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### Chiang Mai - Sukhothai 5 Days 4 Nights

#### 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: Pha Chor Mae Wang National Park / Wiang Kum Kam Ancient City (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

#### 08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Departing from Chiang Mai, your journey heads toward Doi Lo District—home to Mae Wang National Park and the remarkable natural formation known as Pha Chor. Nestled amidst the park’s stunning scenery, Pha Chor stands as one of Chiang Mai’s most captivating and awe-inspiring natural attractions. This extraordinary geological wonder invites visitors to step into a landscape sculpted entirely by the forces of nature over countless millennia. Towering earthen cliffs, weathered pillars, and dramatic canyon-like walls rise strikingly from the ground, forming a panorama that feels both surreal and majestic. Shaped over millions of years by land subsidence, erosion, wind, and rainfall, Pha Chor is a living masterpiece that showcases the timeless artistry of the natural world. Often referred to as the “Grand Canyon of Thailand” due to its resemblance to the famous landmark in the United States, this destination has become a must-see for travelers in search of both natural beauty and a spirit of adventure. The unique formations and towering monoliths of Pha Chor inspire wonder and curiosity, making it a favorite among geologists, photographers, and nature lovers alike. Beyond admiring its breathtaking rock structures, visitors can explore scenic walking trails that wind through the surrounding forest, offering moments of tranquility amid lush greenery and refreshing mountain air. A journey to Pha Chor is far more than a simple sightseeing stop—it is an encounter with the Earth’s ancient history and a powerful reminder of nature’s ability to create landscapes of extraordinary grandeur. Whether you’re marveling at the towering cliffs, capturing stunning photographs, or simply pausing to take in the serene atmosphere, the experience of visiting Pha Chor leaves a deep and lasting impression.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After lunch, continue your journey to Saraphi District to explore one of Northern Thailand's most evocative archaeological sites: Wiang Kum Kam. Quietly nestled along the banks of the Ping River, this ancient city—often poetically called “the lost city”—offers a poignant glimpse into a civilization that flourished over seven centuries ago, only to be reclaimed by nature and time. Founded in 1296 by King Mangrai the Great, Wiang Kum Kam served briefly as the capital of the Lanna Kingdom following his conquest of Hariphunchai (present-day Lamphun). Strategically positioned along the river, the city was envisioned as a vibrant hub of commerce, governance, and spiritual life. Its fertile lands and river access supported trade and agriculture, while its temples and chedis reflected the region's deep-rooted Buddhist traditions. However, the very river that sustained Wiang Kum Kam also led to its downfall. Prone to seasonal flooding, the city was gradually buried beneath layers of silt and sediment. The devastation forced King Mangrai to relocate the capital to higher ground, founding Chiang Mai—a city that would become the enduring heart of the Lanna Kingdom.

As Chiang Mai rose, Wiang Kum Kam faded into obscurity. Its temples crumbled, its streets vanished, and its name survived only in local folklore. Hidden beneath rice fields and quiet villages, the city remained forgotten until 1984, when excavations near Wat Chang Kham uncovered its secrets. Archaeologists revealed a remarkably preserved urban landscape: over 40 temple sites, ancient chedis, stone inscriptions, and remnants of residential structures spread across nearly three square kilometers. Among the most notable discoveries are Wat Chedi Liam, with its distinctive Mon-style architecture; Wat Nan Chang, Wat Pu Pia, and Wat E-Kang, whose foundations showcase the elegance of Lanna design. These ruins—some partially restored—stand as silent witnesses to a forgotten era, inviting visitors to wander through them, reflect on the impermanence of human achievement, and appreciate the enduring power of cultural memory. As evening falls, return to Chiang Mai city and settle into your accommodation, ready to explore its vibrant nightlife at your leisure.

**DAY 03** Chiang Mai - Lampang: Thai Elephant Conservation Center / Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn / Horse Carriage Riding (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

**08:30 AM**

Pick up from the hotel

Departing from Chiang Mai, the cultural heart of Northern Thailand, your journey unfolds with a captivating adventure to the neighboring province of Lampang. Known for its tranquil charm and rich heritage, Lampang offers a refreshing contrast to the bustling energy of Chiang Mai. Your first destination is the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, nestled in the verdant surroundings of Ban Thung Kwian village. This respected sanctuary is devoted to the care, rehabilitation, and long-term conservation of Thailand's revered elephants. Here, you'll witness the dedicated efforts of veterinarians and caretakers as they tend to sick and injured elephants, ensuring their recovery and well-being. But the experience goes far beyond observation—you'll have the opportunity to engage in meaningful, hands-on activities that foster a deeper connection with these majestic animals. Enjoy a captivating elephant show that highlights their intelligence, grace, and strength; learn about traditional and modern methods of elephant care and training; and take part in the heartwarming ritual of bathing them in nearby streams. The center offers a profound

glimpse into the enduring bond between humans and elephants, making it a truly memorable and enriching stop on your journey.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your exploration into the scenic Chae Hom District, where the awe-inspiring Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn awaits—also known as Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng. Revered by many as a spiritual sanctuary in the sky, this temple complex is perched atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level. Reaching the summit is an adventure in itself, requiring a 30-minute trek along a forested trail that stretches approximately one kilometer. The path winds through lush greenery, offering glimpses of native flora and fauna, and moments of quiet reflection amid nature’s splendor. Though the ascent includes steep inclines and occasional stairways, the effort is richly rewarded. At the summit, you’ll be greeted by more than ten gleaming pagodas, each one a testament to the devotion and craftsmanship of monks and villagers who labored over many years to create this sacred site. The panoramic views from the top are nothing short of breathtaking, with rolling hills and distant peaks stretching across the horizon. The combination of spiritual serenity and natural grandeur makes this temple a highlight of your Lampang journey—an experience that lingers in both heart and memory.

