



*Thai Unika — Unique experiences*

## ITINERARY

### Mae Hong Son Highland Loops 15 Days

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## ITINERARY DETAIL

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### Day 1 — Day 1: Bangkok arrival ( No meals )

Warmly welcome you on arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport. We will pick you up with a comfortable vehicle to the center of Bangkok to check-in your hotel, then take your time to have a rest after a long flight and lunchtime.

**Meals:** No meal.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bangkok

### Day 2 — Day 2: Bangkok city tour (B)

Today, we will take the whole day to explore Bangkok - the city of golden temples.

The first destination is the **Grand Palace**. *This huge architecture complex is over 2 sq. kilometers, including 3 main sites: Royal Palace, Royal Office and pagodas (Wat) built in 1770s. Nowadays, the Grand Palace is no longer home of Thailand Royal, most of national significant events takes place there. Wat Phra Kaew is the most out-standing architecture in complex, built in 1785 when King Rama I moved the capital to Bangkok. The pagoda is famous not only for its beauty of unique Thailand Buddhism architecture but also for the sacred jade Buddha statue.*

**Nearby Grand Palace** is Wat Pho - *the oldest and biggest pagoda in Bangkok with more than 1000 Buddha statues and the huge one sit-back Buddha in gold. This pagoda is also famous for being a birthplace of traditional Thai massage, since there is a traditional medicine school established in 1982, educating the arts of Thai massage.*

After having lunch by your own account, we visit the last destination of the day: **Wat Traimit**. *This pagoda is famous for its unique and historic beauty, and also for the huge golden Buddha statue. Thai people believe that the statue represents for prosperity and purity, as well as strength and power.*

We will board on a boat to pay a visit along the Chao Phraya River, watching the life of local people close by. On route, we stop at **Wat Arun**, *known as the most beautiful pagoda in Bangkok not only for its location on the Chao Phraya's riverbank but also for the different architecture from other pagodas. The pagoda was decorated with glass pieces and Chinese ceramic, in a complicated style.*

Return to the hotel and you are free to explore Bangkok by night.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bangkok.

### Day 3 — Day 3: Bangkok - Ayutthaya- Bangkok (B)

Having a breakfast and today we will pay a visit to some sites of **Ayutthaya Historical Park**, situated in the old city of Ayutthaya. Being a ruin with many temples which characterize this handicraft type of architecture built with red bricks, the park was recognized as World's Heritage Site by UNESCO. One of the most visited historical site of Ayutthaya, **Wat Chaiwattanaram** rests on the bank of the Chao Phraya River, to the west of the City Island. The Temple was ordered to built in 1630 by King Prasat Thong to honor his mother, featuring the architectural style influenced by Angkor temple in Cambodia-its unique feature is a large, central prang (Khmer-style pagoda) surrounded by smaller prangs, symbolizing Mount Sumeru, the gods' mountain according to Hindu belief. The lighting at night makes the temple even more exotic and beautiful.

Then you will visit **Wat Phu Khao Thong**, or the "Monastery of the Golden Mount", which is located just outside Ayutthaya. Then you will proceed to the ancient palace and **Wat Phra Si Sanphet**. You will also visit Viharn Phra Mongkol Bopit, one of the largest bronze Buddha's in Thailand. Have lunch by your own account. Afterwards you will visit Wat Lokaya Sutha. This temple enshrines a large reclining Buddha image. Our last visit will be the **Bang Pa-In Summer Palace**, built during the Ayutthaya era. The palace showcases an eclectic collection of buildings that blend European, Khmer, Thai and Chinese architectural styles. It's the favorite summer palace of the King.

Come back Bangkok and free time for relaxation.

Overnight in Bangkok.

#### **Day 4 — Day 4: Bangkok- Flight to Chiang Mai- city tour (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy your time and wait for our tour guide to pick you up to the airport, taking a flight to Chiang Mai, Upon arrive you for hotel check in.

