



THAILAND

GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORER (TOUR CODE: 11873)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Chiang Mai

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Jan 2023 - 31 Oct 2023

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Uncover the must-see attractions of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, including the Golden Triangle connecting 3 countries Thailand-Laos-Myanmar.

Highlights

- **Private Tours** with English speaking local guide
- **Private Transfers** as per itinerary
- Stay in a **traditional Meo-style bungalows**
- Learn about **Asian Elephants Care Program**
- Visit **Wat Doi Suthep**, tucked away in the mountains at 1,056 meters above sea level
- Climb the 383 steps to **Wat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti**

Start your journey in Chiang Mai, known for many famous temples, including Wat Phra Singh with its famous Buddha image. From Chiang Mai, enjoy a private guided tour of Wat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti, with its dramatic view over Mekong River. Depart by long-tailed speedboat to the Golden Triangle where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet.

Continue your journey to Mae Sai, the northern-most Thai town on the burmese Boarder. Take a boat-cruise through thick jungle, fringed by riverside bamboo huts of hilltribe villages and enjoy an overnight stay in Meo-style bungalows near a traditional hilltribe village.

Return to Chiang Mai where you will visit the rehabilitation centre for elephants and many other wildlife. Your trip won't be complete without a visit to Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep (A.D.1384) 3500 feet above sea-level, the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand. Tour ends in Chiang Mai.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night at Bansaeo Garden and Resort- 4*
- 1 night in Chiang Rai at Wiang Inn Hotel- 3*
- 1 night at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge- 3*
- 1 night in Chiang Mai Movenpick Suriwongse Hotel - 4*
- Private transfers with air-conditioned vehicles and English speaking representative assistant
- Daily Breakfast
- 5 Lunches and 2 Dinners as per Itinerary
- Private tours with English speaking local guide as per Itinerary
- Admission fee included as per Itinerary

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Chiang Mai Golden Triangle

Meet at the Chiang Mai hotel or airport, where your driver and guide will meet and greet you. Drive to Chiang Rai with a stop en route at Karen Village and the Hot Springs.

After lunch, continue to **Chiang Saen** and climb the 383 steps to **Wat Phra Dhat Jom Kitti** for some dramatic views over the Mekong River. Afterward, travel up the river by long-tailed speedboat to the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos meet. After that, check into your hotel and spend the evening at your leisure.

Overnight at **Bansaeo Garden and Resort** or similar.

Lunch



Day **2**

Golden Triangle Chiang Rai

After breakfast, drive to **Mae Sai**, the most northern Thai town on the Burmese border, and visit a jade cutting factory followed by the colourful market, where handicrafts and souvenirs are on sale. The next stop will be at the Fish and Monkey Cave. Continue to Doi **Mae Salong**, passing through beautiful mountain scenery. After lunch, continue to visit the Akha, Yao, and Lisu tribes before proceeding to your hotel in Chiang Rai.

Overnight at **Wiang Inn Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **3**

Chiang Rai Hmong Hilltribe

After breakfast, take an early morning long-tailed boat cruise—an exhilarating journey through thick jungle, fringed by riverside bamboo huts of hilltribe villages. Stop en route to visit a **Lahu** hilltribe village and a Ban Pha Tai village, and then enjoy lunch at Maekok River Village Resort.

Continue by car to **Mae Rim**, where you'll spend the night in one of the *Meo-style bungalows* at the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge, a traditional hilltribe village. In the evening, enjoy a barbecue dinner around a campfire, followed by a dance performance by hilltribe people.

Overnight at **Hmong Hilltribe Lodge**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

