

## 6-day, Golden Triangle & MHS Loop - Self Guided (M-ID: 4658)

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**from \$1,840.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

6 days

12/07/2023 - 12/12/2023 6 days

12/15/2023 - 12/20/2023 6 days

**This 6-day tour in Northern Thailand gives you a chance to ride one of the actual 'bucket list' motorcycle loops (MHS Loop) + The famous region of The Golden Triangle.**

This self-guided motorcycle tour of Thailand provides an outstanding opportunity to experience the uniqueness of Northern Thailand while riding some of the best motorcycling roads anywhere in the world. The roads are mainly rural two lanes, all on tarmac and wind through areas of spectacular mountainous beauty.

Among the highlights is the White Temple outside Chiang Rai. The mountain area of Phu Chi Fa is remote and offers great motorcycle riding. You visit the legendary Golden Triangle at the Mekong River and the main border crossing between Thailand and Myanmar at Mae Sai. Further riding the spectacular roads to Doi Tung and Doi Mae Salong.

After those first exciting days, there are more mountains ahead with its scenic beauty like the road between Mae Taeng, Pai and Mae Hong Son. Here are 1,864 bends or twisties which gives everybody a great opportunity to improve your cornering skills, whatever your level of expertise.

You will visit the Long Neck Women of the Karen Tribe, famous for the brass rings that they wear around their necks. Before returning to Chiang Mai you ride up to the highest mountain in Thailand (Doi Inthanon) at 2,565 meters.

### Highlights:

White Temple Chiang Rai, Phu Chi Fa, Golden Triangle, Mekong River, Mae Sai, Doi Tung, Mae Salong, Road of 1,864 curves, Long Neck Hill Tribe, Highest mountain in Thailand, 2,565 meters, Doi Inthanon

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1 / Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai

Welcome to our service Centre in the morning for a tour briefing, motorcycle & GPS hand over etc. We are at your disposal as of 8 am.

The first day of riding is rather short and easy on your solo motorcycle tour of Thailand. It's a great way for you to get familiar with your motorcycle and the local riding environment. Roads you are riding are in good shape with normally low traffic density. In the morning you start from Chiang Mai and ride northeast on Road 118.

On your way, first, stop at the hot spring, dip your toes in the warm water....., enjoy a coffee, maybe even buy some souvenirs. During the early afternoon when getting close to Chiang Rai you take some back roads to Wat Rong Khun (White Temple), the remarkable temple which is today recognized as one of the main attractions all over Thailand. Park your motorcycle and take a stroll inside the temple. There are plenty of coffee shops around the temple. From the temple, there is a short 30 minutes ride to your hotel downtown Chiang Rai which is the end destination of the day. Take a stroll to the clock tower where you can enjoy a local dinner. Take the opportunity to visit the night market in Chiang Rai. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

(200 km/124 miles)

#### Day 2 / Chiang Rai - Chiang Khong

A great riding day full of beautiful bends, scenery and roads less traveled awaits you.

From Chiang Rai you head in the eastern direction towards the mountain of Phu Chi Fa. Take a coffee break at one of the many villages you pass. Stop at the Phu Sang Waterfall and hot springs, dip your foot and give it a try. From here the road starts to climb up to Phu Chi Fa which is located on the border between Thailand and Laos. It's a great ride up there, scenery is spectacular, and lots of photo opportunities. Road is local and not much traffic, take your time and enjoy your ride. Since Phu Chi Fa is fairly remote, there are not many tourists who make it to this part of Thailand. Enjoy lunch at Sawan Resort, the restaurant's terrace has a great view.

If time permits and weather is clear, ride up to the view point and walk to the cliff on the border to Laos, enjoy the valley in front of you. Descending from Phu Chi Fa towards the mighty Mekong River. Stop at the View Coffee, a beautiful spot. Continue along the Mekong river to Chiang Khong, your end destination for today. Enjoy a sunset drink at the hotel bar overlooking the Mekong River and Laos on the other side. Overnight in Chiang Khong.

#### Day 3 / Chiang Khong -Thaton

This is a great start to the day. Breakfast at the mighty Mekong River. If you wake up early you will most likely experience the mist lifting from the river. There is a walking / cycle path along the riverside.

On your motorcycle and a short ride to the famous Golden Triangle where the rivers form the borders between Thailand , Laos & Myanmar. Ride up the steep road to the Golden Triangle Viewpoint (the sign is a great photo icon) and take in the aerial view of the 'intersection'

Ride back down to the main street and visit the small but interesting Opium Museum (Entrance: 50 THB per person) to learn more about Khun Sa and the opium trade in the past. The Pier is within walking distance.

