

12 Day “Golden Triangle” Tour

Day 1 Arrival Day Chiang Mai

We'll pick you up at the airport and bring you to our tour hotel in the heart of the city. Depending on your arrival time, we can do sightseeing, shopping or just relaxing on the pool. In the evening we will have dinner in one of the local restaurants. After we visit the famous “night bazaar”.

Day 2 Chiang Mai – Mae Malai

We will pick you up in the morning from the hotel and After a 30 min drive; we arrive at our base camp 36 kms north of Chiang Mai city. After checking out the Scooter and a safety brief we'll go for a ride in and around the local area Then it will be time for the first cold beer or soft drink and we can fire up the B-B-Q and get ready for the welcome dinner. You will stay in one or our 4 comfortable bungalows.

Day 3 Mae Malai – Mae Chaem

After breakfast we set off up into the mountains again, this time heading southwest out of Chiang Mai. Our first stop is at an elephant camp by a river for a refreshing drink and back in the saddle to Doi Inthanon National Park. It's then an enjoyable twisty tarmac ride to the top of Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest mountain at 2565 m. On a clear day the views from the top are spectacular, and we spend some time at the twin mausoleums built by the present King and Queen of Thailand on two small mounds near the top, known as the Royal Chedis. After taking the road back down, we then head to our comfortable hotel in Mae Cham. For the night.

Day 4 Mae Cham – Mae Hong Son

Today is a long day in the saddle, as we ride over 140 km of fantastic roads, passing through Mae Surin National Park and Khun Yuam and onto Mae Hong Son a town known for being laid back, a place to unwind from a hard day riding, we are spoilt for choice great places to stop for the night.

Day 5 Mae Hong Son - Pai

Today we take in a visit to the largest cave in southeast Asia, with its magnificent stalagmites and stalactites, and have the opportunity to visit some beautiful waterfalls, gorges and mountain trails along the way to Pai. Pai is surrounded by the scenic Huai Nam Dang National Park, which stretches to the Burmese border to the north and west.

Day 6 Pai – Chiang Dao

Another great day's riding through Huai Nam Dang National park, where we stay in a resort hotel. Again, we have a choice of routes, all with great riding and beautiful scenery. For example we could follow the mountain trails of Doi Chiang Dao

Day 7 Chiang Dao – Mea Suai

Today it will be small winding roads of course. Early afternoon we will arrive in a Karen hilltribe village. The small Lodge was built by a Swiss guy who has a Karen wife. It's a real relaxed place in the mountains of northern Thailand.

Day 8 Mae Suay - Mae Sai

The first two hours we are driving through "Wawi Valley" where some parts are still off road. After lunch at a riverside restaurant we go to the famous "Doi Mae Salong" a village high in the mountains. Mae Salong (now known as Santikharee), founded in 1962 by Kuomintang Chinese and famous as a centre for exiled Chinese. It's quite a shock to see Chinese faces and Chinese style buildings! The local market dominated by Chinese goods. An endless winding tarmac road brings us to Mae Sai, the border town to Myanmar (Burma) by the end of the day.

Day 9 Mae Sai – Golden Triangle - Chiang Rai

After breakfast we've got an opportunity to cross the bridge into Burma and visit the market at Tachilek. Just another 30 minutes ride and we arrive at the "Golden Triangle", which is famous to most Westerners for its former opium production. Here we have time to do a riverboat ride at the famous Maekong river and visit a market in Laos as well. Another 1 ½ riding hours brings us to our comfortable city hotel in Chiang Rai. In the evening we will visit the local food market and the night bazaar.

Day 10 Chiang Rai

Day off, a day spent exploring this city, lots to see and do. Maybe this evening its time for some Western food.

Day 11 Chiang Rai – Mae Malai

Another chance to ride through the mountains of northern Thailand. We arrive back in our base camp in early afternoon. After a snack we will bring you to the city hotel in Chiang Mai. There's time for sightseeing, bargain hunting or just relaxing by the pool.

Day 12 Chiang Mai

Hardest day of the trip - Transfer to the airport

