

CHIANG MAI - PAI - MAE HONG SORN 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 Pai via Ban Wat Chan. The journey takes you through countless steep hills, forests and hilltribe villages. Short stop at Luang Mae Saab Cave.

Lunch in a local restaurant at Wat Chan. Continue by car over rolling terrain to Pai and check in at Pai Hotspring Spa Resort for dinner and overnight. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore the town until dinner or after dinner. However, if time permits and guests wish to see more temples, there are two temples worth visiting. They are Wat Hua Na known for local arts in the rice field and Wat Nam Hoo where water coming out from the Buddha image's head.

DAY 4 After breakfast, depart Pai for Mae Hong Son. On the way, visit Lod Cave where the river runs through the cave from one side of the mountain to the other.

Continue to Ban Rak Thai for lunch. Ban Rak Thai known for its Yunan dishes and Chinese teas. It was also the settlement of former Chinese Imperial Army, known as Kok Min Tang, which fought against the Communist Army and refused to surrender and returned to China. After lunch, drive to Ban Nai Soi to visit the Khaya, known as long-necked Padong Tribe. On the way, a brief stop is made at Phu Kloann Country Club, famous for its health treatment and therapeutic. Dinner and accommodation at Golden Pai Resort.

DAY 5 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 Mae Hong Son city, visit 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.

Lunch at Bai Fern Restaurant. After lunch, depart Mae Hong Son for Chiang Mai and transfer to hotels.

Daily departure with English speaking guides and full-board

Price per person B / 31,700.- (Minimum 2 pax)

Single Surcharge : B / 3,950.-

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