

## **JOURNEYS OF TREKKING TO HILLTRIBES VILLAGE OF NORTHERN THAILAND (9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS)**



Welcome to colorful, exotic and endlessly fascinating Thailand! Thailand Journeys offers the chance to explore distinct Thai regions and experience the lifestyle and unique traditions. From the cultural delights of Bangkok to Ayutthaya the former capital city of Thailand. Experience of taking a night sleeper train to Chiang Mai and experience on trekking in Mae Taeng area including elephant feeding & bathing and bamboo rafting.

### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Visit Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaew, Wat Pho
- Experience to Thai way of Life of Bangkok Canal with a short boat trip & Wat Arun
- Discover the World Heritage in Ayutthaya
- Observe how Candy cotton with Roti crepes is made
- Experience of taking night sleeping train to Chiang Mai
- Visit Doi Suthep Temple, Wat Phra Sing and Wat Chedi Luang
  - Trekking experience in Mae Taeng area, Chiang Mai
  - Elephant feeding & bathing and bamboo rafting

## **PROGRAM**

### **Day 01: Bangkok – Arrival**

Upon your arrival in Bangkok, deplane and follow signs to Immigration, located one level above baggage claim. Descend elevator to collect baggage. After clearing customs, Making your own way to starting hotel in Bangkok.

**OPTIONAL – Private transfer from airport to hotel by private car with driver at 45 USD per car one way ( 1-6 persons , Please contact your travel agent to request this additional service )**

18:00 PM – Meet your Trip Expert and fellow travelers for trip orientation

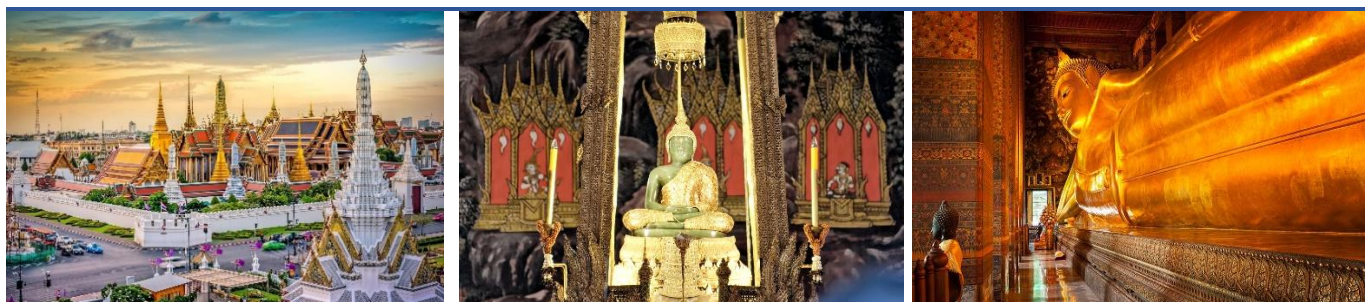
### **Overnight in BANGKOK**

**Meals: Not included**

### **Day 02: Bangkok – Grand Palace – Wat Pho – Klong (canal tour) - Wat Arun**

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to the **Royal Grand Palace**, the nation's landmark and most praised royal monument in Thailand, with the enclosed and dazzling Wat Phra Kaew is a must. **Wat Phra Kaew**, also called the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, is well known for its Golden Chedi, its Pantheon of the Chakri Kings and its Eight Colored Tower. In Thailand, it is considered by many to be a living example of a classical Siamese Court, being the former residence of the kings of Thailand. Then short walk to visit **Wat Pho** is regarded as the first center of public education and is sometimes called 'Thailand's first university'. Mural paintings, inscriptions, and statues found in the temple educated people on various subjects such as literature, warfare, archaeology, astronomy, geology, meditation and is considered to be home of Thai traditional massages. Lunch is at a local restaurant.



Experience an afternoon trip along the bustling **Chao Phraya River** and the quiet **Thonburi Canals (Klong)** in a long tail boat, in which you can enjoy scenes of Bangkok life. We will bring you to a more traditional and serene way of living around Thonburi residential areas, away from all the skyscrapers and modern buildings of Bangkok City Centre. We will also stop by the "Temple of Dawn" (officially named **Wat Arun**). An ancient temple dating back to the Ayutthaya period with the imposing Khmer-style prang or tower is 104 meters tall with steep decorate with the multihued floral mosaics from broken Chinese porcelain that was used as ballast by boats coming from China. Today the temple is one of Bangkok's most iconic structures, with most remarkable visual identities on the bank of Chao Phraya River.



