

Northern Thailand, Amazing Land of Lanna (M-ID: 4359)

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from \$3,870.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

12/02/2023 - 12/11/2023 10 days

11/30/2024 - 12/09/2024 10 days

This 10-day tour in Northern Thailand gives you a great insight into the land of the Lanna Kingdom – the “Kingdom of a Million Rice Fields”.

Experience the Mountains of Nan, White Temple, Golden Triangle, Choui Fong Tea House, Doi Mae Salong, Long Neck Hill Tribe, Road of 1,864 curves, Long Neck Hilltribe, and Doi Inthanon (the highest mountain in Thailand)!

The roads are mainly rural two lanes with a variety of surfaces and wind through areas of spectacular mountainous beauty – some of the best riding anywhere in the world.

We will explore the region taking mainly small rural roads, which are not so well known. Along the way, we visit some of the lesser-known treasures like the mysterious Nan, which for centuries remained autonomous and cut off from the outside world.

The White Temple in Chiang Rai is today one of the main attractions in north Thailand. We will also go to rather more famous or infamous places like the Golden Triangle, where Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand meet and where in previous decades the opium poppy provided a living to many people until it was stopped in 1996 after the death of Khun Sa, a legendary warlord.

Stop over at the Choui Fong Tea House, where we visit the tea plantation. We continue to Doi Mae Salong on yet more amazing twisty mountainous roads. We visit the Long Neck Women and ride up to the border of Myanmar to visit Ban Rak Thai, a Chinese community.

Along the way we ride all of the 1,864 curves from Mae Hong Son from Mae Taeng, a route becoming legendary amongst motorcyclists.

Before returning to Chiang Mai we will ride up to Doi Inthanon, the highest mountain in Thailand, where it is

usually very cool.

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Day by Day Schedule:

Day 1 / Chiang Mai

Arrival at Chiang Mai Airport (no later than 1 pm). Transfer to the hotel. At 3 pm transfer to our Service Center for a welcome briefing, answer any questions you might have, and motorcycle hand over. Short motorcycle ride back to the hotel. Please plan your arrival in Chiang Mai accordingly. In the evening we have a Welcome Dinner and a briefing about the tour. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

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Day 2 / Chiang Mai-Nan

Once on our motorcycles we quickly leave Chiang Mai behind and start our ride in an eastern direction towards Phayao. During most of the day, we cruise one hilly road, a great start to get familiar with riding in Thailand and your motorcycle. In Phayao we enjoy a nice lunch by the lake before we continue our journey toward Nan. In the last part of the day, we are crossing a mountain range enjoying the curves and the remote roads. There are plenty of villages and rice fields along the route. Dinner by the Nan River. Overnight in Nan.

(300 km/186 miles)

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Day 3 / Nan-Bo Kluea-Nan

Without any doubt, the road to Bo Kluea offers some of the best ridings in all of Thailand. Classic twisty roads with almost no traffic will make this day an unforgettable riding experience. The tiny village of Bo Kluea is located in a scenic valley close to the Lao border - remote and picturesque. "Bo Kluea" means salt well as the village has raised around two natural saltwater wells which have been used for centuries. From here we cross over the mountain through Phu National Park. Enjoy the stunning scenery and empty roads. In the early afternoon, we are back in Nan to visit the most beautiful temple, Wat Phumin. The temple was built as if it were on the back of two immense snakes. We will spend the evening at an authentic local restaurant on the bank of the Nan River. Overnight in Nan.

(210 km/130 miles)

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Day 4 / Nan-Chiang Rai

We leave Nan and make our way through the hinterland on small back roads in a southeastern direction. Passing through rice fields and fruit plantations and cruising through small farm villages. After a local lunch at a scenic restaurant, the ride becomes more and more spectacular. For the next hundred km or so we ride through countless bends through yet more beautiful landscapes. Just before reaching our hotel in Chiang Rai, we will visit the remarkable Wat Rong Khun (White Temple) which is today recognized as one of the main attractions all over Thailand. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

(250 Km/155 miles)

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Day 5 / Chiang Rai (Rest Day)

This is a rest day. Enjoy a healthy breakfast in the hotel and spend the day at the hotel pool or in a Spa. You may also take a walk exploring the town to visit some of the many markets and temples. A walk is likely needed after all the great riding hours. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

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Day 6 / Chiang Rai - Thaton

From Chiang Rai, we make a short ride to the mighty Mekong River at the legendary Golden Triangle where the three borders of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos meet. We swap the motorcycles for a boat and explore the river region. Taking a short break in Laos (no visa needed, only bring your passport) before returning to our motorcycles.

