



5-day sample itinerary to Northern Thailand



Day 1 & 2 in Chiang Mai:

Chiang Mai Old Town is a fortified, perfectly square enclosure surrounded by a well maintained and attractive moat. The Old Town houses dozens of ancient temples and wats along with busy markets, cool shops and plenty of hotels, guest houses and hostels.

Outside Chiang Mai you'll find beautiful Doi Suthep (with Wat Phrathat) as well as multiple large tourist attractions based on elephants, trekking, zip-lining, animals, and art. Chiang Mai is also the capital of Thai food so take up a cooking lesson here.

Day 3: Mae Hong Son:

This pretty village lies at the border of Thailand and Myanmar. With its rice fields and simple village life, it will captivate you. Mae Hon Son town has a pretty lakeside temple illuminated after dark and a pleasant night market to explore. From here you can visit the long neck Karen village above.

If you have more time, you can also consider the famous Golden Loop at Mae Hong Son. This famous road loop takes travellers on a 600 km mountain exploration from Chiang Mai, to Chiang Dao, Pai, Soppong, Mae Aw, Mai Hong Son, Mae Chaim, Doi Inthanon and back to Chiang Mai. There are multiple options on where to stay on this route, it's up to you. You could start from Chiang Mai on road to Mae Hong Son and then continue to Chiang Rai rather than taking the loop back to Chiang Mai.



Day 4 & 5: Chiang Rai:

This will be a spectacular finish to your Northern Thailand tour. Do not miss the Wat Rong Khun – the White Temple. You would not have seen any other Wat like that in the whole of Thailand or even the world. There's also a Blue Wat and then a Black House to see. In the night, visit the night market and don't miss out on the delectable Thai food.

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