discoveries within the cave have uncovered tools, pottery, and utensils estimated to be more than two thousand years old, offering a rare glimpse into the lives of prehistoric communities who once sheltered here. Exploring the cave becomes an unforgettable adventure as visitors travel through its vast chambers on traditional bamboo rafts, gently floating along the stream while guided by local experts carrying lanterns. The soft echo of dripping water and the quiet flow of the river create a mysterious and peaceful atmosphere within the cavern. For those who enjoy outdoor exploration, the surrounding area also offers short trekking opportunities through forested landscapes that are ideal for nature lovers and photographers alike. Tham Lod Cave beautifully combines natural wonder with historical discovery, making it one of the most fascinating destinations in Mae Hong Son Province.

Leaving the cave behind, your scenic journey continues toward the charming town of Pai. Before reaching the town, make a memorable stop at the picturesque Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a peaceful vantage point overlooking endless mountain ridges. This location offers spectacular views that change dramatically throughout the day and across the seasons. In the early morning hours, visitors can witness a magical sunrise as the first rays of light illuminate the horizon and slowly reveal a sea of mist drifting through the valleys below. As the morning progresses, the fog gradually lifts to unveil layers of mountain ranges stretching far into the distance. By late afternoon, the scenery transforms once again as the setting sun casts warm golden tones across the clouds and distant hills, creating a breathtaking natural spectacle. Adding to its charm, the viewpoint is decorated with colorful flowers that bloom throughout the year, enhancing the already picturesque setting.

As evening approaches, arrive in the lively mountain town of Pai, known for its relaxed atmosphere and vibrant cultural scene. A perfect way to end the day is by exploring the bustling Pai Walking Street. As the sun sets, the street transforms into a lively marketplace filled with stalls selling handmade crafts, clothing, jewelry, baskets, and unique souvenirs created by local artisans. The market is also a paradise for food lovers, with a wide variety of Thai and international dishes available from numerous small restaurants and street food vendors. Open from early evening until midnight, Pai Walking Street offers a wonderful opportunity to experience the town's lively spirit while relaxing after a day of mountain exploration. Conclude your day with a comfortable overnight stay in Pai, reflecting on the extraordinary landscapes and rich cultural encounters that have shaped your journey through Mae Hong Son Province. From mist-covered mountains and traditional hill tribe villages to ancient caves and scenic viewpoints, the memories of this remarkable day will remain a highlight of your adventure through Northern Thailand.

DAY 06 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.

Embark on a captivating journey through the charming town of Pai, where cultural heritage, scenic viewpoints, historical landmarks, and natural wonders unfold gracefully throughout the day. As this multi-day adventure continues, each destination seamlessly leads to the next, creating a harmonious travel experience filled with discovery and memorable landscapes. Your exploration begins at Santichon Village, a charming settlement founded by Yunnanese Chinese migrants who journeyed from southern China many decades ago. Despite the passage of time, the village has carefully preserved its distinctive cultural identity. Walking through the village feels like stepping into a small corner of Yunnan itself. Traditional clay houses with curved roofs, decorative red lanterns, tea houses, and rustic wooden stalls reflect the enduring traditions of the community. Visitors can observe elements of daily life that have remained unchanged for generations, offering a fascinating glimpse into Yunnan Chinese heritage, customs, and cuisine. The calm atmosphere and unique architectural style create a memorable introduction to Pai's cultural diversity. Just a short distance away lies the renowned Yun Lai Viewpoint, one of the most beloved scenic viewpoints in the region. Perched on a gentle hill overlooking the Pai valley, this breathtaking vantage point offers sweeping panoramic views of the town nestled among emerald rice fields and rolling mountain ranges. In the early morning, especially during the cool season and the rainy months, a soft sea of mist often blankets the valley below, creating an ethereal landscape that feels almost dreamlike. Watching the sunrise here is a truly magical experience. As the first golden rays slowly illuminate the mountains and the mist begins to drift across the fields, the entire valley awakens in a serene and unforgettable display of natural beauty.

Continuing the journey, you will visit the peaceful hilltop sanctuary of Wat Phra That Mae Yen, a revered temple located in Mae Yen village. Set high above the valley, this sacred site offers both spiritual tranquility and magnificent scenery. The

climb to the temple's summit is rewarded with sweeping panoramic views of Pai town and the surrounding mountains. From this elevated vantage point, the lush greenery of the valley stretches endlessly toward the horizon, creating an atmosphere of calm and contemplation. The temple is especially enchanting during the quiet hours of sunrise and sunset. At dawn, the gentle morning light gradually bathes the mountains in warm golden tones, producing a peaceful and almost meditative scene. As evening approaches, the sky transforms into layers of glowing orange, soft pink, and deep purple, offering visitors a perfect moment to pause and appreciate the beauty of nature. The temple itself is a striking example of traditional Thai architecture, decorated with intricate carvings and elegant design elements. Its most iconic feature is the large white Buddha statue that sits serenely overlooking the valley below, symbolizing peace, compassion, and spiritual protection for the entire region.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Leaving the tranquil temple behind, the journey continues to an important historical landmark, the Pai Memorial Bridge. This historic bridge stands as a silent reminder of the events of the World War II, a time when Japanese forces constructed transportation routes through northern Thailand. Built during the war, the original bridge served as a crucial passage for military supplies and troops traveling between Thailand and Myanmar, playing a strategic role similar to the famous bridge over the River Kwai. Today, a newer concrete bridge has replaced the old structure for modern transportation, but the original iron bridge remains standing beside it as a preserved historical monument. With its rusted steel beams and weathered wooden planks, the old bridge carries a powerful sense of history. Visitors often walk along the structure, pausing to take photographs and reflect on the stories it represents. The contrast between the old wartime bridge and the modern one beside it beautifully illustrates the passage of time and the transformation of the region.