From the Golden Triangle, we continue to Mae Sai, the most northern point of Thailand and one of the main border crossings to Myanmar.

From Mae Sai, we ride up the mountains to Doi Tung and Doi Mae Salong on yet more amazingly twisty mountainous roads. Doi Mae Salong is a Chinese settlement that was built by a division of the Chinese Nationalist Army that refused to surrender to Chinese communists after the Nationalist Kuomintang government was routed in 1949. Today the village still offers native Chinese cuisine, lovely

houses with flowers, and countless tea plantations as far as the eyes can see.

The final part of today's route will take us along gentle hills through rice paddies and farm villages. We follow the Kok River for a while before you turn left to your resort at Thaton. Enjoy a cold drink and stretch your legs by the pool. Overnight in Thaton.

(220 Km/137 miles)

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Day 7 / Thaton-Pa

Another great riding day is ahead of you. From the resort ride couple of kilometers to enjoy the splendid view from Wat Thaton over the valley, Kok river, and the vicinity. Make the effort and visit the Wat. (It's well worth taking off your riding boots....)

From Wat Thaton, you follow the main road and have a coffee break at the Hua Luk Royal Project. Lunch can be held at The Nest Resort with a beautiful view of the Limestone Mountains in the back.

At Mae Tang turn right and cross the mountains to Pai. This is the beginning of the road to Mae Hong Son, famous for having 1864 bends of varying sharpness. Before we reach your hotel stop at an Elephant Camp near Pai. Once in Pai, enjoy the pool at the resort. After sunset strolls down the walking street, taste food from the street food stalls, or enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants. Overnight in Pai.

(240 Km/149 miles)

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Day 8 / Pai-Mae Hong Son

Today is a very scenic riding day. Even if the distance is not that much, there are plenty of mountains and switchbacks to negotiate, don't worry, you will need the full day.

This is also the second part of the road famous for its 1864 bends of varying sharpness. We pass two mountains with 2 great scenic View Points en route. The journey takes us through some beautiful mountainous scenery. Around mid-day arrive at Ban Rak Thai where we have lunch in one of the local Chinese restaurants by the little lake. They serve delicious Chinese specialties. Ban Rak Thai means literally "the Thai-loving village", built around a lake on the Myanmar border. About 800, mainly Chinese settled here after the communist takeover of China, and some of the buildings have a distinctively Chinese appearance.

After lunch, we continue to the pier of the Nan River where we park our motorcycles. We enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Pai River for about 20 min to the Karen Long Neck village. The Karen, a tribal minority, historically lived in the hills on the Myanmar side of the border. Some of their women wear heavy brass rings around their necks, forearms, and shins. Many ideas regarding why the coils are worn have been suggested. Some have hypothesized that the rings protected women from becoming slaves by making them less attractive to other tribes. Another theory

is that the coils originate from the desire to look more attractive. Why don't you ask them and find out the real story....

Return by boat to the pier and ride to the nearby Resort. Enjoy first a drink at the sunset bar overlooking the rice paddies. Overnight in Mae Hong Son.

(180 Km/112 miles)

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Day 9 / Mae Hong Son-Chiang Mai

In the morning we leave Mae Hong Son behind and ride to Khun Yuam. It is a great winding road with wide bends. In Khun Yuam we visit the local Museum. The Imperial Japanese Army troops were stationed in Khun Yuam during the construction of a highway intended to cross Burma to India. Tip: Ask the museum staff to show the video about history (approx. 10 min, included). Besides the museum, there is a great Coffee Shop and a 7/11 store.

From Khun Yuam we continue to Mae Chaem on great twisty back roads. Lunch at a little local restaurant. We continue up to the top of Doi Inthanon, which at 2,565 meters is the highest mountain in Thailand.

The next stop is the Wachiratharn Waterfall - an impressive and powerful 80 m high waterfall. From here we ride the last part of Doi Inthanon national park. Once down in the valley, we have another 50 km to our Service Center in Chiang Mai where we expect to arrive around 5 PM. Transfer to your hotel in Chiang Mai followed by a farewell dinner. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

(300 Km/186 miles)

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Day 10 / Chiang Mai Departure

This amazing trip ends with the transfer to the airport or your extension.

Hope you enjoyed it!

