

JOURNEYS OF NORTHERN THAILAND - 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS



Welcome to colorful, exotic and endlessly fascinating Thailand! Thailand Journeys offers the chance to explore distinct Thai regions and experience the lifestyle and traditions unique to each. From the cultural delights of Bangkok to remote Hmong hillside villages, and from the natural wonders of Chiang Rai to Lanna town in Chiang Mai, Thailand promises to engage everyone's imagination.

Trip highlights:

- Visit Blue Temple, Black House and Wat Huay Pla Kang
- Discover Chiang Rai City by night
- Mae Sai Border, Golden Triangle & Chiang Saen
- Visit The White Temple
- Visit Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep
- Home industries of Sankampaeng
- Visit the famous Temples of Chiang Mai, Wat Phra Sing, Wat Chedi Luang and Wat U-mong
- Visit Kanta Elephant Sanctuary

Program: -

Day 01: Arrival Chiang Rai

Arrive in Chiang Rai, meet Thailand Journeys tour guide and transfer to check-in at the hotel, free at leisure.

Afternoon, drive to the city visit **Wat Rong Suea Ten (Blue Temple)**, it is a Temple that was restored by Mr. Phutta Kabkaew or "Sala Nok", a Local artist of Chiang Rai and a student of Achan Chalermchai Kositpipat. The temple is unusually beautiful with its unique applied arts by using a shade of blue and architectural beauty from a stucco artist. Continue drive north of town for 15min to visit **Baan Dam Museum (Black House)** is the work of Achan Thawan Duchanee, a National Artist in Visual Arts (Fine Arts). It consists of over 25 buildings of local Northern architecture and many applied local architecture buildings displaying folk art all painted black. These are the creations of local artisans from the past to the present. Each house is decorated with beautiful patterns of carved wood. They exhibit a large crocodile skin, snake skin, and different kinds of animal horns. The Baan Dam Museum is an art piece that creates imagination for the viewers in many perspectives and is also a collection of items used in daily life of the past. Then visit **Wat Huay Pla Kang**, important buildings include the Phop Chok Dhamma Chedi, a nine-storey chedi in a contemporary architectural style. The exterior chedi in a contemporary architectural style. The exterior is built in layers, and every floor is roofed in a Chinese style decorated with dragons surrounding it. The top of the chedi enshrines an inverted bell-shaped chedi in an authentic Thai style and the top tier is decorated in Burmese art. The interior is decorated in the European style. Inside the chedi, there is a replica of the Guan Im Bodhisattva carved with fragrant wood. Each floor in the chedi is enshrined with a standing Buddha image. The white Wihan: The way up is a Naga staircase decorated with stucco patterns. Inside is enshrined the white principal Buddha image, Guan Im Bodhisattva, which is the largest of its kind in Thailand is about 79 meters tall.



Evening, explore the authentic side of Chiang Rai. You will pass the **King Mengrai Monument**, commemorating the king who founded Chiang Rai in 1262. Next is the **Golden clock tower**. Built in 2008 to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the clock tower bears the signature style of Chalermchai Kositpipat, the artist who conceived and built the White Temple. Every evening at 20:00 and 21:00, the clock tower comes to life in a light-and-sound display.

Next is the famous **night market** of Chiang Rai. Here you can find restaurants and there is also a performance of classical dance (own expenses). Our dedicated guide will make sure to explain you the cultural and historical particularities of Chiang Rai, the Gateway to the mythical Golden Triangle. Return to your hotel



Overnight in CHIANG RAI
Meal: No meal included

Day 02: Chiang Rai – Golden Triangle – Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Your trip departs in the morning to **Mae Sai border**, where you can view the border bridge between Thailand and Myanmar. Visit the local market where you will have chance to bargains and shop the local handicrafts, gems and jade items-mostly made in Myanmar. Continue your trip to the northern most point of Thailand. **Golden Triangle** where the Ruak River and the Mekong River meet forming the borders of three countries - Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. From the viewpoint, the tourists will find the land that connects the three countries, surrounded by long and calm waterway. Then visit the **House of Opium Museum** a privately owned museum, it exhibits the history of the opium trade and consumption in the Golden Triangle, which was introduced by the hill tribe's immigrants from southern China. The museum also displays the hill tribe's lifestyle following a 12-month cycle, poppy cultivation, opium trade in the area, drug trafficking in the Golden Triangle region. Continue on to the ancient city of Chiang Sean, Visit the ancient city at **Wat Chedi Luang**, built by the 3rd ruler of the Lanna Kingdom in the early 13th Century. This temple was constructed during the classical era of Chiang Saen. Return to the town and lunch is at a local restaurant.