This afternoon continue to the Buddhist temple of **Wat Umong**, nestled in the forested foothills of Suthep Mountain. Learn about the Buddhist proverbs posted throughout the grounds in English and Thai before you head inside to see the impressive Buddha statue. You'll also visit the 14th-century **Wat Suan Dok**, a white bell-shaped temple housing a 20-foot (6-meter) Buddha. See the large prayer hall and the unique open-sided chapel, then enjoy an opportunity to chat with a monk about Buddhism and temple life, after the tour transfer back to your hotel and the rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

**Overnight in Chiang Mai**

#### **Day 5 — Day 5:Chiang Mai- Pai (B)**

Pick up in Chiang Mai (in the hotel booked by yourself) and departure for the North, up to Pai. On the way, visit the market of **Mae Malai**, where you can experience local foods like some exotic fruits. Then you'll stop at Pong Deuid, one of the most beautiful hot springs in the province of Chiang Mai. This Spa is little exploited commercially, in fact, and is part of a well maintained in a very picturesque wooded Valley Park. Downstream of bubbling geysers, the rock formations are shallow pools where you can have a nice swim.

On the way, stop at **Pai Memorial Bridge**, is a bridge over the Pai River with a long history dating back to World War II.

You will then have lunch in a restaurant before arriving in Pai.

It is a small community located in a hilly and beautiful, natural environment clean, refreshing and warm atmosphere. Its different ethnic groups of the Plains or mountains, with their religious beliefs and their different languages, are mixed to form singular and common cultural traditions together.

If the weather permit, you will have chance to visit **Pai Canyon** viewpoint - (also known as Kong Lan) is an incredibly scenic canyon with stunning valley views and it's one of the most reputable locations to catch a Pai sunset!

Have dinner by own. You can also discover Pai warking street market.

Overnight to Pai.

## **Day 6 — Day 6: Pai- Mae Hong Son (B)**

Pick up at your hotel and we then embark on a **cruise** for sightseeing along the Pai River and have chance to observe the most beautiful scenery and simple life style. Drop in to visit **Long-Necked Karen village**, the women in this tribal village wear their one brass winding rings on their necks. Interact with tribal village makes them can keep and prolong their unique culture and tradition for years long. After lunch, our journey will lead you to **Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu**, is located on the outskirts of Mae Hong Son town at the top of Kong Mu Hill. It is reached either by road or by a long staircase for the bravest. From the hilltop you can see entirely a beautiful nature of the town which surrounded by mountains and valleys. We then continue to visit **Jong Kham and Jong Klang temples**. These two temples share the same area right next to the big swamp. They both are old temples consist of beautiful Burmese style edifices which put up the holy Buddha image. Overnight in Mae Hong Son.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mae Hong Son.

## **Day 7 — Day 7: Mae Hong Son (B)**

Morning we begin the journey by **taking a boat for sightseeing along the Pai River**. You can catch sight one of the most beautiful scenery and simply life style along the Pai River. Drop in to visit Long-Necked Karen village, the women in this tribal village wear their one brass winding rings on their neck.

Lunch will be provided at local restaurant. Continue the journey to visit the **Su Tong Pae Bridge**, which is the longest bamboo bridge in Thailand. Then taking the next programmed directly journey to "**Baan Rak Thai Village**." This interesting village located on the border between Thai and Myanmar with a big lake nearby. Next visit is the beautiful, calm and peaceful atmosphere in **Shan village "Baan Ruam Thai"**. Also known as Pang Oung, the village is located among the rugged mountain range. The reservoir or a big lake is so spectacular landscape that it is entitled Switzerland in Thailand, surrounded by pine forest and colorful winter flowers including year-round cold weather.

Stay overnight in Mae Hong Son.

### **Day 8 — Day 8: Mae Hong Son (B)**

Enjoy a relaxing day at your own pace in the charming town of Mae Hong Son. You may choose to unwind at your hotel or explore the area independently.

### **Day 9 — Day 9: Mae Hong Son- Mae Sariang (B)**

After breakfast, you will head to the small town of **Mae Sariang**. The villages of the authentic mountain tribes scattered all around Mae Sariang constitute a real cultural asset for the region. Several villages of Karen and Lawa are worth visiting; if time permits, you can discover some of them. These villages are generally badly or not marked out; they can be difficult to find (your guide can show you the way to follow). A visit to these villages will be a total cultural immersion and an introduction to local life.

Lunch on the way by your own account.

You will stop at **Mae La Noi** to visit the Kaew Komol cave, with its vertical hole of 30 meters. Their access routes consist of a 120-meter staircase and, in order to preserve the natural character, visitors admire the beauty of the walls from a small platform. They are not allowed to go far inside the cavity as this can be dangerous. It is considered to be the most beautiful in the country and its equivalent is only found in Australia and China. Little anecdote, the Queen of Thailand went to what was known as the “Mae La Noi Cave” (original name in English), at the beginning of this millennium. She proposed that it be called “Kaew Komol Cave”, and each of its five small sub-caves has also been renamed.

