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Northern Thailand Tour 12 Days 11 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 - 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
	Embark on an unforgettable journey from Chiang Mai to the picturesque Lampang province, a destination rich in culture, history, and natural beauty. Your adventure begins with a visit to the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, a haven for these gentle giants and a place committed to their welfare, including the treatment of sick and injured elephants. Operated by the Forest Industry Organization, this center provides visitors with a rare opportunity to witness the deep bond between humans and elephants while promoting awareness about their conservation. The center offers an array of activities designed to educate and inspire. Marvel at elephant shows where these magnificent creatures demonstrate their intelligence and strength, and gain insights into their daily care and training. Participate in interactive experiences such as bathing elephants in the river—an activity that highlights their playful and sociable nature. The center also houses a hospital dedicated to elephant health, underscoring its role as a sanctuary for their well-being. Additionally, visitors can explore the on-site museum and learn about the history and cultural significance of elephants in Thailand, making it a deeply enriching experience for all ages.
	Lunch at the restaurant.
	Continuing your adventure, make your way to the Chae Hom District to visit the awe-inspiring “Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn,” also known as “Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng.” This extraordinary temple, perched atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level, is often described as heaven on earth. The journey to the temple is as rewarding as the destination itself. After a scenic drive to the base, embark on a one-kilometer ascent on foot, a trek that takes approximately 30 minutes. The path winds through a serene forest, accompanied by stairways that gradually reveal breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. Upon reaching the summit, you will be greeted by a collection of pavilion halls and gleaming white

pagodas perched precariously on rocky peaks. These structures, built with unwavering devotion by monks and local villagers over many years, stand as a testament to faith and community spirit. The panoramic vistas from the mountaintop are nothing short of spectacular, offering sweeping views of the lush countryside, the districts of Chae Hom, and beyond. This spiritual and visual feast is a must-visit for nature lovers and cultural enthusiasts alike.

After exploring the temple, immerse yourself in the unique charm of Lampang city. One of the highlights of this historic town is the opportunity to enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride along its quaint streets. As you journey through the city, you'll encounter a blend of modern life and historical architecture, with ancient buildings serving as a reminder of Lampang's past economic prosperity. The horse carriage, a symbol of Lampang's identity, has long been cherished by its residents. Once a vital mode of transportation, these carriages are now lovingly preserved and used primarily for tourism, offering visitors a nostalgic glimpse into the province's storied past. As your carriage meanders through the city, you'll witness the daily life of the locals and experience the warm hospitality that defines Lampang. End your day by indulging in the local cuisine at a riverside restaurant or exploring the vibrant night market, where you can shop for handmade crafts and savor traditional dishes. Spend the night in one of Lampang's charming accommodations, surrounded by the tranquil ambiance that sets this province apart.

DAY 03 Lampang - Chiang Rai: 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.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a mesmerizing journey from Lampang province to the enchanting Chiang Rai province, a land brimming with cultural wonders, breathtaking architecture, and natural beauty. Begin your adventure with a visit to the iconic Wat Rong Khun, also known as the White Temple. This architectural masterpiece, conceived and brought to life by the visionary artist Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, combines elements of modern artistic expression with traditional Lanna culture. The temple's resplendent white chapel glistens like a celestial castle, symbolizing purity and enlightenment. Intricate stucco patterns, adorned with sparkling glass, decorate its facade, while the vast wall murals within narrate stories of Buddhist philosophy interwoven with contemporary themes. The approach to the chapel itself is a marvel. Crossing the symbolic Bridge of the Cycle of Rebirth, visitors are greeted by sculptures portraying the journey from the earthly realm of suffering to spiritual transcendence. These sculptures, depicting scenes of hell and heaven, carry profound religious precepts subtly woven into their artistry. Beyond the chapel, explore an art gallery curated by Chalermchai Kositpipat, showcasing his other works and offering a glimpse into his creative genius. The grounds are dotted with exquisite sculptures, making the White Temple not only a place of worship but also a hub of artistic and spiritual inspiration.