From this historic site, the adventure moves onward to one of Pai's most remarkable natural landscapes, the dramatic Pai Canyon, locally known as Kong Lan. This striking geological formation was created over centuries by the natural erosion of soil on the mountain ridges. The result is a network of deep gullies, narrow ridgelines, and winding pathways that form a breathtaking canyon landscape spread across several acres. The reddish-brown ridges rise sharply above the surrounding forest, creating dramatic viewpoints in every direction. Adventurous travelers can walk carefully along the narrow trails that wind across the canyon's crest, where each step reveals a new panoramic view of the valley below. From the highest ridges, visitors can see small villages, farmland, and forests nestled peacefully among the surrounding mountains. The surrounding mixed deciduous forest adds vibrant shades of green, providing a beautiful contrast to the earthy tones of the canyon's soil. As the sun lowers in the sky, the canyon glows warmly in the fading light, making it one of the most photogenic landscapes in Pai.

To conclude the day's exploration, the journey leads to another symbol of local culture and community: the serene Khokuso Bamboo Bridge, also known as the Merit Bridge. This elegant bamboo walkway stretches gracefully across peaceful rice fields, framed by lush forests and gentle mountain slopes in the distance. Built entirely by local villagers through collective faith and cooperation, the bridge connects Pambok village with Huai Khai Khiri Temple. The bridge plays an

important role in the daily life of the community. Each morning, monks from the temple walk along the bamboo path to receive alms from villagers, allowing them to maintain this important spiritual tradition without disturbing the farmers working in the surrounding fields. Constructed from simple bamboo materials yet carefully reinforced for strength, the bridge reflects the strong sense of unity and devotion among the local people. Walking slowly along the bamboo bridge offers visitors a peaceful and immersive experience. The gentle sway of the bamboo beneath your feet, the soft rustling of leaves in the breeze, and the sweeping views of green rice fields create a calming atmosphere that perfectly captures the spirit of rural Pai. It is a wonderful place to pause, take photographs, and absorb the quiet beauty of the landscape. After a day filled with cultural discoveries, historical reflections, and breathtaking natural scenery, return to Pai for another relaxing evening. As night falls over the peaceful valley, you can reflect on the remarkable experiences of the day while anticipating the next chapter of this unforgettable journey through the enchanting landscapes of Mae Hong Son Province.

DAY 07 Pai – Ban Tha Ton: Pong Dued Hot Spring / Mork Fah Waterfall / Wat Ban Den Temple / Hinoki Land / Ban Tha Ton (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Continuing the journey through the scenic landscapes of northern Thailand, the road now leads from the peaceful valley of Pai toward the lush mountains of Mae Taeng District. This leg of the adventure reveals a rich combination of natural wonders, serene waterfalls, cultural landmarks, and unique architectural attractions. As the winding mountain road gradually descends from Pai, each stop along the way unfolds another memorable experience, making the journey itself as rewarding as the destinations that await. Your first stop is the fascinating Pong Dueat Hot Springs, a remarkable geothermal site hidden within a dense tropical forest. Often described as a geyser-like hot spring, Pong Dueat regularly releases powerful bursts of steam from deep underground, creating a dramatic natural spectacle. Beneath the surface, the geothermal water reaches temperatures of approximately 170–200 degrees Celsius, while the water visible at the surface ranges between 90–100 degrees Celsius. The mineral-rich water releases a distinct sulfur aroma, reminding visitors of the immense natural energy bubbling beneath the earth. Surrounding the hot springs is a lush jungle ecosystem that forms part of the protected area of Huai Nam Dang National Park. A well-maintained nature study trail of approximately 1.5 kilometers invites visitors to explore the surrounding forest. This circular route winds gently through towering tropical trees, thick ferns, and moss-covered trunks that thrive in the humid environment created by the geothermal activity. The path crosses a long wooden bridge and offers numerous viewpoints of the steaming hot spring basin below. Informative signboards placed along the trail introduce visitors to the geological origins of the hot springs as well as the diverse plant species found in this unique forest environment, making the walk both scenic and educational.

After experiencing the fascinating geothermal landscape, the journey continues toward another natural gem, the beautiful Mok Fa Waterfall. Nestled within the lush forest of Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, this tranquil waterfall is admired for its peaceful atmosphere and year-round flow of clear mountain water. Although smaller than some of the region's larger waterfalls, Mok Fa possesses a quiet charm that