You will arrive at Mae Sariang in the afternoon. Free time for relaxation. Overnight in Mae Sariang.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mae Sariang.

### **Day 10 — Day 10: Mae Sariang - Chiang Mai (B)**

After breakfast, you can visit the two most beautiful temples in the city, **Wat Si Bunruang and Wat Jong Sun**, built in the 19th century, in Burmese style. The market, filled with colors and smells is to be surveyed. Then you will visit the **Mae Sariang Museum**, a wooden building with traditional Thai architecture. The museum is a center for the display and sale of “One Tambol One Product” (OTOP) and includes presentations on the lifestyle of indigenous peoples, including Lua, Thai Yai, Karen, Lawa and Hmong with the local history

Free lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon, return to Chiang Mai via Hod to explore **Ob Luang National Park**. *This fascinating site is made up of magnificent natural elements as well as mysterious landscapes. Under a bridge connecting the*

*two sides of a narrow and steep gorge, flows a zigzag river, framed by teak forests and mountains. During the rainy season, the rapids crash on the rocks and you can take spectacular photos from the ravine, showing the strength of nature. Eroded by the powerful currents of the river, the rocks and cliffs have become a canyon with strange formations. The water must make its way over the stone blocks which obstruct its course, offering a magnificent view.*

Arrival at the hotel, installation and relaxation.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Chiang Mai.

### **Day 11 — Day 11: Chiang Mai - Flight to Phuket - Koh Yao Noi (B)- Pick up in Koh Yao Noi by join-in hotel transfer**

After your breakfast, transfer to Chiang Mai airport for next flight to Phuket.

Upon arrival Phuket, Transfer to pier for the boat/ferry to Koh Yao noi.

Overnight Koh Yao noi

### **Day 12 — Day 12: Koh Yao Noi free day (B) No guide no transfer**

Freeday at leisure on your own to explore the island. Overnight in Koh Yao Noi.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Koh Yao Noi.

### **Day 13 — Day 13: Koh Yao Noi free day (B) No guide no transfer**

Freeday at leisure on your own to explore the island. Overnight in Koh Yao Noi.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Koh Yao Noi.

### **Day 14 — Day 14: Koh Yao Noi free day (B) No guide no transfer**

The last day in this beautiful island is on your own. You are free to explore this magnificent island by yourself. You can go swimming, diving or just lazy by the beach.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Koh Yao Noi.

## **Day 15 — Day 15: Koh Yao Noi - Phuket - Flight to Bangkok (B) No guide**

Breakfast at the hotel. Then take the speedboat from Koh Yao Noi to Phuket pier.

Pick up and transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok and then connecting with your international flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** None

## ACCOMMODATION

DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM
Bangkok	W22 BY BURASARI 3*	Superior
Chiang Mai	M Hotel Chiang Mai	Superior
Pai	Belle Villa Resort Pai	Deluxe
Mae Hong Son	River House Resort 3*	Standard
Koh Yao Noi	Sabai Corner Bungalows	Sea View
Mae Sariang	Fern Resort 3*	Deluxe Garden View
Bangkok	ARTE HOTEL	Deluxe
Chiang Mai	Bodhi Serene	Deluxe
Pai	Pai Boutique Village Resort	Boutique Garden
Mae Hong Son	Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Mae Hong Son	River House Resort 3*	Deluxe
Koh Yao Noi	Koh Yao Paradise	Superior studio
Bangkok	Eastin Grand Sathorn Bangkok	Superior
—	—	Romantic Lanna Deluxe
Pai	Pai Boutique Village Resort	Boutique Garden
Mae Hong Son	Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Mae Hong Son	River House Resort 3*	Deluxe
Koh Yao Noi	Paradise Koh Yao	Superior studio

## Trip notes

INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check-in and check-out around noontime)</li><li>• Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers</li><li>• Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers</li><li>• Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary</li><li>• Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program</li><li>• 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus - on days of transfer and sightseeing only</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early check-in or late check-out</li><li>• International &amp; Domestic flight tickets</li><li>• Meals (other than mentioned in the program)</li><li>• Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation</li><li>• Visa - as per country requirements</li><li>• Tips</li><li>• Airport transfer surcharge for guide between 10:00 pm to 6:30 am is 15 USD/way.</li></ul>