From the grandeur of Wat Rong Khun, venture into the lush expanse of Singha Park Farm, a premier agricultural tourism destination managed by Boon Rawd Brewery. Spanning over 3,000 acres, this park is a haven of natural beauty and agricultural innovation. Meander through its rolling hills, where 250 acres of verdant green oolong

tea plantations stretch as far as the eye can see. The air is filled with the fragrance of fresh crops and flowers, offering visitors a sensory escape into nature's embrace. Discover the "fruit kingdoms" within the park, which boast an array of exotic fruits such as sweet melons, juicy strawberries, tart raspberries, and unique giant gooseberries. Take a leisurely stroll through meticulously tended vegetable and herb gardens, marvel at the vibrant flower fields in full bloom, or enjoy interactive experiences like feeding African wildlife, including zebras and giraffes, in the park's verdant pastures. Whether you're riding a tram along scenic trails, tasting freshly picked produce, or sipping tea by the serene lake, Singha Park offers a memorable retreat for nature and agriculture enthusiasts.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey to Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple, another gem in Chiang Rai's treasure trove of spiritual landmarks. Designed by the talented local artist Mr. Puttha Kabkaew, a protégé of Chalermchai Kositpipat, this temple captivates visitors with its bold and striking design. The deep blue tones of its walls, contrasted with gilded accents, create a mesmerizing visual effect that reflects the temple's connection to the infinite and the divine. Inside the temple, the centerpiece is the magnificent Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, a serene white Buddha statue that exudes peace and sanctity. This awe-inspiring statue radiates a sense of tranquility, inviting visitors to pause and reflect. Encased within the statue are sacred relics, further enhancing its profound spiritual significance and drawing pilgrims from near and far. The interior walls, adorned with intricate and vividly colored murals, narrate timeless tales rich in Buddhist symbolism and artistry. Each mural serves as a visual meditation, making the Blue Temple not just a place of worship but a sanctuary of both spiritual and artistic exploration.

As the day winds down, immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of the Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a bustling hub that offers a perfect blend of culture, cuisine, and commerce. Wander through its lively alleys, where stalls showcase an array of handcrafted hill tribe products, local goods, colorful clothing, unique accessories, and home furnishings. The bazaar is a sensory delight, with the aroma of sizzling street food wafting through the air and the sounds of traditional music filling the space. Savor a variety of culinary delights, from spicy northern Thai sausages to freshly grilled seafood, and sip on refreshing drinks made from locally sourced ingredients. The bazaar also features cultural performances, including traditional Lanna dances and music, as well as vibrant shows by the region's hill tribes, offering visitors a glimpse into Chiang Rai's rich heritage. The lively ambiance and diverse offerings make the Night Bazaar an unforgettable experience for all.

Conclude your day by staying in Chiang Rai's charming accommodations, where you can unwind and reflect on the memories made. From the artistic brilliance of Wat Rong Khun and Wat Rong Suea Ten to the natural splendor of Singha Park and the cultural vibrancy of the Night Bazaar, Chiang Rai promises a journey filled with awe, inspiration, and heartfelt experiences. Each moment spent in this captivating province leaves a lasting impression, inviting you to return and discover more of its hidden treasures.

DAY 04	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.

Your journey through the beautiful scenery of Chiang Rai continues with a visit to iconic attractions such as Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden. The Doi Tung Royal Villa, also known as Doi Tung Palace, was constructed in 1987 on Doi Tung Mountain in Mae Fah Luang District, situated at an altitude of 1,200 meters. This distinctive building, once the residence of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra (the Princess Mother), uniquely combines Swiss chalet design with traditional Lanna architecture. Notable features include intricate wood carvings by northern Thai craftsmen, adorning elements such as gables and window frames. The villa's creation was part of the Princess Mother's broader Doi Tung Development Project—a transformative initiative focused on reforesting the area, reducing opium cultivation by offering alternative livelihoods, and promoting sustainable living among local communities. Adjacent to the villa lies the Mae Fah Luang Garden, a beautifully curated botanical space bursting with color and fragrance. Its diverse collection of flowers and plants changes throughout the year, offering visitors a mesmerizing and peaceful experience that mirrors the rhythm of the seasons. Together, the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Mae Fah Luang Garden showcase not only natural beauty and architectural ingenuity but also tell an important story of royal initiative, environmental restoration, and cultural preservation in Thailand.

