

THE INTIMATE COLLECTION

CHIANG MAI

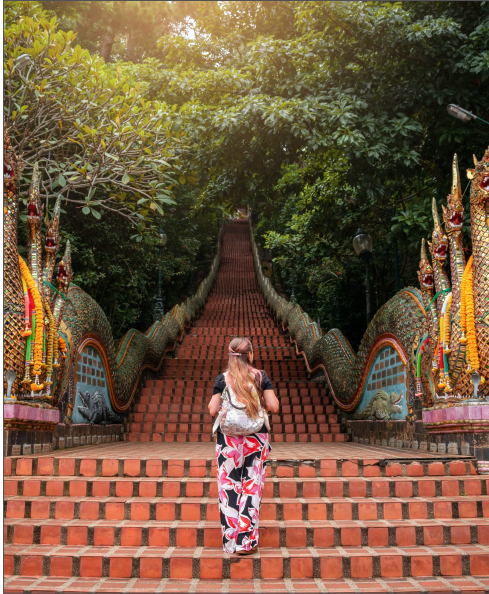
EVENTS DOSSIER

A 4 day / 3 nights events
program to Chiang Mai

Prepared by
Asia Concierge



	DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE	DAY FOUR
DESTINATION	HOME PORT TO CHIANG MAI	CHIANG MAI	CHIANG MAI	CHIANG MAI TO HOME PORT
BREAKFAST	NA	At hotel	At hotel	At hotel
MORNING	In flight	Travel Program : Tuk Tuk Rivers and Valleys	Travel Program : Buddhist Rituals at Dawn Thai Akha Cooking Elephant Carer for a Day	Morning at leisure until transfer to airport
LUNCH		Lunch at local restaurant	Lunch at Woo Cafe Art Gallery or on program	In flight
AFTERNOON	Group arrives at Chiang Mai airport and transfer to hotel	Backlane Bicycles & Samlors	Afternoon at leisure	
EVENING	Welcome event at Vana Som Manor and Terra Restaurant	Chiang Mai Progressive Dinner	Evening event Modern Art & Dining or Howie's Homestay	
OVERNIGHT	At Selected Hotel	At Selected Hotel	At Selected Hotel	



ARRIVAL

- Fast track airport arrival service
- Separate luggage vans
- 35 seat coaster vehicles
- Private guide per vehicle
- Thai floral welcome





Vana Som entrance

Welcome function
TERRA / VANA SOM MANOR



Garden dining



Musical troupe perform inside the manor



Vana Som garden dining

TERRA / VANA SOM MANOR
BANGKOK

VANĀ SOM (meaning a peaceful place in the woods) reflects the heritage and traditions of Northern Thailand. The residence is a classic Siamese-Lanna country manor consisting of several pavilions dating back in some places to the 13th century.

It is an imposing example of Lanna architecture. The residence is filled with antiques and artefacts, including a fine collection of Sukhothai and pre-Lanna porcelain as well as Buddhas from different periods while offering every contemporary comfort.

Entering the main building we are guided to our chairs for an intimate musical performance that includes a mix of classical, opera and popular music, performed by some of Thailand's finest professional musicians.

Dinner is then served outside in the beautifully curated garden.

At Terra the aim is to showcase the best of northern Thailand's cool-climate highland produce that is one of the country's best-kept secrets. All of the fruits and vegetables used here are naturally or organically grown and sourced from either their own highland farms or from the community of local farmers.

Inclusions :

- Private section or exclusive use of restaurant
- 40 minute, classical and operatic performance
- Pre dinner drinks during performance
- Farm to table dinner menu
- Free flow drinks packages

Note : The Manor can only seat 20-25 guests for the private, intimate musical performance, however, a setting can also be accommodated outdoors in the garden for larger group programs.



Tuk Tuk through country lanes

TUK TUK RIVERS & VALLEYS

DEPART 0830 - 1500

Our first day in Chiang Mai is a day of adventure in some of the rural areas outside of the city. This off-the-beaten-track route brings guests to remote temples and an elephant home, ending with calming a bamboo raft through the valley. At the appointed time, we are picked up and transferred to our starting point, nestled in the Mae Wang valley around 45-60 minutes from the city. You will be introduced to your Tuk Tuk and personal driver on arrival.

We'll embark on a journey through tiny rural roads, sneaking through farming villages and past rural temples. Along the way to the north, we will make a stop and walk to a forest waterfall with the chance to cool down in the pool (depending on the water level).

By noon, we will reach the offbeat elephant home where we will not only learn about the past, present and future of the Thai elephant but also have the opportunity to interact with these wonderful creatures.

Compared to larger elephant sanctuaries, the experience at home is far more personal. Here, we will enjoy a Thai lunch sitting next to the elephants while observing them interact in their natural habitat. A gourmet picnic set up can also be arranged for something more salubrious.

