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Grand Thailand Highlights 19 Days 18 Nights

DAY 01 Bangkok Arrival / (Hotel)

00:00 Upon your arrival in Bangkok, we've got you covered with a seamless pick-up service from either Don Mueang Airport or the Suvarnabhumi Airport. Our dedicated team will be there to warmly welcome you and ensure a smooth transfer to your hotel, setting the stage for a fantastic start to your stay in this vibrant city. Once you've reached your hotel, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Embrace the freedom to explore Bangkok on your terms, taking in its bustling streets, cultural landmarks, and unique charm. Whether you're in the mood for shopping, sightseeing, or simply relaxing, Bangkok offers an array of experiences to suit your preferences.

DAY 02 Bangkok – Ratchaburi - Samut Songkhram: Long Tail Boat Ride / Damnoen Saduak Floating Market / Maeklong Railway Market / Chao Phraya River Cruise Dinner (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a delightful journey from the bustling city of Bangkok to explore the charming attractions of Thailand's serene countryside. Your adventure begins in Damnoen Saduak District, Ratchaburi Province, where the tranquil beauty of the region comes to life. Step aboard a private long-tail boat as it glides gracefully through the narrow canals, offering enchanting views of lush greenery, rustic wooden houses, and the unhurried lifestyle of the locals residing along the waterways. This serene ride immerses you in the idyllic charm of Thailand’s countryside, setting the perfect tone for your exploration. Your boat journey leads to the renowned Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, Thailand’s first and oldest floating market, a vibrant hub of commerce and culture. Operating daily from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., this lively market presents a captivating scene of small, colorfully adorned rowing boats crowded with vendors. Each boat is brimming with fresh agricultural produce, delectable local delicacies, traditional Thai desserts, and an array of handcrafted souvenirs. As you navigate the bustling market, you’ll hear the chatter of vendors and the cheerful interactions of locals and tourists alike, creating a warm and lively atmosphere. The Damnoen Saduak Floating Market offers an authentic glimpse into the way of life of the locals, where trade and tradition blend seamlessly, making it a must-visit destination.

Lunch at the restaurant

After soaking in the sights and sounds of the floating market, your journey continues to Muang Samut Songkhram District in Samut Songkhram Province, home to the captivating Maeklong Railway Market. Known locally as Talad Rom Hub, this extraordinary market is set along an active railway track and is renowned for its unique and dynamic environment. The market stretches across both sides of the railway, bustling with vendors selling a wide

variety of goods, including fresh produce, seafood, spices, clothing, and household items. As you wander through the market, you'll witness villagers casually shopping along the tracks, interacting with the friendly vendors in a scene that feels both vibrant and surreal. The true magic of the Maeklong Railway Market unfolds when a train approaches. With practiced precision and efficiency, vendors swiftly retract their stalls and fold away their umbrellas to make way for the train. The train slows down as it inches through the market, sounding its distinct whistle to signal its arrival. Shoppers and visitors step back to the edges of the track, watching in awe as the train passes mere inches from the stalls. Once the train has gone, the vendors promptly restore their stalls, resuming business as though nothing had happened. This seamless dance between the train and the market is a mesmerizing spectacle that has captivated travelers from around the world. The Maeklong Railway Market is more than just a place of trade; it is a cultural landmark that reflects the resilience and ingenuity of the local vendors. It stands as a testament to the enduring traditions of the community, offering a fascinating and unforgettable experience for visitors.

After this exhilarating excursion, return to Bangkok to continue your exploration of the city's enchanting evening charms. At 5:30 PM, a pick-up service will take you to the pier for a delightful cruise along the majestic Chao Phraya River. Indulge in a sumptuous buffet dinner featuring diverse culinary delights from around the world while sailing through the mesmerizing nighttime scenery of Bangkok. Along the way, capture the beauty of iconic landmarks such as Wat Arun Temple, the Emerald Buddha Temple, and the beautifully illuminated Grand Palace. The cruise also treats you to captivating cultural performances and delightful musical entertainment, adding a touch of magic to your memorable evening. As the night settles, return to your hotel, filled with the joy and wonder that only Thailand's countryside and its vibrant city life can provide.

DAY 03 Bangkok Sightseeing: Wat Traimit (Temple of the Golden Buddha) / China Town / Wat Phra Chetuphon (Wat Pho) / The Grand Palace / The Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew) / Wat Arun or (Temple of Dawn) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey through the cultural and architectural wonders of Bangkok, starting with a visit to the ancient Wat Traimit Wittayaram Worawihan, also known as Wat Traimit. This temple, shrouded in mystery as its construction era remains undocumented, boasts the extraordinary Maha Mondop, housing the Buddha Maha Suwan Patimakorn, or Luang Por Thong Kham. This exquisite gold Buddha statue holds the distinction of being the largest pure gold Buddha in the world, acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records. The statue, weighing in at approximately 5.5 tons and standing nearly 3 meters tall, is a magnificent sight to behold. Wander through the temple grounds, marveling at the various magnificent structures that adorn this spiritual haven. The temple complex itself is a blend of history, spirituality, and architectural splendor, with intricate carvings, ornate decorations, and serene courtyards offering a peaceful retreat from the bustling city outside.

Next, venture into the vibrant Chinese community nestled along Yaowarat Road, affectionately known as Chinatown. This bustling road is not only the residence and livelihood hub of the Chinese people but also ranks as the largest Chinese community in Thailand. The area is a sensory feast, with the aroma of street food wafting through the air, colorful lanterns hanging overhead, and the vibrant sounds of market vendors plying their trade. Besides its cultural significance, Yaowarat Road is a thriving business district with a wide array of financial and banking services, gold shops, restaurants, and various shops. The street is especially lively at night when the neon signs illuminate the area, creating a vibrant, bustling atmosphere. Whether you're in search of delicious dim sum, traditional

herbal remedies, or unique souvenirs, Chinatown offers a rich tapestry of experiences that reflect the dynamic blend of Thai and Chinese cultures. Undoubtedly, it has earned its place as one of Bangkok's major tourist attractions, drawing visitors from around the world.

Explore the grounds of Wat Phra Chetuphon Vimonmangkalaram, or Wat Pho, another significant ancient temple with an expansive area housing remarkable structures. The temple is famed for its giant reclining Buddha, measuring 46 meters in length and 15 meters in height. The Buddha is covered in gold leaf, and its feet, adorned with mother-of-pearl inlays depicting auspicious symbols, are particularly striking. The temple grounds are dotted with intricately designed chedis, statues of mythical guardians, and beautifully landscaped gardens. The temple's highlight is the viharn, home to the awe-inspiring reclining Buddha image. This massive Buddha, crafted from brick and mortar and adorned with gold leaf, ranks as Thailand's third-largest reclining Buddha. The serene and majestic presence of the reclining Buddha inspires awe and reverence among visitors. Wat Pho is also renowned as the birthplace of Thai massage, serving as an essential center for the study and practice of traditional medicine. The temple complex includes a Thai massage school where visitors can learn about the ancient healing practices or enjoy a therapeutic massage from skilled practitioners. Wander through the courtyards and corridors of Wat Pho, taking in the detailed murals and ancient inscriptions that tell the stories of Buddhist teachings and Thai history.

Lunch at the restaurant

Continue your journey to the majestic Grand Palace, a symbol of Thailand's rich heritage and royal history. Once the residence of Thai kings during the Rattanakosin period, the Grand Palace now serves as the venue for various significant ceremonies and events, though it is no longer the royal residence. The Grand Palace stands as Thailand's most sought-after tourist destination, captivating visitors with its grandeur, intricate architecture, and historical importance. Spanning over 218,000 square meters, the complex is a stunning example of traditional Thai architecture, featuring a blend of ornate pavilions, glittering golden spires, and intricately decorated halls. As you explore the sprawling grounds of the Grand Palace, you'll encounter several noteworthy buildings and monuments. Among these is the Chakri Maha Prasat Hall, a grand European-style building with a Thai-style roof, which showcases the fusion of Western and Thai architectural elements. The Dusit Maha Prasat Throne Hall, another highlight, is a prime example of traditional Thai architecture with its multi-tiered roof and gilded decorations. The hall is used for important state ceremonies and is a testament to the craftsmanship and artistry of Thai artisans. Each structure within the complex has its own unique story, reflecting the rich cultural and historical tapestry of Thailand.