Next, travel to Mae Sai District, Thailand's northernmost district, offers a unique experience due to its proximity to Myanmar. The district shares its border with Myanmar's Tachilek province, and the Mae Sai River serves as a natural boundary. A bridge connects the two cities, allowing tourists to glimpse Myanmar from the Thai side. Mae Sai Market is a major attraction in the district and has gained fame as a bustling border market. Here, both Thai and Myanmar people freely travel to engage in trade and commerce. The market is a shopper's paradise and considered the largest shopping district in northern Thailand. As you explore Mae Sai Market, you'll find numerous shops lining the alleys, offering an impressive range of products. From electrical appliances to local goods, herbs, wicker products, and even dry food, the market has it all. The variety of goods available allows you to shop for souvenirs, unique items, and everyday essentials at affordable prices. The bustling atmosphere of Mae Sai Market, with the vibrant mix of cultures and products from both Thailand and Myanmar, creates an exciting and enriching experience for you. The opportunity to witness cross-border trade and interact with people from different backgrounds adds to the charm of this lively border district.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Delve into the rich history of the Golden Triangle, located in Sop Ruak Village within Chiang Saen District. This fascinating region, where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar converge, was once infamous for its role in the global opium trade. Known as the epicenter of opium cultivation and commerce, the Golden Triangle earned its name from the exchange of opium for gold. Today, the area has transformed into a symbol of cultural heritage and historical intrigue. Visitors can learn about its complex past through exhibits at the Hall of Opium Museum, which offers an in-depth exploration of the opium trade’s impact on the region’s history and culture. A visit to the Golden Triangle is incomplete without paying homage to the

Golden Triangle Buddha, an awe-inspiring bronze statue gilded with topaz that majestically overlooks the Mekong River. This grand statue, known locally as Phra Buddha Nawa Lan Tue, represents peace and compassion, inviting both locals and tourists to pause and reflect. Surrounding the statue, you'll find scenic viewpoints offering panoramic vistas of the Mekong River and the lush landscapes of Laos and Myanmar, creating an unforgettable backdrop for photos and quiet moments of contemplation.

To truly experience the essence of the Golden Triangle, embark on a memorable cruise along the legendary Mekong River, one of the world's longest and most significant waterways. Originating in the Tibetan Plateau, this mighty river flows through six countries, serving as a lifeline for millions of people along its banks. As you glide along its tranquil waters, take in the stunning natural scenery, from rolling hills and verdant forests to bustling riverfront villages. The cruise offers a unique opportunity to observe the daily lives of the local communities, whose cultures and traditions are deeply intertwined with the river's flow. Witness fishermen casting their nets, children playing along the riverbanks, and traders ferrying goods across the water, all set against the serene backdrop of the Mekong's timeless beauty. As the day draws to a close, spend the night in Chiang Rai, reflecting on the wonders and stories you've encountered on your journey. Enjoy a peaceful night in this charming city, cherishing the moments and discoveries that have made your journey truly unforgettable.

DAY 05 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.

Your journey through the enchanting provinces of Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai offers an extraordinary exploration of cultural richness and natural beauty. Begin your adventure with a visit to the magnificent Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple, a striking architectural masterpiece perched atop a serene hill. This temple features a unique nine-story, twelve-sided chedi that harmoniously blends Chinese and Lanna artistry. The vibrant red roof, flanked by intricately carved dragon statues, adds to the temple's grandeur. Inside, you will find the enshrined Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva, meticulously crafted from large sandalwood. The temple's crowning jewel is the awe-inspiring 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva. Towering as high as a 25-story building, this monumental statue not only serves as a symbol of devotion but also provides panoramic views of Chiang Rai's picturesque landscapes, offering moments of peace and reflection.

Next, journey to the scenic heights of Doi Mae Salong, a picturesque area renowned for its tea cultivation. The green terraced tea plantations and the serene mountain scenery provide a calming and natural atmosphere, perfect for relaxation. Doi Mae Salong was originally settled by Chinese immigrants from Yunnan province in China due to past political changes. The village has retained a distinct Chinese influence, with traditional Chinese architecture, markets selling authentic Chinese teas and goods, and local cuisine that echoes the flavors of Yunnan. Walking through Doi Mae

Salong, you might feel as though you've stepped into a Chinese village in southern China, with its charming streets, tea houses, and beautiful vistas.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Delve deeper into the rich cultural tapestry of northern Thailand with a visit to the Akha hill tribe. The Akha people have an intriguing history, originating from southern China, migrating to Myanmar, and eventually settling in various districts of Chiang Rai Province. They prefer to live at high altitudes, maintaining their traditional way of life, which includes agriculture, livestock farming, and household industries such as sewing and silverware making. The Akha are known for their vibrant tribal dresses adorned with eye-catching silverware and beads, each piece a testament to their rich cultural heritage. These intricate costumes are not merely decorative; they hold significant meaning and are worn during festivals, ceremonies, and daily life. Visiting an Akha village offers a unique opportunity to learn about their customs, witness their traditional crafts, and gain a deeper understanding of their way of life.

