

5 Days Golden Triangle

Day 1 | Chiang Mai – Chiang Saen

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Five days exploring the Golden Triangle reveals the history, heritage and spectacular scenery of an area where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. The adventure commences with collection from Chiang Mai Airport or a hotel in Chiang Mai, depending on individual travel arrangements. The 118-km journey to Chiang Rai will take just over three hours. On the way, we stop briefly at Mae Kajan Hot Springs. On arrival in Chiang Rai, we visit the iconic Wat Rong Khun, a white temple decorated with mirrors to create an amazing light effect. The complex also features unique art installations. After lunch, we head to Chiang Saen, the former capital of the first Lanna Kingdom. This is situated directly on the Mekong River, on the border between Thailand and Laos. We then take in the House of Opium Museum, a fascinating interactive attraction that details opium use and culture, plus other drugs, their effects and the social history of drug use in Thailand and other countries. The exhibits include the various implements used in the planting, harvesting, use and trade of opium. We then enjoy an invigorating boat ride on the Mekong River through a sublime landscape. Overnight is at the Siam Triangle Resort.

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Day 2 | Chiang Saen – Chiang Rai

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Day two features more exceptional exploration, with some historical elements. After breakfast, we drive to the northern-most point of Thailand at the Thai-Burmese border and visit the border town of Mae Sai. We then continue to Doi Mae Salong and explore the mountainous area of Mae Salong, which was originally settled by the renegade KMT 93rd regiment that fled to Myanmar from China in 1949. The mountain area is home to numerous hill tribe settlements. Near the peak of the mountain we will find several tea plantations and tea houses. Lunch is at a local restaurant. We are then taken to Mae Chan and Chiang Rai and visit Baan Dum (Black House), a unique creation of renowned artist Thawan Duchanee. This is part art studio, part museum, part home. It is made up of traditional Northern Thai buildings interspersed with some outlandish modern designs. We then continue to Wat Rong Suea Ten (Blue Temple), a shrine known for its striking modern artistic design. Overnight is at The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa.

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Day 3 | Chiang Rai – Mae Rim

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After a refuelling breakfast, the adventure commences. Our exploration starts with a three-hour long-tail boat ride up the Mae Kok River, passing tiny hilltribe villages featuring bamboo huts surrounded by lush jungle scenery. We then continue by car to Thatorn where we explore Wat Thatorn, a large temple complex in a very attractive setting only a few kilometres from the border with Myanmar. The temple is located on top of a hill overlooking the village of Baan Thatorn and the Mae Kok River. It is built over several levels on a forested hill, offering magnificent views over the surrounding rural landscape. After lunch at Mae Kok River Village, we continue to Chiang Dao, with a short stop at the traditional local market. We then proceed to Mae Rim and traverse a winding road to Ban Pang Hai, a local village situated 850 metres above sea level. Overnight is at the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge, a traditional property run by members of the Hmong indigenous tribe.

Overnight at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge.

Day 4 | Mae Rim – Chiang Mai

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An insight into fascinating handicrafts is part of the activities today. After breakfast at the resort, we head to a colourful orchid farm and then the Elephant Poopoo Paper Park, an eco-friendly attraction that creates products from elephant waste. The next visit is the Dara Pirom Palace Museum, an elegant property that belonged to one of the royal consorts of King Rama V. The building has been transformed into a museum and it contains a wide range of exhibits that showcase palace decor, as well as Chiang Mai's rich culture and history.

After lunch, we visit Sankamphaeng Handicraft Centre. Chiang Mai has long been known as Thailand's 'City of Handicrafts', and the Sankamphaeng district has long been at the heart of this excellence. Thailand is world famous for its pure silk and Chiang Mai produces some of the very finest products. Here we will find hand-woven silk, ethnic textiles, umbrellas, silverware and other products made by skilled artisans. Overnight is at the Centara Riverside Chiang Mai.

Overnight at Centara Riverside Chiang Mai.