Adjacent to the Grand Palace lies the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, also known as Wat Phra Kaew, Bangkok's most revered and beautiful temple. The temple complex is an architectural masterpiece, with its elaborate decorations, intricate murals, and serene courtyards. Enshrined within is the revered Phra Maha Manee Rattana Patimakorn, or Emerald Buddha, which holds immense significance in Thai culture. This sacred statue, carved from a single block of jade, is adorned with seasonal costumes that are changed by the King himself in a ceremonial ritual marking the changing seasons. The Emerald Buddha, seated atop a golden pedestal, exudes an aura of tranquility and reverence, drawing pilgrims and visitors from around the world. The temple also serves as a place for the King to perform various ancient royal traditions and merits, adding to its spiritual and cultural significance. As you wander through the temple grounds, take time to admire the intricate details of the architecture and the vibrant murals that depict scenes from Buddhist mythology. The temple's outer courtyard houses several stupas, statues, and pagodas, each adorned with colorful tiles and golden ornaments. The Phra Mondop, or library, contains sacred Buddhist scriptures and is another architectural gem within the complex. The quiet

courtyards and serene gardens offer a peaceful respite from the bustling city outside, allowing you to immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of this revered site.

Conclude your expedition with a ferry ride to Wat Arun, fondly called Wat Chaeng, majestically positioned on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River (Thonburi side). Wat Arun stands out with its distinct architectural style, featuring the elegant and intricate Phra Prang adorned with porcelain and benjarong crockery imported from China. The intricate patterns and designs on the prang showcase exquisite craftsmanship and add to the temple's majestic aura. The central prang, surrounded by four smaller satellite prangs, rises gracefully towards the sky, creating a breathtaking silhouette against the backdrop of the river and city skyline. As the sun begins to set, Wat Arun transforms into a dazzling spectacle. The temple's spires, adorned with colorful glass and porcelain, reflect the golden hues of the sunset, creating a mesmerizing display of light and color. The serene waters of the Chao Phraya River mirror the temple's beauty, adding to the enchanting atmosphere. Take a leisurely stroll around the temple grounds, soaking in the intricate details of the architecture and the peaceful ambiance. The temple’s courtyards and gardens provide quiet spaces for reflection, allowing you to connect with the spiritual essence of this revered site. After a day filled with exploration and cultural immersion, return to your hotel for a well-deserved rest, cherishing the memories of your unforgettable journey through the captivating city of Bangkok.

DAY 04 Bangkok – Ayutthaya - Sukhothai: Ayutthaya Historical Park / Wat Lokaya Sutharam Temple / Wat Phra Si Sanphet Temple / Wat Mahathat Temple / Wat Chaiwatthanaram Temple / Sukhothai (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

07:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a fascinating historical and cultural journey from Bangkok to the province of Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, where the remarkable Ayutthaya Historical Park awaits. This destination, once the flourishing capital of the Thai nation and the heart of a powerful kingdom, now serves as a treasure trove of history, preserving stories of grandeur and resilience. With its ancient structures, weathered Buddha statues, and historical landmarks that retain the elegance of their original architecture, the park offers an unforgettable glimpse into Thailand's past. Recognized by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1991, Ayutthaya Historical Park is a must-visit for history enthusiasts and cultural explorers alike. Upon arriving in Ayutthaya, begin your exploration at Wat Lokaya Sutharam. This serene site is home to one of Thailand’s most impressive reclining Buddha statues, a striking and well-preserved image that captures the essence of Ayutthaya’s artistic and spiritual heritage. Measuring an astounding 37 meters in length and 8 meters in height, this reclining Buddha ranks among the largest in Thailand, serving as a testament to the ingenuity and devotion of its creators. Next, venture to Wat Phra Si Sanphet, the former royal temple situated within the grounds of the ancient royal palace. This iconic site is renowned for its three majestic pagodas, standing in perfect alignment and exuding a sense of regal elegance. These towering structures once housed the ashes of Ayutthaya's kings and symbolize the architectural brilliance of the era. As you wander through the temple grounds, you’ll feel transported back to a time when Ayutthaya was a bustling center of power, culture, and religion.

Lunch at the restaurant

Continue your journey to Wat Mahathat, one of Ayutthaya’s oldest and most historically significant temples. This sacred site holds a special place in Thai history and spirituality. The highlight of Wat Mahathat is the iconic Buddha head ensnared by the roots of a Bodhi

tree. This extraordinary sight, both haunting and mesmerizing, is one of the most photographed landmarks in Ayutthaya. It serves as a poignant reminder of the interplay between nature and human-made structures, symbolizing the enduring legacy of Thailand's spiritual traditions. Conclude your visit to Ayutthaya Historical Park at Wat Chaiwatthanaram, an architectural masterpiece gracefully situated along the banks of the Chao Phraya River. The temple's design is inspired by Khmer art and reflects the influence of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. With its towering central prang surrounded by smaller stupas, the site showcases the sophisticated craftsmanship and cultural exchange that shaped Ayutthaya's historical narrative. As the setting sun casts a golden hue over the temple's silhouette, you'll understand why this site is revered as one of Ayutthaya's most beautiful and iconic landmarks. As the day draws to a close, carry with you the cherished memories of Ayutthaya's rich history and captivating beauty as you journey onward to Sukhothai Province. Upon arriving in Sukhothai City in the evening, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you can relax and reflect on the incredible sights and stories you've encountered. The adventures continue tomorrow as you explore Sukhothai, another jewel in Thailand's historical and cultural tapestry. Rest well, for more unforgettable experiences await.

DAY 05 Sukhothai - Phrae: Sukhothai Historical Park / Si Satchanalai Historical Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a captivating journey to explore the historical wonders of Sukhothai Historical Park, an expansive area spanning approximately 70 square kilometers. As the first capital of Thailand between the 18th and 20th Buddhist centuries, Sukhothai played a crucial role in shaping the nation's political, economic, and cultural foundations. Recognizing its significance, UNESCO designated Sukhothai Historical Park as a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1991. This site stands as a testament to the remarkable achievements of the Sukhothai Kingdom, offering visitors a deep dive into the artistry, spirituality, and innovative urban planning that defined this golden era of Thai history. Within the park, you will encounter a wealth of cultural and artistic treasures, from intricate Thai characters to masterful sculptures and designs that epitomize the Sukhothai style. Renowned for their unique delicacy, Sukhothai Buddhist sculptures are considered the pinnacle of beauty, celebrated for their serene expressions and graceful forms. The park is home to a staggering number of historical sites, including majestic ancient Buddha images and numerous architectural wonders. Visitors can explore approximately 70 locations outside the city walls and 26 within, each offering a unique glimpse into the past. Among these, the iconic Wat Mahathat Temple serves as a spiritual and architectural centerpiece, showcasing stunning relics and intricate craftsmanship. Other highlights include Wat Chana Songkhram Temple, Wat Traphang Ngoen Temple, Wat Sri Sawai Temple, and the awe-inspiring Wat Si Chum Temple, famous for its colossal seated Buddha statue encased within an ancient structure.

Lunch at the restaurant

Extend your exploration to Si Satchanalai Historical Park, located in the Si Satchanalai District, another essential historical site steeped in cultural and archaeological significance. Like Sukhothai, this park was also designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1991. Spanning over 45 square kilometers, Si Satchanalai Historical Park is an archaeological treasure trove, preserving traces of prehistoric settlements and featuring a total of 215 identified sites. The park's distinctive laterite structures highlight the architectural ingenuity of the era and add to its historical importance. Within this enchanting park, you'll find five key archaeological zones, each containing temples and monuments of

great cultural value. Among these are Wat Chang Lom Temple, known for its elephant-adorned stupa; Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo Temple, showcasing elegant stupas of varied designs; Wat Nang Phaya Temple, noted for its intricate stucco decorations; and Wat Suwan Khiri Temple. Additional highlights include Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Yai Temple, Wat Suan Kaew Noi Temple, and the City Pillar Shrine, each offering a unique window into Thailand's illustrious past. What sets Si Satchanalai apart is its tranquil location, nestled amidst lush forests and largely untouched by modern development. This serene environment enhances the park's charm, making it one of Thailand's most complete and well-preserved ancient sites. Visitors can experience a harmonious blend of natural beauty and historical grandeur, immersing themselves in the stories of an era long gone.

