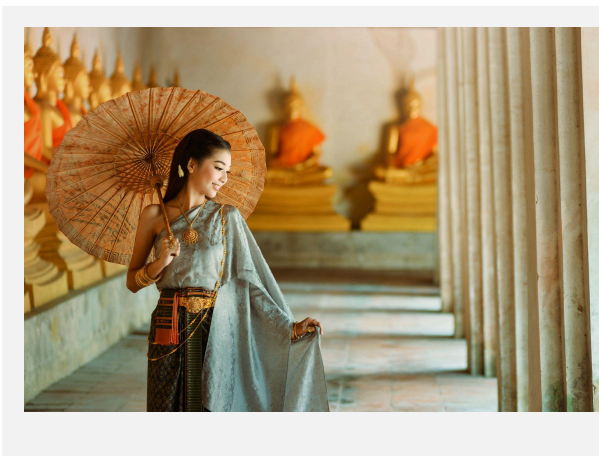


GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORER

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a Scenic Boat Tour along the Kok River & Immerse Yourself in Lahu and Akha Village Life
- Embark on an enchanting boat tour along the picturesque Kok River, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Delve into the cultural tapestry of the region as you explore the quaint Lahu and Akha villages, gaining insight into their unique way of life and traditions.
- Embark on an Adventure to the Iconic Golden Triangle with an Excursion into Myanmar

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

CHIANG MAI – THATON – DOI MAE SALONG

Commence your journey from the heart of Chiang Mai City. Today, under the guidance of your tour leader, embark on a scenic four-hour drive towards Thaton. En route, make a delightful stop at the vibrant Hmong Huay Luek market. Upon arrival in Thaton, marvel at the panoramic vistas from Wat Thaton, offering a stunning outlook over the border region.

Following this, indulge in a revitalizing 45-minute boat excursion along the Kok River, culminating at the Lahu village of Pha Tai. From here, proceed by car to Santikhiri on Doi Mae Salong, with an enriching visit to an Akha village en route.

Arrive at Doi Mae Salong, where the quaint mountain village of Santikhiri awaits. Adorned with a distinct Chinese ambiance, explore its charms before witnessing the breathtaking sunset at Phra Boromathat Chedi, a tribute to the revered Princess Mother, Srinagarindra. Accommodation awaits at your chosen hotel, offering enchanting views of the surroundings.

DAY 2

DOI MAE SALONG – CHIANG RAI

Descend towards Mae Chan, continuing onward to the bustling border town of Mae Sai. Here, embark on a cross-border adventure into Myanmar, with a day pass* facilitating exploration of Tachilek. Traverse the town by tuk-tuk, visiting notable landmarks such as the Temple of the Enrobed Elephant and the Mahamyatmuni Temple, showcasing Burmese architectural finesse.

Journey to Tachilek's own Shwedagon Pagoda, a scaled-down replica of the iconic structure in Yangon. Return to Mae Sai before heading to the Golden Triangle. After a satisfying lunch, embark on a leisurely boat excursion along the Mekong River, with a stopover at Don Sao, situated within Lao territory. Conclude the day with a visit to the House of Museum, delving into the intriguing history of opium, before heading to Chiang Rai.

DAY 3

CHIANG RAI

Option A:

Embark on an early morning transfer to the Thai-Lao border at Chiang Khong, where you'll be dropped off at immigration. Continue your journey into Laos, perhaps opting for a relaxed two-day sail to the renowned Luang Prabang.

Option B:

Embark on a cultural exploration of Chiang Rai, beginning with a visit to the iconic Wat Rong Khun, a masterpiece by Chalermchai Kositpipat. Discover the vibrant Blue Temple, renowned for its striking blue hues and intricate carvings, followed by a visit to the intriguing Black House, a testament to the late Thai artist Thawan Duchanee's creativity. Conclude your tour with a stop at the Art Bridge, an engaging gallery showcasing local talent, before transferring to Chiang Rai Airport for your onward journey.

-END OF SERVICES -

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.