As the day draws to a close, embrace the charm of Lampang city with a leisurely horse-drawn carriage ride, a nostalgic journey through streets steeped in history. This unique mode of transport offers a window into the city’s past, allowing you to appreciate the architectural remnants of Lampang’s former economic prosperity. As you glide past rows of heritage buildings, each one tells a story of a bygone era when horse-drawn carriages were the primary means of travel for locals. Today, these carriages serve as a living symbol of Lampang’s cultural identity, preserved with pride and shared with visitors from near and far. Though now primarily used for tourism, their continued presence reflects the city’s commitment to honoring its traditions and maintaining a connection to its roots. As twilight settles over the city, you’ll arrive at your comfortable accommodations, ready to unwind and reflect on the day’s rich experiences. With anticipation for the adventures that await, your evening in Lampang becomes a peaceful pause in a journey filled with discovery and delight.

**DAY 04**      Lampang - Skhothai: Si Satchanalai Historical Park / Sukhothai Historical Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

**08:30 AM**      Pick up from the hotel

Your journey leads you to Sukhothai, Thailand’s ancient capital and a place where history breathes through every stone and shadow. As you arrive, it feels as though time gently folds back, revealing a bygone era steeped in cultural richness and spiritual legacy. Sukhothai is more than a destination—it is a living museum of Thai heritage, where ancient ruins, tranquil landscapes, and traditional ways of life harmoniously coexist. Begin your exploration in the serene Si Satchanalai District, home to the majestic Si Satchanalai Historical Park. Nestled amidst lush forests and gentle hills, this UNESCO World Heritage Site spans 45 square kilometers and preserves 215 archaeological sites that whisper stories of a flourishing civilization. Once a vital satellite city of Sukhothai, Si Satchanalai was a center of craftsmanship, religion, and

governance. Wander among the park's laterite structures, where the grandeur of Wat Chang Lom Temple, with its elephant-adorned base, stands proudly alongside the elegant Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo Temple and the intricately decorated Wat Nang Phaya Temple. These architectural gems, along with Wat Suwan Khiri Temple, Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Yai Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Noi Temple, and the revered City Pillar Shrine, reflect the artistic mastery and spiritual devotion of the ancient Siamese people. The park's tranquil setting, embraced by nature, offers a peaceful retreat from the modern world. As you stroll beneath towering trees and listen to birdsong echoing through the ruins, you'll find yourself immersed in a contemplative atmosphere that invites reflection and reverence.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing onward, you arrive in Mueang Sukhothai District, the heart of the Sukhothai Kingdom and the site of the renowned Sukhothai Historical Park. Spanning 70 square kilometers, this UNESCO World Heritage Site marks the birthplace of Thai civilization, serving as the kingdom's first capital between the 13th and 15th centuries. Step into the remnants of a glorious past as you explore the park's iconic landmarks. Marvel at the grandeur of Wat Mahathat Temple, the spiritual center of the kingdom, with its lotus-bud chedi and serene Buddha images. Admire the symmetry of Wat Chana Songkhram Temple, the quiet grace of Wat Traphang Ngoen Temple, and the striking Khmer-influenced architecture of Wat Sri Sawai Temple. Each monument reveals the refined aesthetics, religious devotion, and urban sophistication of the Sukhothai era. Beyond the ancient city walls, another 70 archaeological sites await discovery, including the enigmatic Wat Si Chum Temple, famed for its massive seated Buddha and mysterious passageways. As you wander through these sacred grounds, you'll gain insight into Sukhothai's enduring influence on Thai art, language, and governance—its legacy still visible in modern Thai script and cultural values. As evening descends and the golden light bathes the ruins in a warm glow, retreat to your comfortable accommodations in Sukhothai. The memories of your journey—etched in stone, whispered by the wind, and carried in your heart—will linger long after you depart. In Sukhothai, the past is never truly gone; it lives on in every temple, every pathway, and every quiet moment of awe.

#### DAY 05 Sukhothai 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 Sukhothai Airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition for your journey back home or to your next destination, and this is where our service ends.

#### Prices:

- 1 Person 57,000 THB
- 2 Persons 31,400 THB
- 3 Persons 27,000 THB
- 4 Persons 20,700 THB
- 5 Persons up 19,700 THB
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

**Included:**

- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Admission fees as tour mentioned
- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Meals as mentioned in the program (4 Breakfasts / 3 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (4 Nights)
- For groups with an odd number of guests, one traveler will be accommodated in a single room at no additional cost.

**Excluded:**

- Air Fare
- Personal expenses
- Meals are not mentioned in the program

**Tour Difficulty Levels:**

- Easy / **Moderate** / Challenging

| Hotels  |            |                             |           |
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| Date    | City       | Hotel Name                  | Room Type |
| DAY 1-2 | Chiang Mai | Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai | Deluxe    |
| DAY 3   | Lampang    | Lampang River Lodge         | Deluxe    |
| DAY 4   | Sukhothai  | Le Charme Sukhothai         | 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.