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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Meet in Chiang Mai, enjoy northern style Khantoke Dinner.

Your bike tour group will gather today in the vibrant northern city of Chiang Mai. After checking into our lodge, we will get everyone set up with their bikes, then head out for a traditional northern Khan Toke dinner with classical Thai and hill tribe dancing.

Relax: Free to explore until dinner

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: Na Nirand Romantic Resort

Day 2 - Cycle through the ruins of ancient Wiang Kum Kam, explore the wood working shops of Baan Tawai, dinner at our favorite riverside restaurant.

This morning we head south of town to explore the ruins of Wiang Kum Kam, site of the first city built by King Mengrai some 700 years ago. Unfortunately his choice of land was subject to frequent floods, so after a short while he moved the city to it's current locale. After lunch we will explore the wood working village of Baan Tawai and then return to Chiang Mai. Tonight we enjoy dinner at our favorite restaurant perched on the banks of the Mae Ping (Ping River) which flows through the heart of the city.

Ride: 22 mi / 35 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Na Nirand Romantic Resort

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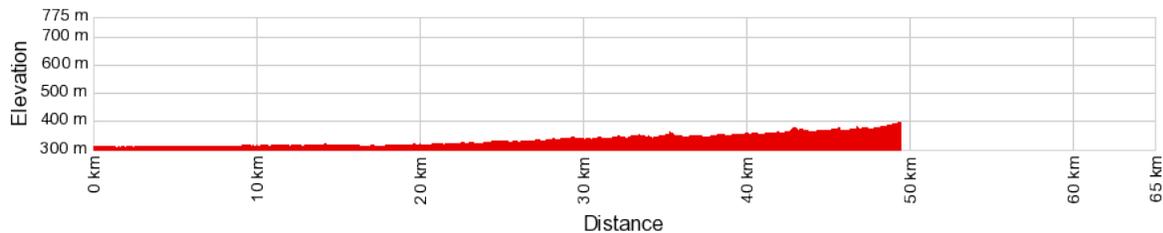
Day 3 - Cycle north to visit Mae Sa Valley, pedal through lush forests to diminutive Baan Rai.

We head north this morning, following small roads along the Mae Ping through villages and past flower farms. Lunch time will find us in the town of Mae Rim, where we will break from cycling to visit an orchid grower and a butterfly farm. In the afternoon, we remount our bikes for a beautiful ride through emerald rice paddies and past colorful temples en route to our overnight stop in the village of Baan Rai.

Ride: 31 mi / 50 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Phunsanfah Resort



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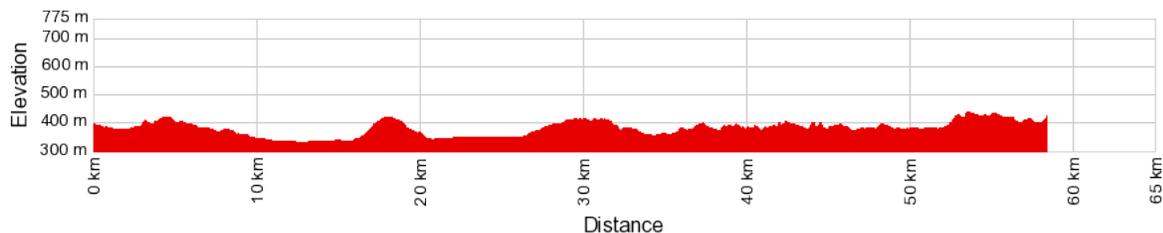
Day 4 - Discover the ornate colorful temple of Wat Baan Den, cycle through the lush Mae Ping Gorge, enjoy dinner while relaxing in a hot spring.

Our morning ride takes us first to Mae Malai, where we visit a traditional market featuring a broad selection of local vegetables, fruits and fish, along with a tasty array of prepared foods from pad se yu (noodles) to fried insects. We will also visit the magnificent Wat Baan Den, before heading north into the rolling, forested countryside. Our bike tour winds down the day at a delightful resort with a dramatic sunset view of Doi Chiang Dao, Thailand's second tallest mountain. We'll enjoy a post ride soak in a private hot spring pool at the base of Doi Chiang Dao.

Ride: 57 mi / 92 km, Land: flat then small hills at end

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Chiang Khum Luang Resort



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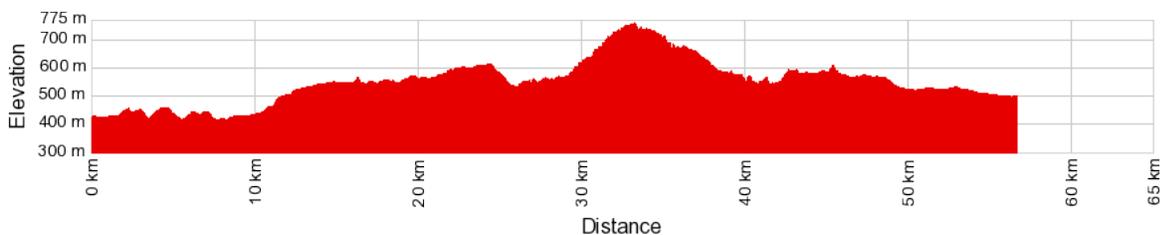
Day 5 - Cycle the Chiang Dao Hills, passing golden Buddhas, then wander into the 1000 year old Temple Cave at Tab Tao.