As your journey through Sukhothai Province concludes, venture onward to the picturesque Phrae Province, a gateway to the enchanting Lanna Kingdom. Rich in history and cultural heritage, Phrae offers a myriad of attractions, including centuries-old temples, natural wonders, and fascinating museums. Arriving in Phrae during the evening, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you can unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead. With its blend of historical depth and cultural allure, Phrae promises an unforgettable exploration of Thailand's northern charm and legacy.

DAY 06 Phrae - Nan: Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park / Wat Pong Sunan Temple / Khum Vongburi Museum / Khum Chao Luang (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an enchanting expedition to Phae Mueang Phi, also known as Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park or The Ghost Pillars. This natural wonder is a captivating tourist attraction formed by the erosion of soil and sandstone over time, resulting in an array of beautifully lined-up, strangely shaped clay pillars. Established as a forest park on March 4, 1981, Phae Mueang Phi covers an expansive area of over 40 acres. As you explore this geological beauty, you'll encounter magnificent cliffs and unique formations that leave visitors in awe. The park offers a nature trail, allowing tourists to delve into the wonders of the forest and deepen their understanding of its geological features. Wandering through Phae Mueang Phi, you can immerse yourself in the eerie yet fascinating atmosphere created by these natural sculptures. The name "Phae Mueang Phi" translates to "Ghost City" or "Spirit City," reflecting local legends and the mystical aura that surrounds the park. The pillars and formations, standing tall and proud, tell a story of nature's artistry over thousands of years. Each formation has its own unique shape and character, making it a photographer's paradise and a geologist's dream. You can take a leisurely walk along the designated trails, capturing the surreal beauty of the landscape and learning about the natural processes that created these formations.

Next on your itinerary is a visit to Wat Pong Sunan, where you'll discover a large golden reclining Buddha situated near an auspicious archway. Inside the ubosot, an ancient Buddha image named "Phra Chao Saen Suk" is enshrined, dating back over 500 years. The pagoda houses the relics of Lord Buddha, including the remarkable 108 Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew. This striking white temple boasts 108 pagodas encircled by a wall of plexiglass balls, which uniquely display the pagodas upside down. The viharn holds a prominent Buddha image named "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon," surrounded by captivating murals depicting various Buddha images in Phrae province and the zodiac years. Wat Pong Sunan offers a serene and spiritually uplifting experience. The reclining Buddha, with its serene expression and majestic presence, invites visitors to reflect on the teachings of Buddhism and find inner peace. The temple's architecture, a blend of traditional Thai and unique artistic elements, stands out with its pristine white structure and intricate details. As you walk around the

temple grounds, you will be captivated by the tranquil ambiance and the sense of history that permeates the air. The murals inside the viharn are not just decorative; they tell stories of the Buddha's life and the local culture, offering insights into the spiritual heritage of the region.

Lunch at the restaurant

Explore the historic beauty of Khum Wong Buri, also known as Ban Wong Buri, an iconic pink ancient Thai house with a rich history spanning over 100 years. Constructed in 1897 by Mae Chao Bua Tha, the first consort of Chao Luang Piriyathepwong, the last ruler of Phrae, Khum Wong Buri showcases a fascinating blend of Thai-Lanna and European architectural styles. This architectural masterpiece is not only a testament to the rich cultural heritage of the region but also a symbol of artistic collaboration between different influences. The house features traditional Thai craftsmanship, employing wooden wedges instead of nails, and is intricately decorated with stenciled wood patterns that were popular during the reign of King Rama V. The exterior, painted in a delicate pink, exudes a charm that invites visitors to step back in time and appreciate the elegance of a bygone era. As you approach the house, you'll be captivated by its grace and the intricate details that adorn its façade. Inside the building, you'll find captivating rooms, such as Chao Mae Bua Tha's room, the living room, and the bedroom, each adorned with various ancient appliances, silverware, and ancient Buddha images from the Chiang Saen and U-Thong periods. The furnishings and decorations provide a glimpse into the lifestyle and daily life of the household that once thrived here. Historical pictures recount the house's story, depicting moments of celebration, daily activities, and the legacy of its inhabitants.

Conclude your day with a visit to Khum Chao Luang, an ancient house over a century old steeped in the history of Phrae city. Built in 1892 by Chao Luang Piriyathepwong, the last ruler of Phrae, Khum Chao Luang showcases a blend of Thai Lanna and European architectural styles. This valuable building stands as a testament to outstanding craftsmanship, featuring intricate fretwork and beautifully carved patterns. With 72 windows and doors, the building exudes a sense of grace and luxury, supported by solid wood logs without the use of piles. Under the elevated structure, three rooms store belongings, money, and treasures, adding to the allure of this remarkable historical site. Exploring Khum Chao Luang, you'll be transported back in time, walking through halls and rooms that have witnessed the passage of history. The architecture of the house is a harmonious blend of Lanna traditional design and European influence, evident in the elegant woodwork and the spacious, airy interiors. The intricate patterns carved into the wood and the ornate fretwork on the eaves and railings showcase the exquisite craftsmanship of the artisans who built it. Each room tells a story, from the grand reception halls to the private chambers, reflecting the lifestyle and status of the ruler who once lived there. The grounds surrounding the house are beautifully landscaped, offering a peaceful retreat where visitors can reflect on the historical significance of Khum Chao Luang and appreciate the architectural splendor of a bygone era. As your journey continues to Nan Province, prepare to be captivated by the rich history and unique attractions that await. Upon arrival in Nan City during the evening, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you can unwind and reflect on the extraordinary experiences that have enriched your exploration of Thailand's historical and cultural treasures. Rest well, for Nan Province promises more enchanting discoveries to come.

DAY 07	Nan Sightseeing: Nan National Museum / Nan Riverside Art Gallery / Wat Phra That Khao Noi Temple / Wat Phumin Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel

Your enriching exploration of Nan begins with a visit to the Nan National Museum, housed in the former residence of Nan's ruler. This two-storey brick and mortar building showcases a delightful blend of Western and Thai art. Inside, you'll find an array of art antiques and exhibits depicting the way of life of the local people in the north, as well as insights into the various hill tribes that have settled in the region. Don't miss the opportunity to take photos with the frangipani tunnel arch in front of the museum, where rows of frangipani trees create a stunning tunnel-like canopy of branches. Continue your exploration with a visit to the Nan Riverside Art Gallery, a sprawling art center spanning more than 13 rai along the Nan River. Founded and curated by renowned Nan artist Winai Prabripoo, this gallery serves as the heart of Nan's arts and culture scene. It houses an impressive collection of contemporary Thai art, showcasing the creative and unique works of talented artists.

Lunch at the restaurant

Next, venture to Wat Phra That Khao Noi Temples, located atop Khao Noi Mountain in Du Tai Subdistrict, Mueang Nan District, holds historical and cultural significance. The relic pagoda of Wat Phra That Khao Noi is a splendid example of architectural fusion, blending Burmese and Lanna art styles. Made of brick and mortar, the pagoda houses the sacred Buddha's hair relics, making it an important pilgrimage site for Buddhist devotees. Due to its historical importance and cultural value, Wat Phra That Khao Noi was recognized as one of the most crucial ancient archaeological sites in Nan province and was registered as such by the Fine Arts Department in 1980. The location of Wat Phra That Khao Noi on a high mountain offers visitors breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding scenery, including the picturesque Nan city. The temple's viewpoint area provides an excellent vantage point to soak in the beauty of the landscape below, creating a sense of peace and tranquility. In addition to the scenic splendor, Wat Phra That Khao Noi boasts an elegant golden Buddha image in the posture of giving blessings. The craftsmanship and intricate details of this statue make it a mesmerizing sight for all who visit. Visiting Wat Phra That Khao Noi not only offers an opportunity for spiritual contemplation and reverence but also provides a serene and unforgettable experience amid the stunning natural beauty of Nan province.