After lunch, drive south of the town for 30min to visit **Wat Rong Khun (White Temple)**, designed and built by Achan Chalermchai Kositpipat, a famous Thai artist, built with strong determination that created unique and beautiful works of art that harmoniously combine the culture of Lanna, both stucco patterns decorated with mirrors and large wall paintings. The distinguishing feature of the temple is that the ubosot is decorated with a pattern of silver mirrors that shine in tiered tiers. The gable decorated with

serpents with tusks proboscis looks very strange and interesting. The murals inside the Ubosot are made by the master's own paintings.

Continue travel to Chiang Mai (drive approx. 3hours) via Mae Kha Chan Hot Spring. Evening arrival at Chiang Mai, check in at your hotel and free at leisure.

Overnight in CHIANG MAI

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch are included

Day 03: Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the most sacred temple in the North of Thailand: **Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep** is the most sacred temple in Chiang Mai and contains a holy relic of the Lord Buddha. Tucked away in the mountains at an elevation of 1,056 meters (3,520 feet), the temple can be reached by the carved mythical Naga Serpent Staircase. The temple offers an exhilarating view of Chiang Mai city and its surrounding countryside. Drive to the **famous home industries of Sankampaeng**, where a variety of souvenirs and handicraft are made. Chiang Mai is the main centre for high quality handicrafts in Thailand. In the area of Sankampaeng, you can observe the full steps of the production of the famous Thai Silk as well as of the colourful paper umbrellas or the well-known celadon ceramics. You will be amazed when seeing some other craftsmen transforming teakwood into elegant furniture and delicate carvings using only very simple tools. Also fascinating to watch is the production of lacquer ware, when even eggshells are used to achieve unusual designs. Finally, not to be missed is the variety of silverware produced in this area. There are numerous other thriving industries such as cotton and traditional local products' industries, antiques from Myanmar and more. In other word, a perfect place for shopping and souvenirs.



Then, return drive back to city for lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon, visit **Wat Phrasing**, which is home of the beautiful Lai Kham chapel with its exquisite woodcarving and northern style murals. We will then go to **Wat Chedi Luang** and its enormous Pagoda (which was partially destroyed by an earthquake in 1545) before heading to **Wat U-Mong** This old temple (established in 1296) is now widely known as a meditation centre devout Buddhists from around the world visit to practice amid its peaceful atmosphere and minimalism structures. Around the area you also find numerous historical artifacts and architectures, such as Asok Pillar, which is devoted to an Indian King Asok Maharaja who was a devout Buddhist, and U-Mong, an ancient tunnel-like architecture built to create a near-silent ambience for better meditation practice.



Note: Please dress respectfully by not wearing sleeveless T-shirts, shorts or strapless sandals, when visiting Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep

RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR :

CHIANG MAI STREET EATS BY TUK TUK
Private Service / Time: 16.30 20:30 hrs.

Highlights:

- Take a local transport "Tuk-Tuk" (pick-up & drop-off hotel in town)
- Experience on tasting local food in Chiang Mai town
- Visit the religion relics places in Chiang Mai town
- A glass of beverage at Xanadu Restaurant with scenic Chiang Mai view

Depart from the hotel by local transport "Tuk-Tuk" to Chiang Mai gate local market for street food. Just outside the old walled city center of Chiang Mai, the **Wat Lok Molee** is one of the city's older temples. The temple that is also known as the Wat Lok Moli houses one of the largest and most impressive chedis in Chiang Mai.

After your experience with Chiang Mai local shopping, take a ride to the night market on **Chang Puak Gate** or North Gate is always busy and offers a great range of authentic Thai cuisine. Try the stewed pork leg from the famous vendor with the cowboy hat who's had visits from the likes of Anthony Bourdain. Taste Bua Loi, or floating lotus, is a warm fresh coconut milk broth with teeny pandan-laced glutinous rice flour balls swimming around. Take a ride with Tuk-Tuk to see **Chiang Mai nightlife** around old city, **visit 3-Kings monument**, Wat Chedi Luang. Let's celebrate with your friends and family, spend the night and enjoy the beautiful Chiang Mai view with a glass of beverage at **Xanadu Restaurant** before return to the hotel in Chiang Mai town.