captivates visitors immediately upon arrival. Hidden within dense jungle vegetation, streams originating deep within the forest converge to form two cascading branches that plunge gracefully over dark rocky cliffs into a natural pool below. The surrounding forest is a verdant sanctuary filled with tall trees draped in moss and vines, while ferns and lush undergrowth flourish in the cool, moist environment. When sunlight filters gently through the thick canopy above, the rays illuminate the falling water and sometimes create shimmering rainbows in the mist, adding a magical touch to the scenery. Each season reveals a slightly different character of Mok Fa Waterfall. During the cooler months, the fresh mountain air enhances the calm and refreshing ambiance of the forest. In the rainy season, the waterfall becomes more powerful and dramatic, with a stronger flow of water that transforms the gentle cascade into a vibrant display of nature's energy. Regardless of the time of year, the peaceful surroundings make this waterfall a delightful stop along the journey.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Leaving the forest behind, the route continues toward one of the most impressive temples in northern Thailand, the magnificent Wat Ban Den, also widely known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen. Situated in Inthakin Sub-District, this temple complex is both historically significant and visually striking, attracting visitors with its remarkable Lanna-style architecture and spiritual atmosphere. The temple stands on a hillside that once formed part of the ancient city of Muang Kaen, allowing it to overlook the surrounding countryside. The name "Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen" is derived from the sacred Sari tree, a type of Bodhi tree believed to have grown within the temple grounds for generations. As visitors enter the complex, they are greeted by a stunning display of traditional northern Thai craftsmanship. The ornate ubosot is decorated with intricate carvings and vibrant colors, while other impressive structures include the Tripitaka Hall, the elegant drum tower, the sanctuary of the Inthakin city pillar, and beautifully crafted Lanna-style teak buildings finished with golden details. One of the most striking features of the temple is its towering pagoda, which rises gracefully above the complex and enhances the temple's spiritual grandeur. The harmonious layout of the buildings, combined with the peaceful mountain surroundings, creates a serene environment ideal for reflection and cultural appreciation.

For a refreshing change of atmosphere, the journey continues to the unique cultural attraction of Hinoki Land. This distinctive destination blends Japanese art, architecture, and cultural aesthetics with the scenic landscape of northern Thailand. Covering an expansive area of more than 83 rai (approximately 33 acres), Hinoki Land is recognized as Thailand's first and only hinoki wood kingdom, designed to immerse visitors in an authentic Japanese-inspired environment. Upon entering the park, visitors pass beneath a large red lantern arch that symbolizes prosperity and good fortune. From there, a dramatic pathway lined with 88 pairs of bright red torii gates leads deeper into the attraction. This striking corridor gradually guides guests toward the highlight of the park: the magnificent Hinoki Castle. Inspired by the famous Kinkaku-ji, also known as the Golden Pavilion of Kyoto, the castle reflects the elegance and precision of traditional Japanese architectural design. Constructed primarily from hinoki wood, the structure showcases remarkable craftsmanship and attention to detail. Surrounded by rolling hills and forested mountains, Hinoki Land offers a peaceful and picturesque setting where visitors can stroll through gardens,

admire traditional structures, and experience a touch of Japanese culture in the heart of northern Thailand.

As the day's journey gradually draws toward evening, the final destination awaits in the charming border community of Ban Tha Ton. Located near the border with Myanmar, this peaceful village is embraced by scenic mountains and the gentle flow of the Kok River. The area enjoys a pleasantly cool climate throughout the year, making it an inviting retreat surrounded by natural beauty. Ban Tha Ton is also known for its rich cultural diversity, as several hill tribe communities live in the surrounding mountains. Visitors often have the opportunity to observe and appreciate the traditions, crafts, and lifestyles of these ethnic groups, adding a meaningful cultural dimension to the journey. Overlooking the village from a hillside is the impressive Wat Tha Ton. This remarkable temple complex is built on a nine-tiered hillside, with each level containing shrines, statues, and sacred structures that gradually lead upward to the summit. At the highest level stands the revered "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan," also known as Phra Chedi Kaew, an elegant chedi that crowns the temple complex. From each terrace of the temple, visitors are rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of Ban Tha Ton Village, the surrounding valleys of Mae Ai District, and the distant mountain ranges that stretch toward the horizon. As the sun slowly sets behind the hills, the landscape is bathed in soft golden light, creating a peaceful and memorable end to the day. After a full day of exploration filled with natural beauty, cultural discoveries, and architectural wonders, settle in for a relaxing evening in Ban Tha Ton. Here, surrounded by mountains, rivers, and the gentle rhythm of village life, you can reflect on the remarkable experiences of the journey while preparing for the next chapter of this unforgettable northern Thailand adventure.

DAY 08 Ban Tha Ton - Chiang Rai: Roi Jai Rak Project / Akha hill tribe Village / Doi Mae Salong / Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Continuing the journey deeper into the northern highlands, the route now leads from the peaceful border landscapes toward the cultural richness of Chiang Rai Province. Along the way, travelers will encounter vibrant hill tribe communities, scenic mountain plantations, and remarkable temples that beautifully reflect the cultural diversity of the region. This day of exploration offers a fascinating blend of community life, agricultural traditions, and spiritual landmarks, making it another memorable chapter in this multi-day adventure. The journey begins in the tranquil mountain settlement of Ban Huai San, a village surrounded by rolling hills and cool mountain air. Here, visitors will discover the inspiring Roi Jai Rak Project, a meaningful initiative operated by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the royal patronage of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The primary objective of this project is to improve the quality of life for local hill tribe communities by creating sustainable employment opportunities and supporting income generation within the village. One of the highlights of the project is Suan Roi Jai Rak, a beautifully arranged garden plantation where visitors can admire colorful seasonal flowers alongside neatly cultivated beds of winter vegetables. The cool climate of the surrounding mountains allows a wide variety of plants to flourish here, creating a vibrant landscape that changes with the seasons. Walking through the gardens offers a pleasant opportunity

to observe the agricultural practices that support the local community while enjoying the peaceful mountain scenery. Nearby, visitors can explore Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, a lively local market where villagers proudly display their agricultural products and handmade goods. Stalls are filled with fresh vegetables, fruits, and flowers harvested directly from nearby farms, as well as a variety of carefully crafted handicrafts. These handmade items often reflect the cultural identity of the hill tribe communities, making them meaningful souvenirs for visitors while also helping to support the livelihoods of local families.

