

# 4 DAYS CHIANG MAI TO CHIANG RAI

### Duration: 4days/3nights



#### **ITINERARY DAY BY DAY**

## DAY 1 | CHIANG MAI

Pick-up in Chiang Mai City hotel at 13:30 hrs, followed by guided tour of the old town and the city's main temples. Visit the historic Wat Suan Dok and admire its 48- metre-high Sri Lankan-style chedi, which overlooks the Royal Cemetery. Continue to Wat Phra Sing in the old town and appreciate the beauty of this large complex of more than 60 buildings before visiting 14th century Wat Chedi Luang in the very heart of the old city. This ancient temple has a more rustic appearance and has been restored after decades of decay. Discover, too, the nearby Wat Chet Yot and Wat Chiang Man. Due to its age, the Chet Yot temple betrays some signs of ruin while the Chiang Man temple is renowned for its numerous elephant sculptures (arrive transfer included) Overnight in hotel in Chiang Mai.

(start 13:30, finish approx.18:20)



# DAY 2 | CHIANG MAI (80 kms – 3hrs)

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a visit to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep to enjoy magnificent panoramic views of the city. The temple is reached by climbing a 309-step naga staircase or via cable car (included). If the views are stunning, the temple itself is even better and boasts a number of dazzling structures. Continue to the bustling Wararot Market, a historical landmark renowned for the variety and quality of its produce, before visiting the fragrant flower market. In the evening, enjoy a khantoke dinner, a traditional northern Thai feast combined with a selection of traditional cultural performances inspired by the Lanna kingdom, which dominated northern Thailand for almost five centuries. Dinner included.

Overnight in hotel in Chiang Mai. Breakfast and dinner included. (start 08:30, finish approx.21:30).





### DAY 3 | CHIANG MAI - CHIANG RAI (260 km - 4 hrs)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading into the jungle to become acquainted with Thailand's national animal during a visit to the **Thai Elephant Care Centre**. The care centre was established to provide care for elderly elephants retired from logging and camps. Appreciate these gentle giants, learn more about their nature, their individual traits, their lifestyles, their talents and their charms. If time is right, watch them play during their bath-time. After lunch, continue by road via Doi Saket with a stop at **Wat Rong Khun**, nicknamed the 'White Temple', a dazzling temple built in the 1990s. Its ornate all-white exterior with embedded pieces of mirror gives it a resplendent appearance, which makes it one of the most beautiful temples in Thailand. Continue to Chiang Rai, arriving in the afternoon and transferring to your accommodation.

Overnight in hotel in Chiang Rai. Breakfast and lunch included. (start 7:00, finish approx. 17:30)



## DAY 4 | CHIANG RAI – GOLDEN TRIANGLE – CHIANG RAI (174kms- 3.5hrs)

Check out after breakfast at the hotel and visit **Chiang Sean** for a panoramic view of the Golden Triangle where Laos, Myanmar and Thailand meet where the mighty River Mekong flows through. Hop on a boat and take a trip around the **Golden Triangle** on a boat ride lasting around 30 minutes. After, enjoy lunch at the **Imperial Golden Triangle Resort** before being dropped off at Chiang Rai City hotel or airport at approximately 14:00 hrs (start 07:30, finish approx.14:00)

Recommend departure flight from Chiang Rai: TG 2135 with an ETD of 16:55 hrs.

\*\*END OF SERVICES \*\*

# **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

#### Superior Class

Day	Destination	Activity	Board	Accommodation	Room Type
1	Chiang Mai	City tour	-	Holiday Inn Chiang Mai	SUP
2	Chiang Mai	City tour	B - D	Holiday Inn Chiang Mai	SUP
3	Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai	Roundtrip with visits	B - L	Laluna	Garden Bungalow
4	Chiang Rai - Chiang Rai Airport	Roundtrip	B - L	None	-

• Seat-in coach – <u>Saturday</u>, operated with English/Italian speaking guide

• Seat-in coach –<u>Tuesday</u>, operated with English/Italian/French/German/Spanish speaking guide