THB Per Person	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-14 pax	15+ pax
01 Nov 23 - 31 Oct 24	3,680	2,230	2,090	1,760	1,740	1,730	1,560

Overnight in CHIANG MAI

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch are included

Day 04: Chiang Mai

Breakfast at hotel

A half-day **join-in** package to **Kanta Elephant Sanctuary** offers visitors an enjoyable opportunity to spend quality time with elephants in their natural home, as well as gain an insight into their history and behaviour, and create cherished lifelong memories of their time spent with these amazing animals with friendly, happy elephants in a safe and sustainable environment.

ITINERARY

- 07.00AM: Drive approximately 50 Mins North of Chiang Mai through a beautiful countryside, forest, and local farming areas.
- 08.00AM: Arrive at Kanta Elephant Sanctuary. Walk through and learn about the elephants, change into traditional clothing and prepare fruits for our elephants.
- 09.00AM: Meet the elephants. Feed, interact, and play with the elephants in a natural environment and learn about their behaviour and history. Take photos with the elephants.
- 10.00AM: Walk with the elephants to a clean water pond where they will cool off themselves and you will have chance to observe them as well.
- 11.00AM: Get some tea, coffee and season fruit then say goodbye to the elephants. Leave Baan Chang Elephant Park and drive approximately 50 Mins back to Chiang Mai. Drop off at your hotel or accommodation.

Please Note: At the Park, we will allow you to spend as much time as possible with the elephants. Therefore, there is no formal schedule and aside from pick-up times, the times shown here are approximations.



Afternoon, free at leisure.

RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR :

EVENING COOKING CLASS BY THAI FARM COOKING SCHOOL

Join-in Service / Time: 16.00 20:00 hrs.

Itinerary

- Visit the main local Thai market out of the city centre
- Explaining and learning about herbs and ingredients at our organic farm
- Pound and make a curry paste from scratch. You will make your own curry paste, each person will have their own individual mortar. You can decide how spicy or non-spicy you would like to make your own curry paste
- Choose and make one curry paste, one curry, one soup, noodle dish and sweet dessert (total of 5 categories)
- You will learn to make every dish completely by yourself from start to finish and will be able to season to your own taste!



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01 Nov 23 - 31 Oct 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,210

Overnight in CHIANG MAI
Meals: Breakfast is included.

Day 05: Chiang Mai Departure

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out and meet your Thailand Journeys guide and take a private transfer to Chiang Mai Airport for your departure flight **(flight TBA / not included).**

Meals: Breakfast is included.

+++ End of Service by Thailand Journeys +++

PACKAGE PRICE
Validity: 01 November 2023 – 31 October 2024

Rates are net per person per trip in half-twin sharing (THAI BAHT)

HOTEL'S CATEGORY 3*							
Chiang Rai: The Mantrini Chiang Rai Hotel – Superior Room							
Chiang Mai: Amora Hotel Chiang Mai – Superior Grand Room							
3 Star Hotels	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-14 pax	15+ pax
01 Nov 23 - 30 Apr 24	40,460	21,750	16,960	13,120	14,290	12,210	12,030
01 May 24 - 31 Oct 24	39,670	21,360	16,560	12,710	13,900	11,820	11,630
3 Star Hotels	Single Supplement	Triple Reduction	Child With Bed	Child No Bed			
01 Nov 23 - 30 Apr 24	4,320	-550	6,760	3,710			

01 May 24 - 31 Oct 24	3,920	-220	6,760	3,710
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Supplement charges: -

➤ **The Mantrini Chiang Rai Hotel**

*Surcharge for festive season (30Dec23-02Jan24) - THB 400/room/night

➤ **Amora Hotel Chiang Mai**

*Surcharge for festive season (31Dec23-03Jan24, 07-11Feb24, 12-15Apr24) - THB 600/room/night

*Compulsory Gala Dinner (31Dec), THB 1,300 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%

Rates are net per person per trip in half-twin sharing (THAI BAHT)