Continue your exploration to Ban Huai San Village in the Tha Ton Subdistrict of Mae Ai District. Here, you'll discover the Roi Jai Rak Project, an initiative led by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation to improve the livelihoods of hill tribe communities. This project emphasizes sustainable development by providing job opportunities and promoting income-generating activities. Stroll through Suan Roi Jai Rak, a flourishing garden plantation filled with winter flowers and vegetable plots. At Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, explore a vibrant market where villagers showcase high-quality local produce and exquisite handicrafts. This visit not only supports local communities but also offers an authentic insight into their way of life.

Finally, proceed to Ban Tha Ton Village, an enchanting border village nestled between Thailand and Myanmar. Surrounded by majestic mountains and graced with a meandering river, this village exudes a tranquil charm. Ban Tha Ton is a cultural mosaic, home to diverse hill tribe communities whose unique traditions and customs enrich the area. Visit Wat Tha Ton, a temple majestically perched on a hillside. The temple's nine layers of sacred religious sites culminate in the highest point, where the revered "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan" or "Phra Chedi Kaew" is enshrined. From this vantage point, soak in the breathtaking panoramic views of Ban Tha Ton Village and the surrounding landscapes. Conclude your day by staying overnight in Ban Tha Ton Village, where the serene ambiance and star-lit skies provide the perfect setting to unwind. Reflect on the cultural and natural wonders experienced throughout the day, and prepare yourself for the next chapter of your unforgettable journey through northern Thailand's captivating provinces.

DAY 06 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.

Leave the quiet charm of Ban Tha Ton village behind and embark on an enchanting journey to Hinoki Land, the first and only hinoki wood kingdom in Thailand. Nestled in the heart of Chiang Mai province, Hinoki Land is a unique Japanese-inspired architectural attraction that has captivated travelers from all over the world. This

extraordinary destination is meticulously designed to immerse visitors in the beauty of Japanese art, culture, and architecture, all set against the backdrop of a serene and picturesque Japanese atmosphere. The centerpiece of Hinoki Land is the stunning four-story Hinoki Castle, inspired by the renowned Kinkakuji Castle in Kyoto, Japan. This remarkable structure is constructed entirely from hinoki pine wood, a material deeply revered in Japanese tradition for its noble and sacred qualities. The fragrance of the hinoki wood fills the air, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and reverence. The castle's intricate design and craftsmanship transport visitors to a world of elegance and cultural heritage. As you ascend its levels, you'll find each floor offers unique displays and perspectives, culminating in breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The grounds of Hinoki Land are equally captivating, featuring meticulously manicured gardens, koi ponds, and traditional Japanese gates known as torii. These elements harmoniously blend to create an authentic Japanese setting that feels like stepping into a painting. The natural beauty of the surrounding mountains and forests further enhances the magical experience, making it a perfect spot for photography and peaceful reflection.

Continuing your journey, make your way to Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen, located in the Inthakin Sub-District of Mae Taeng District. This magnificent temple is one of the most revered spiritual landmarks in the region. Situated in the ancient city of Muang Kaen, the temple is named after the Bodhi tree, or "Sari Tree," symbolizing enlightenment and wisdom. Wat Ban Den stands as a testament to the rich heritage of Thai Lanna culture, showcasing an impressive array of beautifully crafted buildings that reflect the essence of traditional northern Thai architecture. The temple complex is a visual masterpiece, adorned with intricate carvings, vibrant murals, and ornate sculptures that tell stories from Buddhist mythology and Thai folklore. Each structure within the complex exudes a sense of grandeur and devotion, inviting visitors to marvel at the exquisite artistry and spiritual significance. The towering pagodas, elaborately decorated with gold and colorful tiles, glisten under the sunlight, creating a dazzling display that inspires awe and reverence. A visit to Wat Ban Den is not just a journey through architectural beauty but also a spiritual experience. The tranquil ambiance of the temple grounds encourages introspection and a deep connection with the surrounding nature. From the panoramic views of the lush countryside to the serene courtyards within the temple, every corner of Wat Ban Den offers a sense of peace and wonder.

