

CHIANG MAI - MAE HONG SORN - PAI SOFT ADVENTURE (5 Days / 4 Nights)

An exciting and unforgettable experience that tourists can not miss! They will have an opportunity to explore the hills and forests around the north of Chiang Mai - visiting several hilltribe villages, going down the rapids in a scenic river on inflatable rafts, trekking through the forest on the elephant backs, and biking on the dirt and hilly roads in the countryside.

ITENERARY:

DAY 1 Pick up passengers from hotels, airport, railway station or bus terminal in Chiang Mai. Depart Chiang Mai by 4-WD Land Rover or similar to visit the hilltribe museum and local market in Mae Malai. Then continue to Ban Mae Taman of Mae Tang to ride an elephant for an hour follow by a ride on the ox-cart.

After a picnic lunch, embark on the inflatable rafts for an adventurous journey down the rapids in the white-water and scenic Mae Tang River for about an hour (the trip can be more or less dependable on the season). Continue by four-wheeler to Ban Pang Hai - a simple village situated 850 metres above sea level. Check in at the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for barbecue dinner with cultural presentations and overnight.

DAY 2 After breakfast, drive to a small village of Ban Teen Doi where you take a short stroll to Ban Mae Pa. Get into action by mountain biking to Ban Palan. Visit the small village reservoir and continue biking to Ban Pong Kwaw where there is an old temple with beautiful wall paintings.

After a picnic lunch, drive by car to Ban Pok, Ban Pang Kwai and Ban Nong Hoi Mai on the mountainous roads. Then get into action again by trekking or mountain biking from Ban Nong Hoi Mai to Mae Khi village, where you can have coffee or tea in the Hmong's kitchen. Return to Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 After breakfast, depart on a full day excursion to Mae Hong Son via Ban Wat Chan. The journey takes you through rolling terrains and countless steep hills. Some areas the roads cut through the forests passing local people and hilltribe villages. A brief stop is made at Luang Mae Saab Cave.

Upon arrival at Wat Chan, lunch shall be served in a local restaurant. Continue by car to Ban Huey Tong and Ban Huey Pu Loei to observe the farmers, mostly Karen tribe, pounding the rice and weaving clothes using manual simple equipments. Dinner at Bai Fern restaurant and accommodation at Golden Pai Resort.

DAY 4 Visit to early fresh local market and observe the local making merit by offering food to monks. Return to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, tour the city of Mae Hong Son visiting Wat Phra Thart Doi Kong Moo for a panoramic view of the valleys, and Wat Jong Kham and Wat Jong Klang, Burmese-style ancient temples. Depart Mae Hong Son for Ban Nai Soi to visit the Khaya, known as long-necked Padong Tribe. On the way, stop at Phu Kloann Country Club to observe the health treatment and therapeutic.

Lunch at Ban Rak Thai. Ban Rak Thai, former settlement of Chinese Imperial Army (Kok Min Tang) fighting against the Chinese Communist Army refusing to surrender and returning to China, is famous for its tasty Yunan dishes and Chinese teas. Continue to Lod Cave where the river runs through the cave from one side of the mountain to the other. Check in at Pai Hotspring Spa Resort for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 After breakfast, tour Pai town visit Wat Nam Hoo where water coming out from the Buddha image's head, Wat Hua Na known for local arts in the rice field, Mor Pang Waterfall, Tha Pai Hotspring and the Iron Bridge built during World War II by Japanese troops stationed at Pai.

Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch depart Pai for Chiang Mai and transfer to hotels, airport, bus terminal or train station.

Daily departure with English Speaking guide and full-board.

Price per person B / 31,300.- (Minimum 2 pax)

Single Surcharge : B / 3,950.-

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