CHIANG MAI – MAE HONG SORN – PAI DISCOVERY TOUR

(4 Days/ 3 Nights) (TOUR CODE CMP 4D3N)

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ITINERARY:

DAY 1

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As an alternative to the elephant and ox-cart rides, continue from Mae Malai market to the Doi Chiang Dao Cave, located 70 kilometres north of Chiang Mai city, en route to Fang. Mount Chiang Dao is Thailand's third highest peak, rising to 2,175 metres. This huge limestone mountain is penetrated by a 14-kilometre network of pitch dark caverns and underground passages. It is lit for one kilometre to allow safe and enjoyable exploration by visitors. The remainder is only accessible and safe with a licensed guide.

Lunch at the local restaurant before boarding an inflatable rubber raft to shoot the white water rapids. Depending on the season the exciting journey lasts about one hour. This ride combines very enjoyable soft adventure with some spectacular views and lovely riverine vistas. Continue by four-wheel drive to Ban Pang Hai, a simple Thai village 850 metres above sea level. Check in at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for one night. During dinner in the cool mountain air, enjoy barbecued meats, different Thai dishes, salad, pasta, fruits and desserts. To follow, a number of Hmong cultural presentations provide an entertaining and interesting finale to the evening.

DAY 2

After breakfast, depart on a full day excursion to Mae Hong Sorn via Kalayani Watana (Wat Chan). The scenic journey takes you through rolling terrain and countless steep hills. In some areas the road cuts through forests, passing simple local people and several hilltribe villages. A brief stop made at the Luang Mae Saab Cave. On arrival at Wat Chan, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In this area, the tourist will find the largest pine forest in Thailand. Visit Wat Chan Temple, the highlight is the chapel of teak, Rayban Glasses and Buddha stupa pagoda. The tourist can wander and explore the nature around the Ban Wat Chan Royal Project, enjoy the scenic Merkus pine forest and winter flowers. Then can learn the simple lifestyle of Pakakayor. They still live simply here, doing most things by hand, including pounding rice and weaving beautiful fabrics.

On arrival at Mae Hong Sorn if time permits, visit Wat Phra Thart Doi Kong Moo for a panoramic view of the city and the surrounding landscape. Proceed to Wat Jong Kham and Wat Jong Klang, two of the most beautiful old Burmese-style temples. Check in at Imperial Hotel for overnight, and enjoy dinner at the long-established Bai Fern Restaurant to sample the tastes of Thai and local dishes.

DAY 3

Visit the early morning market to watch local people making merit by offering alms to the monks. See farmers and hilltribe folk bringing in their produce to sell. Some live very far away and have to leave their farm before dawn for the long walk to town. Return to the hotel and relish a hearty breakfast.

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and enjoy a morning river trip by local boat. After about 45 minutes, reach Ban Nam Pieng Din home to the Kayan Lahwi (Padaung) people, best known for the 'long neck' women with their extraordinary brass coils. A brief stop is made at the interesting Phu Klon Country club, known for the healing qualities of its hot springs and mineral-rich mud which form the base of beauty treatments and therapies. Lunch at the local restaurant and continue to visit the impressive 1.7 km long Lod Cave. This is traversed end-to end by the Nam Lang River, and filled with stalactites and stalagmites. Check in at Pai Hot Springs Spa Resort for dinner and overnight. For those who wish to explore the lively nightlife of Pai, there is a walking street nearby.

DAY 4

After breakfast, tour the small town of Pai. Visit the sacred temple of Wat Nam Hoo where water accumulates in the hollow head of the principal Buddha image, Luang Por Oon Mueng. This water is widely believed to be sacred, and capable of curing many illnesses. Continue to the picturesque temple of Wat Hua Na, and the refreshingly cool Mor Pang Waterfall. End the morning tour at the Tha Pai Hot Springs, and close by, see the famous Iron Bridge said to have been constructed by Japanese troops during World War II. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, check out from hotel and depart for Chiang Mai.