From Wat Ban Den Temple, embark on an unforgettable journey to Mork Fah Waterfall, nestled within Doi Suthep-Pui National Park in the Sop Poeng Sub-District of Mae Taeng District. Though not the largest waterfall in the region, Mork Fah captivates visitors with its serene beauty and tranquil surroundings. This single-tiered waterfall flows gracefully throughout the year, its cascading waters creating a soothing melody that blends harmoniously with the sounds of nature. The area surrounding the waterfall is a verdant paradise, teeming with moss-covered rocks, ferns, and towering trees that form a natural canopy. Visiting in the morning offers a special treat—the sunlight piercing through the foliage often creates a sparkling rainbow in the mist of the waterfall's spray, a truly magical sight. Each season brings a unique charm to Mork Fah, from the lush greenery of the rainy months to the crisp, cool air of the dry season.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After soaking in the natural splendor of Mork Fah Waterfall, continue your adventure to the Pong Dueat Hot Springs, another gem within the national park. This geothermal wonder is famed for its large geysers that shoot steam and boiling water into the air, offering a fascinating glimpse into the Earth's geothermal activity. The water temperature is notably high, giving rise to a distinctive sulfuric aroma that hints at the springs' mineral-rich properties. The hot springs are surrounded by dense jungle, creating an immersive natural setting that invites exploration. For those who enjoy hiking, a 1.5-kilometer nature study trail winds through the forest, offering an opportunity to learn about the area’s diverse flora and fauna. Along the path, you’ll encounter towering trees, vibrant ferns, and mossy undergrowth, making it an educational and scenic journey.

As your journey unfolds, drive onward to the enchanting Pai district, taking the historic World War II road that weaves through breathtaking mountain landscapes. The drive itself is an adventure, with winding roads offering panoramic views of lush valleys and misty peaks. Upon reaching Pai, you’ll be greeted by the district’s unique charm and warm hospitality. Begin your exploration at the lively walking street, a bustling hub of activity that captures the heart and soul of Pai’s local lifestyle. The walking street comes alive in the evening, from 5 pm until midnight, and is lined with stalls offering an eclectic mix of handmade products, traditional crafts, and souvenirs. Here, you’ll find everything from intricately woven baskets and handcrafted jewelry to colorful clothing and artistic trinkets. The culinary offerings at the walking street are equally enticing, with a wide array of Thai and international dishes to tempt your taste buds. Savor local specialties such as khao soi (a creamy curry noodle soup) or indulge in freshly made sushi, wood-fired pizzas, and other global favorites. The vibrant atmosphere, filled with the hum of conversation and the aroma of street food, makes the walking street a perfect spot to immerse yourself in Pai’s culture.

As night falls, unwind in one of Pai’s charming and inviting accommodations, where comfort seamlessly blends with natural beauty. Nestled amidst serene landscapes and enveloped by the cool, refreshing mountain air, Pai offers an idyllic retreat for travelers seeking rest and rejuvenation. Allow the soothing sounds of nature to lull you to sleep, ensuring you wake up refreshed and ready to embark on another day of exploration and adventure in the captivating landscapes of northern Thailand.

DAY 07 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 with a visit to Santichon Village, a charming settlement that offers a unique glimpse into Yunnan Chinese culture and way of life. The village’s architecture, decorations, and environment reflect the heritage of the early settlers who emigrated from China. Walking through the village, you'll notice traditional houses adorned with red lanterns and intricate woodwork, giving it an authentic feel. Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine at local restaurants, where you can try Yunnan-style noodles and dumplings. Visit traditional tea houses to savor various Chinese teas while relaxing in the serene atmosphere. Each tea house provides a tranquil setting to enjoy your drink, often with beautiful views of the surrounding landscape. From

Santichon Village, take a short trip to the nearby Yun Lai Viewpoint. This vantage point 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, creating an almost otherworldly scene. Bring your camera to capture these stunning views and create lasting memories. The early morning light enhances the natural beauty, making every photo a treasure.

Continue your exploration 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. The ascent to the temple is a meditative experience in itself, accompanied by the soothing sounds of rustling leaves and the gentle whispers of the wind. 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.

After lunch, 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. When visiting Pai District, the Memorial Bridge is not only a historical treasure but also a reminder of the town's resilience and the enduring spirit of its people. It offers a space to reflect on the lessons of the past and appreciate the journey that has shaped the present.

