

EXPLORE THE NORTH MAE HONG SON LOOP

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Engage with local communities, from Karen and Lisu villages to the Long Neck tribe, gaining insights into traditional craftsmanship and indigenous cultures.
- Discover stunning waterfalls, explore caves like Tham Lod, and traverse national parks, offering breathtaking scenery and outdoor adventures.
- Visit museums and memorials, delving into the region's history, including its role in World War II and cultural influences from neighboring countries.
- Enjoy a range of experiences, from boat rides along the Pai River to bamboo rafting and strolling across scenic bridges, catering to varied interests and preferences.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

CHIANG MAI – PAI

Embark on a picturesque journey this morning as you meet your guide and venture into the mountains for a three-hour drive to the charming town of Pai. Along the way, immerse yourself in the local culture with a stop at the vibrant Mae Malai village market, where your guide will introduce you to an array of fascinating local products.

Continue your exploration with a visit to the enchanting Mork Fah Waterfall, nestled within the Huay Nam Dang National Park. Take a refreshing dip if you wish before journeying onwards to the Pong Duad Hot Springs for a brief stop. Traverse the winding and scenic roads of the Huay Nam Dang National Park as you make your way to Pai, where a delightful picnic lunch awaits at the park's campsite.

Following lunch, proceed to the Karen village of Baan Mae Ping, transformed into a thriving craft center to uplift the community and showcase the exquisite craftsmanship of the Karen people. Witness demonstrations of weaving and cloth dyeing, enriching your understanding of traditional techniques. As the afternoon draws to a close, arrive in Pai, a tranquil town embraced by majestic mountains.

DAY 2

MAE HONG SON

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before embarking on a journey to Mae Hong Son. En route, delve into the cultural tapestry of the region with a visit to the Lisu village of Nam Rin, followed by an exploration of the awe-inspiring Tham Lod cave in Soppong. Traverse the subterranean river on bamboo rafts, marveling at the towering stalactites and prehistoric relics adorning the caverns.

After a satisfying lunch, continue your adventure to Mae Hong Son, making a stop at the Su Tong Pae Bridge, a remarkable bamboo structure spanning 500 meters across rice fields and the Mae Sa Nga River. Arrive in Mae Hong Son, a charming border town boasting a blend of Burmese, Thai, and Shan influences. Enjoy a brief tour of the city, taking in the serene beauty of Chong Kham Lake and visiting Burmese-style temples such as Wat Chong Klang.

DAY 3

MAE HONG SON

Embark on a cultural excursion this morning as you visit the bustling local market of Mae Hong Son. Climb aboard a local boat for a scenic ride along the Pai River to Baan Piang Din, home to the Long Neck people. Gain insight into their unique way of life before returning to Mae Hong Son by boat.

Continue your exploration with visits to captivating Burmese-style Buddhist temples such as Wat Kong Mu, nestled atop a hill west of town. Admire the exquisite alabaster Buddha statue before returning to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure.

DAY 4

MAE HONG SON – MAE SARIANG

After breakfast, depart for Khun Yuam, a tranquil town steeped in history. Visit the Thai-Japanese Memorial Hall, commemorating the presence of the Imperial Japanese Army during World War II, and explore the centuries-old Wat Muang Pon monastery in the scenic Tai Yai village of Muang Pon. Journey onwards to Mae La Noi, stopping to admire the panoramic views from the Lawa village of Ban Mae La Up. Explore the village and interact with the locals before visiting the Karen village of Huay Hom, renowned for its sustainable agriculture and premium coffee beans. Continue your journey to Mae Sariang, nestled along the Yuam River.

DAY 5

MAE SARIANG – DOI INTHANON – CHIANG MAI

Embark on an early departure to Doi Inthanon National Park, pausing at Obluang National Park for a short hike to admire the scenic gorge. Continue to Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest mountain, and embark on the Kew Mae Pan Nature Trail accompanied by a local Hmong guide. After lunch, visit the chedis honoring the King and Queen's 60th birthday, followed by stops at the Vachirathan and Mae Klang waterfalls. Explore the Hmong market before concluding your journey with a return to Chiang Mai. Drop off at your hotel, marking the end of your unforgettable adventure.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.