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We are pleased to assist you with the booking of additional nights in Chiang Mai or any other services in connection with the tour

Countries	Thailand
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Triumph Tiger Sport 660 (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$3,870.00

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Triumph Tiger Sport 850 (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$3,870.00

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Triumph Tiger 900 GT Pro (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$4,050.00

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle BMW R1250 GS (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) \$4,400.00

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per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) \$1,615.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") \$495.00

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Per person rental riding helmet and jacket (Surcharge) \$200.00

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IMPORTANT: The price for a single rider in a sharing room requires another single rider booking with the same request. If there is no other request for room sharing we will have to charge you the single room supplement

Included

Airport/Hotel/Service Center transfers in Chiang Mai during arrival and departure day

9 nights with Breakfast at carefully selected quality hotels and resorts with leisure facilities

7 Lunches and 8 Dinners

Water, soft drinks, coffee/tea in connection with the meals

Late-model Motorcycle rental with unlimited mileage and fuel

Panniers and top box if desired, basic motorcycle crash protection bars, etc.

Motorcycle Damage & Loss Coverage

Experienced Tour leader on a motorcycle

English/German-speaking licensed Tour guide (Other upon request)

Support vehicle

Transfer of luggage in the support vehicle

Entrance fees

Tour description

Not included

Flights

On rest days, if any, no lunch or dinner included

Alcoholic beverages

Riding gear (helmet, jacket & gloves can be rented at the Service Center. We do not provide pants and boots). We do recommend to bring your own.

Personal travel Insurance. (mandatory for our tours).

All services not mentioned as included and all items of a personal nature

More details

Start/Finish: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Arrival/Departure: Chiang Mai Airport

Duration: 10 days total, 8 riding days

Total riding distance: 1700km

Daily stages: between 180-300km

Terrain/Rest days: 95% Paved, 1 rest day

Weather: Depends on what time of the year you are in, the temperature can drop to around 10°C (50°F) during the cold season night, or can go as high as 40°C (104°F) during the summer day. Below is the average temperatures and chance of rain for Northern Thailand and its neighboring countries.

Northern Thailand, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam: 10-30°C (50-86°F), Chance of Rain 0-20% during October to March 23-36°C (73-97°F), Chance of Rain 30-80% during April to September

Riding gear: We can provide you a helmet and riding jacket with a surcharge of USD 10.- per day for each item. However we do suggest you bring your own riding gear for the tour if possible, since they will suit you better.

Languages: Our tour guides and Road Captains are all bilingual. Besides Thai and English some of us speak German, Scandinavian, Slovenian etc. Upon request we can provide tour guides speaking other languages. When we have a group from a specific country, we will, upon request, ensure that one of our staff speaks that language

Group size: We strive to offer the best possible individual guest service and a safe riding environment. Therefore, our groups are relatively small and typically kept to 8 to 10 guest motorcycles plus pillions. Most of our guests prefer groups of this size, where diversity of age, motorcycle experience and interests ignites instant friendships.

Motorcycle Damage & Loss Coverage: We have motorcycle damage & loss coverage. Your motorcycle security deposit amount is your maximum liability limit. This coverage is included in the tour prices for riding in Thailand, while for multi-country tours, we have a waiver program available to obtain the coverage for the riding days outside of Thailand.

Maximum excess for each Motorcycle Type:

Triumph Tiger 660 - USD 1,500

Triumph Tiger 850 - USD 1,700

BMW R1250GS - USD 2,500

Accommodation and meals: accommodations are carefully selected quality hotels and resorts with leisure facilities. Besides, we select quality restaurants serving fresh local delicious cuisines that reflect the character of the area in which we travel. We also strive to cater to our guests preferring vegetarian, western or other food preferences, prior notice required.

Age limit: Minimum age limit for riders is 25 years old. We have no maximum age limit so long as you are in good condition to handle and ride the motorcycle. Pillion passengers should be not less than 15 years of age.

Driving license and riding ability: The customer declares that he/she possess a valid Driving License from their home country and an International Driving License for motorbike over 500 cc (the vehicle) taking part in the tour for the period of travel and has the necessary riding ability, technically, mentally and physically to control such a vehicle booked, safely on the tour route. The customer also declares to have experience of riding motorcycles above 500 cc for at least a total of 10,000 km.

Pillions/Passangers: Our BMW GS motorcycles are made for and equipped for your partner to be very comfortable as a pillion. On Guided Tours, our support vehicle can accompany a few passengers throughout the tour (upon prior request).

Support vehicle/ luggage: There is a support vehicle for transport of the luggage with normally a limit of one medium-sized suitcase/soft bag per guest. All our motorcycles have luggage systems for items such as rain gear and photo/ video equipment etc.