



CHIANG MAI TO LUANG PRABANG

2020 – October 12th

2021 – January 18th, February 1st



ITINERARY & QUOTATION FOR JOIN-IN TRIP

TRAVEL AGENT

BROCHURE

GROUP NAME

02 – 9 PAX

NAME OF TOUR

BIKING IN NORTHERN THAILAND TO LAOS

COUNTRY

THAILAND & LAOS

ACTIVITY

BIKING, TREKKING

ADVENTURE GRADE/FITNESS

MODERATE

ROOM TYPE

DOUBLE/ TWIN SHARED

VALIDITY OF PRICE

2020

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ITINERARY OVERVIEW

B: BREAKFAST, L: LUNCH, D: DINNER

Day	Location	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Chiang Mai – On Arrival	The Rim Chiang Mai	D
Day 2	Hiking Doi Suthep – Market & Food Tour At Night Time	The Rim Chiang Mai	B, D
Day 3	Chiang Mai – Doi Inthanon, Soft Trekking To Waterfall & Karen Village – Biking To Mae Jan	Huen Jam Rat	B, L, D
Day 4	Mae Jan – Ban Rak Thai – Mae Hong Son – Biking	Imperial MHS	B, L, D
Day 5	Biking to Pai	Baan Krating	B, L, D
Day 6	Pai – Fang – Doi Pumeun Homestay – Homestay In Lahu Village	Homestay	B, L, D
Day 7	Tea Plantation – Thaton – Chiang Rai	La Luna	B, L, D
Day 8	Chiang Rai – Golden Triangle – Chiang Sean – Chiang Khong	Teak Garden	B, L, D
Day 9	Chiang Khong – Huay Xai – Pak Beng	Le Grand Pakbeng Resort	B, L
Day 10	Pak Beng – Luang Prabang	Villa Chitdara Hotel	B, L
Day 11	Luang Prabang Alms Giving – Luang Prabang Half Day Tour To Kuang Si Waterfall	Villa Chitdara Hotel	B
Day 12	Mandalao – Therapeutic Trek (SIC)	Villa Chitdara Hotel	B, L
Day 13	Luang Prabang – Departure	N/A	B



Day 1: Chiang Mai – On Arrival

Welcome to Thailand! Your guide team will meet you at Chiang Mai's airport, then shuttle to our hotel in the Old City section of town. You have the remainder of the afternoon free to wander the narrow streets on Chiang Mai. We will head out for dinner at your guide's favorite riverside restaurant for your first intro to northern Thailand's outstanding cuisine.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: The Rim Chiang Mai

Web: <https://www.therimchiangmai.com/>

Day 2: Hiking Doi Suthep – Market & Food Tour At Night Time

Today we will explore the Monks Trail on **Doi Suthep**, a pilgrimage hike for devote Buddhists, the hike passes old temples and waterfalls as it winds its way through thick forests. At the top of the trail is **Wat Doi Suthep** with its magnificent views of Chiang Mai city and its surroundings.

After freshening up back at the hotel, we will head out by tuk tuk on an exploration of **local markets and Chiang Mai's delicious street food**.

Distance for hiking: 6km per way

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: The Rim Chiang Mai

Web: <https://www.therimchiangmai.com/>

Day 3: Chiang Mai – Doi Inthanon, Soft Trekking To Waterfall & Karen Village – Biking To Mae Jan

After an early breakfast we drive south to **Doi Inthanon National Park** (roughly 2 hours), home to Thailand's tallest mountain. After visiting the top to enjoy the amazing views, we will warm up with a short stroll through the cloud rainforest to the visitors' center. Then head down to **Kew Mae Pan Trail** where we will join a local Karen guide to enjoy a **two-hour hike** through a variety of impressive mountain eco-systems. Make a couple of stops for sightseeing at the Royal Pagodas and Vachirathan Waterfall, before reaching our hotel in remote Mae Chaem for our overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Huen Jam Rat

