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SOOT SANUK SILVER TOUR / EXPLORE THE NORTH 7 DAY/6 NIGHTS

Departure : Weekly - Monday (Starting Chiang Mai ending Chiang Rai)

Day 1 (Monday)

Chiang Mai-Pai

Arrive at Chiang Mai Airport by TG 102. Meet at Chiang Mai Airport and drive to Pai, a small district of Mae Hong Son Province, it's a places of great peace and charming natural surroundings. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant. Arrive at Pai, check-in to Pai Hotspring Spa Resort.

Take a short rest at the resort, you may plunge yourself in the resort's mineral hot spring pool, or have a Thai massage (own expense), or just sit back and enjoy the fresh and beautiful view of the mountains and the Pai River. Late afternoon, explore the beauty & charms of Pai. Visit to some of the Burmese style temples i.e. Wat Phra That Mae Yen, located on a hill from where you can overlook the whole Pai, Wat Nam Hu, contains a sacred Chiang Saen Buddha image before sunset we visit Kongland (Pai Canyon), the best scenic point where you will hopefully see a stunning sunset over Pai.

Afterwards, visit Pai Night Market, this market is from the hill tribes and local Thai people. Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant. Then return to your hotel. (L/D) *Accommodation: Pai Hotspring Hotel or similar*

Day 2 (Tuesday)

Pai – Mae Hong Son - Pai

After breakfast, we will drive to Mae Hong Son with a stop enroute at "Tham Plaa" or Fish Cave. Next to the cave is a pool burbling from a subterranean stream. The pool holds fish up to 1 metre long you can feed them with bread. Continue on to Mae Hong Son, visit Wat Phrathad Doi Kongmoo, the hilltop temple, it offers a wonderful view of the city and surrounding mountains and valleys. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

After lunch, take a 1 hour elephant trekking through the jungle. Then take a boat trip along the scenic Pai River, follow by a visit to the Padong Long-necked hilltribe village. Afterwards, drive back to Pai, with some stops at viewpoints enroute. Dinner will be provided at the hotel. (B/L/D) *Accommodation : Pai Hotsping Hotel or similar*

Day 3 (Wednesday)

Pai-Chiang Mai

After breakfast, early drive from Pai to Chiang Dao Elephant Camp. Enjoy watching the elephants and their 'mahouts'. Drive back to Chiang Mai, with a stop at an Orchid and Butterfly Farm in Mae Sa. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will be transferred to the Empress Hotel. Afternoon, at your leisure.

Enjoy an evening out by at a traditional Khantoke Dinner, see Northern Thai. Folk dancing and performances of different hilltribes, in their natural, colourful costumes; each tribe differs in costumes, dialects and superstitions.(B/L/D)

Accommodation: Empress Hotel or Chiangmai Orchid Hotel

Day 4 (Thursday)

Chiang Mai

A.M. Drive up Doi (Mount) Suthep to visit Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep (A.D.1384) 3500 feet above sea-level, the most sacred temple in Northern Thailand, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha, with a challenging flight of over 300 steps, flanked by enormous mythological Nagas. A panoramic view of the city can be seen from here at 3,500 feet above sea-level. Local lunch will be provided.

P.M. Visit Sunkampaeng, with its Thai Silk and cotton looms' Bo Sarng, the paper and umbrella making village; the Celadon kilns, with its exquisite, traditional high-fired stoneware; lacquerware, teak wood carving, jewellery and silverware factories. This tour shows you how Chiang Mai craftsmen produce their crafts by hand from the first stage until the finish and gives you an idea of what there is to buy and take home as souvenirs from Chiang Mai. (B/L/D) *Accommodation: Empress Hotel or Chiangmai Orchid Hotel*

Day 5 (Friday)

Chiang Mai-Chiang Rai

Drive north towards Chiang Rai through splendid mountain scenery and tropical jungle. On the way, we make a brief stop at Mae Ka Chan hot spring and Wat Rong Khun (White Temple), different to any other temple you are likely to see in Thailand. A lifetime project of artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, the temple has a fine blend of traditional Buddhist art with contemporary themes.

Arriving at Chiang Rai around noon in time for lunch. After lunch continue to Mae Chan to visit a Yao and an Akha hilltribe village. Then transfer to your hotel. (B/L/D) *Accommodation: Imperial Golden Triangle or similar*

Day 6 (Saturday)

Golden Triangle-Mae Sai

Tour to Mae Sai, Thai/Burma trading border, which is a bustling marketplace for Burmese & Laos handicrafts and products. Drive on to Chiang Saen (A.D.1260) on the steep banks of Mekhong river, opposite to Laos, to visit some ancient temples and ruins. Lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we continue on to the Golden Triangle area, where the borders of Thailand-Burma-Laos convene. (B/L/D) *Accommodation: Imperial Golden Triangle or similar*

Day 7 (Sunday)

Chiang Rai - Bangkok

Morning at leisure. Transfer from Imperial Golden Triangle Hotel to Chiang Rai Airport (B)

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