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THAILAND

DISCOVERY OF THE NORTH (TOUR CODE: 13807)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Bangkok to Chiang Mai	until 31 Oct 2025	Cultural City Stays	Independent Holiday Packages

Journey from Bangkok to Chiang Mai, exploring temples, tribes, and ethical elephant encounters in Northern Thailand.

Highlights

- Admire the largest **Reclining Buddha** in the whole collection of Buddha images in Thailand
- Be amazed with **Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep**,. the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha
- Discover the **Golden Triangle,** the area where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar meet at the confluence of the Ruak and Mekong rivers
- Experience an up-close encounter with Thailand’s gentle giants at the **Thai Elephant Care Centre**

Embark on a captivating journey with the Northern Thailand Discovery tour, unveiling the rich tapestry of culture, history, and natural beauty. Beginning in Bangkok, explore iconic temples like Wat Tramitr and Wat Pho before delving into the ancient wonders of Ayutthaya. Witness the unique lifestyle of the Akha tribes and the historical significance of the Golden Triangle. The tour seamlessly blends modernity with tradition, from the contemporary artistry of the Blue Temple to the White Temple's awe-inspiring architecture. A scenic drive through northern Thailand leads to Chiang Mai, where the adventure continues with visits to the revered Doi Suthep Temple and a heartwarming experience at the Kanta Elephant Sanctuary.

As the journey unfolds, each day offers a mosaic of diverse experiences, from cultural immersion to encounters with local tribes and the majestic elephants. Whether exploring ancient ruins, savoring the local cuisine, or enjoying the tranquility of Chiang Mai, this tour promises an enriching exploration of Northern Thailand's treasures. Concluding with free time for personal exploration and a seamless departure from Chiang Mai airport, this tour encapsulates the essence of Thailand's northern charm and leaves travelers with cherished memories of a remarkable adventure.

PEACE OF MIND BOOKING PLAN

- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights in Bangkok at Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok Sukhumvit 20 in a Deluxe Room - 4*
- 1 night in Sukhothai at Legendha Sukhothai Resort in a Deluxe Balcony - 4*
- 2 Nights in Chiang Rai at The Legend Boutique River Resort in a Superior Studio - 4*
- 2 Nights in Chiang Mai at Bodhi Serene Chiang Mai in a Deluxe Room - 4*
- Return Private Transfer from Bangkok Airport to Hotel
- Daily Breakfast
- Meals: 5 lunches as per Itinerary
- Tour accompanied by English Speaking Guide
- Admission fee included as per Itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive in Bangkok

Arrival at Bangkok International Airport will be met with a warm welcome by our local English-speaking representative. Enjoy the convenience of a private transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and explore at your own pace.

Overnight stay in **Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok Sukhumvit 20** in a Deluxe Room.

BANGKOK TUKTUK

Day 2 Bangkok

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast served at your hotel. Following that, guide will pick you up for a visit to **Wat Tramitr**, also known as the **Temple of the Golden Buddha**. Marvel at the astonishing 3-meter-high golden Buddha, crafted in the exquisite "Sukhothai" style, weighing an impressive 5 ½ tons.

Next on the itinerary is **Wat Pho**, the renowned **Reclining Buddha Temple**. Here, you will encounter the largest Reclining Buddha in Thailand, housed in the oldest and largest temple in Bangkok. This temple not only serves as a religious site but is also recognized as the first public education center.

Our journey continues to the **Old Royal Palace**, the former residence of **Thai Kings**, constructed by King Rama I in 1782. The highlight of this historical site is the **Temple of the Emerald Buddha** (Wat Phra Kaew). Inside, you can marvel at the famous Buddha sculpture, a 48.3-centimeter masterpiece carved from a single piece of jade in emerald color. The image, believed to bring good luck, is adorned with three changing "garments" throughout the year. The royal palace complex also features the 9 Towers, the Pantheon of the Kings, golden domes, inspired capitals, exotic murals, and impressive ceramic decorations, all contributing to the magnificence of this iconic Bangkok landmark.

Feel free to explore additional points of interest within the palace, such as the **Throne Room**, the **Official Reception Hall,** and the **Coronation Hall** (closed on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, and special occasions). The afternoon is then left free for you to leisurely enjoy at your own pace.

Overnight stay in **Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok Sukhumvit 20** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast

RECLINING BUDDHA

Day 3 Bangkok Ayutthaya Sukhothai

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast served at the hotel, followed by an early morning departure for a captivating journey to the **northern region of Thailand**. Our route takes us through the ancient capital of **Ayutthaya**, a significant historical site where we will explore some of its remarkable temples.