The journey continues to Wat Phumin, a temple with a remarkable history spanning over 400 years and showcasing outstanding and unique architecture. The Phra Ubosot Chaturamuk (Ubosot with four porches) of Wat Phumin is believed by the Fine Arts Department of Thailand to be the country's first Chatura Muk Ubosot, blending elements of an ubosot, a temple, and a pagoda. Notably, four large Buddha images grace the center, facing in all four directions. The temple is also famous for its captivating mural paintings, known as Hoop Tam, which narrate Jataka stories, local legends, and the way of life of the Nan people from bygone eras. Among these murals, the renowned Pu Man Ya Man painting stands out, depicting a man whispering lovingly to a woman with a perfect balance of emotion and composition. Alongside this masterpiece, many other intriguing murals await admiration. After a day filled with cultural wonders and historical treasures, you'll stay another night in Nan, savoring the memories and experiences that have enriched your journey through this captivating province.

DAY 08 Nan – Pua: The View at Kew Muang / Floating Roads / Rock Salt Wells / Sapan Village / 1715 Viewpoint (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on an enchanting journey through the heart of Nan province, a region famed for its untouched natural beauty and serene ambiance. This unforgettable trip from Nan City to Pua

District offers a harmonious blend of scenic landscapes, cultural immersion, and moments of tranquility. Let the adventure begin as you traverse some of Thailand’s most picturesque routes and hidden gems. Your day starts at The View at Kew Muang, a mountain café perched high above the lush, forested valleys. This charming spot is more than just a place for coffee—it's a gateway to peace and inspiration. Take a seat on the café's rustic terrace, where the surrounding greenery stretches endlessly, kissed by misty mountain breezes. Sip on a freshly brewed cup of coffee or tea, sourced locally, and indulge in light snacks while soaking in the panoramic vistas. The serene atmosphere and crisp mountain air awaken your senses, setting the perfect tone for the adventures that lie ahead.

From The View at Kew Muang, your journey continues along Highway No. 1081, one of Thailand's most breathtaking mountain routes. This scenic road meanders along ridges, offering sweeping views of the valleys and peaks that define Nan's rugged landscape. As you wind through this elevated path, you'll encounter lush forests, quaint hillside farms, and occasional roadside viewpoints perfect for quick photo stops. Travelers often pause here to take in the vibrant colors of the terrain, which change with the seasons—from the vibrant greens of the rainy season to the golden hues of winter. Feel the thrill of the open road as you navigate the gentle curves of the highway, each turn revealing another postcard-worthy scene. This route is as much about the journey as it is about the destination, ensuring every mile becomes a cherished memory.

Your next destination is Sapan Village, a peaceful haven nestled amidst a verdant valley in Nan Province. As you arrive, you'll witness the simple life of the locals, their traditional homes blending seamlessly with the surrounding rice fields and fertile forests. The village is a picturesque tableau of rural Thai life, with wooden houses on stilts, lush greenery, and meandering streams creating a serene and idyllic setting. Breathe in the fresh air, rich with the scent of earth and growing crops, and lose yourself in the tranquil atmosphere that pervades every corner of Sapan. The gentle rustle of leaves and the distant calls of birds provide a soothing soundtrack to your exploration. Take a leisurely stroll through the village, observing the daily activities of the villagers as they go about their routines. The fields are a patchwork of verdant green and golden hues, especially as they approach harvest season. Capture the beauty of the rice fields, with their delicate stalks swaying in the breeze, and the farmers tending to their crops with care and dedication. The sight of water buffalo grazing peacefully adds to the pastoral charm of the landscape.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After immersing yourself in the tranquil beauty of Sapan Village, your journey through the enchanting landscapes and rich heritage of Nan province continues. Step back in time at the ancient Rock Salt Boiling Plant, a testament to Nan's rich history and enduring traditions. This unique site reveals the 800-year-old tradition of salt production that has been passed down through generations. As you explore the plant, you'll witness the locals' expertise in extracting this essential mineral, using methods that have remained largely unchanged over the centuries. The process involves boiling brine in large vats over wood fires, a labor-intensive and skillful practice that produces high-quality salt. Learn about the unique process of salt production, understanding its dependence on sunlight during the dry season to evaporate water and crystallize the salt. The plant is a fascinating blend of history and practicality, offering insights into the region's past and its resourceful use of natural materials. The salt produced here is not only a vital ingredient for the local cuisine but also a valuable commodity that has played a significant role in the area's economy.

From Bo Kluea District, continue your journey to the awe-inspiring Doi Phu Kha National Park, one of Nan's crown jewels. As you ascend to the park's famed viewpoint, located at an elevation of approximately 1,715 meters above sea level, you’ll be greeted by cool, refreshing mountain air and panoramic views of the surrounding peaks and valleys. The

park is named after the rare Chomphu Phu Kha tree (Bretschneidera sinensis), which blooms with delicate pink flowers in February, adding a splash of color to the lush greenery. The viewpoint itself is a favorite among visitors, offering an unobstructed glimpse of the park's grandeur—a landscape of rolling hills, dense forests, and, on clear days, a horizon that seems to stretch infinitely. The biodiversity here is remarkable, with the park serving as a sanctuary for rare flora and fauna. Take a moment to immerse yourself in the peaceful ambiance, letting the natural beauty of this highland retreat rejuvenate your spirit. Finally, your journey leads to Pua District, where you'll arrive and settle into your hotel for a restful overnight stay. The day's exploration has brought you closer to the natural wonders, cultural treasures, and warm hospitality that Nan province has to offer, creating cherished memories that will stay with you long after your journey ends.

DAY 09 Pua – Chiang Rai: Kwan Phayao Lake / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel

As you bid farewell to Nan Province and journey towards Chiang Rai Province, make a memorable stop at Kwan Phayao Lake, a crescent-shaped freshwater lake nestled in the heart of Phayao Province. Surrounded by majestic mountain ranges, this serene body of water is the largest freshwater lake in Northern Thailand and serves as a vital fishing area for the local community. Relax along the tranquil shores, where you can watch fishermen glide across the water in traditional boats, or take a leisurely stroll to admire the scenic beauty. The lake is also home to a rich variety of freshwater fish species, adding to its ecological significance. Whether you’re seeking a quiet moment of reflection or a picturesque spot to capture memories, Kwan Phayao delivers a sense of peace that is hard to find elsewhere.

Continue your adventure with a visit to Wat Rong Khun Temple, more famously known as the White Temple. This exquisite temple was designed and built by the renowned artist Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, showcasing a harmonious fusion of contemporary religious architecture with Lanna culture. The temple's aesthetic allure is enhanced by stucco patterns adorned with glass, a pure white chapel resembling a castle in paradise, and an intriguing bridge leading to the chapel, featuring sculptures depicting religious precepts and a journey through heaven and hell. The chapel is adorned with gleaming silver mirror patterns, and the temple complex also houses captivating art galleries and exquisite sculptures for tourists to admire.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Next on your itinerary is Singha Park Farm, a sprawling 3,000-acre agricultural wonder managed by Boon Rawd Brewery. This vibrant expanse is a haven for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. As you enter the park, you'll be greeted by rolling hills, serene lakes, and lush green fields that stretch as far as the eye can see. Hop aboard a farm car tour to explore the park's diverse attractions. Wander through vast oolong tea plantations, where the scent of fresh tea leaves fills the air. Visit the Fruit Kingdom, home to a variety of seasonal fruits ripe for picking. Stroll through meticulously cultivated vegetable and herb gardens, and revel in the kaleidoscope of colors in the flower fields, especially during the blooming season. For an unforgettable experience, interact with African animals, such as giraffes and zebras, as they roam freely in open enclosures.