After experiencing the warmth of the local market, the journey continues with an introduction to the fascinating culture of the Akha people, one of the prominent hill tribe groups living throughout northern Thailand. The Akha originally migrated from southern regions of China many generations ago. Over time, their communities gradually moved southward through Myanmar before eventually establishing villages in the mountainous areas of northern Thailand during the past century. The Akha people traditionally prefer high-altitude environments, often settling at elevations of around 1,000 meters above sea level. Their villages are typically located along mountain ridges where the terrain provides suitable flat areas for building homes and cultivating crops. Most traditional Akha houses are built directly on the ground using natural materials such as bamboo walls and thatched roofs, blending harmoniously with the surrounding environment. Agriculture forms the foundation of the Akha economy, with families cultivating crops and raising livestock to sustain their communities. In addition to farming, household industries play an important role in daily life. Skilled craftsmanship can be seen in the intricate sewing, embroidery, and silverwork created within many homes. One of the most striking aspects of Akha culture is the traditional attire worn by women. Their colorful garments are richly decorated with silver ornaments, coins, and vibrant beads, creating elaborate costumes that reflect both artistic skill and cultural pride. These distinctive outfits are among the most recognizable and captivating tribal costumes in northern Thailand.

Lunch at the restaurant.

The journey continues to the scenic mountain region of Doi Mae Salong, an area renowned for its extensive tea plantations and strong cultural ties to the Yunnan Chinese community. Surrounded by cool mountain air and rolling hills, Doi Mae Salong is widely considered one of the most beautiful tea-growing regions in Thailand. Across the mountainsides, neatly arranged terraces of green tea bushes stretch gracefully along the slopes, creating an atmosphere of serenity and natural beauty. The peaceful scenery invites visitors to pause and admire the carefully cultivated landscape that has become the hallmark of this region. The village itself is home to a community of Yunnan Chinese descendants who migrated to Thailand several decades ago following major political changes in China. Many of these settlers arrived in northern Thailand around 1961, forming small communities scattered across the mountainous border regions. Later, in 1972, the Thai government formally allowed Chinese immigrants to settle permanently in the country. Over time, the residents of Doi Mae Salong developed a thriving agricultural economy centered on tea cultivation, as well as the production of fruits and vegetables suited to the cool mountain climate. Today, the village retains a distinctive atmosphere that strongly resembles a traditional Yunnanese settlement, with Chinese-style architecture, tea houses, and restaurants serving authentic Yunnan cuisine.

Leaving the tea-covered hills behind, the journey continues toward the vibrant city of Chiang Rai. Here, visitors will encounter one of the region's most impressive religious landmarks, the magnificent Wat Huay Pla Kang. Situated atop a small hill, the temple complex commands sweeping views of the surrounding countryside and stands out as a remarkable fusion of Chinese and Lanna artistic influences. One of the temple's most distinctive structures is its striking nine-storey chedi, designed with a unique twelve-sided form. The structure is richly decorated with intricate patterns and vibrant colors that blend elements of traditional Lanna architecture with Chinese artistic motifs. A dramatic staircase guarded by two large dragon sculptures leads visitors upward toward the chedi, while its red roof adds to the building's striking visual character. Inside the chedi, visitors will find an exquisite sandalwood statue of the revered Guanyin, the Bodhisattva of compassion. The temple complex is also home to an enormous statue of Guanyin that rises approximately 69 meters into the sky—nearly the height of a 25-storey building. This monumental white statue is visible from great distances and has become one of Chiang Rai's most recognizable landmarks. Visitors can enter the statue and take an elevator to the upper levels, where viewing platforms offer breathtaking panoramic views across Chiang Rai and the surrounding mountains. The peaceful setting and impressive scale of the temple create a powerful spiritual atmosphere that leaves a lasting impression on all who visit. As evening approaches, the day's journey comes to a gentle conclusion in Chiang Rai. After a day filled with cultural encounters, scenic mountain landscapes, and remarkable temples, travelers can relax and reflect on the rich experiences gathered along the way. Surrounded by the quiet charm of northern Thailand, the memories of hill tribe traditions, tea-covered mountains, and sacred architecture will linger long after the journey continues onward.

DAY 09 Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Continuing the journey through the northern highlands, the day unfolds with a fascinating blend of royal heritage, cross-border culture, and legendary landscapes. From serene mountain gardens to vibrant border towns and historic riverfronts, this stage of the adventure reveals some of northern Thailand's most iconic destinations. Your exploration begins in the cool mountain region of Mae Fah Luang District, an area renowned for its transformation from remote highlands into a thriving center of culture, conservation, and sustainable development. Here, the magnificent Doi Tung Royal Villa and the beautiful Mae Fah Luang Garden await visitors amid refreshing mountain air. Perched gracefully on the slopes of Doi Tung at an elevation of about 1,200 meters above sea level, Doi Tung Royal Villa stands as a symbol of vision, compassion, and cultural harmony. Built in 1987 as the residence of Princess Srinagarindra—the beloved Princess Mother—the villa features a distinctive architectural blend of a Swiss chalet and traditional Lanna craftsmanship. Its wooden balconies, sloping roofs, and wide windows reflect European alpine influences, while intricate carvings by northern Thai artisans decorate the gables, eaves, and window frames, showcasing the rich heritage of the Lanna region. Beyond its architectural beauty, the villa also represents the Princess Mother's dedication to sustainable

development. Through the visionary Doi Tung Development Project, once-deforested mountains—previously affected by opium cultivation—were transformed into thriving forests and productive agricultural communities. The project introduced alternative livelihoods, education, and environmental conservation, greatly improving the quality of life for local hill tribe communities. Adjacent to the villa lies the enchanting Mae Fah Luang Garden, a botanical sanctuary reflecting the Princess Mother’s love of nature and horticulture. Designed with winding pathways and beautifully arranged flowerbeds, the garden offers a peaceful retreat where visitors can stroll among vibrant blossoms and tranquil landscapes. Throughout the year, seasonal blooms and colorful foliage create ever-changing displays, making the garden both visually delightful and a celebration of harmony between nature, culture, and sustainable living.