HOTEL'S CATEGORY 4*

Chiang Rai: Le Patta Hotel – Superior Room

Chiang Mai: Bodhi Serene Hotel – Deluxe Room

4 Star Hotels	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-14 pax	15+ pax
01 Nov 23 - 28 Feb 24	46,520	24,790	19,980	16,140	17,330	15,240	15,060
01 Mar 24 - 31 Oct 24	45,000	24,020	19,220	15,380	16,560	14,480	14,300

4 Star Hotels	Single Supplement	Triple Reduction	Child With Bed	Child No Bed
01 Nov 23 - 28 Feb 24	7,350	-2,700	6,640	3,940
01 Mar 24 - 31 Oct 24	6,580	-2,040	6,640	3,940

Supplement charges: -

➤ **Le Patta Hotel**

*Surcharge for festive season (24Dec23-01Jan24) - THB 450/room/night

*Surcharge for festive season (01-02Jan24) - THB 950/room/night

➤ **Bodhi Serene Hotel**

*Surcharge for festive season (27-28Nov23) - THB 600/room/night

*Surcharge for festive season (13-16Apr24) - THB 200/room/night

Rates are net per person per trip in half-twin sharing (THAI BAHT)

HOTEL'S CATEGORY 5*

Chiang Rai: The Legend Chiang Rai Resort – Superior Studio Room

Chiang Mai: Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort – Romantic Lanna Deluxe Room

5 Star Hotels	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-14 pax	15+ pax
01 Nov 23 - 15 Apr 24	52,340	27,690	22,880	19,050	20,230	18,140	17,970
16 Apr 24 - 31 Oct 24	50,410	26,720	21,930	18,080	19,270	17,180	17,000

5 Star Hotels	Single Supplement	Triple Reduction	Child With Bed	Child No Bed
01 Nov 23 - 15 Apr 24	10,260	-1,270	9,800	5,060
16 Apr 24 - 31 Oct 24	9,290	-440	9,800	5,060

Supplement charges: -

- **The Legend Chiang Rai Resort**
 - *Surcharge for festive season (26Dec23-05Jan24) - THB 300/room/night
 - *Compulsory Dinner (24Dec23) - THB 1,700 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%
 - *Compulsory Dinner (31Dec23) - THB 2,300 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%
- **Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort**
 - *Surcharge for festive season (20Dec23-05Jan24) - THB 1,100/room/night
 - *Surcharge for festive season (13-16Apr24) - THB 200/room/night
 - *Compulsory Dinner (27Nov23) - THB 3,300 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%
 - *Compulsory Dinner (24Dec23) - THB 4,600 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%
 - *Compulsory Dinner (31Dec23) - THB 6,000 per person, CHD 3-12yrs pay 50%

Terms & Conditions:

Package includes:

- Transfers and Tours as mentioned by air condition vehicle with English guide.
- Meals as stated (B = breakfast, L = lunch & D = dinner).
- Entrance fees as mentioned.
- Accommodations as mentioned in the itinerary.
- 2 bottles drinking water per day per person.
- Join-in basis half day visit Kanta Elephant Sanctuary
- Service charges, room tax, VAT and baggage handling.

Package excludes:

- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry & etc.
- Supplement charges for Festive season.
- Other tours & meals than mentioned in the program.
- All domestic & international air ticket and airport taxes.
- Early check-in and/or late check-out at hotels.
- Tip or Gratitude for guides and drivers

Remarks:

- Guests should be healthy and in good physical condition
- Weather condition may impose changes in the program or the cancellation of certain activities
- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport and Thai visa page with stamp into Thailand
- Thailand Journeys reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes of tax & gasoline increasing in Thailand. No any reservations are made yet.
- Childs under 11 years, pay as child rates.

Payment policy:

- Pre-payment 100% (after services confirmed before guests' arrival 30 days in advance).
- Deposit 30% (after services are reserved for guarantee the booking).
- Payment can be made by Bank Draft or SWIFT transfer payable to our Bank A/C.
- All Bank services charge will be borne by the payee.
- If payment is by credit card, an additional 4% will be added on to our tariff rates.
- American Express / Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to or Bangkok head office address.
- Company cheque or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

OUR BANK DETAILS:

Account name (beneficiary): Navigate Journeys Co., Ltd.
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Account number: 131-8-23536-4
Branch name: Big C Rama 4
Branch code: 0770
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Refunds or Cancellation:

- Tour and transfer deposits are fully refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok more than 20 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded according to individual hotel cancellation policy.
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary in Thailand.

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