Continue your exploration by visiting Wat Rong Suea Ten Temple, also known as the Blue Temple. This stunning architectural gem, designed by the visionary folk artist Mr. Puttha Kabkaew, stands as a testament to artistic brilliance and cultural reverence. The temple's exterior captivates visitors with its vibrant cobalt blue facade accented by intricate gold embellishments. Step inside, and you'll be transported to a world of divine artistry. The vihara's interior is a harmonious blend of blue and gold tones, adorned with elaborate murals that showcase a modern interpretation of traditional Buddhist themes. At the heart of this spiritual sanctuary lies Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, an imposing white Buddha statue that enshrines sacred relics. The serene ambiance of the temple offers a deeply spiritual experience, inviting both worshippers and travelers to pause and reflect amidst its beauty.

As the sun sets, indulge in the vibrant atmosphere of Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a popular shopping destination enticing both Thai and foreign visitors. Discover a wide array of hill tribe handicrafts, local products, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings. The bazaar also offers a diverse selection of delectable food and beverages. Be captivated by folk cultural activities in the enchanting Lanna style and enjoy performances by numerous hill tribes, creating a delightful evening for all to savor. Finally, rest and rejuvenate for the night in Chiang Rai, cherishing the unforgettable experiences and captivating beauty that have filled your day in this enchanting province.

DAY 10 Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Continue your journey to Mae Fah Luang District, where the captivating Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden await exploration. Perched atop Doi Tung Mountain at an altitude of 1,200 meters, the Doi Tung Royal Villa (also known as Doi Tung Palace) was constructed in 1987 as the residence of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the Princess Mother. This architectural gem masterfully blends Swiss Chalet design with traditional Lanna craftsmanship, featuring intricate wood carvings by northern Thai artisans adorning its gables, eaves, and window frames. The villa stands as a centerpiece of the Princess Mother's visionary Doi Tung Development Project, which transformed the once-barren, opium-producing highlands into a thriving sustainable community. Through reforestation, alternative livelihood programs, and environmental conservation, the project revitalized the region while preserving its cultural heritage. Adjacent to the villa lies the breathtaking Mae Fah Luang Garden, a meticulously curated botanical wonderland. Its vibrant floral displays shift with the seasons, offering visitors a kaleidoscope of colors and fragrances year-round. Strolling along its winding paths, guests are treated to a serene escape amidst nature's ever-changing beauty. Together, the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Mae Fah Luang Garden embody more than just architectural brilliance and natural splendor—they represent a legacy of royal dedication, environmental renewal, and cultural pride. A visit here invites travelers to witness firsthand how visionary leadership of the Princess Mother can harmonize progress, ecology, and tradition.

Next on your itinerary is Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost region, which shares its border with Myanmar's Tachilek province, separated by the Mae Sai River and connected by a bridge. From the Thai side, tourists can catch a glimpse of Myanmar's bustling streets and explore the renowned Mae Sai Market, a longstanding border market teeming with trade activities between Thai and Myanmar locals. This expansive shopping district, the largest in northern Thailand, features an array of shops lining its bustling alleys. Visitors can find an abundance of products at affordable prices, ranging from electrical appliances and local

goods to herbs, wicker, dry foods, and more. The market is a vibrant hub of commerce and culture, where the lively atmosphere is enhanced by the friendly interactions between traders and shoppers. Take your time to explore the various stalls, discovering unique items and souvenirs that reflect the rich cultural tapestry of the region. The market offers not only a shopping experience but also a glimpse into the daily lives and traditions of the local people.

Lunch at the restaurant.

As your journey continues, venture to the Golden Triangle at Sop Ruak Village, Chiang Saen District. Here, the Mekong River joins with the Ruak River, forming the borders between Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. In the past, this area was infamous for opium cultivation and trade, earning it the moniker "Golden Triangle" due to the wealth generated from opium trade, often referred to as "black gold." While opium cultivation is a thing of the past, visitors can learn about the area's intriguing history and then pay respects to the Golden Triangle Buddha. This magnificent bronze statue, gilded with topaz, stands at an impressive 69 tons and measures 10 meters in width and 15 meters in height. It replaces the former Buddha image that was submerged in the Mekong River and now stands majestically on the river's shore.

Embark on a cruise along the Mekong River, a significant waterway that flows through multiple countries and cultures. The Mekong River plays a vital role in the lives of people living along its banks, nourishing their way of life and connecting them through economic and cultural ties. This mighty river originates from the Tibetan Plateau, flowing through China, Laos, and Myanmar before reaching the "Golden Triangle" area in Chiang Saen District, where it serves as a demarcation line between Thailand and Laos. It continues on, supporting communities in Vietnam before flowing into the South China Sea. This majestic river showcases the remarkable interconnection of nations and the beauty of the surrounding landscapes. With your senses enriched by the wonders of Mae Fah Luang District, Mae Sai District, and the Golden Triangle, you'll find comfort and relaxation as you settle in for another night in the enchanting city of Chiang Rai.

DAY 11 Chiang Rai – Ban Tha Ton: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Doi Mae Salong / Akha hill tribe Village / Roi Jai Rak Project / Wat Tha Ton Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

The journey takes you to the captivating Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple. Perched atop a small hill, this temple offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The temple's unique features include a nine-story, twelve-sided chedi with an unusual pointed shape, exquisitely adorned with a blend of Chinese and Lanna art. The red roof, flanked by two dragon statues, adds to the grandeur of the structure. Inside the chedi, you'll find a colossal statue of the Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva, carved from fragrant sandalwood and depicted in a posture of blessing and forgiveness. The temple also boasts a magnificent white chapel and a 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, almost the size of a 25-story building. An elevator conveniently transports visitors to the top of the statue, offering breathtaking views of Chiang Rai.

Continuing your exploration to Doi Mae Salong, a region celebrated for its lush tea plantations and serene mountain vistas. As you ascend into the hills, you'll be greeted by terraced tea fields that stretch as far as the eye can see, painting the landscape in vibrant shades of green. These plantations are not only a feast for the eyes but also a testament to the agricultural prowess of the region. Doi Mae Salong is deeply rooted in history as the

home of a Chinese Yunnan community, descendants of soldiers who sought refuge in Thailand after the Chinese Communist Revolution. Today, this community thrives in agriculture, cultivating premium-quality tea, fruits, and vegetables that have gained recognition across Thailand and beyond. Strolling through the village, you'll encounter traditional Yunnan-style houses, quaint tea shops, and bustling markets, offering a glimpse into the daily life of this unique settlement. The tranquil ambiance, combined with the cultural richness of the area, evokes a sense of being transported to a remote village in southern China, making it a perfect retreat for relaxation and exploration.

Delve deeper into Chiang Rai's cultural tapestry with a visit to an Akha hill tribe village, nestled amidst stunning natural surroundings. The Akha people, originally from southern China, have a fascinating history of migration, first to northern Myanmar and eventually to northern Thailand over a century ago. Their villages are typically located on mountain ridges, with homes constructed from bamboo and thatched roofs, blending harmoniously with the environment. The Akha are known for their vibrant and colorful attire, featuring elaborate silver ornaments and multi-colored beads that symbolize their cultural identity and pride. Their way of life revolves around subsistence farming, livestock rearing, and traditional crafts such as sewing and silverware making. As you explore their villages, take a moment to appreciate the breathtaking natural scenery that surrounds these communities. The combination of lush greenery, mist-covered mountains, and the Akha's warm hospitality creates an enriching cultural experience that lingers long after your visit.

Lunch at the restaurant.

As your journey continues, you'll reach Ban Huai San Village in Mae Ai District, where you'll discover the remarkable Roi Jai Rak Project. Managed by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, this initiative aims to uplift the hill tribe communities by creating job opportunities and generating income. The project reflects a commitment to sustainable development and the empowerment of local communities. One of the highlights of Ban Huai San Village is Suan Roi Jai Rak, a beautiful garden plantation featuring an array of winter flowers and meticulously maintained vegetable plots. Visitors can enjoy the vibrant colors and delicate fragrances of the flowers, as well as gain insights into the agricultural practices of the region. Adjacent to the garden is Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, a bustling market where villagers sell their finest produce, fruits, flowers, and handicrafts. This market is a vibrant hub of activity and an excellent place for tourists to interact with the local community and purchase unique, high-quality items. The market showcases the rich diversity of local produce and the craftsmanship of the hill tribe communities, offering a delightful experience that captures the essence of the region.