From here a short ride to the charming lunch restaurant (Ban Kid Ngern) amongst the fields.

Continue to Mae Sai, the main border crossing between Thailand and Myanmar. Mae Sai is also the most northern part of Thailand. Ride the narrow and windy road up to Doi Tung. This is a military road, snaking its way along the Thai – Burma border. There are some steep and narrow switch backs, be careful. Stop at the view point platform, which is a military post, enjoy a coffee and the spectacular view of Myanmar in front of you. From Doi Tung, continue over the mountains towards Mae Salong now descending on yet more amazingly twisty mountainous roads. Doi Mae Salong is a Chinese settlement which 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. Make a visit to the Choui Fong Tea Plantation complex and enjoy sampling the many tea varieties while looking over the huge plantations. The last stretch of the day is along gentle hills through rice paddies and farm villages on Road 1089 towards Thaton and your resort. Thaton is a small town on the banks of the Kok River (bordering Myanmar). Enjoy a cold drink and

stretch your legs by the pool. Overnight at Thaton.

#### Day 4 / Thaton - Pai

Another great riding day is ahead of you. From the resort ride couple of kilometres 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 Nr. 107 and have a coffee break at the Hua Luk Royal Project. Lunch can be held at The Nest Resort with a beautiful view at the Limestone Mountains in the back.

At Mae Tang turn right on 1095 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 you reach your hotel stop at an Elephant Camp near Pai. Once in Pai, enjoy the pool at the resort. After the sunset stroll down along the walking street, taste food from the street food stalls or enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants.

#### Note:

Pai is the hippie capital of South East Asia. It's a town full of diversity and contradictions. There are backpackers, tourists with suite cases, people who once came and never left. Mixed from all corners of the earth, all walks of life and age groups. This little town is full of bars with live music. Enjoy this unique stopover on your solo motorcycle tour of Thailand! Overnight in Pai.

(260 km/162 miles)

#### Day 5 / 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.

This is also the second part of the road famous for its 1864 bends of varying sharpness. You pass two mountains with 2 great scenic View Points en route. The journey takes you through some beautiful mountainous scenery. Around mid-day arrive Ban Rak Thai where you have lunch in one of the local Chinese restaurants by the little lake. They serve delicious Chinese specialities. 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, you continue to Mae Hong Son and up the hill to visit the Wat Phrathat Doi Kongmu. From here you have a great view of the city and its surroundings.

Next destination is the pier where you park your motorcycles. You can leave helmets, jackets etc at the ticket office. 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.

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 as the last stop on your solo motorcycle tour of Thailand.

(180 Km/112 miles).

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#### Day 6 / Mae Hong Son - Chiang Mai

In the morning ride the Road 108 from Mae Hong Son to Khun Yuam. It is a great winding road with wide twists. In Khun Yuam visit the local War 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 Coffee Shop and a 7/11 store. From Khun Yuam continue to Mae Chaem on Road 1088 and 1263 on nice twisty back roads. Here is a little local restaurant where you can have lunch. Ride on Road 1192 and turn left on Road 1009 up to the top of Doi Inthanon, which at 2,565 meters is the highest mountain in Thailand. Park your motorcycles and walk up to the absolute peak and the little museum.

Next stop is the Vachiratharn Waterfall - an impressive and powerful 80 m high waterfall. Continue on Road 1009 until reaching the intersection 108. The last 50 km or so, ride on Road 108 until reaching our Service Centre where you end the ride. Kindly arrive at our Service Centre no later than 5 pm, wrapping up your solo motorcycle tour of Thailand.

(300 Km/186 miles).

Countries	Thailand
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	no (self-guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Customer payment protection	yes
* 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.) \$1,840.00

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.) \$1,840.00

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.) \$1,905.00

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.) \$2,170.00

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per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) \$700.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") \$300.00

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Per person rental riding helmet and jacket (Surcharge) \$120.00

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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

5 nights accommodation with breakfast at carefully selected quality hotels and resort with leisure facilities

Transfers in Chiang Mai

Late-model Motorcycle rental included 300 km / day, (additional km USD 0,5 / km)

Motorcycle Damage and Loss Coverage (see "More details")

GPS, pre-programmed day by day itinerary

Introductory itinerary briefing by an experienced tour guide

Comprehensive tour script, detailed day-by-day itinerary, tips of activities and highlights en route, a hotel list and important contacts

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

Tools & tire repair kits

## **Not included**

Flights

Hotel nights in Chiang Mai (pre and post-tour)

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: 6 riding days

Total riding distance: 1400km

Daily stages: between 180 - 300km

Terrain: 95% Paved

Rest days: 0

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.

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).

Dates: Choose your own desired Tour dates – all year round

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