

Experience Chiang Mai



a 7 day Active Tour in Chiang Mai Thailand

Our fixed-base tour of Northern Thailand is perfect for active travelers and families. Each day start and ends at the same beautiful hotel in the heart of 700-year-old Chiang Mai, so there's no need to pack and unpack. Every day we set out to explore something new - be it cycling to the ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam, rafting the Mae Taman or even a local Thai cooking class. Each night we delve into Thailand's renowned cuisine, sampling wonders at riverside restaurants and from street food vendors.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Chiang Mai where your guide will meet you at the airport, then shuttle to our hotel in the Old City heart of Chiang Mai. Enjoy some free time to wander the neighborhood or relax poolside, before gathering for tour orientation and a welcome dinner featuring traditional northern cuisine served on a khantoke (small round serving table). Enjoy traditional dance and music while you eat. (D)

Day 2 - After breakfast your guides will shuttle you to the Visitor's Center at Wiang Khum Kam, the original location of Chiang Mai. We will cycle through the longan plantations (fruit trees) visiting ruins that date back 700+ years from the original Lanna Kingdom. From here the route turns south, as we ride down to Baan Tawai, a handicraft village renowned for its wood working, with everything from small household decor to large wooden meeting tables. If the group feels ambitious we can ride back or catch a lift in the support van. Dinner on the banks of the Mae Ping (Ping River) tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Try your hand at making Thai cuisine, with a cooking class. Learn about the ingredients and flavors employed, then sit down to enjoy the fruits of your labor with your fellow classmates. The rest of the day is at your leisure and dinner (if you still have room) is on your own. (B,L)

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Day 4 - First thing in the morning shuttle out to Mae Sa Elephant Camp, one of the first camps to provide alternative work of former logging elephants and their mahouts. In the afternoon, remount our bikes at the orchid farm and pedal north along quiet roads through small villages, farmlands and past rural temples to the village of Mae Malai, explore the local fresh market before continuing on to Mae Ngat reservoir, where we travel by boat to our hotel for tonight floating in the lake. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - After returning to the shore, we will shuttle a bit to Bua Tong (Sticky Waterfalls) for a visit, then on the bikes for our return ride to Chiang Mai following the Kiat Khlong. Visit a mushroom farm and papermakers along the way, as well as Wat Phrathat Chom Kitti with its panoramic views of the valley. Tonight wander out with your guides to sample Thailand's renowned street foods, swing by the night fruit market for some tree ripened local fruits to wrap up your dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - We end the activities with white water rafting. It is not as wild as the big water rivers in the Rockies, but the scenery along the riverside is quite different and the rock gardens along the way make an enjoyable casual white water trip. The late afternoon and evening are free to shop, dine or explore the city as you please. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Shuttle back to the airport (B)

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The Hotels:

The Rim Chiang Mai - <http://www.therimchiangmai.com>

Mountain Float - <http://www.mountainfloat.net/> (Day 4 only)

What's Included:

- 6 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Most 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
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

Meeting & Flights:

Your Chiang Mai Expert will meet any flight during the day on your arrival day.

Fly into Chiang Mai (CNX) before 4 pm on Day 1

Fly out of Chiang Mai (CNX) after 10 am 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.

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 Airways or Bangkok Airways. The budget airlines, such as Air Asia, Nok Air, etc fly out of the older Don Muang Airport in Bangkok.

Visas & Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests. Your passport should have at least 6 months validity past your intended travel dates. Visas are not required for citizens of the USA, Canada, UK, EU, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, a 30 day Entry Permit is issued upon arrival in Bangkok. Citizens of other countries should check with the Thai Embassy in their country.