

# Thailand Northern Cultural — Chiang Mai & Hill Tribes

8-day immersion — Bangkok temples, Chiang Mai's old city, ethical elephant sanctuary, hill tribes.

Duration	8 Days · 7 Nights
Country	Thailand
Locations	Bangkok, Chiang Mai
From (USD)	\$1025 per person
Difficulty	Easy
Max group	12

## Overview

Beyond beaches — explore Thailand's deep north. Bangkok's Grand Palace, then fly to Chiang Mai for old-city temples, an ETHICAL no-ride elephant sanctuary, a hill-tribe homestay, and a Lanna-style cooking class.

## Highlights

- Bangkok Grand Palace + Wat Pho
- Chiang Mai old-city temples
- ETHICAL no-ride elephant sanctuary (Elephant Nature Park)
- Hill-tribe homestay (Karen / Hmong)
- Khantoke Lanna dinner + traditional dance
- Traditional cooking class

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 — Arrive Bangkok

Welcome.

**Stay:** Mandarin Oriental Bangkok | **Meals:** Cruise dinner | **Transfer:** Airport pickup | **Distance:** 30 km

### Day 2 — Bangkok temples

Grand Palace, Wat Pho (reclining Buddha), Wat Arun, Chinatown food tour.

**Stay:** Mandarin Oriental | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Boat + sedan | **Distance:** City

### Day 3 — Bangkok → Chiang Mai

Flight north. Old-city walking tour.

**Stay:** 137 Pillars House Chiang Mai | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Flight | **Distance:** Air

### Day 4 — Elephant sanctuary day

Full-day at Elephant Nature Park — no riding, no shows, only observation, feeding, river-bath.

**Stay:** 137 Pillars House | **Meals:** Breakfast + lunch at sanctuary | **Transfer:** Van | **Distance:** Day trip

### Day 5 — Cooking class + Doi Suthep

Morning Lanna cooking class (you make 5 dishes). Afternoon Doi Suthep temple sunset.

**Stay:** 137 Pillars House | **Meals:** Cooking-class lunch | **Transfer:** Sedan | **Distance:** Local

### Day 6 — Chiang Mai → Hill Tribe homestay

Drive to Karen village. Bamboo raft + village walk. Homestay night.

**Stay:** Karen homestay | **Meals:** Village lunch + dinner | **Transfer:** Sedan + walking | **Distance:** Chiang Mai → village · 80 km

### Day 7 — Hill tribe → Chiang Mai

Morning village walk. Return Chiang Mai. Evening Khantoke Lanna dinner with traditional dance.

**Stay:** 137 Pillars House | **Meals:** Khantoke dinner | **Transfer:** Sedan | **Distance:** —

### Day 8 — Chiang Mai → Departure

Flight to Bangkok / onward.

**Stay:** — | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Airport | **Distance:** —

## Inclusions

- ✓ 5★ Bangkok + boutique Chiang Mai + 1 night homestay
- ✓ Domestic flight
- ✓ Elephant Nature Park full day
- ✓ Cooking class + Khantoke dinner
- ✓ All transfers + guides

## Exclusions

- X International flights
- X Thai visa-on-arrival
- X Most lunches & dinners
- X Tips