### Overnight in **BANGKOK**

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch are included**

### **Day 03: Bangkok – A Day in A Life to Ayutthaya – Night train to Chiang Mai**

Breakfast at the hotel

Drive to explorer Ayutthaya city & it's ruin. To truly appreciate the history in Thailand, no holiday would be complete without a visit to **Ayutthaya**. This historic city was **the second capital of the Kingdom of Siam**, There are 34 kings to govern the territory until the end of it by an invasion of the nearby territory in 2310 B.E. It results in Ayutthaya Empire has stayed long about 417 years and a prosperous international trading port, from 1350 until razed by the Burmese in 1767. The ruins of the old city now form the Ayutthaya Historical Park, an archaeological site that contains palaces, Buddhist temples, monasteries and statues. Visit **Ayutthaya Historical Park** declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. First stop at **Wat Phra Sri Sanphet**, is not just an important historical site, but it was also considered as the spiritual center for Thais. It is strategically located within the grounds of the Royal Palace. Next to visit at **Wat Mahathat** an unseen tourist attraction where you could see buddha head enshrine in the three. These temples also enshrine buddha lyric from the past 600 years. Stop for lunch at local restaurant in Ayutthaya





Afterward proceed to the local market to discover **Candy Cotton** or "**Roti Saimai**" it's become the **province** signature desert snack. You will be amazed to see this product available throughout Ayutthaya. This candy floss rolled sweets feature threads of crunchy sugar enshrouded in a steaming is wrapped in soft paper-thin, Pandan-flavoured crepes or in other different color. You can see the how it made and enjoy to taste it. Probably this Thai-style cotton candy and sweet crepes can be your favorite snack for your next visit to Thailand.

Last visit at an old ruin temple **Wat Kudi Dao** is a restored ruin of a temple sit uated off the city island in the eastern area of Ayutthaya where we can share with your storytelling from local people a nd also other stories about Ayutthaya that you could not find on google or any travel book. We would like to ta ke you to some hidden place whereas not touristic.

**Please note:** Kindly be aware that proper attire is required to enter the Ayutthaya Historical Temples; Thailand Journeys staff will be pleased to advise you accordingly.

This captivating tour ends with your safe by sleeping night train to Chiang Mai  
**(Train No.9 / Ayutthaya-Chiang Mai / time: 19:45-07:15hrs\* / 2<sup>nd</sup> class sleeper train fare is included).**

**\*\* Please note that tour guide is not escorted along with the group to Chiang Mai.**

#### **Overnight on NIGHT TRAIN**

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch included**

#### **Day 04: Chiang Mai Train Station – Arrival - Doi Suthep Temple & City Temples**

Arrive at Chiang Mai Train Station. Meet our tour guide (*presented your name at the meeting point*) and having a light snack before starting a half day tour. Visit the most sacred temple in the North of Thailand: **Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep** is the most sacred temple in Chiang Mai and contains a holy relic of the Lord Buddha. Tucked away in the mountains at an elevation of 1,056 meters (3,520 feet), the temple can be reached by the carved mythical Naga Serpent Staircase. The temple offers an exhilarating view of Chiang Mai city and its surrounding countryside.



Note: Please dress respectfully by not wearing sleeveless T-shirts, shorts or strapless sandals, when visiting Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep

Lunch is at a local restaurant before transfer to your hotel for check in and relax at your leisure.

**RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR:**

**CHIANG MAI STREET EATS BY TUK TUK**

**Private Service / Time: 16.30 20:30 hrs.**

**Highlights:**

- Take a local transport "Tuk-Tuk" (pick-up & drop-off hotel in town)
- Experience on tasting local food in Chiang Mai town
- Visit the religion relics places in Chiang Mai town
- A glass of beverage at Xanadu Restaurant with scenic Chiang Mai view

Depart from the hotel by local transport "**Tuk-Tuk**" to Chiang Mai gate local market for street food. Just outside the old walled city center of Chiang Mai, the **Wat Lok Molee** is one of the city's older temples. The temple that is also known as the Wat Lok Moli houses one of the largest and most impressive chedis in Chiang Mai.