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INCLUSION:

- Transfer and tours by an off-road vehicle or similar
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee
- Elephant Riding, Ox-cart riding and White Water Rafting
- Meals as specified in the programme
- 3 nights accommodation
- Service charge and VAT
- Boat trip on Pai River and Bamboo Rafting at Lod Cave

EXCLUSION :

- Other meals not mentioned in the programme
- Expenditure of a personal nature

SELLING PRICE: (MINIMUM 2 PAX)

TYPE OF ROOM	PER PERSON
Hmong House (standard)	THB 29,800
Hmong Superior House	THB 32,100
Hmong Deluxe House	THB 34,100
Single Surcharge : THB 3,500per peron	

HMONG SOFT ADVENTURE TOUR II (TOUR CODE HA101A)

(2 Days/ 1 Night)

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ITINERARY :

DAY 1

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Lunch at the local restaurant before boarding an inflatable rubber raft to shoot the white water rapids. Depending on the season the exciting journey lasts about one hour. This ride combines very enjoyable soft adventure with some spectacular views and lovely riverine vistas. Continue to Ban Pang Hai, a simple Thai village 850 metres above sea level. Check in at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for one night. During dinner in the cool mountain air, enjoy barbecued meats, different Thai dishes, salad, pasta, fruits and desserts. To follow, a number of Hmong cultural presentations provide an entertaining and interesting finale to the evening.

DAY 2

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After breakfast, drive to the small village of Ban Mae Pa. From here, ride mountain bikes on dirt roads to reach Ban Palan and visit a small village reservoir. Continue to Ban Pong Kwaw to see an ancient temple, home to some beautiful wall paintings.

Enjoy a picnic lunch and proceed to the Royal Project at Ban Nong Hoi Kao. Observe how the hill people are taught to cultivate vegetables and flowers, instead of growing opium poppies as they did previously. This commendable project also buys product from the hilltribes for sale in their shops. Spend an interesting time admiring the work done here before returning to Chiang Mai hotels in the late afternoon.

INCLUSION:

- Transfer and tours by an off-road vehicle or similar
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee
- Meals as specified in the program
- 1 night accommodation in non-air-conditioned room with hot-cold shower at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge
- Service charge and VAT

EXCLUSION:

- Other meals not mentioned in the program
- Expenditure of a personal nature

SELLING PRICE: (JOINT PACKAGE TOUR): (MINIMUM 2 PAX)

- <u>Hmong House (standard room)</u>
 - THB 11,650. per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-
- Hmong Superior House
 - THB 12,300.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-
- Hmong Deluxe House
 - THB 13,500.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-

(2 Days/ 1 night)

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The highlights include watching the elephants taking their daily bath in the stream before hauling timbers; observing the Royal Project where hill people are taught to cultivate vegetables and flowers, and visiting Chiang Mai's most famous handicraft village of Ban Tawai in Hang Dong.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1

Pickup from hotels, airport, railway station or bus terminal and depart Chiang Mai in an off-road vehicle. Visit the hilltribe museum (closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) to learn about the hill people in Thailand and the fascinating origins of the seven ethnic groups. They consist of the Hmong, the Yao, the Lisu, the Akha, the black and red Musers and the Karen. Proceed to visit the orchid farm to see the flower of elegance. Continue to the elephant camp in Mae Rim to watch the elephants taking their daily bath in the stream before hauling timbers and painting. You will be amazed by their strength and the team work.

Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and proceed to Hmong Village of Ban Nong Hoi Kao. Observe how the hill people are taught to cultivate vegetables and flowers, instead of growing opium poppies as they did previously. This commendable project also buys produce from the hilltribes for sale in their shops. Spend an interesting time admiring the work done here before continuing to Hmong Village of Ban Nong Hoi Mai and Hmong Village of Ban Mae Khi. Check in at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for overnight. During dinner in the cool mountain air, enjoy barbecued meats, different Thai dishes, salad, pasta, fruits and desserts. To follow, a number of Hmong cultural presentations provide an entertaining and interesting finale to the evening.

DAY 2

After breakfast, explore the area around Hmong Hilltribe Lodge by leisurely trek through the rainforest and vegetable farms to the Hmong Village of Ban Mae Khi. Afterwards, check out from the lodge and drive to Hang Dong en route to Samoeng. On the way, stop at Suan Kularb (Rose Garden) of Royal Project for lunch. Continue to Ban Tawai, Chiang Mai's most famous handicraft Centre. Observe the local handicraftsmen and women at work. Return to Chiang Mai and transfer back to your hotel.

INCLUSION:

- Transfers and tours by an off road vehicle or similar
- English-speaking guide
- Baggage handling
- Entrance fees
- Meals as specified in the program (fullboard)
- Accommodation in non-air-conditioned room with hot/cold shower at the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge
- Service charges and VAT.

EXCLUSION:

- Other meals than mentioned in the program
- Optional tours
- Expenditures of a personal nature.

NOTE:

- A minimum of 2 persons is required to operate
- Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on road conditions and availability of rooms.
- Should there be any rejection of meals or sightseeing tours from the clients; it cannot be claimed as a reason to be deducted from package tour price from our company, no matter partially or as a whole.