Day 5 | Chiang Mai – Bangkok

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The final day involves some spectacular scenery. We are taken up the Serpentine Road to the magnificently situated Wat Doi Suthep, the most sacred of Chiang Mai's temples which is positioned up high, with a stupendous view of the Ping Valley and Chiang Mai city. We then visit Wat Pha Lat, a shrine nestled in a peaceful forest. There are no crowds, no shops, no food stalls and no unwanted distractions, just pure serenity with only the sound of birds and the nearby waterfall. We then head to Warorot Market, the first and most famous of Chiang Mai's abundant markets. Lunch is at a local restaurant. We then transfer to Chiang Mai Airport for the flight to the next destination or hotels in the city, depending on individual travel arrangements, bringing this excellent five-day tour to a conclusion.

1 November 2024 – 31 October 2025

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1,694.10	890.30	701.30	629.10	527.80	461.90	890.30	190.00

Rates are in US Dollar (USD), per person, net and non-commissionable

Seat-in-Coach

- Seat-in-Coach tours are operated on Tuesdays with English / German / French-speaking guide, minimum 2 persons.

Private

- Private tours are operated daily with English / German / French-speaking guide.

Supplements

The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort and Spa

- Surcharge 26 December 2024 – 5 January 2025 USD 7.80 per room per night
- Compulsory Christmas dinner | 24 December 2024 USD 62.50 per person
- Compulsory New Year dinner | 31 December 2024 USD 85.90 per person

The Centara Riverside Chiang Mai

- Surcharge 15-17 November 2024 USD 20.30 per room per night
- Surcharge 24 December 2024 – 4 January 2025 USD 20.30 per room per night
- Surcharge 29 January 2025 – 2 February 2025 USD 20.30 per room per night
- Compulsory Loy Krathong dinner | 27 November 2024 USD 68.40 per person
- Compulsory New Year dinner | 31 December 2024 USD 77.80 per person

Inclusions

- Tours and transfers with licenced English-speaking guiding services / assistance. Other languages are on request and are subject to availability;
- Accommodation in sharing twin / double room with air-conditioning;
- Transportation for tour and transfers by air-conditioned vehicle, unless otherwise stated;
- All entrance fees for visits as mentioned in the program;
- All applicable taxes and service charges;
- All meals as indicated in the program (food only)

Exclusions

- Voluntary Carbon Offset Compensation: USD 1.50 per person per day;
- Personal expenses such as other meals, drinks, tips and gratuities, shopping, portage fees and optional tours / visits, unless otherwise stated;
- Hotel accommodation in the destination of commencement;
- Any domestic / international airline tickets, airport taxes, visa fees, specific camera / video fees, additional transportation cost from and to the general pick-up / drop-off regions (such as airports, out-of-town resorts, ports, harbours and accommodation in surrounding towns);
- Any accommodation expenses of a personal nature. This includes (compulsory festive) meals and drinks, mini-bar consumption, laundry, room service, any telephone or other communication cost not mentioned in the program;
- International travel and medical insurance coverage for customers.

Good to know

- In line with the program, customers are strongly advised to spend the night prior to the start of this package in Bangkok;
- We reserve the right to make necessary changes to the tour in case of unfavourable weather conditions or situations where we are forced to make alterations to guarantee the safety of our guests;
- Natural elements of any kind have a destructive effect on electronic equipment. It is the customer's own responsibility to ensure that any camera, mobile telephone or other device is properly wrapped and protected against these elements. We cannot be held responsible in any way for negligence and/or not following suggestions for any damage related to this;
- Tours and excursions often include obstacles of various kinds that may not make this excursion suitable for wheelchair users or guests with limited mobility;
- The protection of the country's flora, fauna and its historical and cultural treasures is of immense importance for us. We will not pursue any activities that are not in line with our animal, wildlife and environment protection principles;
- Please ensure that you bring sunglasses, a hat /cap and sunblock with a high SPF factor when traveling with us. Even when it is cloudy, the sun still has an immense power;
- All mentioned times, durations and stops are based on approximations and may change due to unforeseen circumstances, weather and traffic conditions beyond our control.

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