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Chiang Mai Mountain Challenge

Tour ID: E

This Chiang Mai cycling tour is a thrilling adventure in the mountains of Northern Thailand! The excellent roads make every altitude difference a pleasure. After every climb, prepare to be awe-struck by breathtaking mountain scenery. We will also encounter mystical hill tribes along the way.

This trip will take you to several of Chiang Mai's cycling monuments: Doi Suthep, Samoeng Loop, Mae Hong Song Loop, and finally Doi Inthanon National Park are on the bucket lists of many. If you are a fan of Alpine passes, this Chiang Mai cycling tour is perfect for you!

**11 days | 10 nights | 8 stages from 28 to 143 km | Total 783 km | Total ascent 14,000 m
Rest day in Pai.**





Chiang Mai – the Rose of the North is located about 700 km northwest of Bangkok and is surrounded by jungle-covered mountains that rise up to 1,500 m. In Northern Thailand, a Mediterranean climate prevails, resulting in an outstanding richness of vegetation. Several unique species of orchids and roses can be found here, as well as strawberries and numerous tropical fruits. It is Thailand's second city, and features over one hundred temples and pagodas within a delightful walled old town. This ancient trading stronghold is considered the centre of many sophisticated arts & crafts including woodcarving, silk weaving, embroidery, silver jewellery, furniture, pottery, and many more. In its world-famous night market, these objects d'art are displayed on the streets after sunset. Chiang Mai is an ideal starting point for our biking tour across the fascinating Northern Thailand.

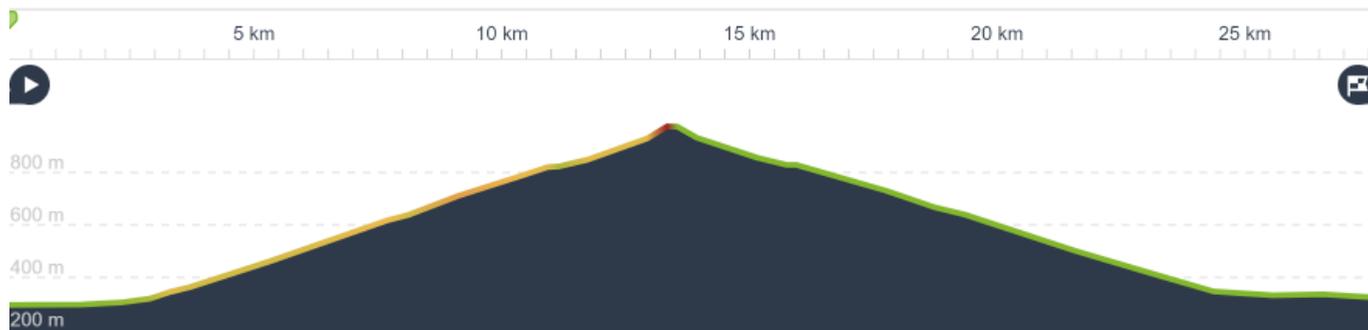
Day 1 **Chiang Mai**

Individual arrival and transfer to the hotel, where we will meet and spend the next three nights. In the evening we will gather for a welcome and orientation in the hotel. You will receive all information regarding the tour and learn some interesting trivia about our host country. We will also hand out the Siam Bike Tours jerseys to all participants.

Day 2 **1st Stage, Doi Suthep Mountain & Prologue** *28 km | 700 m ascent | B included*

In the morning we take an optional excursion by bus to the famous Doi Suthep temple, which overlooks the city from an altitude of 1,056 masl. Then we visit various art workshops that give insights into the production of silk, paper umbrellas and lacquer work.

In the afternoon we will return to Doi Suthep again, however this time on our bikes. It is the first of a several classic Chiang Mai rides we will be doing. With it's 11 km steady climb of an average 6% flanked by trees that offer a pleasant shadow it is the ideal warm up stage.

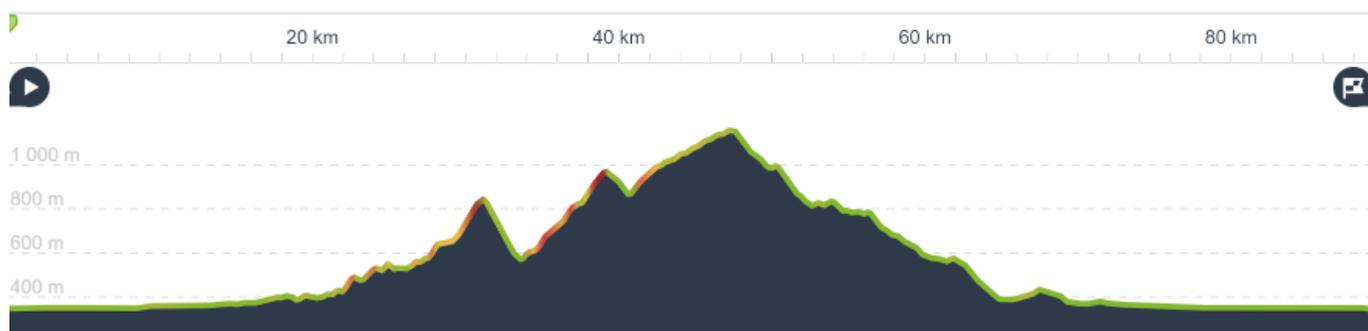


In the evening we take the opportunity to visit the night market or simply enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of Nimmanhaemin, the cool bohemian quarter with its numerous restaurants and cafés in which our hotel is located. **B incl.**