After your experience with Chiang Mai local shopping, take a ride to the night market on **Chang Puak Gate** or North Gate is always busy and offers a great range of authentic Thai cuisine. Try the stewed pork leg from the famous vendor with the cowboy hat who's had visits from the likes of Anthony Bourdain. Taste Bua Loi, or floating lotus, is a warm fresh coconut milk broth with teeny pandan-laced glutinous rice flour balls swimming around. Take a ride with Tuk-Tuk to see **Chiang Mai nightlife** around old city, **visit 3-Kings monument**, Wat Chedi Luang. Let's celebrate with your friends and family, spend the night and enjoy the beautiful Chiang Mai view with a glass of beverage at **Xanadu Restaurant** before return to the hotel in Chiang Mai town.



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**Overnight in CHIANG MAI**

**Meals: Light Breakfast & Lunch are included**



**Day 05 - Day 7: Experience Trek Mae Taeng Area - 3 days 2 nights PRIVATE PROGRAM**

This is THE MAIN TREK for most of people who are looking for a remembrance

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Experience 

to enhance life's experience. The HIGHLY RECOMMENDED reason is the excellent program which is consisted of bamboo rafting, Elephant feeding and bathing or visiting hill tribe villages in an unspoiled jungle area. Let's see how interesting the program is.....?

One day before departure trek, at 18h00 the meeting will be arranged to give introduced to know each other before sharing the same trip. Also, the guide will present and inform about "how should you prepare yourself and all equipment supposed to bring along during the trek".

#### **Day 5: Chiang Mai – Waterfall – Karen Hilltribe Village**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out from your hotel

#### **Day 1<sup>st</sup> program :**

- MORNING** 09h00 Depart from the hotel by truck. On route stop at Mae Malai local market to purchase some food and vegetables needed during the trek. stop at Mok Fah Waterfall for swimming and relaxation.
- LUNCH** Transfer by truck to Baan Pang Lun for a local lunch.
- AFTERNOON** Drive about half an hour along the wildy road to Huay Nam Dung National Park. Spend another 2 hours to trek from here to Baan Mae Jok, Karen village.
- NIGHT** Arrive and explore around the village chitchatting with local people as well as joining local activities. Dinner and overnight at the village.

#### **ACTIVITIES ON THE 1st DAY**

\*\* Along the natural trail, a tour guide will always lead and instruct how to walk in the jungle trail as well as shows the group various kinds of trees and vegetation seen during the trek \*\*



#### **Overnight in a basic bamboo cottage at hill tribe village.**

*(Dormitory room with basic mattress, mosquito net, no electricity, backpack can be provided on-request)*

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included**

#### **Day 06: Karen Hilltribe Village – Elephant Feeding and Bathing**

#### **Day 2<sup>nd</sup> program :**

Breakfast at the village.

- MORNING** Trek about 3.5 - 4 hours to Karen village, Bann Pang Khao Laam. which?s quite Impressive because you will mostly trek under the shady of green trees.
- LUNCH** Lunch at the village, guide will show his cooking skill by preparing lunch for the group.
- AFTERNOON** Then, take time after lunch to walk around the village to see their local lifestyle.
- NIGHT** Feeding the Elephant and bathing Elephant in the river. Dinner and overnight at the village. There? usually a camp fire with some entertainment (Jokes - Games - Funny Stories) lead by the guide after dinner

#### **HIGHLIGHT OF THE 2nd DAY**

\*\* Elephant feeding and bathing in the bank of the river. \*\* An entertainment with Jokes – Games – Funny stories.





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*(Dormitory room with basic mattress, mosquito net, no electricity, backpack can be provided on-request)*

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included**

**Day 07: Karen Hilltribe Village – Bamboo Raft – Chiang Mai**

**Day 3<sup>rd</sup> program :**

Breakfast at the village.

**MORNING** Breakfast at the village. Take a very smooth bamboo rafting along the Mae Tang River for 1.5 - 2 hours (depend on water level) to Lahu hill tribe village at Baan Pong Ngan. Shortly break to view around visiting Lahu people and village. Continue exciting on the bamboo raft passing many rapids down to Shan village for 2 hours.

**LUNCH** Lunch at Shan village.

**AFTERNOON** Transfer back to Chiang Mai by local truck and transfer to your hotel.



**IMPRESSION ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY**

**\*\* Enjoy a marvelous bamboo rafting passing many rapids along the Mae Tang River \*\***

**WHAT TO SEE? WHAT TO GET?**

- \* Able to learn distinctive customs, costumes & ornaments, life styles and dialects of different ethnic groups.
- \* Able to see various kinds of trees and vegetation.

**REMARK:** Timing is approximately and program can be change or switch without prior notice depends on local conditions.

