



Smiling Albino's
Siamese Family Adventure

Bangkok, Chiang Rai

Cycling, hiking, paddling, elephant riding, mountain villas,
beach BBQ's & gourmet dining...



Background



This adventure was designed for a family from Switzerland seeking “adventure with comfort”. They were interested in an active program featuring cycling, motorscooting and river paddling. In addition to luxury they were also interested in a night or two of jungle-type adventures and hiking.

This adventure stands out as the ultimate family adventure for those wanting a variety of activities, dazzling venues and an educational journey into the heart of Thailand.

Day 1:
Welcome to Bangkok!



Meals: B
[Mandarin Oriental Hotel](#), Siam Suite

When you touch-down in Bangkok, we'll be waiting. We'll escort you to your home away from home. First-class accommodations await in the City of Angels. Enjoy the remainder of your day to recoup from the flight and settle into the Siamese-groove.



About the Mandarin Oriental

For almost 130 years royalty, celebrities, dignitaries and distinguished travelers from Graham Greene to Rudyard Kipling have stayed in the legendary Oriental Bangkok on the Chao Phraya River. The historically rich Oriental has been consistently ranked by top publications as one of the world's finest hotels.

**Day 2:
Bangkok Multi Transport
Adventure**



Meals: B, L
[Mandarin Oriental Hotel](#), Siam
Suite

As one of the world's great cities, Bangkok is best seen from an insider's perspective. Today you'll use the Skytrain, canal boat, three-wheeled tuk-tuk, longtail boat and 'Rocket-Boats' for a spin through the canals of old Bangkok. The only question is what you'll enjoy more – the sites or getting to them!

Day 3:
Free Day in Bangkok



Meals: B
[Mandarin Oriental Hotel](#), Siam
Suite

So many things on offer – from the luxuriance of the Oriental Hotel’s many facilities, to fascinating art and antique shops around the capital, to the bargain frenzy at Chatuchak Weekend Market, we’ll prepare a list of suggested places to go and a hot list of galleries and antique dealers as well. Enjoy the day basking in Siamese Luxury.

Day 4: To Chiang Rai



Meals: B
[Legend Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai](#)

Enjoy a relaxing morning at the Oriental then a private van will take you to the airport for your flight to the kingdom's northernmost province, Chiang Rai. Upon your arrival our northern Team will meet, greet and take you to the charming Legend Resort & Spa, set on the banks of the Mae Kok River. The day is yours to stroll around town, use the infinity pool, or catch-up on holiday reading. For the most ideal use of space, we suggest a Pool Villa and Grande Deluxe Riverview.

About Legend Resort & Spa



The Legend is a charming boutique property in Chiang Rai, designed in Thai-Lanna style and set in a garden amidst flower ponds and brick walking paths. Spacious, white, minimalist architecture gives the rooms a comfy, luxurious appeal. The property backs onto the Mae Kok River and provides a glimpse of riverside life each morning.

Days 5–10: Chiang Rai Province

The next five days bring us in touch with some of the most unique and memorable venues and characters in northern Thailand. We've know the best routes for mountain biking, hiking and have even designed an unforgettable day paddling a river topped-off with a jungle picnic. In the far north you'll enjoy a variety of boutique, luxury and charming accommodations. We'll end cap-things-off by boating on the Mekong River at the infamous 'Golden Triangle' – a perfect venue to gain a taste of northern Thai life.

Day 5: Bikes, Boats & Elephants



Riding: 25-50km (depending on your preference) sealed road, village trails, dirt road

Meals: B, L, D

[The Legend Resort & Spa](#)

A Family mountain biking adventure! Today we'll cycle out of Chiang Rai city and put our bikes on longtail boats and go upriver to a hilltribe village. This Karen settlement is surrounded by limestone mountains and is an ideal venue for an elephant ride, some village cuisine and the starting point for an epic day cycling. On today's ride we'll navigate back roads leading out of the village, up and over some medium-grade mountains, passing by Ahka and Lisu villages.

Riding distances are up to you – and a support truck will be with us at all times. Tonight we'll head to one of the coolest restaurants in the north for dinner, then make a visit to the fun Night Bazaar.