After reflecting on the past at the Memorial Bridge, continue your journey to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, an awe-inspiring natural wonder shaped over centuries by wind and rain erosion. As you draw closer, the landscape transforms into a striking tableau of deep ravines, towering cliff-like formations, and narrow, winding ridges that stretch across an expansive area of over three acres. Surrounded by a vibrant mixed deciduous forest, Pai Canyon's rugged terrain offers a stunning contrast

of earthy hues and lush greenery. The steep and narrow trails beckon adventurous spirits, challenging explorers to traverse the ridges while rewarding them with breathtaking panoramic views. Below, villages and farmlands dot the landscape, framed by the majestic silhouettes of distant mountains. Hiking these trails is an adventure in itself, with every twist and turn revealing a new perspective of the canyon’s dramatic beauty. Whether you're seeking a heart-pounding trek or a tranquil moment to take in the scenery, Pai Canyon is a destination that captivates the senses and inspires awe at every step.

Finally, conclude your day at the Merit Bridge, also known as "Khokuso." This remarkable bamboo bridge, gracefully winding through the landscape, was lovingly constructed by villagers with both practicality and devotion in mind. Stretching between Pambok Village and Huai Khai Khiri Temple, it serves as a vital pathway for monks' morning alms rounds while preserving the villagers' agricultural routines undisturbed. For visitors and locals alike, the bridge offers more than just a crossing —it’s a serene passage into Pai’s rich spiritual and cultural tapestry. As you stroll along the gently swaying bamboo, surrounded by the verdant beauty of forests, mountains, and rice fields, a profound sense of tranquility envelops you. The soft rustle of leaves in the breeze, the rhythmic chants of monks in the distance, and the harmonious blend of nature and devotion create an atmosphere of quiet meditation. Walking across the Merit Bridge is more than a physical journey; it’s an immersion into the soul of the local community. The experience fosters a deep connection to their traditions, leaving you with unforgettable memories and a newfound appreciation for Pai's cultural heritage and natural splendor. Spend another night in Pai, immersed in the beauty and cultural richness of this charming district. Reflect on the day's experiences, the connections made, and the serene moments enjoyed along the way. The peaceful ambiance and star-lit skies of Pai will provide the perfect setting to unwind and prepare for the next chapter of your unforgettable journey through northern Thailand's captivating provinces.

DAY 08 Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Leaving the charm of 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. The combination of Tham Lod Cave's stunning geological features and rich historical artifacts provides an unforgettable experience, blending natural wonder with cultural heritage.

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. Spend the night in Mae Hong Son, where you can immerse yourself in the local culture and enjoy the serene beauty of the surrounding nature. Mae Hong Son is known for its tranquil atmosphere and picturesque landscapes, making it a perfect destination to unwind and embrace the charms of northern Thailand.

DAY 09	Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pae Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM	Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a journey to explore some of the most significant and visually captivating temples in Mae Hong Son. First, visit Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu, an essential place of worship located on the top of Kong Mu Mountain. This temple complex consists of

two pagodas, with the larger one constructed by Chong Thong Su, a Shan merchant, in 1860 and the smaller one by Phraya Singhanatracha, the first ruler of Mae Hong Son, in 1874. From the hilltop, you'll be rewarded with stunning panoramic views of the town, surrounded by majestic mountains and lush valleys. The temple's serene ambiance and historical significance make it a must-visit destination in Mae Hong Son. Next, visit Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang temples, both situated next to a large swamp. These ancient temples showcase exquisite Burmese-style architecture and are home to the revered Buddha image known as Luang Paw To. Wat Chong Klang is particularly notable for its vast collection of Burmese wood carving dolls and impressive glass paintings depicting Buddhist history. The rich cultural heritage and ornate decorations make these temples a fascinating sight to behold.

Afterward, make your way 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 explore the unique and culturally rich villages near the border between Thailand and Myanmar. Start by visiting Baan Rak Thai Village, a settlement of Yunnanese people who once served in the Chinese Nationalist 93rd division, also known as the "Kuomintang." This village is a testament to their migration during the revolution and the rise of the communist regime in Southern China. As you arrive, you'll be captivated by the breathtaking mountain scenery and the serene beauty of the lakes and colorful shrubbery that adorn the village. The green tea farmlands, meticulously planted in rows along the mountainside, create a picturesque landscape. Don't miss the opportunity to savor delicious Yunnan cuisine, including tasting the renowned Chinese tea, known for its exceptional quality, which is a specialty of Mae Hong Son province.

