

7D6N FEB 9 – 15 & FEB 16 – 22, 2023

UNSEEN Mountain Route to Chiang Rai

D1 THU: Chiang Mai – Chiang Dao



Morning, 8.40am arrival Chiang Mai airport. Transfer to Chiang Dao. Visit **Chiang Dao Cave** (famous cave with shrines inside), **Wat Tham Pha Plong** (a forest monastery established by venerated monk, the late Luang Pu Sim), **Makhampon Art Space Café** (a creatively landscaped and decorated gathering spot for local artists and art activities) and **Wat Mae Ead** (famous for statues depicting punishments in hell). Overnight in Chiang Dao.

D2 FRI: Chiang Dao - Muang Ngai - Wiang Haeng - Piang Luang (B)



After breakfast, leave Chiang Dao and transfer to visit **Wat Pa Thara Phirom** (a forest temple with Khmer influenced temple buildings), **Muang Ngai Naresuan Shrine** (with a replica of the fort King Naresuan built when he stopped here on his way to attack Burma) and **Wat Phra That Doi Pu Kam** (enjoy the stunning hilltop views).



to **Wiang Haeng**), stopping at viewpoint halfway.

Then to **Wat Phra That Doi Mon Ching** (with a golden rock shrine like Myanmar's Golden Rock). Transfer along **Route 1322 (Mae Ja**



Arrival in Wiang Haeng to visit **Wiang Haeng Naresuan Shrine** (King Naresuan is believed to have passed away here in 1605 after falling seriously ill) and **Wat Wiang Haeng** (with locally revered Phra Chao San Sae Buddha statue, over 500 years old). Then continue to Tambon Saen Hai to visit **Wat Borommathat Saen Hai** (with the most revered pagoda of the locals). Overnight in Piang Luang.

D3 SAT: Piang Luang - Ban Arunothai – Doi Angkhang (B)



Early morning, transfer to **Piang Luang View Point** to view Sea of Clouds. After breakfast, visit **Piang Luang Saturday Morning Market**. If routes are open, visit some **Lisu & Palaung villages** in the area. Visit **Wat Fa Wiang In** (a temple which has a section located within Myanmar territory), **Tomb of General Mo Heng** (founder of the Shan United Revolutionary Army, involved in insurgency against Burma's military government from 1960 to 1996) and the **White Sitting Buddha**.



Transfer along **Route 1778 (Piang Luang to Arunothai)**, stopping at **Kae Noi** (with old KMT Yunnan style houses and Chinese tombs on hill slopes). At **Ban Muang Na**, visit **Wat Phuttha Phrom Panyo** (temple founded by Luang Ta Ma, a disciple of venerated late Luang Pu Du).

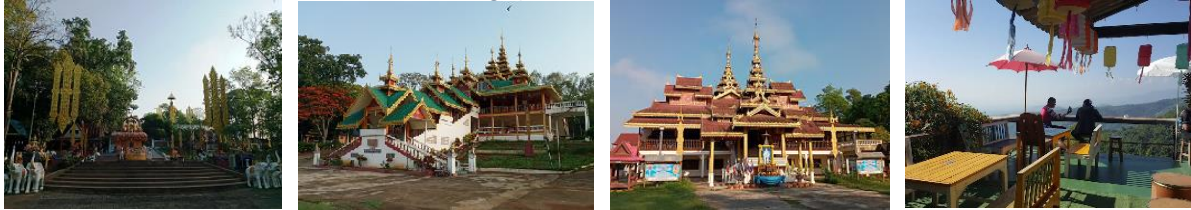
Arrival **Ban Arunothai** (a village consisting of descendants of former Kuomintang soldiers from Yunnan; recommended lunch here is **Yunnan Noodles**). Visit **Wat Arunothai**, **Nong Uk Lake & Swamp Café** and **Kew Pha Wok Border Checkpoint**.

Transfer to visit **First Royal Project Factory Museum** (dedicated to Royal initiative projects for sustainable development of "Sufficiency Economy"). Overnight in Doi Angkhang area.