**Overnight in CHIANG MAI**

**Meals: Breakfast & Lunch included**

**Day 08: Chiang Mai – Free Day**

Breakfast at hotel, free day at your leisure.

**RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR:**

**HALF DAY ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE AT KANTA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY**

**Join-In Service / Time: 07:00 - 12:00 hrs. Or 13:00 - 18:00 hrs.**

A half-day **join-in** package to **Kanta Elephant Sanctuary** offers visitors an enjoyable opportunity to spend quality time with elephants in their natural home, as well as gain an insight into their history and behaviour, and create cherished lifelong memories of their time spent with these amazing animals with friendly, happy elephants in a safe and sustainable environment.

**07.00AM:** Drive approximately 50 Mins North of Chiang Mai through a beautiful countryside, forest, and local farming areas.  
**08.00AM:** Arrive at Kanta Elephant Sanctuary. Walk through and learn about the elephants, change into traditional clothing and prepare fruits for our elephants.  
**09.00AM:** Meet the elephants. Feed, interact, and play with the elephants in a natural environment and learn about their behaviour and history. Take photos with the elephants.  
**10.00AM:** Walk with the elephants to a clean water pond where they will cool off themselves and you will have chance to observe them as well.  
**11.00AM:** Get some tea, coffee and season fruit then say goodbye to the elephants. Leave Baan Chang Elephant Park and drive approximately 50 Mins back to Chiang Mai. Drop off at your hotel or accommodation.

Please Note: At the Park, we will allow you to spend as much time as possible with the elephants. Therefore, there is no formal schedule and aside from pick-up times, the times shown here are approximations.



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**RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR:**

**HALF DAY CYCLING CULTURE TOUR**

**Private Service / Time: 09:00 – 12:30 hrs. Or 13:30 – 17:00 hrs.**

**13h30:** Pick up and transfer to Trekker camp, a centre of cycling tour & gears where briefly information about a cycling route and the instructions of using the mountain bike will be explained.

**13h45:** Start cycling from here via Padad-Singhakam route along the Ping's Riverside then continues through the 2nd ring road crossing Koh Klang Bridge (Kourmung). Stop at Wat Koh Klang, an important temple of this community.

**15h00:** Proceed cycling to the vegetable's plantation belonged to the villagers which is the trend of sustainable agriculture. Over there, the land has been reclaimed without using any chemical fertilizer. Instead, the farmers prevent and eliminate pests by using natural process. Explore around to see plantations of cabbage, chili, corn, eggplant, pea, shallot, and garlic for examples. Also if you love to join the gardener's activities like cultivating, watering, and fishing, these are something quite interesting to do as well!

**15h30:** Leave to the ruin city, Wiang Kum Kam is the ancient underground empire of Lanna kingdom built by King Mang Rai where many ruin archaeological excavations and sites for instances temples, Buddha images and old potteries have been discovered. Make a first stop at Wat Chang Kum (also known as Wat Khan Tom), the first archaeological site which was found in 1984. Keep on traveling to Wat E-Kang, Wat Nhan Chang, Wat Pu Beai, Wat Pra Thart Khaow, and the last temple, Wat Chedi Liem (also known as Wat Ku Kam Luang). Appreciate the enormous facet pagoda restored many times both by the Thai and Burmese consequently which shows a lot of mixture on the architecture's style on the Chedi itself.

**17h00:** Return to Trekker camp and transferred to the hotel.



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**RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR :**

**MORNING/EVENING COOKING CLASS BY THAI FARM COOKING SCHOOL**

**Join-in Service / Time: 08:00 – 14:00 hrs. Or 16:00 - 20:00 hrs.**

**Itinerary**

- Visit the main local Thai market out of the city centre
- Explaining and learning about herbs and ingredients at our organic farm
- Pound and make a curry paste from scratch. You will make your own curry paste, each person will have their own individual mortar. You can decide how spicy or non-spicy you would like to make your own curry paste
- Choose and make one curry paste, one curry, one soup, noodle dish and sweet dessert (total of 5 categories)
- You will learn to make every dish completely by yourself from start to finish and will be able to season to your own taste!



