

## **7 Day “Gates of Indo-China” 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 half day's 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 of 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 – Mae Malai**

Another chance to ride through the mountains of northern Thailand. We arrive back in our base camp in the afternoon. A few drinks, a farewell meal, the opportunity to shear photos and download to CD around the camp fire.

## **Day 7 Mae Malai – Chiang Mai**

Hardest day of the trip - Transfer to the airport