The kingdom of Ayutthaya, which thrived from 1351 to 1767, was founded by King Ramathibodi I (U Thong) in 1350. It absorbed Sukhothai in 1376, expanding over the next four centuries to become the nation of Siam. The kingdom of Ayutthaya was known for its friendly stance towards foreign trade, welcoming interactions with Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Persian, and later European traders, including the Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, British, and French. This openness allowed for the establishment of foreign populations outside the city walls. During the reign of King Narai (1656-1688), the court of Ayutthaya had strong diplomatic ties with the court of King Louis XIV of France, with the city being compared in size and wealth to Paris by French ambassadors.

Our exploration of Ayutthaya will focus on the three most significant temples: **Yai Chaimongkol, Wat Mahathat, and Phanan Choeng**. Following this enriching cultural experience, we will proceed to Sukhothai, where we will spend the night.

Along the way, a sumptuous lunch is included at a local restaurant, offering you a taste of the regional cuisine.

Overnight stay in **Legendha Sukhothai Resort** in a Deluxe Balcony.

Breakfast, Lunch

AYUTTHAYA HISTORICAL PARK

Day 4 Sukhothai Chiang Rai

Early in the morning, an optional activity awaits those interested: a visit near the hotel to partake in an offering to the monks, providing a firsthand experience of one of the most emblematic aspects of Thai culture. After this enriching cultural encounter, we'll return to your hotel for a hearty breakfast.

Following breakfast, our journey continues to the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sukhothai Historical Park**. This remarkable park attracts thousands of visitors annually who are captivated by its ancient Buddha figures, palace buildings, and temples. Easily explored by bike or on foot, the park offers a glimpse into the historical and cultural richness of Sukhothai. Within the park's walls, we'll visit the **Sukhothai Monument** to King Ramkhamhaeng, situated in the heart of the park, north of the palace.

Our next destination is the city of **Chiang Rai**, and we'll traverse the scenic northern landscape of the Lampang province. Enjoy lunch en-route and take a moment to appreciate the breathtaking surroundings on the shores of the picturesque **Phayao Lake.**

Upon arrival in Chiang Rai in the afternoon, you'll have some free time to relax, perhaps enjoy a refreshing swim in the hotel pool, or explore the vibrant atmosphere of the city's night market. This period of leisure allows you to unwind and immerse yourself in the charm of Chiang Rai at your own pace.

Overnight stay in **The Legend Boutique River Resort** in a Superior Studio.

Breakfast, Lunch

SUKHOTHAI HISTORICAL PARK

Day **5**

Chiang Rai

Start your day with a delicious breakfast served at the hotel. Today's adventure takes you to the **Akha tribes**, providing a unique opportunity to explore a community less frequented and influenced by tourism. Immerse yourself in their city, lifestyle, and organizational structure, gaining insights into their fascinating culture. The Akha tribes offer a chance to discover natural products such as mushrooms, green tea, and spices. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to visit a green tea plantation, with the option to savor the prized tea.

Next on the itinerary is a visit to **Chiang Saen**, home to the famous "**Golden Triangle**" formed by the **Mekong River**, encompassing areas of Thailand, Laos, and Burma. This region was historically associated with opium trafficking, and you'll make a stop at the "**Opium Museum**" to gain a deeper understanding of this aspect of the Golden Triangle's history.

Continuing the journey, we'll head to **Mae Sai**, a border town with Burma. Here, you'll encounter a unique market showcasing Burmese products, and you'll witness the vibrant hustle and bustle of goods and people in this cross-border hub. Lunch will be provided en route.

After exploring Mae Sai and its significant cultural and commercial offerings, we'll make our way back to Chiang Rai, concluding an enriching and culturally immersive day.

Overnight stay in **The Legend Boutique River Resort** in a Superior Studio.

Breakfast, Lunch

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Day 6 Chiang Rai Chiang Mai

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, before making your way to Chiang Mai, you'll visit the Blue Temple, known as **Wat Rong Suea Ten**. This unique and visually striking temple is a modern creation, showcasing how contemporary artistry can seamlessly blend with traditional elements.

