



## GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORER

**S**TUNNING WHITE TEMPLE (WAT RONG KHUN), NATIONAL ARTIST'S FAMOUS BLACK HOUSE, HOT SPRINGS, MEKONG RIVER WHERE THREE COUNTRIES MEET, HALL OF OPIUM, CHIANG SAEN ANCIENT CITY RUINS, LONG NECKED KAREN AND AKHA HILLTRIBE VILLAGE



🕒 7:00 am: an early start since we will travel four hours to Chiang Rai, including a brief coffee break at Mae Kajan hot springs, before arriving at the remarkable (and very popular) Wat Rong Khun, a deeply symbolic and unusually styled 'white' temple, displaying the surreal creations of religious artist Chalermchai Kositpipat.

🕒 2:45 pm: The Golden Triangle is revealed finally, as we arrive at the apex of a three-border point beside the river where Myanmar and Laos meet Thailand, and spent an hour learning all about the drug trade that gifted the area its name, as told in the world-class Hall of Opium.



🕒 11:30 am: Next stop is an equally arresting contrast in the Black House, a collection of art installations and buildings themed on the earthy theme of buffalo horns to signify impermanence, as created by National Artist Thawan Duchanee.

🕒 4:00 pm: We set out on the long journey back to Chiang Mai, stopping enroute at an Akha hill tribe village to witness the curious and primitive lives of this minority group and a quick photo-op with the remarkable long-necked Karen women.



🕒 1:00 pm: After another 45 minute transfer we arrive at the banks of the mighty Mekong, Southeast Asia's most important river, where we have lunch at a local restaurant and then explore ruins of this ancient Lanna Kingdom city, once seat of King Mengrai before he moved to Chiang Mai.

The trip back home is broken with a coffee break at a lovely roadster.

🕒 8:30 pm: Arrive hotel.

**Full-day tour. The tour is private basis. Minimum of 2 persons required.**

**Remarks:** Hall of Opium is closed on Mondays.

**Includes:** Entrance fee to all places mentioned in itinerary, Lunch, English speaking guide, Accident insurance (for age 1-75 yrs.)

**Cancellation Policy:**

- Changes/cancellation can be made free of charge up to 24 hours before departure.
- 100% charge is applied if no show or cancelled within 24 hours before departure.
- Timetable or itinerary may be changed under certain circumstances.