Leaving the peaceful mountain gardens behind, the journey continues northward to the lively border district of Mae Sai District, the northernmost point of Thailand. This bustling town sits directly across the border from Tachileik, with the two communities separated by the gentle flow of the Mae Sai River and connected by a bridge that symbolizes the close relationship between the neighboring countries. From the Thai riverbank, visitors can easily observe the lively scenes unfolding across the border, where markets, shops, and daily life continue on the Myanmar side. One of the most popular attractions in this district is the vibrant Mae Sai Market. This energetic border market is a paradise for shoppers and explorers alike, offering an astonishing variety of goods at affordable prices. Stalls overflow with electrical appliances, clothing, woven baskets, medicinal herbs, decorative crafts, and locally produced snacks. Visitors can also discover unique souvenirs created by hill tribe communities, including handwoven textiles and intricate handicrafts that reflect the diverse cultures of northern Thailand. The lively atmosphere, colorful displays, and friendly vendors create a memorable shopping experience that captures the dynamic spirit of the border region.

Lunch at the restaurant.

From the bustling border town, the adventure continues eastward to one of Southeast Asia’s most historically intriguing locations—the legendary Golden Triangle at Sop Ruak. Here, the mighty Mekong River meets the smaller Ruak River, creating the dramatic meeting point of three nations: Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar. From the riverside viewpoint, visitors can clearly see the territories of all three countries, making this location one of the most fascinating geographic intersections in the region. In the past, this mountainous borderland was famously known as the center of global opium production. The term “Golden Triangle” emerged from the immense wealth generated by the trade of raw opium, often referred to as “black gold.” Today, however, the region has transformed dramatically. Opium cultivation has disappeared, replaced by tourism, agriculture, and cultural preservation, while the area’s mysterious past continues to attract visitors interested in its legendary history. One of the most striking landmarks here is the majestic Golden Triangle Buddha. This impressive statue is crafted from bronze and gilded with golden tones, weighing approximately 69 tons. With a lap width of around 10 meters and a height of nearly 15 meters, the Buddha sits serenely overlooking the Mekong River. The statue was erected to replace an earlier Buddha image that had once been submerged beneath the waters of the river. Today it stands proudly along the riverbank, symbolizing peace, spiritual reflection, and the transformation of the region.

To fully appreciate the grandeur of this historic landscape, visitors can embark on a peaceful cruise along the mighty Mekong River. Originating in the highlands of the Tibetan Plateau, the Mekong flows thousands of kilometers through China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam before eventually reaching the South China Sea. For centuries, this great river has served as a lifeline for the millions of people who live along its banks. As the boat glides gently across the calm waters, travelers can admire sweeping views of forested hills, small riverside villages, and the everyday life of the communities that depend on the river. Fishermen casting their nets, children playing near the shoreline, and traditional wooden boats navigating the current offer glimpses into the rhythm of life along this ancient waterway. The peaceful cruise not only provides relaxation but also deepens one's understanding of the interconnected cultures that share the Mekong basin.

As evening approaches, the journey returns to the vibrant city of Chiang Rai, where the lively Chiang Rai Night Bazaar awaits. As the sun sets, this colorful market transforms into one of the city's most energetic gathering places for both locals and travelers. Rows of stalls offer a wide selection of goods, including hill tribe handicrafts, handmade textiles, traditional clothing, jewelry, and decorative home items. Visitors can browse leisurely through the market while sampling a variety of delicious foods, from authentic northern Thai dishes to international snacks and desserts. The night bazaar is also a cultural stage where traditional performances, folk music, and hill tribe dances are often presented, celebrating the artistic heritage of the region. The warm glow of lanterns, the scent of freshly prepared food, and the vibrant atmosphere create a delightful ending to the day's exploration. After a day rich with royal history, border culture, legendary landscapes, and lively markets, travelers can relax for another comfortable evening in Chiang Rai—reflecting on the remarkable discoveries that continue to unfold throughout this unforgettable northern Thailand journey.

DAY 10 Chiang Rai - Pua: Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Kwan Phayao Lake (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Continuing the journey through the cultural heart of northern Thailand, the route now leads from the vibrant city of Chiang Rai toward the peaceful mountain landscapes of Pua District. This scenic drive unfolds as a captivating blend of artistic temples, expansive agricultural landscapes, and tranquil lakeside views. Along the way, each destination naturally leads to the next, creating a seamless travel experience filled with inspiration, beauty, and cultural discovery. Begin the day with a visit to the striking Wat Rong Suea Ten, widely known as the Blue Temple. This remarkable temple stands as one of the most visually captivating religious sites in Chiang Rai. Designed by the talented local artist Puttha Kabkaew, a disciple of the renowned Thai master Chalermchai Kositpipat, the temple reflects a distinctive fusion of modern artistic creativity and traditional Buddhist symbolism. The temple's vibrant blue exterior, accented with shimmering gold details, immediately captures the attention of visitors. The rich blue tones symbolize wisdom and the infinite nature of the universe, while the golden decorations highlight sacred elements within the structure. As you step inside the vihara, you will discover a stunning interior filled

with elaborate murals, sculptural details, and decorative motifs that blend traditional religious imagery with contemporary artistic expression. At the heart of the hall sits the revered statue of Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, radiating a sense of calm and spiritual presence. Visitors often pause here in quiet reflection, appreciating the serene atmosphere and the intricate artistry that surrounds them.