The journey then takes you to Ban Tha Ton Village, a charming border village adjacent to Myanmar in Mae Ai District, Chiang Mai Province. Surrounded by mountains and a gentle river flowing through the village, Ban Tha Ton's cool weather creates a soothing atmosphere all year round. The village exudes the rich culture and traditions of the diverse multi-ethnic hill tribe people living in the area. You'll have the opportunity to visit Wat Tha Ton, a temple located on the hillside with a panoramic view of the village and surrounding landscapes. The temple's unique architecture features nine layers, each housing a sacred religious place, with the center peak enshrining "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan" or "Phra Chedi Kaew." The stunning views from every peak of Wat Tha Ton offer a beautiful perspective of the village and Mae Ai District. Settle in for a night in Ban Tha Ton Village, immersed in the natural beauty and cultural richness of this charming border region.

DAY 12 Ban Tha Ton - Pai: Hinoki Land / Wat Ban Den Temple / Mork Fah Waterfall / Pong Dued Hot Spring / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Bid farewell to Ban Tha Ton and travel to the picturesque Pai District. Your first stop is Hinoki Land, a unique Japanese architectural attraction in Thailand. This kingdom of hinoki wood offers visitors the chance to experience Japanese art, culture, and architecture in a beautiful Japanese-inspired setting. As you pass through the gate, you'll encounter a tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates, leading to the impressive four-story Hinoki Castle, inspired by Kinkakuji Castle in Kyoto. The stunning surroundings of mountains, forests, and beautiful scenery complement the serene atmosphere of Hinoki Land. Stroll through the meticulously landscaped gardens, admire the traditional Japanese architecture, and take in the peaceful ambiance that makes this place a true gem.

Next, you'll visit the enchanting Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen. Nestled in the heart of the ancient city of Muang Kaen, this sprawling temple complex is a treasure trove of Thai Lanna architecture and design. Upon entering the temple grounds, you'll be greeted by a breathtaking panorama of intricately designed buildings, each more mesmerizing than the last. The temple’s pagodas, adorned with gleaming golden accents, rise majestically against the sky, while the wooden structures boast elaborate carvings that tell stories of the region's spiritual and cultural legacy. Every detail, from the vibrant murals to the ornate doorways, feels like a living masterpiece, embodying the artistry of generations of Thai artisans. Stroll through the serene courtyards, where the tranquil atmosphere invites moments of introspection and awe. Wat Ban Den is not merely a place of worship—it is a celebration of craftsmanship, spirituality, and the enduring beauty of Thai heritage.

Your journey takes you into the heart of nature at the enchanting Mork Fah Waterfall. Hidden amidst a lush forest, this single-tiered waterfall is a sight to behold. As you approach, the sound of water cascading over rocks grows louder, drawing you into a peaceful retreat surrounded by greenery. The waterfall, glimmering in the sunlight, often forms delicate rainbows in the mist, especially during the early hours of the day—a magical sight that enchants every visitor. During the rainy season, the waterfall transforms into a powerful and majestic display, with the spray spreading through the air like a soft white mist. The dense forest that surrounds Mork Fah provides a cooling canopy, making it an ideal escape from the tropical heat. You can dip their toes into the natural pool at the base of the falls or simply sit and soak in the soothing sounds of nature.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After lunch, you'll visit the Pong Dueat Hot Springs, a natural wonder that blends geothermal beauty with lush jungle surroundings. These large geysers, with their bubbling hot waters, create a mesmerizing spectacle as steam rises and drifts into the cool mountain air. As you explore the area, you’ll discover well-maintained trails that wind through the surrounding forest, offering a closer look at the native flora, including towering trees, delicate ferns, and vibrant mosses. The hot springs themselves are an invitation to relax and unwind. The mineral-rich waters are believed to have therapeutic properties, soothing tired muscles and promoting overall well-being. Take a leisurely soak in the warm pools while enjoying the peaceful ambiance of the jungle.

As your journey continues to the Pai District, you'll travel along the historic World War II road, encountering numerous sharp curves as you ascend and descend the hills to enjoy breathtaking views of the beautiful mountains. This scenic drive is an adventure in itself, with each turn revealing new vistas of lush valleys and towering peaks. Once in Pai, you'll have the opportunity to explore the local lifestyle on the lively walking street. The street offers various handmade products, clothes, jewelry, and souvenirs, as well as a variety of

international and Thai restaurants to try out delicious food. The vibrant walking street is open from 5 pm until midnight, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of Pai. The market is a bustling hub of activity, with street performers, food vendors, and artisans creating a lively and festive environment. Overnight in Pai, surrounded by the enchanting beauty of this charming district. The town's relaxed vibe, friendly locals, and stunning natural scenery make it the perfect place to unwind and reflect on the day's adventures.

DAY 13 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

Start your day in Pai District with a visit to Santichon Village, a charming settlement offering a unique glimpse into Yunnan Chinese culture. The village's architecture, decorations, and environment reflect the heritage of the early settlers who emigrated from China. Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine at local restaurants, and visit traditional tea houses to savor various Chinese teas. From Santichon Village, take a short trip to the nearby Yun Lai Viewpoint, which offers breathtaking panoramas of Pai city, surrounded by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range. The viewpoint is famous for its spectacular sunrises, casting a golden glow over the landscape. The sea of mist that blankets the area during winter and the rainy season adds to the magical atmosphere. Bring your camera to capture these stunning views and create lasting memories.

After immersing yourself in Yunnanese culture, continue your journey to Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, a captivating temple perched atop a hill in Mae Yen village. This sacred site is not only a spiritual retreat but also a vantage point that offers breathtaking views of Pai city and its surrounding landscapes. Upon reaching the summit, you'll be rewarded with a panoramic vista of unparalleled beauty. The lush greenery stretches endlessly, creating a serene and tranquil atmosphere. The temple is most enchanting during sunrise and sunset. At dawn, the first rays of sunlight bathe the mountain ranges in a golden glow, creating a spellbinding scene. As evening falls, the sky transforms into a kaleidoscope of orange, pink, and purple hues, offering a perfect moment for reflection and appreciation of nature's artistry. The temple itself is an architectural marvel, showcasing traditional Thai design adorned with intricate carvings. Its centerpiece, a towering white Buddha statue overlooking the valley, symbolizes peace and tranquility. This awe-inspiring statue, paired with the temple's serene ambiance, offers solace and a deep sense of calm to all who visit.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your journey continues to the Memorial Bridge, a poignant relic of the Second World War and a reminder of Japan's presence in Thailand during that tumultuous period. Although a modern bridge now serves the area, the original structure endures as a powerful symbol of resilience and history. Walking along the bridge feels like stepping back in time, offering a glimpse into an era of hardship and transformation. The Memorial Bridge stands as a testament to the strength and perseverance of those who lived through the war, carrying stories of sacrifice, bravery, and endurance. It invites visitors to pause, pay tribute to the past, and honor the memories of those who traversed its spans during wartime. More than just a historical landmark, the bridge is a place of quiet contemplation and remembrance. Its weathered planks and enduring presence forge a profound connection to history, while the surrounding area's serene ambiance and scenic views deepen the reflective mood.

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

The last attraction of the day is the Merit Bridge, also known as "Khokuso." This remarkable winding bamboo bridge, constructed by villagers with great care and devotion, serves both practical and spiritual purposes. It connects Pambok village and Huai Khai Khiri Temple, facilitating the monks' morning alms round without disturbing the villagers' agricultural activities. The bridge offers a serene and picturesque path to make merit while soaking in the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding forest, mountains, and rice fields. Today's adventure will leave you with unforgettable memories and a deep appreciation for Pai's cultural heritage and natural wonders. End your adventure with a restful evening in Pai, surrounded by its captivating charm and enchanting landscapes. This day of discovery will leave you with unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for Pai’s rich heritage and natural splendor.