Web: <http://huen-jam-rat.acconeo.com/>

Day 4: Mae Jan – Ban Rak Thai – Mae Hong Son – Biking

We will shuttle through the high mountain range, the Doi Inthanon, over to the town of Khum Yuan and into the Valley of the Mists. Then, we are fitted to our bikes and cycle the remainder of the way. The route is a bit rolling, but slowly descends to our overnight stop in **Mae Hong Son**. This area has a heavy influence from Burmese culture, which has significantly different architecture in the temples and traditional buildings. (cycling up to 60 kms)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Imperial MHS

Web: <https://www.imperialmaehongson.com/>

Day 5: Biking to Pai

Today you start on your bikes along the **Road of 3000 Curves** from Mae Hong Son to **Pai**, a renowned mountain ride with spectacular, panoramic views. But fear not, we will be biking the easier first 45 kilometers, then call upon our support van to carry us over the high mountain roads leading to Pai. Once we reach Pai, enjoy a stroll around the picturesque mountain town or perhaps a soak in the local hot springs. (cycling up to 45 kms)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Baan Krating

Web: <https://www.baankratingpai.com/en-us>

Day 6: Pai – Fang – Doi Pumeun Homestay – Homestay In Lahu Village

A bit more mountain shuttling is in store to get out of the high country. At **Mae Malai** we will get the bikes out for a spin through rural countryside, visiting **Bua Tong Waterfalls** and the massive **Wat Ban Den**. When we reach the main highway we will drive to the market town of Fang and switch to four-wheel drive vehicles to reach the village of **Doi Pu Muen**, where we will bed down in a farm-stay, learning about how the Lahu people cultivate tea. (cycling about 50 kms)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Homestay

Day 7: Tea Plantation – Thaton – Chiang Rai

Depending on the morning activities chosen, when we return to Fang we may mount our bikes again for a spin through the rural farmlands passing a temple whose Buddha image is made entirely from woven wicker. We will then load up and drive to **Doi Mae Salong**, a former refugee for the KMT who fled Chin after the revolution. Now a major tea growing area, we will see the differences between the traditional methods of the Lahu and modern tea farming. Afterwards we will continue to Chiang Rai for the night. (cycling about 47 kms)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: La Luna

Web: <http://www.lalunaresortchiangrai.com/>

Day 8: Chiang Rai – Golden Triangle – Chiang Saen – Chiang Khong

The bikes are out for our final ride from Chiang Rai to historic **Chiang Saen**, a former Lanna Kingdom dating back more than 800 years. After exploring some of the historic ruins, we will drive up to visit the famed **Golden Triangle**, then on down to Chiang Khong, where we spend the night overlooking the Mae Khong (Mekong River). (cycling up to 60 kms)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Teak Garden

Web: <https://www.chiangkhongteakgarden.com/>

Day 9: Chiang Khong – Huay Xai – Pak Beng By Cruise

This morning, you will be transferred to the border and then depart to Hoay Xai for your trip to **Pak Beng by boat**.

Lunch will be arranged on the boat.

The first stop will be to visit a **Hill Tribe Village along the Mekong River**. Our guide will explain the way of living and the origins of these rural populations. With the tribe being small, we ask you to pay special attention to respect the private space of the habitants during the visit.

Upon arrival in Pak Beng, check-in hotel.

Note: Shompoo Cruise

Departures from October to April: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Departures from May to September: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Le Grand Pakbeng Resort/ Mountain Villa

Address: Ban Donkham, Pakbeng District

Tel: (856) 30 573 9313. Fax:

www.legrandpakbeng.com

Day 10: Pak Beng – Luang Prabang

Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am: The boat leaves Pakbeng.

The boat departs for another day of impressive nature landscapes all along the river. 2 stops are planned during the afternoon.

Lunch will be arranged on boat.

After lunch, the first stop will be at **Pak Ou** to visit the famous Pak Ou Caves (Tham Ting) and its thousands of Buddha images."

2:30pm: Next step, the **Lao Lao village**, commonly known as the Whiskey Village.

In there, the guide will provide information about the locally made rice whisky, and you will have the chance to taste it if you wish.