SELLING PRICE: (JOINT PACKAGE TOUR) : (MINIMUM 2 PERSON)

- <u>Hmong House (Standard room)</u>
 - THB 9,100.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-
- Hmong Superior House
 - THB 9,800.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-
- <u>Hmong Deluxe House</u>
 - THB 11,000.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 1,000.-

HMONG SOFT ADVENTURE III (TOUR CODE HA102)

(3 Days/ 2 Nights)

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ITINERARY :

DAY 1

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DAY 2

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After breakfast, drive to the small village of Ban Mae Pa. From here, ride mountain bikes on dirt roads to reach Ban Palan and visit a small village reservoir. Continue to Ban Pong Kwaw to see an ancient temple, home to some beautiful wall paintings.

Enjoy a picnic lunch and proceed to Hmong Village of Baan Mae Khi. A brief stop is made here, visit the shaman's house and learn about various spirits they believe to exist around them before taking a

leisurely trek through the forest and vegetable farms to the Village of Ban Pang Hai. This provides contrasting images of village life by day, and in the late afternoon, the return of weary workers from the surrounding fields. Return to Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3

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After breakfast, check out from the Lodge and drive to the Royal Project at Ban Nong Hoi Kao. Observe how the hill people are taught to cultivate vegetables and flowers, instead of growing opium poppies as they did previously. This commendable project also buys product from the hilltribes for sale in their shops. Spend an interesting time admiring the work done here before continuing to admire the fascinating plants at Queen Sirikit's Botanical Garden and orchid farm.

Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and continue to visit the snake farm and the interesting 'Elephant Poopoopaper Park' to watch how paper is cleverly made from the fibrous droppings of our jumbo friends. Return to Chiang Mai in the late afternoon.

INCLUSION :

- Transfer and tours by an off-road vehicle or similar
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee
- Meals as specified in the programme
- 2 nights accommodation in non air-conditioned room with hot-cold shower at the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge
- Service charge and VAT

EXCLUSION :

- Other meals not mentioned in the programme
- Expenditure of a personal nature

SELLING PRICE: (JOINT PACKAGE TOUR): (MINIMUM 2 PAX)

- JOINT TOUR: (Hmong House (standard room)
 - THB 16,400. per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 2,000.-
- JOINT TOUR: (Hmong Superior House)
 - THB 17,100.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 2,000.-
- JOINT TOUR: (Hmong Deluxe House)
 - o THB 18,200.- per person sharing twin | Single surcharge THB 2,000.-

THE MAGNIFICENT TOUR OF CHIANG MAI - PAI - MAE HONG SORN - MAE SARIANG

(5 Days/ 4 Nights) (TOUR CODE CPMM 5D4N)

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DAY 3

After breakfast, drive to Mae Hong Sorn and visit the impressive 1.7 km long Lod Cave on the way. This is traversed end to the Nam Lang River, and filled with stalactites and stalagmites. On arrival at Mae Hong Sorn, visit Wat Phra Thart Doi Kong Moo for a panoramic view of the city and the surrounding landscapes. Proceed to Wat Jong Kham and Wat Jong Klang, two of the most beautiful old Burmese-style temples. Check in at Imperial Hotel for overnight, and enjoy dinner at the long-established Bai Fern Restaurant to sample the tastes of Thai and local dished.

DAY 4

Visit the early morning market to watch local people making merit by offering alms to the monks. See farmers and hilltribe folk bringing in their produce to sell. Some live very far away and have to leave their farm before dawn for the long walk to town. Return to the hotel and relish a hearty breakfast.

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DAY 5

After breakfast, tour the city of Mae Sariang and depart on a full day excursion to Chiang Mai via Hod. On the way, visit Ob-Luang National Park and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Upon arrival at Chiang Mai, a stop is made at the wood carving village of Ban Tawai before transferring to your hotel, airport or bus terminal.

INCLUSION :

- Transfer and tours by an off-road vehicle or similar
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee
- Elephant Riding, Ox-cart riding and White Water Rafting
- Meals as specified in the programme
- 4 nights accommodation
- Service charge and VAT
- Boat trip on Pai River and Bamboo Rafting at Lod Cave

EXCLUSION :

- Other meals not mentioned in the programme
- Expenditure of a personal nature

SELLING PRICE: (MINIMUM 2 PAX)

TYPE OF ROOM	Per person
Hmong House (standard)	THB 37,600
Hmong Superior House	THB 40,700
Hmong Deluxe House	THB 43,300
Single Surcharge : THB 4,700per peron	