Conclude your day with a visit the tranquil and peaceful Shan village of Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung. Nestled amidst rugged mountain ranges, this village boasts a stunning reservoir that resembles the picturesque landscapes of Switzerland. Surrounded by pine forests and adorned with colorful winter flowers, the village offers a cool climate throughout the year. The pine forest and spacious reservoir embraced by the mountains create a mesmerizing sight, especially in the rainy and winter seasons when the fog hovers above the lake. The beauty of this idyllic village, combined with the cool weather and vibrant flowers, makes it a favorite destination for tourists year-round. Throughout your journey, you'll be enchanted by the beauty of Mae Hong Son's landscapes, the warmth of its culture, and the welcoming hospitality

of its people. Spending another night in Mae Hong Son will allow you to immerse yourself fully in the tranquility and charm of this remarkable province.

DAY 10 Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an exciting journey from Mae Hong Son back to Chiang Mai, passing through Doi Inthanon National Park along a winding road that meanders through breathtaking mountain landscapes. This route offers travelers an unforgettable experience, with each bend revealing mist-covered valleys, verdant forests, and towering peaks. Rising to an impressive altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level, Doi Inthanon proudly holds the title of Thailand's highest peak. As part of the expansive Thanon Thongchai Mountain range—stretching from the Himalayas through Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar—this majestic region is celebrated for its diverse climates, rich ecosystems, and abundant natural beauty. Doi Inthanon National Park is a treasure trove of biodiversity, encompassing rainforests, pine forests, and mixed woodlands, each thriving at different elevations. Visitors can explore these ecological wonders along well-maintained trails that weave through lush greenery, leading to cascading waterfalls, vibrant birdlife, and serene streams. At the summit of Doi Inthanon, travelers are rewarded with spectacular panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys, a sight particularly magical at sunrise or sunset. The cool climate that graces the region year-round adds to its allure, making it a beloved destination for nature enthusiasts and adventurers alike.

One of the highlights of Doi Inthanon National Park is the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri, which stand as architectural marvels and symbols of reverence. Perched on a high hill, these pagodas were constructed to honor Thailand's revered monarchs. Phra Mahathat Napamethanidol was built in 1987 to commemorate the 60th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), while Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was completed in 1992 to celebrate the 60th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. The two pagodas are surrounded by meticulously landscaped gardens filled with vibrant winter flowers, exotic plants, and serene pathways that invite visitors to take leisurely strolls. The pagodas themselves are masterpieces of design, featuring intricate carvings, detailed murals, and sacred Buddha images. The surrounding gardens, with their vibrant blooms and refreshing atmosphere, enhance the tranquil and spiritual experience. From this vantage point, visitors can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the national park, with its rolling hills, lush forests, and vast skies providing a sense of peace and connection to nature. The cool, crisp air, coupled with the serene ambiance, makes this spot one of Chiang Mai's most cherished viewpoints.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey to Wachirathan Waterfall, an awe-inspiring single-tiered cascade renowned for its remarkable beauty and continuous flow of water year-round. Plunging from a height of 70 meters into the basin below, the waterfall exudes a captivating charm. During the rainy season, the sun-kissed water droplets often create

enchanting rainbows, adding to the waterfall's allure and making it a truly magnificent sight. The sound of the water crashing into the basin below creates a serene and soothing ambiance, perfect for relaxation. As you stand before this natural marvel, you'll feel a sense of awe and wonder at the sheer power and beauty of nature. The lush vegetation surrounding the waterfall adds to its charm, with verdant trees and ferns framing the cascading waters. Paths and viewing platforms around the waterfall allow for different perspectives, each offering a unique view of this breathtaking natural wonder. Whether you're an avid photographer or simply a nature lover, Wachirathan Waterfall promises an unforgettable experience.

Delight in the vibrant hues of flower gardens and diverse varieties of vegetables and fruits at the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, a research center focused on winter plants. This impressive facility is dedicated to the study and promotion of sustainable agriculture in the region. The ongoing research covers flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries, with a keen emphasis on promoting sustainable development, social progress, and forest watershed conservation. Walking through the beautifully landscaped gardens, you will encounter a stunning array of plants in full bloom, creating a vibrant and colorful display that changes with the seasons. The station's commitment to sustainable practices also plays a crucial role in supporting local hill tribe farmers. By providing them with knowledge and resources, the project helps improve their agricultural productivity and income. You'll have the opportunity to learn about these sustainable farming methods and see firsthand how they benefit the local communities. Additionally, the station's initiatives in forest watershed conservation contribute significantly to the preservation of the natural environment in the region.