Upon arrival in Luang Prabang, you will be greeted by your local guide and then transferred to hotel for check-in.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Villa Chitdara Hotel/ Standard

Address: Ban vat Nong,

Tel: + 856 71 254 949. Fax: + 856 71 254 949

www.villachitdara.com

Day 11: Luang Prabang Alms Giving (Early Morning) – Luang Prabang Half Day Tour To Kuang Si Waterfall

The morning alms round (called “Tak Bat” in Lao) is **a living Buddhist tradition** for the people of Luang Prabang and dates back generations. Wake up before dawn to witness and participate in offering alms to a procession of **hundreds of saffron-robed monks** in the early morning light, truly a spiritual occasion! If you wish to make an offering, please inform your guide a day in advance so that a gift of alms can be prepared. After the almsgiving, watch the town come to life during a visit to the **bustling morning market** before returning to your hotel in time for breakfast.

NOTES:

- Availability: Early morning only
- Suggested departure time: 05:30
- Tour duration: 1.5 hours
- If you do not wish to make an offering, please keep an appropriate distance and observe the ritual in silence.
- Please dress appropriately. Shoulders, chest and legs should be covered.

Spend a half day exploring one of Luang Prabang's most picturesque sights, the cascading **Kuang Si Waterfall** with electric turquoise waters. Depart on a 1hr drive south of Luang Prabang, with stops at the vibrant **Phousi Market** and the nearby Ock **Pop Tock Weaving Centre**, a social enterprise working primarily in the field of textiles, handicrafts and design. Continue on to the waterfalls, and take a leisurely hike through the natural park past the **Asian Bear Rescue Centre**. Swimming in the refreshing waters is possible, although between November and January the water temperature is very cool.

Meals: Breakfast

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Day 12: Mandalao – Therapeutic Trek (SIC)

Explore the mysterious beauty of the Lao jungle with our recently **rescued elephants** as your companions. This journey is the perfect way for these happy elephants to enjoy a walk in their natural habitat after decades of hard labour in logging camps, and also offers you a once-in-a-lifetime experience to connect with these wonderful animals. MandaLao's guides and mahouts will teach you how elephants and humans can communicate with one another – once this connection is made it's almost impossible not to empathise with these giant beasts, our own emotions reflected clearly in their behavior; a life-changing experience with animals that at first appear vastly different.

After picking you up from your hotel in town, we will leave Luang Prabang for the nearby village of **Xieng Lom** and enjoy a coffee or tea as your guide for the day provides an in-depth introduction to elephant behavior. Then we will embark on a **short boat ride** across the **Nam Khan River** to meet the waiting elephants, bearing special treats to feed them – a sure-fire way to begin an instant friendship! Following behind, start walking with your new gigantic companions on a **2-hour trek** through the beautiful Lao jungle, passing traditional Lao farms and the Huay Nok stream, where the elephants may frolic in its cool waters. As you walk alongside the elephants, listening to their gentle footsteps on the small dirt trail, experience a profound sense of understanding, respect, and caring for these magnificent creatures. Prepare to start your return trek to MandaLao and bid farewell to your new friends with a few last hugs, and of course, treats!

Following lunch, you will take a short ride back into Luang Prabang and have one more chance to ask your guides any final questions.

NOTES:

- Availability: Morning
- Suggested time: 08:30
- Duration: 5 hours
- Capacity: Maximum 8 persons
- Includes: Lunch, transport (without guide), snacks (for you and the elephants), and drinks.
- Following elephants through the jungle can be a messy endeavor. We recommend wearing clothes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Also, a sun hat can help in the tropical heat. We provide optional footwear (rubber shoes/knee-high boots) for guests that are designed specifically for muddy and slippery conditions; ponchos and umbrellas are available; and water, sunscreen and bug spray.

The rest of day is free at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

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Day 13: Luang Prabang – Departure

Free time at leisure, check-out time standard is at 12:00, then you will be transferred to airport for onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

***** END OF SERVICES *****

HAVE AN AMAZING TRIP WITH INDOTREK!

**PRICE IS QUOTED IN USD PER PERSON BASED ON A TWIN SHARED BASIS**

Please note this proposal is a quote only

The tour price is included hotel tax and hotel service charges.