Day 6: To Lahu Villages



Motorscootering/Driving: 70km, paved road
Paddling: 1-2 hours on the Mae Kok River
Meals: B, L, D
[Huai Khum Lahu Resort](#)

With our comfy private van and motorscooters (kids can double with our experienced drivers) we'll leave the city and make a picturesque drive to the riverside town of Mae Salak. Superb bamboo mountain chalets overlooking the Mae Kok River await at the Huai Khum Resort. Rooms are designed using all natural materials and symbolize a traditional northern Thai cottage. After lunch we'll hop into kayaks and paddle down-river for a village picnic and short jungle hike back to the resort. Tonight we'll host an incredible Thai feast in the riverside bamboo restaurant.



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 7: Hilltribe Hiatus in Chinatown



Meals: B, L, D

Hiking: 5-10km, hilly dirt footpaths

Motorscooter/Van: 100km,
nicely paved roads, big climbs

[Phu Chaisai Mountain Resort & Spa](#)

By motorscooter and private van we'll embark on an expedition to the stunning mountain village of Doi Mae Salong. This region was first settled by hilltribe groups such as Ahka and Lahu, then more recently by Chinese settlers who fled the Communist Revolution in China in 1949. Here we'll check out some local tea shops and enjoy a nice trek through terraced tea plantations. This charming town exudes a special, quiet energy that will leave you reflecting on your time here for years to come.

After our hike we'll shuttle to our resort located in the outer Mae Salong mountain range, the charming Phu Chaisai.



About The Phu Chaisai

Phu Chaisai is an oasis of spirituality for urban dwellers seeking refuge from the city. Noted interior designer ML Sudavadee Kriangkrai found Phu Chaisai as a home for solace and peace of mind. Villas are made of bamboo and natural materials and are void of television sets and alarm clocks. In the warm embrace of Mother Nature, many can make peace with their inner selves.

Day 8:
Spa for Mom & Dad,
Horseback Riding for the
Kids & Scavenger Hunt!



Meals: B
[Phu Chaisai Mountain Resort & Spa](#)

The Phu Chai Sai is situated in a gorgeous mountain range and has lots of amenities and local attractions. Today is a free day with lots of options for you such as a hike led, Pottery classes, Thai Cooking, and Umbrella Painting.

We recommend taking part in the morning alms ceremony with local monks, giving them food as an offering to start the day. Consider an afternoon horseback ride through the mountain range with local villagers. For the younger travelers we'll host the Smiling Albino 'Northern Thailand Scavenger Hunt', while the parents some time enjoying on their own.

**Day 9:
From the Mountains to
the Mekong**



Meals: B, L, D
[Anantara Golden Triangle](#)

We'll check out and do a quick shuttle to Doi Tung Royal Gardens for a strong morning Thai coffee and a visit to this renowned center for sustainable development for the various hilltribe groups in Thailand. Next we'll head to the top of Doi Chang Mub, one of the province's highest mountains and along a spectacular road that straddles the Thai-Myanmar border, passing through several Thai military checkpoints along the way.

A final short ride through flat farmland takes us to the infamous Golden Triangle where Thailand, Myanmar and Laos converge on the Mekong River. Your final night in northern Thailand is at the exquisite Anantara Resort & Spa.

If you're up for an adventure then tonight affords a special time to dine on legendary Mekong river fish and spicy soup along the storied river!



About Anantara Golden Triangle

The Anantara is a luxury retreat overlooking the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak rivers. Rooms are decorated in a style that blends the best of the area's rich fabric and woodcarving traditions with contemporary design. The resort includes a sybaritic spa, an infinity pool that looks over the tree canopy to the Mekong, a fitness center with steam rooms, saunas, and tennis courts, a Thai cooking school, and an elephant camp, where you can learn about the importance of the elephant in Thai culture, and ride through the surrounding jungle.

**Day 10:
Mekong Riverside BBQ**



Meals: B, L
[Anantara Golden Triangle](#)

A journey to the Golden Triangle wouldn't be complete without some serious lounging on the Mekong. Unknown to most, the beautiful sandy banks of the Mekong River make an outstanding location for a Thai BBQ and some 'beach' fun. Our team will cook up fresh river fish, chicken and concoct some spicy salads and fruit to make the BBQ complete. We'll then head to the Chiang Rai airport for your flight to Bangkok and bid farewell!

Price: Approx. \$450 USD per person per day

INCLUDING:

This adventure includes nine nights of top-notch accommodations, two internal flight tickets/pp, transfers, most meals, all transport, all admissions, motorscooters, all activities and logistics, Thai and Western hosts, mobile phone and personalized Adventure Kits.



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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