



Thai Unika — Unique experiences

ITINERARY

Northern of Thailand Adventure 11 Days

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ITINERARY DETAIL

Day 1 — Day 1: Bangkok arrival

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.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Bangkok.

Day 2 — Day 2: Bangkok city (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.*

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 - Phitsanuloke (B)

After breakfast we head to explore some sites of **Ayutthaya Historical Park**, *situated in the old city of Ayutthaya, the park was recognized as World's Heritage Site by UNESCO.* The park included of a visit to

below sites

Wat Phu Khao Thong is a massive pagoda towering in the middle of paddy fields and can be seen from afar. There is a high golden plated chedi on the top, which makes the pagoda outstanding.

Wat Phra Sri Sanphet was the most important temple of Ayutthaya and situated within the Ayutthaya Grand Palace grounds. The highlight of Wat Phra Sri Sanphet is 3 towers standing high together in Ceylonese style

Vihara Phra Mongkhon Bophit is the pagoda in which the bronze Buddha statue in the attitude of subduing Mara is situated. This is one of the biggest Buddha statue in Thailand.

Wat Lokaya Sutha is considered as the sacred place for pilgrims since it's famous for the reclining Buddha statue, which is the statue of the Blessed Buddha intact compared to other monuments in the entire Ayutthaya ruins.

After lunch, continue the trip to Phitsanuloke. Upon arrival we will start to visit **Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat**, which is best known and frequented by Buddhists who sometimes come from far and wide on pilgrimage for his Buddha Chinnarat, one of the most revered in Thailand. If time permits, explore the folklore museum **Pim Buranaket. Overnight at Phitsanulok.**

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Phisanulok.

Day 4 — Day 4: Phitsanuloke - Sukhothai - Lampang (B)

After breakfast we depart for Sukhothai for one hour driving and visit **Sukhothai Historical Park**. Then continuing the trip to **Lampang** on the scenic route with visit to the magnificent **Wat Phra That Lampang Luang**, the best-known temple in Lambang. Whereas some temples have been restored using modern materials and modern building techniques, the Wat Phra That Lampang Luang has been preserved in its original state. We then spend 30 minutes for a horse-drawn carriage trip. Overnight at the hotel in Lampang.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lampang.

Day 5 — Day 5: Lampang - Phayao- Chiang Rai - City tour (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and transfer to **visit Pineapple plantation** (depending on season).

Afterward, drive to Chiang Rai via Prayao. **Continue trip to Chiang Rai.**

On arrival, visit the **white temple, Wat Rong Khun**. It nevertheless very recent temple is the most visited monument in the region, the work of Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, started in 1997. Its creator himself announces that he will only be completed 60 to 90 years after his death. Its uniqueness, its whiteness, making it a unique temple of its kind. In wihaan a fresco mixing Buddhist codes with Matrix,

Star Wars, the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York and even Kung Fu Panda stands out from the usual decorations such monuments.

Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Rai

Day 6 — Day 6: Chiang Rai - Mae Salong - Doi Tung - Chiang Saen (B)

After breakfast we continue the trip by heading to the northern Thailand - a wooded, mountainous and beautiful area.

This morning, you will explore the surroundings and the first road you will take is the one that leads to **Mae Salong**. Climb up and down the green hills, covered with tea plantations.

Here, you can enjoy a cup of tea in a traditional Chinese tea house overlooking the mountains and tea fields before continuing your way towards the **Golden Triangle**. From Doi Mae Salong, we will visit the villages of ethnic minorities.

Afterwards we will visit "**Doi tung Palace** " or " King's mother garden" the palace in the big beautiful valley which has a huge garden with more varieties of flowers. In the place, see the main hall where the people can show their respect to the photos of the Princess mother or the King's mother. You can also see silk embroidering in the name of the flowers which start from the English alphabet and the beautiful painting which can change the color and light while you're walking from one corner to the other corner. Enjoy the lovely view point from the palace balcony with the view of the garden and mountains' view. You can enjoy walking in the garden and take a photo of the statue called " The continuity " right in the middle of the garden.

Drive to visit **Chiang Saen the ancient city** where you will visit the **Opium museum** where show about the opium's history in the past in Thailand.

Overnight in Chiang Saen.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Saen

Day 7 — Day 7: Golden Triangle - Chiang Mai (B)

In the morning we **board a long tail boat** to the Lao side and see from the top of the hill, marvel at the splendor of the mighty Mekong joining with the Ruak and forming the actual "Triangle" with Laos - Myanmar and Thailand. Transfer to Chiang Mai for your overnight.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Mai.

Day 8 — Day 8: Chiang Mai - Doi Inthanon (B/L/D)

Spectacular waterfalls

Your guide and driver will meet you at the hotel at 0800 for your Doi Inthanon Adventure. This two-day tour features the two most beautiful but very different nature trails of Doi Inthanon National Park: Kew Mae Pan and Pha Dok Siew. Each of these trails take about two hours hiking, depending on your speed and the time we spend along the trail for taking pictures and enjoying nature. We will drive to Doi Inthanon National Park. First stop is the Mae Klang Waterfall. We continue further into the national park. Next up is the spectacular Vachirathan Waterfall that is more popular. Next up is the Sirithan Waterfall. Also, this waterfall is often bypassed due to time constraints. We love this waterfall. It is only a short walk to the viewpoint. We continue to the summit of the highest mountain in Thailand.

