



# THAILAND

WEEKEND EXCURSIONS – TRIP 2

## - DAY 01(Saturday)-

### CHIANG MAI – CHIANG RAI

**In the morning** – After breakfast drive to Chiang Rai approximately three & half hours journey.

Arrive at Mae Khachan Hot Spring the hot spring is very popular among Thai People to stop on the way to Chiang Mai or Chiang Rai. When you travel this area there will local people trying to sell eggs to the tourists in order to boil it in the hot springs. Besides boiling the eggs, soaking their legs in warm water are the popular activities to do as well. Also tourist can enjoy shopping the local products like silvers and wood carving.

On the way to Wat Rong Khun, more well-known among foreigners as the White Temple, is an unconventional Buddhist temple in Chiang Rai, Thailand. Designed in 1997 by noted Thai painter-turned- architect Chalermchai Kositpipat, this magnificent temple is a bizarre blend of traditional Thai architecture and the surreal. The main building is painted white to symbolise Buddha's purity, and is covered in mosaics of mirrors, sparkling in the sun. All around the complex are intricate sculptures of demons, skulls, severed heads hanging from trees and other bizarre objects.



**- DAY 01(Saturday)-**

## **CHIANG MAI – CHIANG RAI**

Go to Wat Chedi Luang in Chiang Sean Ancient City a small district of Chiang Rai province and the Ancient City of Chiang Saen is one of the oldest settlements in the Kingdom of Thailand. It is located along the Mekong River. The residents of Chiang Saen have a very easy-going and peaceful lifestyle. Many of the residents live nearby one of the hundreds of ancient structures that once graced this city.

Visit Wat Chedi Luang a royal stupa temple there are quite a few similarly named temples around but we're referring to the old Chiang Saen one, so named since it's thought to have been the principal temple of King Mengrai's former capital. Located in the northwest of Chiang Rai province on the banks of the Mekong near the Golden Triangle, the city's ruins are scattered throughout the modern town of Chiang Saen.

Travel to Golden Triangle the border regions between Thailand, Burma and Laos and when gold was used by Chinese traders to pay for opium grown there.

The history of the opium poppy in the Golden Triangle can be traced back to various Chinese migrant groups for whom the poppy was an integral part of their cultural traditions. Elderly people regarded opium, and still do, as an acceptable natural stimulant. The Hmong tribe has always produced opium for trade, at first it was intended for the Chinese market, but later the French colonists bought large amounts during their reign in Indochina.

**Overnight stay at accommodation, Chiang Rai (Meals- Breakfast)**



## - DAY 02(Sunday)-

### CHIANG RAI – CHIANG MAI

**Morning** – You are at leisure.

Mid-morning – Visit Tea Farm. After the visit drive back to Chiang Mai. Arrive at Chiang Mai and check into your accommodation.

Overnight stay at accommodation, Chiang Mai (Meals- Breakfast & Dinner)

#### PROPOSED INCLUSIONS:

- 01 nights stay on trip.
- Accommodation on sharing occupancy basis.
- All transfers and sightseeing by vehicle.
- Check-in time is 2 p.m. and check-out time is 12 noon for most of the hotels (but we can usually arrange earlier check-in).
- Meals as per itinerary.

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Any personal expenses such as tips, laundry and drinks.
- Any extra meals (other than those specifically laid down).
- Personal Travel Insurance, visa etc.
- Camera fees (both still and video).
- International flight ticket.
- Miscellaneous.



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