

## GREAT NORTH SOUTH EXPOERER THAILAND

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Pick up from airport/Bangkok hotel to Ayuthaya (about 450km)</b>	<b>(-/L/-)</b>
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- Pick up from airport or hotel in Bangkok and depart for Ayuthaya.
- First stop is Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, first used by the royal court as a summer retreat in the 17th century. Originally built by King Prasat Thong in 1632.
- Across the river from the Palace is Wat Niwet Thamprawat, the only Neo-Gothic monastery in Thailand and is located on an island in the Chao Phraya River.
- Hop on to private longtail boat and enjoy the fascinating scenery along the River, hop off at local pier in Ayuthaya.
- Continue to visit the ancient town and world heritage site and Wat Mahathat The well known image of the Head of the Buddha, with tree trunk and roots growing around it. The temple is believed to be built during the 14th century A.D. (the early Ayutthaya period) stop visit local village selling Roti Sai Mai: the sweet treat of Ayutthaya
- Since the old days, Ayutthaya is a cultural melt pot. One of its best you should not miss while visiting the old capital is Roti Sai Mai. Widely available throughout the city, the Thai-style candy floss or cotton candy is rolled in paper-thin roti sheet. The slightly salted roti goes well with weet and soft cotton candy.
- Visit largest sitting Buddha (Wat Muang) in Angthong province before leaving for Sukhothai.
- Check in hotel and rest of evening at leisure.

Total distance 365 kms covered in day 1

Note: during high season from Nov-Apr, we will take Grand Pearl boat, cruising along Chao Praya River to Nonthaburi.

<b>Day 02:</b>	<b>SUKHOTHAI -CHIANG MAI (about 283 kms)</b>	<b>(B/L/-)</b>
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- After breakfast, visit Sukhothai Historical park, now the famous ruin of this first capital of Thailand (1257 - 1379). Highlights are Wat Mahathat, Wat Sasi and Wat Sri Sawai, and we can also cycle around the park if preferred to visit Ban Prapim (Buddhist Votive Tablets Learning Center)
- Thai lunch is provided at local restaurant. After refreshing up, we continue journey to Chiang Mai (92 kms, about 1 hrs drive).
- On arriving Chiang Mai, we will drive up hill to visit the top notch Wat Prathat Doi Suthep, tucked away in the mountains at 3,520 feet (1,056 meters). The temple is reached by a staircase with 306 steps, flanked by a naga balustrade on either side. The Monastery was built by King Gue-Na in 1383. The center is a big Chedi spired pagoda which contains partial relics of Lord Buddha and visit Pha Lat temple, the secret jungle temple,
- We return to Chiang Mai town in the evening to check into hotel where welcome drinks are served.
- Rest of evening at leisure.

Guest can visit the wholesales flower and fruits market before reaching the hotel.

**Day 03: CHIANG MAI**

**(B/-/-)**

After breakfast, rest of day is at leisure for you to explore the city, visit the old city, do some shopping or simply relax in your hotel.

Optional tour: THB 1800-net per person Elephant Jungle Sanctuary half day (join activities at the camp)

- Elephant Jungle Sanctuary is proud to present an ethical and sustainable eco-tourism project in which customers will learn
- how to take care of elephants and describe the way we treat our elephants to raise awareness and educate people from all
- over the world about elephant care. Regarding this, our mission is to provide as many elephants as possible with good health,
- freedom and happiness they truly deserve

**Day 04: CHIANG MAI-CHIANG RAI - GOLDEN TRIANGLE (about 278 km)**

**(B/L/-)**

- After breakfast, we depart for Chiang Rai via Wiang Papao (along beauty mountain route), drive through mountainous landscape to Chiang Rai (distance 172 kms, driving time about 3 hrs).
- We will stop to visit a hot spring and visit the must see Wat Rong Khun (white temple) in Chiang Rai.
- Lunch is at local restaurant. After refreshments, we will visit the famed blue temple.
- We will then head for the northernmost Thai town on Burmese border. You can do some local shopping the local market.
- We will proceed to the view point of Golden Triangle.
- After that we will take a boat trip on Mekong River, cruising close-by the border of three countries, where you can see the simple & traditional lifestyle, before return to local pier in Chiang Rai.
- Return to Chiang Rai town and rest of evening free at leisure to further experience Chiang Rai on your own.

**Day 05: CHIANG RAI –Tea Plantation –Doi Mae Salong –Chiang Mai**

**(B/L/-)**

- We check out after breakfast and drive uphill to explore Doi Mae Salong.
- We will visit the original Hilltribe villages as well as visit tea plantation and local market before going downhill on the other side of Doi Mae Salong towards Chiang Mai via Fang and Thaton.
- Lunch will be provided at local restaurant along the journey.
- We will reach hotel by later afternoon and rest of evening at leisure.

**Day 06: CHIANG MAI**

**(B/-/-)**

- After breakfast, at leisure until pick up for transfer to airport.

Optional Morning: Recommended 06:00-0630 walk to nearby local fresh market and make merit by putting food into the bowl of mendicant Buddhist monks, then return to hotel for breakfast.

12:00 Check out and transfer to Chiang Mai Airport, drop off at Chiang Mai Airport before noon,

3-4 persons	SGD1,059/pax	5-6 persons	SGD899/pax	7 persons or more	POA
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\*\* Prices in Singapore Dollars\*\*



**\*\* Van with driver and English speaking guide for 3 persons onwards.**

**Hotel Options:**

**Option 1:**

Sukhothai: Sukhothai Treasure Resort (superior room)

Chiang Mai: Uno Guesthouse (standard room)

Chiang Rai: Katiliya Mountain Resort & Spa (mountain suite)

**Option 2 (some surcharges apply)**

Sukhothai: Sukhothai Heritage (superior room)

Chiang Mai: Bodhi Serene Chiang Mai, Empress Hotel, Banthai village, Park hotel or Duangtawan Hotel Night Bazaar

Chiang Rai: Katiliya Mountain Resort & Spa (Mountain suite)

**Package Inclusions:**

- Transfers & Tours as mentioned in the program by private minivan with English speaking tour guide
- Accommodation with breakfast Excursions and entrance fees as mentioned in the program
- Boat trip Ayutthaya and Mekhong river Golden Triangle
- Workshop at Ban Pra-pim
- Drinking water 2 bottle per day
- Group travel accident insurance within Thailand
- Current 7% VAT

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