The Angka and Kew Mae Pan Nature Trails

Near the summit, we will hike the short but beautiful Angka Nature Trail and briefly visit the shrine of the 7th ruler of Chiang Mai, King Inthawichayanon. The ashes of this king are contained in the shrine, and the park was named after him. Next, we continue to the start of the Kew Mae Pan Nature Trail, the most popular trail in Doi Inthanon National Park. A local Hmong guide will accompany us. The Hmong have been calling Doi Inthanon their home for a long time. They manage the trail and work as guides.

The famous view deck

The trail starts through the forest until we reach a viewpoint. From here, the trail continues along the ridge offering stunning views of the park and the lowland. Doi Inthanon is the "Roof of Thailand." We return to the forest and hike back where we started. After this, we will visit the two chedis constructed in honor of his majesties King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit.

We will spend the night in a bungalow near the Karen village Baan Mae Klang Luang. Dinner will be in a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Homestay in Karen village

Day 9 — Day 9: Back to Chiang Mai - Freeday at leisure (B)

The Pha Dok Siew Nature Trail

After an early breakfast, we will depart for our next adventure: the lovely Pha Dok Siew Nature Trail. It is only a short drive to the beginning of the trail. The Karen people of Baan Mae Klang Luang manage the trail

and work as guides. This trail mostly goes down and ends in the village where we spend the night. We start hiking in the forest until we hear the sounds of a thundering waterfall: the Pha Dok Siew falls.

We descend several steps of this impressive waterfall along bamboo stairs and bridges. We take our time to take in the power and beauty of nature. We leave the waterfall behind and hike along an easy, mostly flat trail to Baan Mae Klang Luang, where the trail ends. We have some lovely views of the rice fields and mountains along the way. We will enjoy a cup of coffee. The Karen villagers grow coffee in the forest.

The Royal Project and Market

After our coffee, we will drive to the Hmong village Khun Klang to visit the Royal Project. The late King Bhumibol Adulyadej founded the Doi Inthanon Royal Research Station in 1979. The project aims to research the cultivation of flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruits at this elevation. The ultimate aim was to convince villagers to grow these cash crops instead of opium, which has been illegal in Thailand since 1958. The Royal Project has been a great success and improved the lives of the hill tribes on the mountain and preserves the watershed area at the same time.

The Doi Inthanon Royal Research Station

The Doi Inthanon Royal Research Station is an extensive complex with greenhouses, a fern house, an ornamental plants house, a garden, and a shop where you can buy products. We will follow a trail to the base of the Sriphum, aka Siribhumi Waterfall. It takes us through an area with beautiful fern trees. After this, we will drive back to Chiang Mai after two unforgettable days in one of Thailand's most beautiful national parks. We will drop you off at your hotel. It is the end of your Ultimate Doi Inthanon Adventure.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Mai.

Day 10 — Day 10: Chiang Mai - Discover Tribal Villages & Artisans Experience (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning, we transfer to visit the the Long-neck **Karen village at Mae Rim area**. Women from this small population are known worldwide for wearing rings around their neck to elongate it. In the past, it was a protection from tiger attacks, today it's considered a symbol of beauty and modern day accessory. Visit another hilltribes with elephant camp in the same area.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Afternoon, transfer to visit the **silver temple at Wat Srisuphan** in Chiang Mai showcases traditional Lanna silversmith skills. It is also known as the Silver Temple because the entire surface of the temple, inside and out, is being covered in sparkling silver handcrafted decoration. Originally built around 1500 Wat Sri Suphan is also one of the oldest temples in Chiang Mai. On the way stop to visit **Craft Village at**

San Kamphaeng to see the center of Thai handicraft production, a village heavy with heritage and skills that have been passed down through generations.

The transfer back to hotel in Chiang Mai. Overnight in Chiang Mai. **arecrows, ridding weeds in the paddy fields, and demonstrating rice pouring from the watermill**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Mai.

Day 11 — Day 11: Chiang Mai - Doi Suthep - Departure (B)

Today we will embark on a tour with a visit to **Wat Phra That Doi Suthep** where the relics of Buddha are kept and Meo Hilltribe village. We leave our hotel to our first destination of Doi Suthep Mountain. You then exercise yourself by ascending the 306 steps to the temple. However, it is very well worth the effort. A bird's eye view of the entire city and the surrounding areas can be seen from the temple grounds.

Then you will transfer to the airport for your departure flight. End services.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: None

ACCOMMODATION

DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM
Bangkok	W22 BY BURASARI 3*	Superior
Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Lanna Cottage
Chiang Rai	Laluna Hotel & Resort	Garden Bungalow
Chiang Saen	Siam Triange hotel	Deluxe River
Chiang Mai	M Hotel Chiang Mai	Superior
Bangkok	ARTE HOTEL	Deluxe
Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Lanna Superior
Chiang Rai	Le Patta Chiang Rai Resort & Hotel	Superior
Chiang Saen	Bansaeo Garden and Resort	Villa Deluxe
Chiang Mai	Bodhi Serene	Deluxe
Bangkok	Eastin Grand Sathorn Bangkok	Superior
Lampang	Tree tara Lampang	Master Suite
Chiang Rai	The Riverie Chiang Rai	Deluxe Garden
Chiang Saen	Bansaeo Garden and Resort	Villa Deluxe
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Trip notes

INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)• Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers• Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers• Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary• Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program• 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus - on days of transfer and sightseeing only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early check-in or late check-out• International & Domestic flight tickets• Meals (other than mentioned in the program)• Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation• Visa - as per country requirements• Tips• All entrance fees - as per program• Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)• Airport transfer surcharge for guide between 10:00 pm to 6:30 am is 15 USD/way.