DAY 14 Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo Village) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Leaving Pai behind, your next destination is Pang Mapha District, where you'll visit Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a scenic spot nestled between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This breathtaking vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that changes with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, witness the awe-inspiring sunrise as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the horizon. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating a truly magical scene. As the day progresses, the fog gradually dissipates, revealing a stunning vista of intricately lined mountains stretching as far as the eye can see. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm, golden glow on the distant clouds, painting the sky with vibrant hues. The interplay of light and shadow creates a breathtaking spectacle that is sure to leave you mesmerized. Beyond the stunning views, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is also adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom throughout the year. This natural beauty, combined with the panoramic vistas, makes it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and photographers alike.

From Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, venture to Tham Lod Cave, an extraordinary archaeological site that has stood the test of time. The cave is blessed with a flowing stream known as "Lang," which meanders from end to end, creating a magnificent cave adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. These natural formations, sculpted by millennia of water erosion, create a breathtaking underground landscape. This wondrous cave has unearthed antique tools, utensils, and paintings on the cave walls dating back over 2,000 years, offering a glimpse into the lives of the region's ancient inhabitants. The cave's historical significance and its natural beauty make it a must-visit destination. In addition to marveling at nature's grandeur, visitors can partake in exciting activities such as bamboo rafting inside the cave, which allows you to navigate the underground river and see the cave from a

unique perspective. For the more adventurous, short treks around the cave's vicinity offer an opportunity to explore the surrounding forest and discover its diverse flora and fauna.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Your next visit will be to a Lahu hill tribe village. The Lahu people have a fascinating history of migration, originating from Tibet and gradually moving southward, settling in different regions of China and Myanmar before finally populating the north of Thailand hundreds of years ago. The Lahu tribe's villages are typically situated on high land, reflecting their preference for elevated locations. They lead a simple yet meaningful lifestyle centered around agricultural activities, such as rice farming and corn planting, as well as raising animals for consumption. The Lahu people are renowned as skilled hunters, adding to their self-sufficient way of life. One of the distinctive aspects of the Lahu culture is their belief system, which involves spirit worship. They have a deep spiritual connection to nature and the elements, maintaining a strong bond with the land they inhabit. This spiritual connection is expressed through their rituals and ceremonies. The Lahu people are known for their warm hospitality and openness towards visitors. They readily embrace people from different cultures and backgrounds, making it easy to connect and forge friendships with them. As you explore the village, you'll have the opportunity to witness their unique traditions and interact with the local community, gaining insights into their way of life and cultural practices. After the insightful visit to the Lahu hill tribe village, you'll head to Mae Hong Son, where you'll transfer to your hotel and spend the night.

DAY 15 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pe Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Start your exploration of Mae Hong Son with a visit to the majestic Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu. Perched atop Kong Mu Mountain, this sacred temple offers breathtaking views of the tranquil town below, surrounded by rolling hills and lush valleys. The temple complex is home to two historic pagodas: one built in 1860 by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant, and the other in 1874 by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first governor of Mae Hong Son. Each pagoda contributes to the site’s cultural and spiritual significance. From this serene hilltop sanctuary, you can immerse yourself in the peaceful atmosphere and pay homage to the revered Buddha images. Next, visit the twin temples of Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, located beside a tranquil swamp. These temples exemplify exquisite Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image, Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang stands out for its intricate Burmese wooden carvings and vivid glass paintings that depict scenes from Buddhist history and mythology, offering a glimpse into the region’s rich cultural heritage.

After admiring Mae Hong Son's stunning Burmese-style temples, take a journey to the Su Tong Pe Bridge, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge. Spanning over 500 meters, this remarkable structure connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak village. A masterpiece of local craftsmanship, the bamboo bridge offers panoramic views of rice paddies and tranquil canals, showcasing the ingenuity and artistry of the region’s artisans. The bridge is especially captivating during the rainy season, when golden rice fields, lush greenery, and distant mountains form a picturesque backdrop. Farmers tending to their fields add a touch of authentic rural charm, while the gentle sway of the bamboo and the soft rustle of leaves create a soothing, meditative ambiance. Each season reveals its own distinct beauty: earthy tones and rustic warmth in the dry season, and glistening golden fields under

bright winter skies. No matter the time of year, the Su Tong Pae Bridge offers a unique and unforgettable experience, blending natural beauty with cultural heritage in perfect harmony.

Lunch at the restaurant

Continue your journey to the enchanting village of Ban Rak Thai. Nestled amid breathtaking mountain scenery, this picturesque settlement embodies its rich Yunnanese heritage, brought by former members of the Chinese Nationalist 93rd Division who sought refuge in this remote area during the 20th century. Their enduring cultural traditions and culinary expertise have shaped Ban Rak Thai into a unique and vibrant enclave. The village's idyllic setting, with its serene lakes, colorful foliage, and mist-shrouded mountains, creates an almost otherworldly charm. Wander through narrow lanes adorned with traditional Yunnanese architecture, showcasing intricate carvings and vibrant details. The gentle pace of daily life here harmoniously blends ancient traditions with modern touches, offering a captivating glimpse into this cultural haven. A highlight of your visit is the opportunity to savor authentic Yunnanese cuisine. Renowned for its premium Chinese tea, Ban Rak Thai invites you to enjoy a cup of this fragrant brew, perfectly paired with other traditional delicacies. This culinary experience, set against the village's tranquil beauty, completes your immersion into its rich heritage.

From the charming Yunnanese village of Ban Rak Thai, your journey continues to the tranquil Shan village of Baan Ruam Thai, affectionately known as Pang Oung. Nestled within a rugged mountain range, this idyllic destination has earned the nickname "Switzerland of Thailand" for its stunning reservoir and postcard-worthy landscapes. The reservoir, a glistening gem framed by pine-clad mountains, serves as the village's centerpiece and a magnet for visitors. During the cold weather, a delicate veil of fog often blankets the water, creating a mystical and dreamlike ambiance. The year-round cool, crisp climate makes Pang Oung a perfect sanctuary for those seeking peace and natural beauty. As you meander through the village, you're enveloped by fresh mountain air and a pervasive sense of calm. Vibrant winter flowers dot the landscape, adding splashes of color to the already enchanting scenery. Whether you're strolling along winding paths, soaking in the breathtaking reservoir views, or unwinding in a cozy café, Pang Oung offers a serene retreat from the demands of everyday life. After a day filled with cultural experiences and natural beauty, you'll spend another night in the serene town of Mae Hong Son.

DAY 16 Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Grand Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

The journey from Mae Hong Son to Chiang Mai, passing through Doi Inthanon National Park, offers a captivating blend of breathtaking natural landscapes and rich cultural experiences. As you traverse the winding roads, each turn reveals new vistas of lush greenery and towering peaks. Upon arriving at Doi Inthanon, you will be greeted by the sight of Thailand's highest peak, standing tall at 2,565 meters above sea level. This iconic mountain is part of the Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, which extends from the legendary Himalayas. Spanning several countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, Doi Inthanon is a significant part of this vast and impressive mountain system. Doi Inthanon National Park is a sanctuary of natural beauty and biodiversity. The park boasts a variety of climates and forest types, ranging from dense rainforests to serene pine forests and mixed forests. This diversity creates a rich tapestry of flora and fauna, providing a habitat for countless species of plants and animals. The cool weather at the peak is a refreshing escape

from the tropical heat, and the stunning scenery draws visitors from around the world, making Doi Inthanon an irresistible destination for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

Upon reaching Doi Inthanon, you will visit the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, situated atop a high hill within the national park. Phra Mahathat Napamethanidol was built to honor and pay homage to Phra Bat Somdet Phra Paraminthra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX during the auspicious celebration of His Majesty the King's 5th cycle birthday in 1987. Similarly, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was constructed as an offering to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit during the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's 5th cycle birthday in 1992. The pagodas are beautifully surrounded by winter flower gardens and a variety of plants, offering breathtaking views and one of the most picturesque viewpoints in Chiang Mai.

