



Smiling Albino's Thailand Trek & Trail Adventure

Bangkok, Ayutthaya & Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai

Cycling, hiking, paddling,
mountain villas & food galore



Background



This adventure stands out as the ultimate active Thailand adventure. Designed with an eye to style and working-up a serious sweat, you'll truly feel like you accomplished something by the final day. Designed for those with a good level of fitness, who want to see and experience many sides of the kingdom in a short period of time, this trip is it. Things begin with a fun day exploring the teeming metropolis that is Bangkok using multiple modes of transport, enjoying tasty meals and a very comfy hotel. Bike rides combine with stunning hikes and multiple modes of transport, propelling you across the country, each day more exciting than the last. The trip's main course is served in the country's northern provinces, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, the stage for seven days of biking and hiking.

You'll explore charming rural mountain villages along the borders with Myanmar and Laos while propelling yourself point-to-point. Get on-board the ultimate Siamese ride!

Day 1:
Welcome to Thailand!!



Flight: TBA
I Residence Silom

Your Smiling Albino host will be awaiting as your plane touches down in Bangkok, welcoming you to the 'Land of Smiles'. You'll be escorted to your hotel and introduced to the local surroundings.

Sit back, relax, enjoy a swim and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime.



About I Residence Silom

With wood-floored studios and suites in the heart of Silom, I Residence Hotel Silom maintains inexpensive, home-like accommodations in Bangkok. Aside from well-kept, modern rooms, the hotel offers breakfast in an open-air rooftop café, an above-ground pool with urban flair and a small fitness center for guests. Situated just opposite the nearest Skytrain station, I Residence Hotel Silom is eminently convenient for getting around Bangkok, as well as sitting amid numerous restaurants and shops in a lively neighborhood.

**Day 2:
Bangkok Multi Transport
Adventure**



Meals: B, L – local authentic
restaurant
[| Residence Silom](#)

This day is simply incredible! Today we'll tick off five must-see sites, while using all forms of urban transport (tuk-tuk, motorcycle, rapid train and boats) in a citywide blitz of temples, alleyways, rivers, canals and fine eats to give you a true appreciation of the 'City of Angels'.

Today you'll see the Golden Mount, the stunning Grand Palace, Wat Po (reclining Buddha), Wat Arun and the urban-canals of Bangkok Noi, to name but a few of our stops. Not only can you tick Bangkok off your list, but you'll do it in swinging style!

Day 3:
Ancient Ayutthaya -
Biking (08:00 A.M. –
16:00 P.M.) and fly to
Chiang Mai



Riding: 10km/ 6 miles (paved roads)

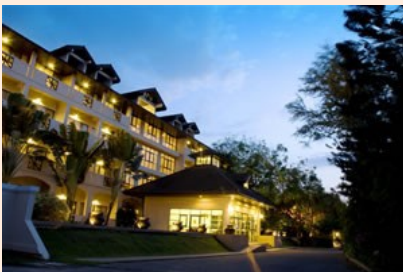
Meals: B, L

[Eurasia Chiang Mai Hotel](#)

Prior to its sacking by the Burmese in 1767, Ayutthaya was the crowning jewel of Siam. We'll board a private shuttle from Bangkok, to the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Here we'll use Mary-Poppins-style bicycles to explore the ancient ruins and stone palaces that make up this fascinating destination. The best part is there are no ropes between you and the sites, affording an up close and personal look at these historic stone temples.

After our day exploring, we'll blast back to Bangkok in our private shuttle and catch an early evening flight to the country's northernmost province, Chiang Mai, where we'll spend the next two nights at The Eurasia Hotel.



About Eurasia Chiang Mai Hotel

The gateway to northern Thailand, renowned for its breathtaking natural attractions and distinct cultural traditions. Eurasia Resort is prepared to make your trip enjoyable whether you are traveling on business or for pleasure. It is very easy to reach many popular places including Chiang Mai Festival, Promenada Chiang Mai, Star Avenue and also transportation like bus station and train station.

**Day 4:
Elephant Training and
Riding at Thai Elephant
Home**



Meals: B, L
[Eurasia Chiang Mai Hotel](#)

Hang on for a day you'll never forget. After breakfast we'll transfer to the Thai Elephant Home, located 45 minutes from Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, we will meet and greet the elephants and begin our mahout training. We'll learn basic commands for riding, bonding and responding to the elephants. Eventually we'll learn to control our pachyderms and form a system of standard communications. Thereafter, we'll take our elephants for a ride in the forest where we'll break for lunch. We'll continue our ride to the area's natural black mud reserves - this is a wellness spa, elephant style!

From here it is bath time in the river for us and our elephants, before riding back to camp. We'll have snacks at the camp and then transfer back to our hotel in Chiang Mai.

**Day 5:
To Chiang Rai - Into the
Bush – Mountain Biking**



Riding: 50 km/34 miles, depending
on group interests
Meals: B, L, D
[Huai Khum Lahu Resort](#)

Today's a gorgeous one as we head out on our bikes to the far-flung town of Mae Salak, and a very cool bamboo resort along the banks of the Mae Kok River. We can either take a tough dirt path or hilly paved road there, either way the ride is a good work-out. You'll pass jungle-covered mountains, lush fields and smiling locals all the way. A short longtail boat ride takes us into the resort and miles from the bustle of the city.

Enjoy the rest of the day swimming in the giant pool, relaxing on your balcony and exploring the Lahu hilltribe village next door.



