

Discovering North Mountains of Thailand 5D4N (CMT 112)

Day 1: Doi Inthanon Mountain - Angka Nature Trail - Hmong Market - Wachirathan Falls

Morning pick up at Chiang Mai International Airport or within the city then heading to Doi Inthanon Mountain.

10 am arrives at Doi Inthanon Mountain, the highest mountain in Thailand, rising 2,565 meters above sea level. Doi Inthanon National Park has lots of amazing variation in its lush geography and forest. It is home to rainforest, mixed forest, and pine forest. The weather is cool throughout the year, especially in the cool season when there will be almost constant fog coverage all day and a stunning phenomenon of Mae Kha Ning or frost flower in the early morning.

10:30 am visits Angka Nature Trail also known as Michael's Trail, named after Michael Walsh, a Canadian biologist who volunteered as a Park Interpreter and Conservation Officer at Doi Inthanon National Park. He surveyed and designed the Angka boardwalk. The 360m trail passes through a lush valley of moss cover trees, wild orchids and rare bird species.

11 am visits The Great Holy Relics Pagoda Nabhapolbhumisiri, Thai Army built these pagodas, as present to the King and Queen in commemoration of their birthdays; The King's 60th in 1987 and the Queen's 60th in 1992. And the full name of these pagodas were Phra Maha Dhatu Nabha Metaneeed & Phra Maha Dhatu Nabhapol Bhumisiri.

12 pm set menu lunch at Khrua Mittraphap restaurant

1 pm visits Hmong Market selling vegetables, fresh fruits and hill tribe's souvenir

2 pm visits The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, one of the Research centers of the Royal Station. It was found in 1977 according to the idea of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej to improve Thai tribesmen's life. The Station supports them to cultivate and sell good crops, have permanent habitation, stop opium planting, destroy forest, and shifting cultivation, turn to cultivate winter plants and animals with soil and water preservation system, and can depend on themselves as His Majesty the King has aimed.

Continues to Wachirathan Falls, flows down a granite escarpment on the way up to the summit of Doi Inthanon, the highest mountain in Thailand. Although segmented, its falls have a cumulative height of 80 m. It's one of several waterfalls in the area.

5 pm check-in at hotel rated 3 star

7 pm Khantok Dinner Buffet at Khum Khantok, The Lanna cultural attraction, is known as the reception room of Chiang Mai province. Preserving the traditional Thai lifestyle in combination with a traditional Lanna atmosphere of clothing, language, dining and performances, it is presented under an exquisite and enchanted applied Lanna architecture that ensures satisfaction to all visitors.

Returns to hotel:

- Holiday Garden (near Maeya Shop)
- Chiang Mai Gate (Wua Lai Walking Street)
- Imm Hotel Thaphae (Sunday Walking Street)
- Mayflower Grande Hotel (Nimmana Haeminda Road)
- Royal Lanna Hotel (Night Bazaar center)

Day 2: Doi Moncham Mountain – Eden Graves Farm - The Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden – Maesa Elephant Camp – Orchid Farm – Butterfly Farm

7:30 am breakfast at hotel then check-out

8 am visits Doi Moncham Mountain, located on a hill ridge in the area of Mong Nong Hoi village, Mae Rim. It is 40 minutes far from the central of Chiang Mai. The area was previously a desolate forest and was named as Kiu Seau. Later, villagers

came over the area and turned it into an Opium farm. But, finally, the Royal Project took over and changed the area into Nong Hoi Royal Project. Visits Eden Graves Farm on the way down from Doi Moncham.

10 am visits Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden, Thailand's very first botanic garden is now major travel destination in Mae Rim district covering a mountainous area of 560 acres and displays a vast collection of plants from different climates around the world. Established in 1992 to honor HM Queen Sirikit, the garden features several highlights including a Rainforest Glasshouse where you get to walk amid abundant kinds of plants from all tropical forests in Asia. There are a number of walking trails provided but also feel free to walk around and enjoy the lush green without any orders as well as Canopy Walkway.

12 pm buffet lunch at Orchid Farm restaurant

1 pm visits Chiang Dao Cave, features beautiful crystal formations which have formed due to dripping water. The air inside the caves is most of the times cool but during some seasons it can be extremely humid inside. visit the two main caves namely Tham Phra Nawn and Tham Seu Dao, they have adequate lighting arrangement. The caves contain a numerous sacred Buddha images. But never go into the un-illuminated caverns without a guide as there are several unmarked drops.

3 pm visits First Royal Factory at Fang Living Site Museum, features several types of life stories, including the stories of the origin of Ban Yang village and the Royal Project.

4:30 pm arrives at Doi Ang Khang Mountain to check-in at Angkhang Nature Resort, leisure

7 pm dinner at Royal Project or restaurant next to resort (excludes meal)

Day 3: Muban Khop Dong – Ang Khang Royal Agricultural Station – Fang Hot Spring National Park – Wat Tha Ton (Phra Aram Luang) – Thanatorn Orange Farm – Doi Mae Slong

6 am visits Muban Khop Dong's view point to see sunrise through foggy-misty morning. Local tribes worship spirits that the children are your local Tour Guides

8 am returns to hotel for breakfast then check-out

9 am visits Ang Khang Royal Agricultural Station, the project from the idea of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej in order to support agriculture instead of opium planting. The project began when His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej traveled by a helicopter and passed this mountain peak. He saw a village and then made a visit. He saw opium fields, and a village of Muser tribesmen who at that time plaited side braid hair, wore black clothes, and carried sword on their shoulders. His Majesty the King planned to change the opium field into agricultural field. The Station therefore was found in 1969.