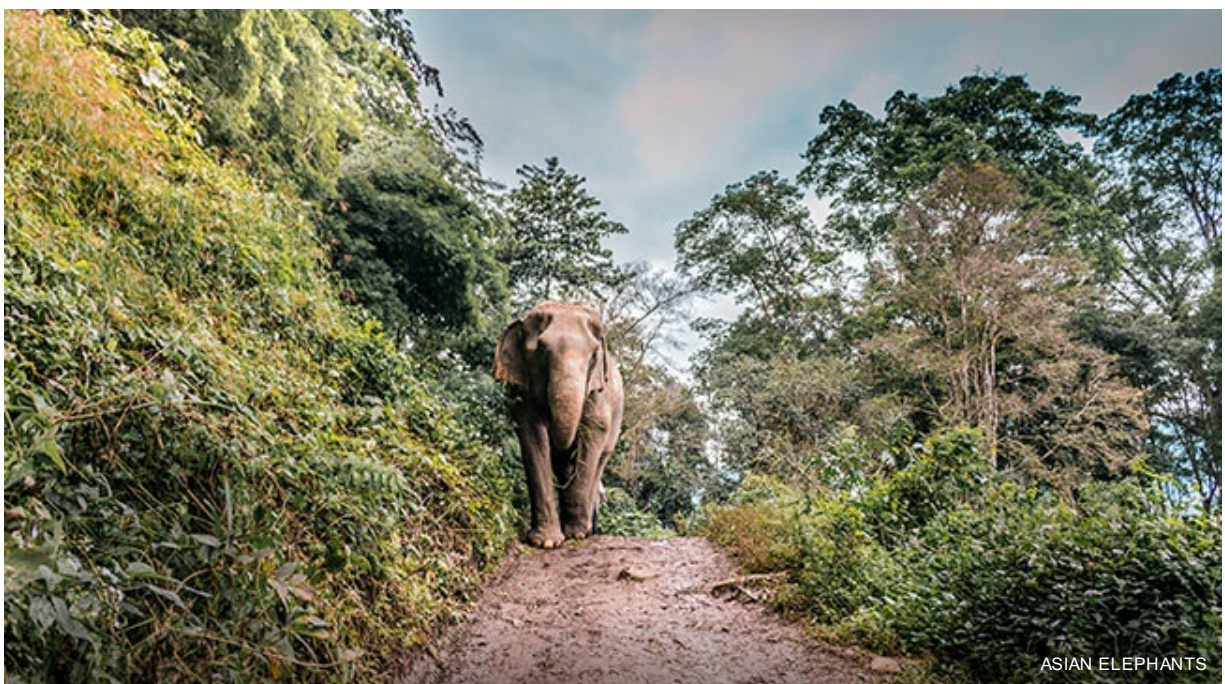
Hmong Hilltribe Chiang Mai

After breakfast, a driver will meet you at the reception of your hotel. Drive to the Thai Elephant Care Center for a half-day elephant care program. Brief about Asian elephants and safety. You will have the opportunity to visit, interact, and feed some elderly elephants. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

Afterward, continue to an **Orchid Farm** before arriving in Chiang Mai. This evening, be ready to try a real **Kantoke** dinner.

Overnight stay at **Movenpick Suriwongse** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Chiang Mai

After breakfast, visit Chiang Mai's most famous temples, including **Wat Phra Singh** and its famous Buddha image. Then, drive up Doi (Mount) Suthep to visit **Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep** (A.D. 1384), 3500 feet above sea level, the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha, with a challenging flight of over 300 steps, flanked by enormous mythological Nagas. A panoramic view of the city can be seen from here, 3,500 feet above sea level. After lunch, take a transfer to the Chiang Mai airport or train station for your next destination.

Breakfast, Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Wiang Inn Hotel Chiang Rai

Chiang Rai

Wiang Inn Hotel Chiang Rai is a vibrant hotel that brings to fast modernizing Chiang Rai an enhancing beauty and host of upscale facilities. The Hotel offers 260 beautiful and comfortable guest room decorated in a pleasing elegant northern motif. Besides modern facilities for recreation and relaxation, convention rooms are also available for seminars, conferences and banquets for up to 500 persons.



Hmong Hilltribe Lodge

Mae Rim District

Cradled in the scenic valley of the Suthep-Pui mountain range, *Hmong Hilltribe Lodge* is a hilltribe resort offering guests a unique opportunity to experience traditional Hmong culture amidst striking natural beauty. Conveniently located in the Mae Rim district, just an hour's drive from Chiang Mai, our jungle lodge combines simplicity and style to create an environment of rustic elegance and serenity. With an elevation of 2,700 feet above mean sea level, the weather at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge is pleasantly mild and cool all year round.



Movenpick Suriwongse Hotel

Chiang Mai

Discover Thailand's breath-taking north at Mövenpick Suriwongse Hotel Chiang Mai, where the warmth of local traditions combines with quality service. Situated in the heart of Chiang Mai, a few steps from the famous Night Bazaar and close to the Ping River, the hotel's contemporary interior complements its traditional Thai Lanna architecture. From the rooftop pool there are spectacular city views, and the atmospheric dining scene serves both local Thai dishes and classic international specialities.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Thai

LOCAL CURRENCY

Thai Bhatt

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 3 and 4-star accommodation.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package