

Tour 1) Mae Takrai 4wd tour

The tour has been specifically designed for guests of Lanna Hill House to experience the culture of the local area. The tour is a full day for up to 7 guests using a four wheel drive vehicle. Some of the roads are uncovered dirt tracks and guests are welcome to drive if they like (there is very little traffic on the tour). The tour incorporates some flexibility, so that it can be modified according to group requirements.

The cost per group is between 4,000 bht and 5,000 bht depending on the group size. This includes lunch, soft drinks and all tour costs.

Itinerary

- Pick up from Lanna Hill House after breakfast
- Drive from the house around the local villages and farmland stopping off at one of the local markets. The main local markets are on Tuesday or Friday, so we would encourage guests to book the tour on one of these days. The scenery is extremely picturesque.
- Visit to a local temple. There are many temples within the local vicinity and the tour can be modified to include more than one temple visit. If guests would like to make an offering to the monks "Tam boon", then they are welcome to do so.
- Mountain drive through Mae Takrai national park. This park is rarely visited by tourists, making for a peaceful drive through the Thai countryside.
- Once over the hump of the mountain the road sinks into a valley rarely visited by tourists. The Karen hill tribe village of Baan Bangua can be found here. Traditional dress is still worn by the residents but they have largely assimilated successfully into Thai life assisted by the King's project, which pays a premium for organic agricultural produce cultivated by the villagers.

We would emphasise that the village has no formal tourist attractions so guests are reliant on their own observations and questions in order to make the most of their visit. It may be possible to try Karen food prepared by the villagers and try locally grown fruits. You can almost guarantee great photos.

- Following the village visit, there is a drive through the national park. Part of the road is dirt track and guests are welcome to self drive if they wish. There will be a lunch stop at a viewpoint overlooking the Mae-on valley with a Thai picnic. There is an option to take a detour to a small forest village, where guests can walk around and observe village life (there are no tourist facilities but it might be possible to interact with the locals). There is also a waterfall 800m from the road should guests request a walk. The national park drive is fairly long and can be very bumpy. If guests prefer they can come back on the main road.
- After the drive through the national park there is a visit to the San Kampaeng hot springs. Essentially a Thai tourist attraction there is the opportunity to bath in the hot spring waters, see geysers and even boil an egg!
- Return to Lanna Hill House for dinner. Any vegetables and fruit acquired on the trip can be included in the dinner menu.



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Tour 2) Chiang Dao Tour - Majestic Mountains and a Bamboo Tree House

This tour will allow you to discover a remote mountain village in the majestic Chiang Dao mountain range, 1.5 hours drive from Lanna Hill House as well as enjoy lunch at a beautiful tree house, overlooking tropical forests and a flowing mountain river. You will also get the opportunity to explore one of North Thailand's largest cave networks at Chiang Dao cave, which involves a guided walk, using only a gas powered lantern. During the tour you will encounter many impressive rock formations as well as learn about the fascinating history of the cave.

This tour provides the perfect balance of both culture and nature in an unspoilt part of Chiang Mai province. It is perfect for all ages and can be tailored to suit the clients needs and wishes.

The cost per group is between 5,000 – 6,000THB, depending on the group size. This includes lunch at the tree house, all activities mentioned above as well as local guides and roundtrip transportation in a 4x4.

Itinerary

- Pick up from Lanna Hill House after breakfast.
- En-route to Chiang Dao you will get the opportunity to visit Mae Ping elephant camp and enjoy a 1 hour elephant ride, which will take you alongside and across the Ping river and into the surrounding forests.
- Arrival at the tree house, in the foothills of the Chiang Dao mountain range, meet the owners and then set-off on a tour of the local village as well as visit the local school.

- Return back to the Tree House for lunch on the veranda.
- After lunch you have the option of a 1-2 hr jungle trek - a choice of either easy or moderate/difficult routes. If you don't want to trek then we will depart and continue on to the Chiang Dao caves.
- Enjoy a 45 mins walk through the cave network – you will be guided through the cave by a local volunteer who will take you along a route that incorporates three different chambers each with their own unique rock formations and family of bats!
- After the caves transfer back to Lanna Hill House.
- On return to Lanna Hill House you have the option of visiting the local cottage industries at San Kampaeng, where you can visit teak wood carving, silk and jewellery factories – learning about how these products are made as well as being able to purchase them.

Important Information

For each of the above tours you will need the following:

- Good pair of walking shoes/boots.
- Sun protection e.g. sunscreen and hat
- Mosquito/insect spray
- Light fitting trousers for the trek at the tree house
- Swimming costume for the hot springs
- And most importantly a camera

For more info and to make a reservation please contact Alex on either email: alex@orientexplorer.com or phone +66 (0) 86 272 8546



The tree house



Lunch on the veranda at the tree house



A natural setting in Mae Takrai NP



The geysers at the hot springs



Visiting the local School



4X4 driving in Mare Takrai NP



Enjoying the pool at the hot springs