



Program Overview

Duration : 5 Days / 4 Nights

Highlights:

Experience the Culinary & Gastronomic Journeys in Thailand with accommodation at the Luxury Hotel i.e. Four Seasons OR Royal Princess hotel in Chiang Mai

Enjoy traditional Khantoke Dinner

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Day 01

Arrive Chiang Mai

After arrival at Chiang Mai Airport you will be met by a representative from Abercrombie & Kent, who will then transfer you to your hotel in Chiang Mai.

Remainder of the day at leisure

Enjoy an evening out by having **Khantoke Dinner**, the customary northern Thai style of eating with food being served in large platters at low tables while you sit on mats on the floor.

As you enjoy your meal, let yourself be entertained by a selection of northern cultural performances.

Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort / Royal Princess Chiang Mai

Meals : Dinner

Day 02

Chiang Mai

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning: City Tour Waroros Market, Wat Phra Singh and Doi Suthep.

Set off this morning to explore **the city of Chiang Mai**, which not long ago was a just a small town, but is now the second largest city in Thailand and one of the country's most popular holiday spots.

Begin at the bustling **Waroros Market**, before *taking a rickshaw* to see **Wat Phra Singh**, passing the Old Chiang Mai city wall on the way. Wat Pra Singh is Chiang Mai's principal monastery, and home to one of Thailand's most famous images: the mysterious and ultra-powerful Pra Singh Buddha image. According to local folklore, the 1,500-year-old image was brought to Siam from Sri Lanka and after a great deal of wandering,

finally settled here. This finely illuminated image, with its benevolent facial expression, remains an image of great power and justifies its wide-spread veneration.

Go on to see Chiang Mai's most famous landmark, **Doi Suthep**, which rises as a backdrop to the town. After an uphill ride along a hairpin switchback, you arrive at Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, tucked away in the mountains at 3,520 feet. Legend has it that a holy relic was placed on the back of an elephant and a temple was to be erected where the elephant came to rest. What an extraordinary elephant to choose the summit of the steepest hill in the area for its resting place. A long flight of steps, lined with ceramic tailed nagas, leads up to the temple – or you can take a short tram ride. From this height, look out over panoramic views of the area.

Enjoy Khao Soy lunch at local restaurant

Evening: Handicraft Workshops

For generations, the delicate craftsmanship of local Lanna Thai people has been inherited. Witness the artisans' remarkable skill and patience with your own eyes, you will no longer wonder why Chiang Mai is the center for quality handicrafts production of Thailand.

On this trip you will visit many factories producing and selling various kinds of quality handicrafts, seeing the production process which had been passed down from their ancestors, shopping for these delicate hand-crafted quality products, such as: Saa Paper Umbrella, Lacquerware, Silk and Cotton Fabrics, Gems & Precious Stones, Wood Furniture and decorative items, etc.

In the evening, enjoy the finest dining whilst in Thailand, come and enjoy an unforgettable culinary experience at the Chiang Mai Thai Cookery School & Boutique Chef's House. Our multi-course gourmet chef's dinner will be personally prepared for you by Chef as you relax. Dinner is served poolside in the elegant setting of the Chef's private home. *(Join Transfer - arranging by Chiang Mai Thai Cookery School without an escort guide)*

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort / Royal Princess Chiang Mai

Meals : Breakfast, Lunch & dinner

Day 03 **Chiang Mai**

Breakfast at the hotel

Chiang Dao Elephant with Riding & Hilltribes in Chiang Dao incl. Orchid Farm

Leave for the Chiang Dao Elephants Training Camp (56 Kms. away). Start one hour elephant riding into the neighboring forest. Returning to the Camp, watch the elephants taking their morning bath in the running stream before starting their day's training and work. See the demonstration of elephants at work.

Local lunch will be provided enroute. – *on own arrangement*

Drive further toward Chiang Dao, we brance off the main road and continue driving to visit to a Lahu hilltribe village. Originated from Southern China, there are approximately 25000 Lahus now living in Thailand. Then visit to a rare Palong (Baan Pang Daeng) hilltribe village. The Palongs are easili recognized by the striking custom of their women, red sarong like garments, mostly a blue jacket with red collar and broad silver waistbands.

Return to Hotel, enroute a stop will be made at an Orchid Farm in Mae Sa.

Dinner on own arrangement

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort / Royal Princess Chiang Mai

Meals : Breakfast

Day 04 **Chiang Mai**

Breakfast at the hotel

Ancient secrets dating back to Thailand's 16th century Ayuthaya Period and modern-day techniques of preparing distinctive Thai cuisine are waiting to be shared with Thai food lovers. With our exciting, interactive curriculum you will be shared an unforgettable culinary experience.

You will be picked up by the chef from **Air's Thai Culinary Kitchen** to visit to a local market, where you will learn how to purchase ingredients. Then continue to Air's Thai Culinary Kitchen, where you learn how to prepare Thai dishes, and dessert.

Lunch after class at the school

Afternoon day free at leisure

In the evening pick up from your hotel to visit lively **Chiang Mai Night Bazaar**. The Chiang Mai Night Market is considered legendary and certainly one the cheapest places for tourists to shop in Thailand, due its close proximity to the source of products and the lower cost of living in Chiang Mai. It is situated along a three block stretch of Chan Klan road in the heart of the city. Clustered around it are many restaurants and other useful services, such as camera shops, exchange booths, travel agents, internet café and more. Afterwards, return transfer back to your hotel.

Dinner on own arrangement

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort / Royal Princess Chiang Mai

Meals : Breakfast

Day 05

Chiang Mai Departure

Breakfast at hotel

After checking-out of your hotel you will be met and transferred to Chiang Mai Airport where you will take your flight to the next destination.

Meals : Breakfast

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