About The Huai Khum Lahu Resort

The Huai Khum Lahu Resort is an enchanting riverside hideaway. All private bungalows are handmade with bamboo, stone and natural materials from the region. In addition, the resort features a stunning backdrop onto the Kok River and has its own riverside swimming pool, pier and restaurant. Started as the architectural passion of the owner, Huai Khum is a darling retreat in the hills of northern Thailand.

**Day 6:
Paddler Paradise -
Kayaking**



Paddling: 3-4hours

Hiking: 1-2 hours

Meals: B, L, D

[Huai Khum Lahu Resort](#)

Enjoy a leisurely morning and then we'll go up river to the "Tha Ton", a riverside town near the Thai-Myanmar border. Here we'll learn about the Shan people that inhabit the area and have a look at local weaving shops before the main event - kayaking.

We'll board sit-on-top kayaks for a journey down the quiet Mae Kok River, passing hilltribe villages and lush fields. A riverside picnic will round things out and an optional short hike back to the hotel is the capstone to a perfect day.

**Day 7:
Hilltribe Hiatus in
Chinatown**



Hiking: 15km/9 (dirt footpaths)
Meals: B, L – Local authentic restaurant
[Mae Salong Villa](#)

Today it's off to one of Thailand's most stunning destinations - Doi Mae Salong. Nestled among terraced tea plantations, this area was once opium country, but is now home to Thailand's premier Oolong tea production, and Chinese who fled China during the Cultural Revolution.

Put on your hiking shoes for a day trekking through terraced tea and rice plantations, hilltribe villages and stunning rolling mountains around the Doi Mae Salong area. Today is a photographer's dream and great shots abound. Locals are sure to be as curious about you as you are with them. We'll also sample local teas, visit a mountaintop temple and a local school. The evening is yours to explore other nooks and crannies.



About Mae Salong Villa

Situated in the village of Doi Mae Salong, the Mae Salong Villa is surrounded by tall mountain ranges and lush trees. The Mae Salong is also budget-friendly, plus it has services including 24-hour security, an air-conditioned lobby, and room service. Business travellers can use the hotel's executive lounge for business meetings or other corporate events.

**Day 8:
Doi Mae Salong - Into the
Sticks – Mountain Biking**



Biking: 65km/40 (hilly paved, back-roads)

Meals: B, L – Local authentic restaurants

Greater Mekong Lodge

An early morning shuttle through the mountains takes us to one of the kingdom's most renowned community development projects – Doi Tung, run by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation. Here we'll learn about the foundation's successful eradication of opium production, then head out for a challenging day in the saddle. We'll pedal to the top of Doi Chang Mub, one of the province's highest mountains and along a spectacular road that literally straddles the Thai-Myanmar border, passing through several military checkpoints along the way. Hang on to your handlebars as dramatic descents bring you to the country's northernmost city Mae Sai. Here we'll have lunch, stroll colourful markets and check out the bustling border trading. Then it's back on the bikes for a final ride through flat farmland to the infamous Golden Triangle where Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. Tonight we'll sleep at the 'Greater Mekong Lodge', run by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation.



About Greater Mekong Lodge

The Greater Mekong Lodge is a set amongst the gorgeous, manicured hills of Golden Triangle Park. Brand new bungalows elevated on stilts offer a clean, simple and refreshing rest after our day. The Greater Mekong Lodge is part of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation, which is Thailand's royally-initiated sustainable development project for native peoples of Chiang Rai.

**Day 9:
Mae Sai - Golden Triangle
– Mountain Biking**



Biking: 65-80km/37-50 miles
(paved country roads)

Meals: B, L – Local authentic
restaurant

[Chiang Khong Teak Garden](#)

Get ready for the final ride of the adventure! Today's pedal is stunning! We'll make our way through lush farmland, over a couple of small mountains and finally along the banks of the Mekong River to our destination Chiang Khong.

Tonight we'll stay in a riverside teak hotel and enjoy the best Mexican food in Thailand!



About Chiang Khong Teak Garden

The Chiang Khong Teak Garden Resort is the most exclusive property in the area with ultimate view on the Mekhong river and the 100 years old teak garden. The recently built property is designed in both traditional Lanna and modern Thai style and is located a few hundred meters away from the pier to Laos. A popular gateway to Indochina, Chiang Khong is positively on every traveler's map when planning to visit Western Laos, or to compliment a tour through Northern Thailand.

**Day 10:
Bangkok – Mekong Life –
Boat and Plane**



Meals: B

Our final day in the far north is a great one to sit back, relax and take it all in. Chiang Khong serves as a border crossing point between Thailand and Laos. This small town is full of ultra laid-back characters and effuses a charming, quiet bliss. Enjoy the morning to do as much or little as you like. In the early afternoon we'll shuttle to the Chiang Rai airport for our flight back to bustling Bangkok. From here connect to your flight home, or continue your travels to the beach or other areas in the region.

PRICE:

- Clients 2 – 4: \$2,860USD
 - Clients 5 – 8: \$2,473USD
- Single Supplement: \$275USD

Inclusive:

The price quoted is from the first day of the adventure in Bangkok until the end of your planned itinerary. The adventure includes 70% of your meals, 9 nights of quality accommodations, all transport mentioned, two domestic airline tickets, all admissions mentioned, snacks/drinks during all days, bike rental, and top-notch adventure leaders at all times. You will rarely need to dig into your pocket to pay for things on your adventure. Prepare to be hosted and truly taken care of!

Exclusive:

This price does not include and international flight from and to Bangkok, Personal Expenses, Alcohol, Souvenirs, Laundry and etc..



The Smiling Albino Service Difference

We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. We will also provide you with a complimentary mobile phone for your use throughout your stay. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

We look forward to hosting you!

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