After experiencing the spiritual beauty of the Blue Temple, the journey continues toward the peaceful countryside surrounding Chiang Rai, where the vast agricultural landscape of Singha Park awaits. Covering more than 3,000 acres of rolling farmland, this expansive agricultural estate offers visitors an immersive experience in nature, farming, and outdoor recreation. At Singha Park, travelers can embark on a relaxing farm car tour that winds through sweeping hills covered with lush green oolong tea plantations. The neatly arranged rows of tea bushes stretch across the slopes like soft green waves, creating one of the most picturesque landscapes in the region. In addition to tea cultivation, the farm is home to numerous orchards where seasonal fruits flourish, including melons, strawberries, giant gooseberries, and other tropical varieties. Beyond the orchards, visitors will encounter vibrant flower gardens that burst with color throughout the year. Herb gardens release gentle fragrances into the air, while open pastures allow guests to observe friendly farm animals grazing peacefully in the fields. The overall atmosphere is tranquil and refreshing, offering a perfect opportunity to relax, breathe in the fresh mountain air, and appreciate the beauty of rural northern Thailand.

Continuing the artistic journey, the route next leads to one of Thailand's most famous and visually extraordinary temples: Wat Rong Khun, widely known as the White Temple. This world-renowned landmark was conceived and designed by celebrated Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, who envisioned the temple as a unique expression of Buddhist philosophy through modern artistic interpretation. The temple's dazzling white exterior immediately sets it apart from traditional temples. Covered in intricate stucco patterns and embedded with countless fragments of mirrored glass, the structure sparkles brilliantly in the sunlight, creating an almost otherworldly appearance. The color white symbolizes the purity of the Buddha, while the reflective mirrors represent wisdom shining across the world. Visitors enter the temple by crossing a symbolic bridge that spans a dramatic sculptural scene representing the cycle of suffering and rebirth. The carefully crafted figures beneath the bridge serve as powerful reminders of human desires and attachments, encouraging reflection on the spiritual journey toward enlightenment. Inside the temple, vibrant murals blend traditional Buddhist teachings with modern cultural imagery, creating a fascinating dialogue between ancient beliefs and contemporary society. Surrounding the temple complex are additional art galleries that display sculptures, paintings, and other works created by the artist and his collaborators. These exhibits provide deeper insight into the creative vision behind the temple and enrich visitors' understanding of modern Thai art and spirituality.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After exploring Chiang Rai's remarkable artistic landmarks, the journey gradually continues southeast toward the peaceful landscapes of Nan Province. Along the way, a refreshing stop awaits at the serene waters of Kwan Phayao, the largest freshwater lake in northern Thailand. This graceful crescent-shaped lake stretches peacefully across the valley, framed by distant mountains and gentle hills. The calm waters

reflect the sky above, creating a tranquil and picturesque scene that invites visitors to pause and relax. Kwan Phayao is not only a scenic destination but also an important ecological and cultural resource for the surrounding communities. More than fifty species of freshwater fish inhabit the lake, supporting the livelihoods of local fishermen who can often be seen casting their nets across the water in traditional wooden boats. The lake also provides an important habitat for numerous bird species, making it an attractive destination for nature lovers and photographers alike. Walking along the lakeside promenade, visitors can enjoy sweeping views of the shimmering water, lush greenery, and distant mountains that create a peaceful and refreshing atmosphere. As the sun gradually lowers in the sky, the journey continues toward the gentle mountain landscapes of Pua District. Known for its scenic rice fields, quiet villages, and relaxed atmosphere, Pua offers a perfect contrast to the lively cities visited earlier in the trip. Arriving in the evening, travelers can settle comfortably into their accommodation and unwind after a day rich with artistic inspiration, agricultural beauty, and tranquil natural scenery. As night falls over the peaceful valley, the memories of Chiang Rai's magnificent temples, vibrant farms, and serene lakeside views create a wonderful reflection on the day's experiences—while the quiet charm of Pua awaits further exploration in the days ahead.

DAY 11 Pua – Nan: 1715 Phu Kha Viewpoint / Sapan Village / Bo Kluea Rock Salt Well / The View at Kew Muang (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM

Pick up from the hotel

Continuing the journey through the serene landscapes of northern Thailand, today's adventure leads deeper into the mountainous heart of Nan Province, where pristine nature, traditional villages, and centuries-old local wisdom come together in perfect harmony. From sweeping mountain viewpoints to quiet rural valleys and historic salt-making communities, this day offers a captivating blend of scenic beauty and cultural discovery as you travel onward toward the historic town of Nan. Begin the morning with an invigorating ascent into the cool mountain heights of Doi Phu Kha National Park, one of the most spectacular natural areas in northern Thailand. The park's scenic viewpoint, located at an elevation of approximately 1,715 meters above sea level, offers breathtaking panoramic views across an expansive landscape of forested mountains and deep valleys. As you step out at the viewpoint, the refreshing mountain air and peaceful silence of the surrounding wilderness create a perfect moment to pause and appreciate the grandeur of nature. From this lofty vantage point, layers of green hills stretch endlessly toward the horizon, forming a mesmerizing tapestry of forests and ridges that shift in color as the morning light changes. It is a wonderful place to capture memorable photographs and fully experience the serenity of northern Thailand's highland scenery. After enjoying the sweeping mountain views, continue your journey along the legendary Highway 1081. This winding mountain route is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful roads in Thailand. The road gracefully follows the contours of the mountain ridges, weaving through dense forests and opening occasionally to reveal dramatic views of valleys far below. Each curve in the road presents a new and captivating perspective—rolling hills, mist-covered peaks, and endless green landscapes that seem to stretch far beyond sight. The drive itself becomes a memorable part of the adventure,

inviting travelers to slow down, admire the scenery, and savor the peaceful rhythm of the mountains.