Lunch at the restaurant

Approaching Wachirathan Waterfall, you'll be welcomed by the soothing sound of rushing water. Located within Doi Inthanon National Park, this 70-meter (230 feet) waterfall is surrounded by lush greenery and diverse flora. Throughout the year, the waterfall maintains a continuous flow, thanks to abundant water sources from the surrounding mountains and forests. This ensures Wachirathan Waterfall is a sight to behold regardless of when you visit. During the rainy season, from May to October, the waterfall's flow intensifies, creating a stunning display of nature's power and beauty. One of the highlights of visiting during this time is the occurrence of rainbows, as sunlight filtering through water droplets creates a mesmerizing array of colors. The combination of the roaring waterfall, lush greenery, and vibrant rainbows makes for a truly enchanting experience. You can get up close to the waterfall's splendor via viewing platforms and walking paths, which offer various safe angles to capture its beauty. It's an ideal spot for nature enthusiasts, photographers, and anyone seeking tranquility amidst captivating sights and sounds.

Explore the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a research station that plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable agriculture and supporting local communities. The station focuses on cultivating a wide variety of plants, including flowers, vegetables, and fruits, many of which are adapted to the region's unique climate and soil conditions. By conducting research and developing innovative farming techniques, the station helps farmers increase their yields and improve their livelihoods. Additionally, the station offers educational programs and workshops to teach farmers about sustainable practices, such as organic farming and water conservation. The station's efforts contribute to the preservation of the region's natural resources and the well-being of its people. You can see a variety of crops being grown, as well as learn about the research being conducted to improve agricultural practices.

After an exhilarating day of exploration, continue to the vibrant city of Chiang Mai. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and the natural beauty you've witnessed. As you settle into your hotel for a restful overnight stay, cherish the memories of your incredible journey from Mae Hong Son to Chiang Mai and through Doi Inthanon National Park. From historic temples adorned with beautiful art to hill tribe villages rich in cultural heritage, from towering mountains and mesmerizing waterfalls to colorful gardens, every moment of this adventure will leave a lasting impression on your heart.

DAY 17 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Start your exploration of Chiang Mai City with a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple. Located at an altitude of 1,053 meters above sea level on the top of Doi Suthep mountain, the temple is not only an important religious site but also a historical landmark that holds significant cultural significance for the Thai people. To reach the temple, you'll need to climb nearly 300 stairs, which adds to the sense of pilgrimage and reverence as you ascend towards the sacred site. The temple's full name, "Praboromathat Doi Suthep Woravihan," reflects the importance of the temple as a place of worship and devotion, showcasing the exquisite Thai Lanna art and architecture. Once you arrive at the temple, you'll be captivated by the grandeur of the Chiang Saen style pagoda that stands as the centerpiece. Inside the pagoda, the relics of Lord Buddha are enshrined, making it a revered and sacred place for Buddhists. The temple's significance stretches back to its founding in 1429, and over the centuries, it has become one of Thailand's most sacred and renowned temples. The surrounding area of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple offers a breathtaking view of Chiang Mai City. From this vantage point, you'll be able to see the cityscape spread out below, surrounded by the natural beauty of the region. It's no wonder why this viewpoint is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike to take in the scenic beauty and appreciate the spirituality of the site.

As you arrive at Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan, you'll be greeted by the impressive sight of one of Chiang Mai's most significant and historic temples. Situated in the heart of the city, Wat Chedi Luang holds great cultural and religious importance, making it a must-visit destination for travelers exploring the region. The pagoda was built during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mungrai dynasty, and it is believed to have been constructed around the year 1391. Standing tall with a width of 60 meters on each side, the pagoda showcases the distinctive Lanna architectural style that is characteristic of the region. As you approach the pagoda, you may notice that the top part is missing. This is due to a major earthquake that struck Chiang Mai in 1545, causing significant damage to the structure. Despite this, the remaining base of the pagoda still stands as a testament to the remarkable craftsmanship and artistry of the Lanna period. Within the temple area, you'll encounter a range of significant artifacts and structures. Among them is the Viharn Luang, the assembly hall that houses a revered and ancient Buddha image. It is a place of worship and meditation for locals and visitors alike. Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan is not only a site of historical and architectural importance but also a living spiritual hub for the local community. The temple is often bustling with monks, devotees, and tourists who come to pay their respects, seek blessings, and marvel at the remarkable craftsmanship of the Lanna era. Visiting Wat Chedi Luang offers a profound cultural and spiritual experience, allowing you to connect with the rich heritage of Chiang Mai and gain a deeper understanding of its profound significance in Thai history and religion.

Lunch at the restaurant

Venture out of Chiang Mai City to San Kamphaeng District, a hub of traditional craftsmanship and artistry. This district is particularly famous for its silk and cotton weaving industry, which has earned a stellar reputation for producing high-quality fabrics at affordable prices. A visit here offers tourists an opportunity to witness the intricate silk weaving process firsthand, from thread production to the creation of stunning textiles. Many silk factories in the area provide guided tours, offering insights into this time-honored craft. Beyond silk and cotton, San Kamphaeng is a treasure trove of handmade goods and souvenirs. Visitors can explore numerous factories and shops showcasing exquisite items, including wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and more. Each item reflects the region's artistic legacy and makes for a perfect keepsake or gift. Whether you're drawn to the elegance of silk or the allure of intricately crafted souvenirs, San Kamphaeng promises a memorable experience steeped in tradition and creativity. Conclude

your day by spending another restful night in the charming city of Chiang Mai, savoring the memories of your enriching journey exploring its cultural and spiritual gems.

DAY 18 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Thai Traditional Massage and Spa (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Indeed, experiencing a traditional Thai massage is a must when visiting Thailand, and Chiang Mai is a perfect place to indulge in this therapeutic practice. Thai massage is deeply rooted in Thai traditional medicine and has been practiced for centuries as a way to promote relaxation, healing, and overall well-being. Thai massage involves a unique combination of stretching, acupressure, and yoga-like movements. The practitioner uses their hands, elbows, knees, and feet to apply pressure to various points on the body, working along energy lines known as "sen." The massage aims to release tension, improve blood circulation, and restore balance to the body's energy flow. Currently, Thai massage is highly popular among foreign tourists. Therefore, after feeling tired from a long journey, we never miss the opportunity to offer our customers relaxation with a Thai massage and spa course at a well-known Thai massage and spa salon in Chiang Mai, where we provide a variety of courses for customers to choose from before taking a massage and spa course.

While Thai massage is generally safe for many people, individuals with certain medical conditions, such as blood pressure disease, heart disease, osteoporosis, neurological issues (especially in the spinal cord), loose joints, obstructive vascular or lymphatic diseases, or diabetes, may need to avoid certain massage techniques or consult with a healthcare professional beforehand. For those without contraindications, a Thai massage and spa session in Chiang Mai can be a rejuvenating and relaxing way to unwind after a long journey. The experience of receiving a traditional Thai massage amidst the tranquil and culturally rich surroundings of Chiang Mai will undoubtedly leave visitors with lasting memories. As your journey nears its end, spending your last night in Chiang Mai will provide the opportunity to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere, explore its bustling night markets, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and reflect on the unforgettable experiences you've had during your Thailand adventure. Chiang Mai's charm and warmth will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression as you bid farewell to this beautiful city.

DAY 19 Chiang Mai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your remarkable journey through Northern Thailand comes to an end, it is time to bid farewell. Our dedicated team will accompany you to Chiang Mai 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 133,000 THB
- 3 Persons 114,000 THB
- 4 Persons 95,500 THB
- 5 Persons up 91,500 THB
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

Included:

- Thai Massage and Spa
- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Chao Phraya River Cruise Dinner
- Admission fees as tour mentioned
- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (18 Nights)
- Meals as mentioned in the program (18 Breakfasts / 17 Lunches / 1 River Cruise Dinner)
- 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 1-2-3	Bangkok	Riverside Bangkok Hotel	Superior
Day 4	Sukhothai	Le Charme Sukhothai	Deluxe
Day 5	Phrae	Huern Na Na Boutique Hotel	Deluxe
Day 6-7	Nan	Nan Nakara Boutique Hotel	Deluxe
Day 8	Pua	Pua De View Boutique Resort	Deluxe
Day 9-10	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 11	Ban Tha Ton	Maekok River Village Resort	Deluxe
Day 12-13	Pai	Yoma Hotel	Deluxe
Day 14-15	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 16-17-18	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	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.