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**RECOMMEND OPTIONAL TOUR :**

**EVENING KHANTOKE DINNER WITH THAI CULTURAL SHOWS**

**Private Transfer Service / Time: 18.00 - 21:00 hrs.**

Khantoke Dinner at Old Chiangmai Cultural Center invites everyone to experience the atmosphere of the Northern Thai culture, taste the cuisine, and enjoy the unique Fon Ram dance performances. The original Khantoke Dinner has been served for over 50 years. We are pleased to welcome everyone to the warm city of Chiang Mai. Each Khantoke set includes 9 dishes, such as Hang Ley Curry, Kaeng Khae, Laab Kua, Deep-fried Crispy Chicken, Nam Prik Noom, Nam Prik Ong, Kab Moo, Sticky Rice, and Fresh/Boiled Vegetables. The dishes are served on the Khantoke tray, and each set can serve up to 4 people, accompanied by a traditional Lanna dance performance that showcases the unique local culture.



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### Overnight in CHIANG MAI

Meals: Breakfast is included.

### Day 09: Chiang Mai – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel, free at leisure and check-out.  
(flight TBA / not included).

**OPTIONAL – Private transfer from Hotel to Chiang Mai Airport by private car with driver at 30 USD per car one way ( 1-6 persons , Please contact your travel agent to request this additional service )**

Meals: Breakfast is included.

**\*\*\* End of Service by Thailand Journeys \*\*\***

### HOTEL'S CATEGORY 4\*

Bangkok: Twin Tower Hotel – Superior Room  
Chiang Mai: Movenpick Chiang Mai – Superior Room or similar

TOUR CODE	TRAVEL DATE	PRICE IN USD
TJSIC003:20260418	18 Apr – 26 Apr 2026	855 USD
TJSIC003:20260509	9 May – 17 May 2026	855 USD
TJSIC003:20260711	11 July – 19 Jul 2026	855 USD
TJSIC003:20261017	17 Oct – 25 Oct 2026	855 USD
TJSIC003:20261031	31 Oct – 8 Nov 2026	882 USD
TJSIC003:20261128	28 Nov – 6 Dec 2026	882 USD
TJSIC003:20261212	12 Dec – 20 Dec 2026	882 USD
TJSIC003:20270116	16 Jan – 24 Jan 2027	875 USD
TJSIC003:20270213	13 Feb – 21 Feb 2027	875 USD

**Price is based in Twin Sharing Basis , Client are matched to share room with same gender. Single Supplement for client who would like his/her own room = 200 USD**



## **Terms & Conditions:**

### **Package includes:**

- Transfers and Tours as mentioned by air condition vehicle with Trip Expert (locally based Guide).
- Meals as stated (B = breakfast, L = lunch & D = dinner).
- Entrance fees as mentioned.
- Accommodations as mentioned in the itinerary.
- A bottle drinking water per day per person.
- Service charges, room tax, VAT and baggage handling.

### **Package excludes:**

- Airport Transfer on the starting day and departure day
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry & etc.
- Supplement charges for Festive season (If any)
- Other tours & meals than mentioned in the program.
- International air ticket and airport taxes.
- Early check-in and/or late check-out at hotels.
- Tip or Gratitude for Trip Leader, recommend 5 USD per person per day and driver, Recommend 2 USD per person per day.

### **Remarks:**

- Guests should be healthy and in good physical condition
- Weather condition may impose changes in the program or the cancellation of certain activities
- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport and Thai visa page with stamp into Thailand
- Thailand Journeys reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes of tax & gasoline increasing in Thailand. No any reservations are made yet.
- Childs under age 11 years, pay child rate with/without extra bed.

### **Payment policy:**

- Deposit 200USD after services is reserved for guarantee the booking
- Remaining Payment will be invoiced and paid 30 days before departure
- Payment can be made by Bank Draft or SWIFT transfer payable to our Bank A/C.
- All Bank services charge will be borne by the payee.
- If payment is by credit card, an additional 4% will be added on to our tariff rates.
- American Express / Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to or Bangkok head office address.
- Company cheque or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

### **OUR BANK DETAILS:**

A/C Name : Naviagte Journeys CO., LTD.  
A/C Number : 131-8-23536-4  
Bank Name : KASIKORN BANK  
Bank Address : Big C Rama 4 2nd floor **2929 Rama IV Rd., Bangkok, Thailand**, Bangkok, Thailand)

### **Refunds or Cancellation:**

- Tour and transfer deposits are fully refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok more than 45 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded

according to individual hotel cancellation policy.

- Tour and transfer deposits are NOT refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok Less than 30 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded according to individual hotel cancellation policy
- Cancellation charge 50% for amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok Less than 15 days in advance.
- Cancellation charge 100% for amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok Less than 7 days in advance.
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary in Thailand.

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