Gradually descending from the high ridges, the road leads you into the tranquil valley of Sapan Village, a charming rural settlement surrounded by fertile farmland and lush forests. Nestled within a picturesque valley, this peaceful village offers a glimpse into the gentle pace of traditional rural life in northern Thailand. Wooden houses raised on stilts line the small village paths, while emerald-green rice fields stretch out across the valley floor. The surrounding mountains form a natural amphitheater of greenery, creating an atmosphere of calm and quiet beauty. As you explore the village, you may observe villagers tending their fields, children playing near small streams, and farmers guiding water buffalo through the paddies. The air carries the earthy scent of fertile soil and growing crops, while the soft rustling of leaves and distant bird calls add to the tranquil ambiance. Walking slowly through the village provides a meaningful opportunity to appreciate the simplicity and harmony of local life. During the growing season, the rice fields glow in vibrant shades of green, gradually turning golden as harvest approaches, creating a beautiful patchwork of colors across the landscape.

Lunch at the restaurant.

From Sapan Village, the journey continues to one of Nan's most fascinating cultural sites: the historic Bo Kluea Rock Salt Wells. This unique location preserves an ancient salt-making tradition that has been practiced here for more than 800 years. Nestled in the mountains, the salt wells are a remarkable reminder of the region's long history and the ingenuity of its people. At this traditional rock salt boiling plant, visitors can observe the time-honored process by which local villagers extract salt from natural underground brine wells. The salty water is drawn from the wells and slowly boiled in large iron vats over wood-fired stoves. As the water evaporates, pure salt crystals gradually form, producing a valuable mineral that has long been essential for cooking and food preservation. The entire process requires patience, skill, and careful attention—methods that have been passed down faithfully from generation to generation. Watching the salt production firsthand offers a rare insight into a traditional craft that continues to play an important role in the local economy and cultural heritage of the region.

As the afternoon unfolds, continue your scenic drive toward another peaceful mountain viewpoint at The View at Kew Muang, a charming café perched high among the hills. Surrounded by rolling mountains and lush greenery, this welcoming spot offers an ideal place to pause and relax after a day of exploration. Visitors can enjoy a freshly brewed cup of coffee or a refreshing beverage while gazing out across sweeping views of forested slopes and misty valleys. The cool mountain breeze and serene environment create a wonderfully calming atmosphere, making it easy to sit back, reflect on the day's experiences, and simply enjoy the beauty of the surrounding landscape. After this relaxing break, the journey continues gently toward the historic town of Nan. Known for its well-preserved cultural heritage, ancient temples, and welcoming local atmosphere, Nan City provides a charming conclusion to the day's travels. Upon arrival, check in to your accommodation and take time to rest and recharge for the next day's adventures. As evening settles over the quiet streets of Nan, the memories of towering mountain viewpoints, winding scenic roads,

peaceful villages, and ancient traditions come together to form another unforgettable chapter of this remarkable journey through northern Thailand.

DAY 12 Nan Sightseeing: Nan National Museum / Nan Noble House / Wat Phra That Khao Noi / Wat Phumin Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Continuing your journey through the tranquil landscapes of Nan, today's exploration focuses on the rich cultural heritage, artistic creativity, and sacred landmarks that define this charming northern city. Known for its well-preserved traditions and gentle pace of life, Nan offers visitors a fascinating blend of history, spirituality, and local artistry. From historic museums to inspiring temples and vibrant evening markets, each destination reveals another layer of the city's unique identity. Begin the morning with a visit to the impressive Nan National Museum, one of the most important cultural institutions in the region. The museum itself is housed in a beautiful two-story brick building that once served as a royal residence for the former rulers of Nan. Its elegant architecture reflects a blend of European colonial influence and traditional northern Thai design, making the building a historical attraction in its own right. Inside the museum, a rich collection of artifacts tells the fascinating story of Nan's past. As you wander through the carefully curated galleries, you will encounter centuries-old relics, religious objects, traditional textiles, and artistic works that illustrate the cultural development of the region. The exhibits also highlight the lifestyles and traditions of the local inhabitants as well as the various hill tribe communities that live in the mountainous areas surrounding Nan. Through these displays, visitors gain valuable insight into the customs, beliefs, and daily lives of the people who have shaped the province's identity over generations. Before leaving the museum grounds, be sure to take a moment to admire the picturesque frangipani tunnel arch outside the building. When the trees are in bloom, their delicate blossoms create a charming floral canopy, filling the air with a gentle fragrance and providing a beautiful setting for memorable photographs.