As you embark on the journey to Chiang Mai, make a stop at **Wat Rong Khun**, also known as the **White Temple**. Unlike many historic sites in Thailand, this temple is a testament to modernity and present-day creativity. It was constructed recently by the renowned Thai artist Mr. Chalermchai Kositpipat. The White Temple incorporates statues and figures inspired by Thai religious beliefs, particularly Buddhism. Note that some parts of the construction might still be in progress.

Continue the road trip, approximately four hours of travel that provides an opportunity to appreciate the scenic beauty of northern Thailand. Lunch, for logistical reasons, will be served at a local restaurant along the way.

Upon reaching Chiang Mai, you'll have the chance to visit the **Doi Suthep Temple**, one of the holiest temples in the city. Located on top of a hill in the northern part of Chiang Mai, this Thai-style temple houses holy relics of Buddha. Enjoy a panoramic view of the entire city from this elevated vantage point.

Conclude the day with an overnight stay at a hotel in Chiang Mai, surrounded by the rich cultural and historical ambiance of this vibrant city.

Overnight stay in **Bodhi Serene Chiang Mai** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch

WAT RONG KHUN

Day 7 Chiang Mai

Start your day with a delightful breakfast served at the hotel. Following that, embark on a half-day tour to **Kanta Elephant Sanctuary**, a unique experience that promises visitors a chance to connect with elephants in their natural habitat. This sanctuary not only allows you to spend quality time with these majestic creatures but also provides valuable insights into their history and behavior.

At Kanta Elephant Sanctuary, you'll have the opportunity to interact with friendly and happy elephants in a safe and sustainable environment. This experience aims to create cherished and lifelong memories as you witness these incredible animals thriving in their natural home. The sanctuary is committed to the well-being of the elephants and promotes ethical and responsible interactions, fostering a deeper appreciation for these magnificent creatures.

Overnight stay in **Bodhi Serene Chiang Mai** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch

KANTA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Day 8 Depart Chiang Mai

Savor a delicious breakfast served at the hotel, and relish some free time until it's time to check out of your room. Following check-out, enjoy a smooth transfer to Chiang Mai airport, where you'll catch your flight back to your next destination.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

One Way Flight From Chiang Mai to Bangkok

Price based on Bangkok Airways

Please be advised that all airfares, taxes, service fees and other applicable charges are subject to change without prior notice and are not guaranteed until ticket(s) is/are issued.

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

ACCOMMODATION

Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok Sukhumvit 20

Bangkok

Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok Sukhumvit 20 offers a comfortable and convenient stay in the heart of Bangkok's bustling Sukhumvit district. Ideally situated near the Asok intersection, the hotel is surrounded by multinational offices, shopping malls, and vibrant nightlife, making it an excellent choice for business, leisure, and "bleisure" travelers. The modern lobby provides flexible spaces for guests to work or relax, while the hotel's dining options include Reap Factory, an all-day restaurant; Twenty & One, a coffee and bar lounge; and Cool !t Pool Bar.

Legendha Sukhothai resort

Sukhothai

Legendha Sukhothai resort is spectacularly designed and landscaped in Thai village concept to deliver a sense of Thailand's authentic ambience

whereas Chedi Wat Chang Lom - ancient temple in oldest capital of Thailand - lies at the back of our boutique hotel providing the intimate touch of historical landmark up-close. All guestrooms featuring teakwood furniture and generous ensuite amenities are meant to maximize you to utmost comfort. Swimming pool with jacuzzi heads and children pool is specially available in salted condition.

The Legend Boutique River Resort

Chiang Rai

The Legend Chiang Rai offers a tranquil riverside retreat with breathtaking, ever-changing views, just minutes from Chiang Rai's city center. Guests can indulge in our restaurants, relax by the pool, rejuvenate in the herbal spa, or stay active in the fitness center. Stroll along tree-lined pathways, admire the lotus ponds, and explore the lush, flower-filled gardens. Your enjoyment is our priority, and this beautiful corner of Thailand, close to the borders of Laos and Myanmar in the renowned "Golden Triangle," offers countless sights and experiences to discover.

Bodhi Serene Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai

The Bodhi Serene is a boutique hotel situated within the historic city walls of charming downtown Chiang Mai. Surrounded by centuries-old temples, this unique retreat captures the essence of Lanna heritage, blending rich cultural history with modern comforts. It's remarkable how this centrally located hotel harmonizes traditional Lanna architecture and design with contemporary amenities, creating an ideal sanctuary for today's discerning travelers seeking both cultural immersion and modern convenience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Thai	Thai Bhatt

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package i.e. mandatory festive dinners
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package