

THAILAND TOUR PACKAGES: GOLDEN TRIANGLE - PHAYAO

Chiang Mai - Golden Triangle - Phayao

4 days / 3 nights - Departs from Chiang Mai



Day 1 CHIANG MAI – DOI ANGKHANG (-/L/D)

Drive from Chiang Mai to Mae Rim and visit a colourful and exotic local market just North of Chiang Mai. This is where the local people and the various hill tribes meet and trade their goods, mostly fruits, vegetables and flowers. Continue to the Elephant Training Camp of Chiang Dao, witness how elephant works in the jungle with mahouts teaching the elephants. Local lunch en route. Continue up the mountains to Doi Angkhang along some very scenic roads and spectacular views. At Doi Angkhang, visit The Royal Angkhang Agricultural Station Project, This project was set up in 1969 under the auspices of His Majesty King Bhumibol. Primarily a research centre, it focuses on developing a wider variety of marketable produce for the local Hill tribes, which were previously cash poor and dependant on growing illegal opium as their major source of income. The organic methods employed by the Project have had great success. Western berries for example thrive in the cool, mountain climate. As commented by His Serene Highness, Prince Bhisadej Rajani, "The Royal Angkhang Research Station is a prime example of man working with nature instead of working against her". Dinner at the hotel and overnight at the Angkhang Nature Resort or similar.

Day 2 DOI ANGKHANG – MAE SAI (B/L/D)

After breakfast, return to the main road and onwards to Thaton. Lunch will be served by the Mae Kok River just before long tail boat trip to Chiang Rai. The boat ride takes approx. four hours; along the way you will experience beautiful river scenery, rice fields, hill tribe villages, local fishermen, elephants taking a bath and much more. Upon arrival at Chiang Rai, continue to Mae Sai, a small trading town situated on the Thai / Burmese border. Arrive in Mae Sai in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at Wang Thong Hotel or similar.

Day 3 MAE SAI – PHAYAO (B/L/D)

Start your day with a hearty breakfast and a visit to the famous Golden Triangle, where Thailand, Burma and Laos meet. Take a boat trip on the Mekong River to the border with Laos is also included. In former times the Golden Triangle was well known as THE place for opium trading. There is a museum which shows



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parts of this history and a visit is made there. Lunch is served in a restaurant with great view over the Mekong River. Visit the ruins of the ancient city Chiang Saen before leaving for Phayao. Dinner and overnight at Gateway Hotel or similar.

PHAYAO – CHIANG MAI (B/L/-)

After breakfast, visit Phayao Fishery Station. This is an important fish breeding site that serves as a laboratory as well. Phayao Fishery Station is very well known for the success of breeding the Giant Cat Fish, which is the biggest fresh water fish in the World. Continue to Ngin Village, famous for its spice grinding mortars. Lunch en route.

On the way back to Chiang Mai visit and Orchid Nursery, containing more than 50 different types of colorful orchids, as well as a butterfly farm. Arrival in Chiang Mai in the late afternoon.

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Package includes:

- Air conditioned car with English speaking guide
- Meals as specified
- All entrance fees, tours and transfers mentioned in the itinerary
- 3 nights accommodation

Package excludes:

- Other meals and services not mentioned in the programme
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