



Northern Thailand is a refreshing, peaceful escape from the frenetic pace of Bangkok. As well as offering an insight into Thailand's colourful culture, this region also boasts beautiful picturesque scenery: cool mountains, misty valleys, tropical jungle and lush green fields.

Chiang Mai is a good introduction to the area and is easily reached from Bangkok by air (1 hour flight). A relaxed city, Chiang Mai has plenty to do. The city is home to a host of ornate Buddhist temples. The most visited of these is Wat Doi Suthep, situated in the hills just outside the city and reached by 290 steps or funicular lift.

The stunning views over Chiang Mai are well worth the trip to the top.

If you have time it's well worth travelling further north to Chiang Rai and Mae Hong Son, into the heart of the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. Situated on the banks of the Mae Kok River, Chiang Rai is the ideal base for visiting the surrounding tribal villages and taking a long tail boat trip down the river. Close to the Burmese border, Mae Hong Son is a sleepy market town home to many hill tribes including the long neck (Padong) Karen tribe where women wear brass rings to elongate their necks.

NORTHERN THAILAND

RURAL, REFRESHING & RELAXING



AMARI RINCOME CHIANG MAI



Located close to the city and surrounded by designer boutiques and art galleries, the Amari Rincome is ideally situated for exploring and for day trips into the northern highlands. This peaceful retreat offers great service and hospitality, with a wide variety of facilities.

Accommodation & Facilities

153 rooms and 4 suites. Standard rooms feature satellite TV, private bathroom, mini-bar, telephone, air-conditioning, balcony, wireless Internet connection, tea/coffee making facilities. Deluxe rooms are slightly larger and have all been renovated and feature DVD player. 2 swimming pools • tennis courts • basketball court • Thai massage • Italian restaurant • 'Lanna Terrace' all day dining restaurant • lobby bar • pool bar • business services • currency exchange • laundry service • baby sitter • shopping arcade • shuttle bus to night market • beauty salon.

Average Transfer Time
15 minutes.

**Prices from
£855 pp for 3 nights**

TOURS

NORTHERN THAILAND 5 days/4 nights **£478 pp**

1nt Phitsanuloke, 2nts Chiang Mai, 1nt Chiang Rai

Day 1 (L/D) Leave Bangkok and visit Ayuthaya before continuing to Uthai Thani for lunch. Afterwards travel to Phitsanuloke then dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Topland Hotel, Phitsanuloke

Day 2 (B/L/D) Visit Sukothai Historical Park to see the ruins. After lunch travel to Chiang Mai and in the evening, dinner and opportunity to visit the Night Bazaar. Overnight: Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai

Day 3 (B/L/D) Drive to Doi Suthep to visit the White Hmong people and village. Visit the hilltop temple of Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep and after lunch visit the district of Sankampaeng, home of many handicraft industries. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai

Day 4 (B/L/D) Visit the Orchid Farm and an elephant camp, with OPTIONAL elephant riding and river rafting. Drive to Chiang Rai via Wiang Pa Pao, with stop en-route for lunch. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Wiang Inn Hotel, Chiang Rai

Day 5 (B/L/D) Drive to Mae Sai, Thailand's northernmost town. Visit the market before traveling on to the Golden Triangle, where rivers meet and enjoy views over Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and the Mekong River. OPTIONAL boat trip. After lunch travel transfer to Chiang Rai airport.

THROUGH THE HILLS TO MAE HONG SON 3 days/2 nights **£358 pp**

Day 1 (L/D) From Chiang Mai travel through jungled mountains, via the Pai Valley to Mae Hong Son Province with sightseeing stops and lunch on the way. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Rooks Holiday Hotel, Mae Hong Son

Day 2 (B/L/D) Ride elephants through the jungle before visiting the 'Long Neck' Karen Padaung Village. The women wear brass coils round their necks and legs. Have lunch before taking a boat trip on Pai River, then head back to Mae Hong Son. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Rooks Holiday Hotel, Mae Hong Son

Day 3 (B) Visit the early morning fresh market, the Burmese Temples on the lakeside then drive up to Wat Phra Dhat Doi Kongmoo on the mountain top. Fly back from Mae Hong Son back to Chiang Mai.