After breakfast this morning, we will pedal north, visiting a local hill tribe market offering fresh produce from various Royal Projects, along with delicious teas and dried fruit. Then up to a beautiful giant Buddha, perched beneath the golden cliffs, before enjoy a thrilling descent onto the agricultural realm around Fang. Our last stop is Wat Tham Tub Tao, an ancient temple complex with 100s of Buddha images inside a giant cavern. Each year a gathering of 2500 monks takes place at this temple and has been happening for hundreds of years. We will walk into the giant caverns to visit a stupa deep in the heart of the mountain that allegedly dates back more than 1000 years. Our stop is a few miles further up the road in Chai Prakan.

Ride: 39 mi / 63 km, Land: moderate climb, then flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Saimoonbury Resort



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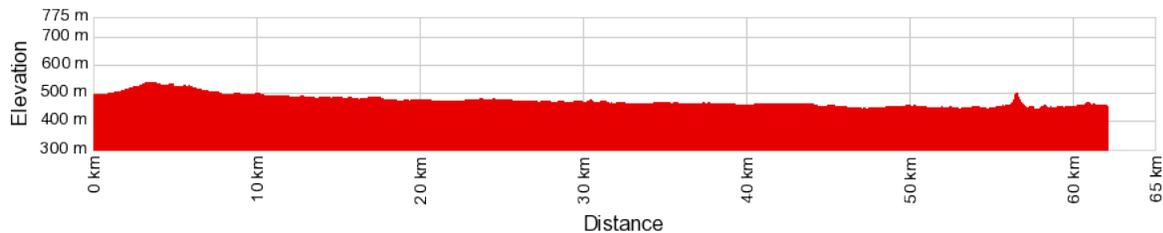
Day 6 - Cycle through remote rural valleys and farms, explore Burmese style temples, enjoy dinner on the banks of the Mae Kok River.

The last day of this Thailand bike tour pedals along rural roads through the flat plains of the far north. Along the way discover Burmese style temples with Buddha statues made from woven wicker. Enjoy numerous photos ops with emerald rice paddies, quiet villages and remote temples. Our last night's celebratory dinner will be at a great restaurant overlooking the Mae Kok River.

Ride: 40 mi / 64 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Maekok River Village Resort



Day 7 - Return to Chiang Mai to prepare for your next adventure. Sawasdee

Our cycling holiday must come to an end today. We will shuttle back to the Chiang Mai Airport in our vans, one last chance to enjoy the scenery through which you pedaled for the last few days. Khap khun khap, sawasdee khap.

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

* Why are some route profiles cut off? Our profiles are all based on the same vertical and horizontal scale, so shorter days don't fill the graphic image. We feel this lets you compare days to each other better.

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Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/thailand-bike-tours-northern-highlights.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed October thru February with warm temperatures and little rain.

Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

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Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Boutique Hotels, Inns & Resorts

What's Included:

- 6 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 7
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Rental bike
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

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Meeting & Flights:

The tour meets in the afternoon of Day 1 at Chiang Mai Airport. Guides will meet your incoming flight between 12 noon and 5 pm, please plan your flights to arrive accordingly. The trip ends at Chiang Mai Airport around noon on Day 7. Guests who have booked their post tour accommodations in Chiang Mai through our office will be dropped at their lodges after the airport drop off.

Fly into Chiang Mai (CNX) between 12 noon & 5 pm on Day 1

Fly out of Chiang Mai (CNX) after 2 pm on Day 7

NOTE: Due to the late night arrival from and early morning departure of flights to North America, most guests will need to overnight in Bangkok going both directions.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm

Domestic Flights:

We suggest booking your flight between Bangkok & Chiang Mai separately from your international flight, as it will usually work out much more economical. For ease of connecting with international flights at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, we suggest using either Thai Smile Airways or Bangkok Airways.

Route Conditions:

The entire ride is on paved roads, most with nice pavement and wide shoulders. Traffic is moderate to light and very bike friendly. The route is suitable for performance road, sport road and touring bikes. Terrain is a mix flat, with some moderate hills midway through the route and at the finish point.

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Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in Thailand. US and Canadian citizens can enter Thailand without a visa for up to 30 days (longer stays require a visa). Travelers entering without a visa may be required to show proof of their flight leaving Thailand before the 30 days are expired and may be asked to show proof of financial ability in the form of 20,000 Thai Baht or equivalent in western currency. Citizens of more than 50 other countries also qualify for the same visa free entry, guests should check with the Royal Thai Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate. You can find the closest Royal Thai Embassy here: <https://www.thaiembassy.org/>

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.