After your enriching journey from Doi Inthanon National Park, you'll return to Chiang Mai. Arriving in this vibrant city, you'll be dropped off at your hotel, where you can relax and unwind after a day of exploration. Chiang Mai, with its bustling markets, historic temples, and vibrant culture, offers a perfect blend of traditional charm and modern amenities. As you reflect on your day's adventures, you'll appreciate the natural beauty and cultural richness that make northern Thailand such a captivating destination. The evening in Chiang Mai provides an excellent opportunity to explore the city's nightlife, enjoy a delicious meal at one of its many restaurants, or simply relax and recharge for the next day's activities.

DAY 11 Chiang Mai Thai Cooking School: Thai Cooking Class / Bor Sang Umbrella village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Your day in Chiang Mai starts with a visit to the bustling local fresh market, where you'll have the opportunity to select and buy ingredients for the Thai dishes you'll be learning to cook. Your teacher will guide you through the market, explaining the different ingredients used in Thai cuisine and their benefits. You'll learn how to choose the freshest produce and ingredients for each dish. It's an enjoyable experience to immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the market and interact with the local vendors. The lively market is filled with the sounds of haggling, the aroma of fresh herbs and spices, and the sight of colorful fruits and vegetables neatly displayed. After shopping for ingredients, you'll head to the Thai cooking school to start your

culinary adventure. The cooking class will begin with the preparation of the ingredients, and your teacher will be there to guide and supervise the class at all times. Using your own equipment and stove, you'll learn the techniques to cook traditional Thai dishes. The hands-on experience will give you a deeper understanding of Thai flavors and cooking methods. The teacher will demonstrate each step, from chopping herbs and spices to cooking the dish to perfection. You will be amazed at how the simple, fresh ingredients come together to create complex and delicious flavors. Once the cooking is complete, it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labor. You and your fellow students will sit down together to savor the delicious Thai dishes you've prepared. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your culinary creations and appreciate the flavors of authentic Thai cuisine. The camaraderie of the group, the delicious food, and the satisfaction of having created something wonderful with your own hands make this a truly memorable experience.

Lunch at the cooking school

In the afternoon, you'll visit Bo Sang Umbrella Village, a renowned village known for its traditional umbrella making. Here, you'll witness the entire umbrella production process, including mulberry paper making, paper blowing, and creating beautiful patterns and designs. The umbrellas are made from satin, cotton, and mulberry paper, and their vibrant colors and intricate designs are admired by both locals and tourists. The artisans, skilled in their craft, will demonstrate how they meticulously handcraft each umbrella, ensuring that every piece is a work of art. You'll have the chance to learn and try your hand at drawing your own patterns on an umbrella, a paper fan, or a paper lantern, allowing you to create a unique and memorable keepsake from your visit to the village. The experience of crafting something with your own hands, under the guidance of expert artisans, is deeply rewarding and gives you a deeper appreciation for the skill and artistry involved in traditional Thai crafts. As the day comes to an end, you'll return to Chiang Mai to spend another night, reflecting on the enriching experiences of the day and the cultural richness of northern Thailand. The evening can be spent strolling through the night markets, sampling street food, or simply relaxing and unwinding after a day filled with learning and exploration. The memories of the vibrant market, the cooking class, and the umbrella making will stay with you, adding a rich layer to your travel experiences.

DAY 12 Chiang Mai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your delightful holiday in Northern Thailand draws to a close, it is now time to bid farewell and head back home. We are pleased to provide you with transportation from your hotel to Chiang Mai Airport, where our services will come to an end.

Prices:

- 2 Persons 69,200 THB
- 3 Persons 60,000 THB
- 4 Persons 48,100 THB
- 5 Persons up 45,700 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 (11 Breakfasts / 10 Lunches)
● Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (11 Nights)
● For groups with an odd number of guests, one traveler will be accommodated in a single room at no additional cost.

Excluded:
● Air Fare
● Personal expenses
● Meals are not mentioned in the program

Tour Difficulty Levels:
● Easy / Moderate / Challenging

Hotels			
Date	City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Day 1	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 2	Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Deluxe
Day 3-4	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 5	Ban Tha Ton	Maekok River Village Resort	Deluxe
Day 6-7	Pai	Yoma Hotel	Deluxe
Day 8-9	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 10-11	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe

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