(Please note this price may vary due to changes in activities, hotels,
and other unexpected contingencies)

PRICE PER PERSON	US\$ 2,918
Single room supplement	US\$ 664

INCLUSIONS

- ▣ Experienced English speaking local guides.
- ▣ Private transportation by air-conditioned vehicle for transfer and support truck for cycling days (from 05 pax up).
- ▣ Bicycle rental and helmet for cycling days.
- ▣ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ▣ Bottled drinking water for sightseeing.
- ▣ Snack and fresh fruit for cycling day.
- ▣ All sightseeing entrance fee where required in the itinerary.
- ▣ Mechanic support from 07 pax up.
- ▣ Accommodation in twin/double shared room in hotel with daily breakfast.
- ▣ Basic first aid kit.
- ▣ Cruise from Hoay Xai to Luang Prabang

EXCLUSIONS

- ▣ International flight **to Chiang Mai /from Luang Prabang.**
- ▣ Visas where required.
- ▣ Travel Insurance. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance from home.
- ▣ Personal expenditure (telephone, laundry, shopping and so on...)
- ▣ Tips for guide, driver, porters. We recommend 5 USD/person/day for guide, 3 USD/person/day for driver and 3 USD/person/hotel when you check in/out. This is for guidance only.
- ▣ Beverage and alcoholic drinks.
- ▣ Any other services not clearly mentioned on itinerary and trip inclusive portion.

NOTES

- There is surcharge for travelling on Lunar New Year, Christmas, regional New Year, Tet and other public holidays throughout the region please check with your consultant for date confirmation.
- There is a surcharge applied for airport/ train station transfer between 22h00 and 06h00
- Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability. We will only proceed with all reservations upon receiving your written confirmation. We recommend your confirmation as early as possible to.
- Flight times and the daily order of sightseeing are subject to change.
- Transfer times are approximate and subject to local conditions at the time of travel.
- All flight times are local.

- All cycling and trekking/walking distances displayed are approximate and subject to the guests' ability and availability of the route, the guide will use his discretion to ensure safety and comfort for all participants.
- All Destinations: Our guides are briefed not to promote or recommend any specific shopping outlets, curio stores, gem factories or outlets. INDOTREK operates a strict policy on this matter. Should your guide recommend any form of shopping or any other commercial activity outside of what may have been included in this itinerary, INDOTREK can accept no responsibility should you decide to accept any such recommendations.

DISCLAIMER

Hotels and services in the itinerary are proposed for your review only. We will book services once we receive your official booking requirement and payment. Booking status will be advised afterward. In case we cannot book hotel as we initially proposed due to their unavailability, we will choose a similar hotel in the same category and discuss with you for your final approval as the price may change.

Hotel check out is normally 12:00pm but sometimes earlier. Check in is after 14:00pm. Early check in and late checkout is subject to availability only.

Although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as detailed in the proposal, we cannot be held responsible for any last minute changes made as a result of climatic conditions, alterations to flight schedules or other operational factors.

Singles Joining – If you are joining a trip as a solo traveler please add the single supplement to the trip price. If you are willing to share a room please let us know and we will do our best to find someone for you to share with, we will inform you before finalizing the final payment of the trip.

BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of total trip cost per person is required to confirm your tour. Please note that the full balance, as indicated on our confirmation which will be sent to you, is due 45 days before your departure date. If you are booking within 45 days of your departure date the full amount is due when booking. Failure to pay by the due date could be considered as a cancellation on your part and we reserve the right to impose cancellation charges as detailed below (These are default conditions unless you have a predetermined, overriding agreement with us).

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Notice of cancellation of your holiday by you once it has been confirmed must be in writing to us. Cancellation charges will be calculated from the date we receive written notice of cancellation. Any amendment charges that arose before the cancellation, and any deposits paid for any pre-booked items or services will still be payable.

If we cancel your holiday you will receive a full refund of all monies paid to us.

Deposits are non-refundable.

Land & internal air cancellation fees apply.

In addition cancellation fees per person/ per trip.

Days prior to Departure

45 or more	Deposit
30 – 44	50% of total tour cost
21 – 29	75% of total tour cost
0 – 20	100% of total tour cost