10:30 am visits Fang Hot Spring National Park, hot springs of Fang are the main attraction of this ancient district of Chiang Mai. These hot springs are part of Doi Pa Hom Pok National Park and feature 40-88-degree-celsius springs originate from simmering granite. The largest spring jets out hot steam which is as high as 40-50 meters.

12 pm lunch at local restaurant

1 pm visits Wat Tha Ton, set in a faraway hill overlooking Kok River, Wat Thaton is ideal for a peaceful meditation, thanks to the vast space occupying more than 160 acres of mountainous land. A range of accommodations are available for those who wish to practice meditation for a longer period.

2:30 pm visits Thanatorn Orange Farm and rides on Rail Tram to see variety of oranges

3:30 pm visits Doi Mae Slong, one of the most popular places tourists visit in winter because of its low temperature at the top. Other activities available here include a visit to tea houses, tea plantations, tasting stewed pork leg with hot steamed buns and Yunnan food. Tea Plantation 101 is one of the most famous Chiang Rai Attractions. The tea trees are lined in staircase field. You can experience tea picking and production, tea brewing, and tea tasting. Of course, tea as souvenir are available for purchase. Sinakarindra Stit Mahasantikhiri Pagoda situates on the highest spot of Doi Mae Salong. The Tomb of General Duan Si Wern, former Haw or Yunnan Chinese 5th Battalion, 93rd Brigade. The tomb's area also offers viewpoint to Mae Salong mountain.

5:30 pm arrives at Maesalong Flower Hills Resort to check-in

7 pm dinner at resort (excludes meal) then leisure

Day 4: Monastery of The Golden Horse – Choui Fong Tea, Mae Chan Tea House & Plantation – Doi Tung Royal Villa – Mae Fah Luang Garden – Wat Rong Khun (White Temple)

6:30 am breakfast at hotel then check-out process on the way to Wat Pra Acha Tong 'Unseen in Thailand', featuring Monastery of The Golden Horse where horse-riding monks praying after they were offered alms by locals.

8:30 am visits Choui Fong Tea, Mae Chan Tea House & Plantation, the high quality tea manufacturer for half a century. With plantation area of over 1,000 rais in high mountain, all teas are grown under optimal conditions then hand picked at the perfect time

10 am visits Doi Tung Royal Villa, built in 1992 on an area of 12 Rai. This garden grows winter flowers and decorative plants with beautiful flowers taking turn to bloom season by season. Continue to **The Royal Villa** of the late Princess Mother (the King's mother), the most beautiful combination styles of the northern Thai and Swiss winter villa.

Continues trip and stops for lunch at local restaurant

1 pm visits Wat Rong Khun, a contemporary, unconventional, privately-owned art exhibit in the style of a Buddhist temple in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand. It is owned by Chalermchai Kositpipat, who designed, constructed, and opened it to visitors in 1997.

3 pm visits Phu Chi Fah, a mountain area and national forest park located at the NE end of Phi Pan Nam Range, 12 km to SW of Doi Pha Tang takes approximately 2 hours.

5 pm arrives at Phu Fah Sawan or Baan Oy Homestay to check-in

7 pm dinner at your preference (excludes meal) and leisure

Day 5: Phu Chi Fah – Phu Sang Waterfall – Phayao Lake – Wat Tilok Aram Underwater Temple – Wat Si Khom Kham

5:30 am early morning heading to Yod Phu Chi Fah Mountain to watch sunrise through foggy-mist

8 am returns to accommodation for breakfast and check-out

9 am visits Phu Sang Waterfall, a scenic **waterfall** about 20 kilometres to the north of the district town of Chiang Kham and is situated in the Namtok **Phu Sang** National Park.

12 pm lunch at local restaurant

1 pm boarding boat cruise to Phayao Lake to see Wat Tilok Aram, 500 years underwater temple then to Wat Analyo Thipayaram and Wat Si Khom Kham

4 pm returns to Chiang Mai Province

Note: option drop off at Chiang Rai Airport

6:30 pm arrives at Chiang Mai province and stops at Vanusun Shop for souvenir

7 pm drops off at Chiang Mai International Airport or within the city. Safe journey and satisfy.

trips end

Inclusive:

Accommodation with breakfast

Lunch 5 meals/Dinner 1 meal

Attraction fees as listed on itinerary
Transportation
Travel insurance during trip at THB. 1,000,000

Excludes:
Airplane ticket
Personal expenses
VAT 7%, local Tax 3%

Notes:
Minimum 2 Pax
Excludes seasonal surcharge
Private Tour
Non-Thai National pay additional THB 600/Pax
tour itinerary may change based on condition of weather