D4 SUN: Doi Angkhang - Fang - Tha Ton (B)



After Early morning, transfer to **Mon Son Viewpoint for sunrise viewing**. Back to hotel for breakfast. Transfer to visit **Doi Angkhang Royal Project Station, Doi Angkhang Pagoda, Ban Nor Lae Strawberry Farm** (by Palaung people), **Koob Dong Village** (Black Lahu village) and **Fang Hot Springs**.



Arrival **Fang** town to visit **Phra Chao Fang & Phra Nang Sam Phio Monument** (a local ruler & his queen who gave their lives so that the Burmese do not destroy Fang city), **Wat Tong Rung** and **Wat Jong Pan** (both fine examples of Shan style temples). From Mae Ai, take detour to **Route 1314** (mountain border road) with stop at **Wat Pang Ton Duea Samakkhitham** (with views over the area), **Sabaidee Coffee Doi Lang** and **Doi Kiew Hung Viewpoint**. Arrival Tha Ton to overnight.

D5 MON: Tha Ton – Mae Salong (B)



After breakfast, visit **Wat Tha Ton**, including reaching to top level main chedi and the golden standing Buddha. Enjoy views overlooking Kok River and the Tha Ton Bridge.



Visit **Thanathorn Orchard** and then **Home Pan Din Vineyard**. Transfer to **Mae Salong**, a tea growing village of descendants of former Kuomintang soldiers from Yunnan.



Visit **Mae Salong Martyr's Memorial** (learn about Mae Salong's history) and **Phra Borom Mahathat Srinagarindra Maha Santikhiri Chedi**. Then visit **Choui Fong Tea Plantation** (including stop at their architecture award winning café). Overnight in Mae Salong.

D6 TUE: Mae Salong – Doi Tung – Mae Sai – Chiang Rai (B)



After breakfast, visit **Doi Tung Palace & Gardens** (former residence of the late Princess Mother, the mother of the late King Bhumibol; she was instrumental in bringing much prosperity to the ethnic minorities of the mountain areas), **Wat Phra That Doi Tung** (with twin stupas of Lanna style; this is the pilgrimage temple for those born under the “Pig” zodiac), **Mae Fah Luang Arboretum**, **Chang Moob Military Outpost** (with views overlooking Myanmar) and stop at **Phamuang Coffee**.



Then to **Pha Hi Village Bamboo Umbrella Bridge** and **Pha Mee village** (enjoy views from the

café, the coffee beans are locally grown here by the Akha ethnic minority).



Then to **Tham Luang – Khun Nang Nam Nong National Park** to visit **Tham Luang Cave** (where the dramatic rescue of the trapped 12 boys & their football coach occurred), **Chao Mae Nang Non shrine**, the **Rescue Museum & Khun Nam Nang Non swamp**). Stop at **Mae Sai town**, which is the northernmost point of Thailand and a border market opposite Myanmar's Tachilek town. Transfer to **Chiang Rai Night Bazaar**. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

D7 WED: Chiang Rai Airport - Chiang Mai Airport – Chiang Mai (B)

After breakfast, 8am transfer to Chiang Rai airport (drop off paxs) and 9am, transfer to Chiang Mai Airport (drop off paxs; 3.10pm flight departure) and Chiang Mai city (drop off paxs).

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Single supplement: RM 300

Rates & itinerary subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Private airport transfers & tour excursion with VIP van (3 seat x 3 rows in cabin)
- b) Licensed English speaking Guide cum Driver
- c) 6 nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast:
 - Chiang Dao: Chiang Dao Inn Hotel (2 star) or similar
 - Piang Luang: Huen Kingkhala Resort (2 star) or similar
 - Doi Angkhang: Ban Suan Aree Bungalows or similar
 - Tha Ton: Thung Thong Hotel (2 star) or similar
 - Mae Salong: Shin Sane Bungalows or similar
 - Chiang Rai: Ipower Hotel (3 star) or similar
- d) Entrance fees for attractions and activities as per itinerary
- e) Daily 2 bottles of drinking water per person

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air tickets and airport taxes
- b) All lunch and dinners – group will stop at local restaurants along tour route for opportunity to sample local specialties; travelers order and pay direct at restaurant.
- c) Tipping for Guide cum Driver
- d) Travel insurance – kindly include Covid medical coverage
- e) Expenses of personal nature such as optional activities, hotel laundry charges, room mini-bar charges, tipping for hotel/restaurant/etc. staff, etc.