After exploring Nan National Museum, continue onward to the Nan Noble House, lovingly referred to by local residents as Hong Chao Fong Kham. This century-old ancestral home of the northern Lanna aristocracy quietly preserves the stories, traditions, and elegance of a bygone era. The residence was originally constructed for Chao Srithumma, the grandson of Chao Mahawong—the twelfth ruler of Nan from the distinguished Thinnawong dynasty—and was later inherited by his descendant, Chao Fong Kham, ensuring the continuation of Nan's noble heritage through generations. Architecturally, the house is a remarkable example of authentic Lanna design: an elevated teakwood mansion topped with a sharply pitched clay-tiled roof. Its four interconnected wooden wings are linked by covered verandas and walkways, while a roofed staircase welcomes visitors at the front entrance. Surrounding the main house are the traditional kitchen, rice granary, water well, and rice-pounding mortar, each reflecting the simplicity and rhythm of everyday life in earlier times. Every teak beam was painstakingly shaped by hand using traditional tools and assembled without nails, relying instead on wooden pegs and masterful joinery that showcase the enduring craftsmanship and wisdom of Lanna artisans. In front of the residence, a crystal-clear well mirrors the sky above, while mature trees envelop the compound in peaceful shade and natural beauty. Inside, the rooms remain

exceptionally well preserved, with household objects, clothing, and antique furnishings thoughtfully displayed to vividly recreate the atmosphere of life in the past. A special exhibition area presents treasured antiques from Nan, many of which once belonged to the household itself, creating a meaningful connection between history and the present day. More than simply a historical landmark, the Noble House also serves as a living center of cultural learning. Visitors can observe the traditional process of cotton weaving, beginning with cotton cultivation, followed by the spinning of yarn through local wisdom and the dyeing of threads using natural ingredients: rich black from makluea fruit, vibrant red from lac, and warm yellow from turmeric. The threads are then skillfully woven by hand into beautifully crafted textiles, each carrying its own story and heritage. The steady rhythm of the loom, the vivid colors of natural dyes, and the devotion of the artisans combine to create an experience that is both deeply educational and emotionally inspiring.

Leaving the Nan Noble House behind, your journey continues to one of Nan's most revered spiritual landmarks—the serene hilltop temple of Wat Phra That Khao Noi. Gracefully perched atop the gentle slopes of Khao Noi Mountain, this sacred site offers not only profound spiritual significance but also sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding valley. Visitors can reach the temple either by climbing the famous naga-lined staircase or by driving along the winding road that leads up the hillside. Upon reaching the summit, the reward is a sweeping view across Nan city, with its temples, rivers, and surrounding green hills stretching toward the horizon. At the heart of the temple stands a graceful relic pagoda that beautifully combines elements of Burmese and Lanna architectural styles. According to local belief, the pagoda enshrines a sacred relic of the Buddha's hair, making the temple an important pilgrimage site for devotees. The structure's intricate details and elegant form reflect the deep spiritual traditions of northern Thailand. Another prominent feature of the temple is the magnificent golden Buddha statue that overlooks the city below. Seated peacefully on the mountain ridge, the statue appears to gaze protectively across the valley, radiating a sense of calm and serenity. Many visitors come here to offer prayers, meditate quietly, or simply absorb the tranquil atmosphere while admiring the spectacular scenery. The elevated viewpoint also makes this temple one of the best locations for photography, particularly during sunrise or sunset when warm golden light bathes the landscape.

Lunch at the restaurant.

As the day continues, your cultural exploration reaches its grand finale at one of Nan's most treasured landmarks, the historic Wat Phumin. With a history spanning more than four centuries, this remarkable temple is renowned for its distinctive architecture and extraordinary mural paintings. Unlike most temples in Thailand, Wat Phumin features a unique structure that combines the design of an ordination hall and a pagoda into a single building. Inside the central hall stand four impressive Buddha statues arranged back-to-back, each facing one of the four cardinal directions. This symbolic design represents the omnipresence of the Buddha's teachings spreading throughout the world. The temple's interior walls are adorned with the famous "Hoop Tam" mural paintings, masterpieces of traditional northern Thai art that depict scenes from Buddhist Jataka tales as well as everyday life in ancient Nan. These murals serve not only as artistic treasures but also as valuable historical records that reveal the customs, clothing, and social life of people in earlier centuries. Among the many paintings, the most celebrated is the iconic Pu Man Ya

Man, often referred to as the “Whispering Lovers.” This delicate and expressive image portrays a young man leaning close to whisper gently to a woman, capturing a moment of intimacy that has fascinated visitors for generations. The mural has become one of the most recognizable cultural symbols of Nan and a beloved subject for photographers and art enthusiasts.

As evening approaches, enjoy your final night in Nan by experiencing the warm hospitality and relaxed atmosphere of the city. You may choose to dine at a traditional local restaurant, sampling northern Thai specialties such as Khao Soi, a rich and flavorful curry noodle dish that perfectly represents the cuisine of the region. Alternatively, take a leisurely walk through the lively night market, where colorful stalls offer handmade crafts, local textiles, souvenirs, and a tempting variety of street food. The sounds of conversation, the aroma of freshly cooked dishes, and the glow of lanterns create a vibrant yet welcoming atmosphere. As the evening winds down, reflect on the remarkable journey through northern Thailand—from scenic mountains and peaceful villages to artistic temples and cultural treasures. With its deep traditions, friendly communities, and captivating landscapes, Nan leaves travelers with lasting memories of a destination where history, art, and natural beauty coexist in perfect harmony.

DAY 13 Nan Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to a close, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Nan Airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition for your journey back home or to your next destination, and this is where our service ends.

Prices:

- 2 Persons 74,800 THB
- 3 Persons 63,200 THB
- 4 Persons 49,800 THB
- 5 Persons up 47,900 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 (12 Breakfasts / 11 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (12 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	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 3-4	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 5-6	Pai	Yoma Hotel	Deluxe
Day 7	Ban Tha Ton	Maekok River Village Resort	Deluxe
Day 8-9	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 10	Pua	Pua De View Boutique Resort	Deluxe
Day 11-12	Nan	Nan Nakara Boutique Hotel	Deluxe

Accommodation Included Throughout Your Journey:

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

No Hidden Costs:

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