Day 3

2nd stage, Samoeng Loop = 89 km, 1,460 m ascent

A classic of the local cycling scene. After twenty flat kilometers the road gradually begins to rise. The winding road leads us past rice fields, plantations and mountain villages. We cycle through forest areas and great mountain landscapes to the highest point of the stage at 1,150 meters above sea level. After the long descent through the Mae Sa Valley, we ride from Mae Rim along Canal Road back to our hotel. **B | L incl.**



Day 4

3rd stage, Chiang Mai – Pai = 127 km, 2,060 m ascent

The initial 40 km take us on almost flat roads along rice fields, constantly moving towards the mountains. We tackle four longer inclines with 220 to 400 meters ascent each. The winding road takes us across mountainous, jungle-covered landscapes, and through traditional villages. The highest pass lies at an elevation of 1,439 m. Our stage ends in the small town of Pai, set in a picturesque Alpine valley. **B | L incl.**



Day 5

Rest day in Pai

Pai is the perfect place for a day of relaxation. This cozy little town, located in a high valley, is well known for its laid-back atmosphere and music scene. The rest day offers you the opportunity to relax and take a massage by the hotel pool. Adventure seeking cyclists may prefer river rafting or a trekking tour. **B incl.**



Day 6

4th stage, Pai – Mae Hong Son = 115 km, 2,700 m ascent

A real challenge, but a spectacularly beautiful stage. As you exit Pai, the road climbs to the first pass at 1,443 meters above sea level, where we are rewarded with a wonderful view of the mountain landscape. We master further climbs, past plantations and mountain villages to the stage destination in Mae Hong Son on the Burmese border. Mae Hong Son is known for its variety of hill tribes, including the Meo, Lawa and the famous long-necked Karen. We will stay in a wonderful remote resort outside the city. **B | L incl.**



Day 7

5th stage, Mae Hong Son – Khun Yuam = 63 km, 1,070 m ascent

Today's short stage with two longer climbs of two hundred meters vertical each runs through an original, wild mountain landscape. Khun Yuam is a traditional Thai village with a simple village life and friendly residents. **B | D incl.**



Day 8

6th stage, Khun Yuam – Mae Sariang = 97 km, 1,450 m ascent

We ride up and down, through countless curves past plantations through many small villages. Most of the locals here belong to the hill tribes. Our hotel is located directly on the Salawin River which forms the natural border with Burma. **B | L incl.**



Day 9

7th stage, Mae Sariang – Chom Thong = 143 km, 2,270 m ascent

The first long and even incline begins after a few kilometers. After twenty kilometers we reach the top of the pass at 1,210 meters above sea level. On the high plateau, the vegetation and smells of which are sometimes reminiscent of the Mediterranean, a few shorter climbs and descents alternate before we are rewarded with a 10 km descent. Our resort is located almost directly at the entrance to Doi Inthanon National Park. **B | L incl.**



Day 10

8th stage, Chom Thong – Doi Inthanon National Park – Chiang Mai = 120 km, 2,290 m ascent

Another challenge awaits us on our final stage today. We climb on Doi Inthanon road until we reach Khun Khlang Village. There we turn right and - after a coffee break - make our way up to the top of Doi Inthanon National Park at an altitude of 1,700 m. After several descents with one more noticeable climb between them, we reach picturesque Mae Wang Valley. We cross this valley along a mountain river and will finally have a few more flat kilometers back to Chiang Mai.

We look forward to our beautiful five star hotel, in which we have already spent the first three nights. We toast the great tour and our great achievements over dinner together. **B | L | D incl.**



11th day – end of an exciting tour

Extension or continuation of individual journey as one chooses. **B incl.**

Included services

- All overnight accommodations with breakfast
- All meals mentioned: 10 x B = Breakfast | 6 x L = Lunch | 1 x D = Dinner
- All coffee breaks: Iced coffee, delicious hot blended coffee beverages or tea
- Isotonic drinks, cola, water and fresh fruit on all stages
- German or English speaking tour guide
- Team jersey | Team backpack | Team wallet | Drinking bottle 0.75 l
- Accompanying van with possibility to ride along
- Trip to Doi Suthep and Handicraft tour
- National Park fees
- Repair service
- Additional insurance during the tour
- Photos for downloading
- **Full Service** (Bottle refills, refreshing towelettes, storage of helmets and shoes and much more...)

Services NOT included

- Bike rental (we offer a large selection of [Canyon rental bikes](#))
- Transfer to Hotel Chiang Mai, appr. THB 200
- Alcoholic beverages
- Voluntary tips