After lunch we will enjoy a leisurely float along the local river on a traditional bamboo raft which is a great way to see the local surroundings from a different perspective as we negotiate the twists and turns of the river as our expert rafter guides us downstream.

We rejoin our vehicles at the end and are whisked back to our hotel in the mid afternoon.

Inclusions :

- Private Tuk Tuk per 2 guests
- All touring inclusions
- Private elephant home visit
- Picnic lunch (options to upgrade)
- River rafting



Machinery and religion meet



Cycling the old town

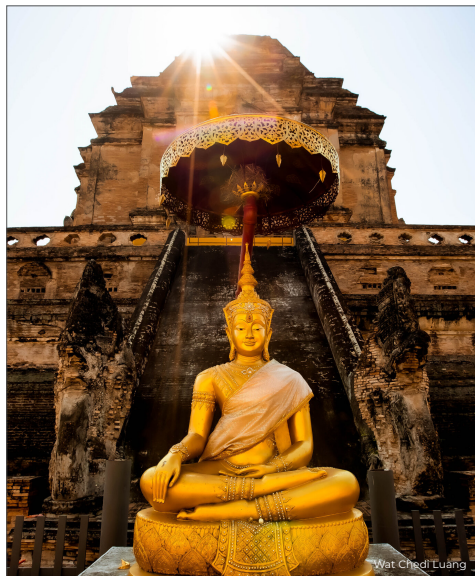
BACKLANE BICYCLES & SAMLORS

DEPART 1500 / RETURN 1730

Discover the charms of Old City Chiang Mai. Bike the back lanes and alleys to experience both a modern diverse city and ancient temples. This is an easy ride, the guides proudly tell you about the city's history, what life in the city walls was like and how the city's culture has evolved.

On the way towards the old city's eastern gate, we'll bike through many of the city's quaint lanes. Tha Phae gate was once the entrance through which traders brought their wares into the city. At this beautifully restored gate learn about Chiang Mai's history as a trading hub. From Tha Phae Gate bike to a nearby Somphet Market. Wander through the market learning a bit about Chiang Mai food and taste a few fruits and sweets while you are at it.

The next stop on the bike tour is Wat Chiang Man, Chiang Mai's oldest temple, built in the auspicious Northeast corner of the old city. This is where the ancient Marble and Crystal Buddha images are enshrined.



Wat Chedi Luang

From here, we switch transportation as a convoy of Samlor's (Rickshaws) await to take us further into the old town.

Cruising leisurely through Chiang Mai's backstreets we will come to the cosmological heart of Chiang Mai is called the City Navel. Visit the Navel Temple with its serene 700 hundred-year-old white Buddha and the Three Kings Monument.

Our final stop is Chiang Mai's grandest monument. Wat Chedi Luang was built to house the ashes of a king and was once the home of the Emerald Buddha (now resident at Wat Phra Kaew in Bangkok).

Inclusions:

- Bicycle per guests with helmet and water
- Guided tour of old town
- Snacks and drinks at local town
- Samlor ride through the old town
- Return vehicle back to hotel



Local Samlor (rickshaw) driver



Vespas into the night



Chiang Mai night market

Evening event
CHIANG MAI PROGRESSIVE DINNER

There is no finer way to explore the night scene of Chiang Mai than on the back of a vespa. Complete with driver and helmet, we are whisked off down back streets and side roads to the famed Chiang Mai night market.

Chiang Mai at night doesn't get much better than this! We wander through the stalls of the night market and try some of the tasty treats on offer before jumping back on the vespas to continue our journey through the streets of the old town.

Our first stop for cocktails and first course is the House of Ginger. Its private rooms are filled with a delightful ambiance bursting with vintage finds from markets around Asia and further away. The rooms are full of personality with a hint of quirkiness and glamour. It's the perfect setting for an intimate dinner party, a board meeting with a difference or drinks reception.

Thereafter we re-board our vespas again for the final leg to The Service 1921.

Hidden behind the wooden door is Chiang Mai's leading restaurant.

Occupying the city's original British Consulate, The Service 1921 is named for the year the building opened and takes its inspiration from the British government's secret intelligence service with a heavy masculine aesthetic of solid wood flooring and wall panels; antique rugs; vintage lamps and fans; and an array of fictitious tchotchke's from old security intelligence files to braille and morse code signage that rounds off the concept nicely.

The mystery of the space is reinforced by a secret bookshelf door that swings open to reveal the private dining room.

Inclusions :

- Vespa ride (1 per guest)
- Market visit and snacks
- First course and drinks at House of Ginger
- Main course and dessert at The Service 1921



Chiang Mai street at night



The Service 1921



The House of Ginger



Doi Suthep at dawn

BUDDHIST RITUALS AT DAWN (AT DOI SUTHEP)

DEPART 05.30 - RETURN 09.00

Shortly before sunrise, we observe the morning routines of the local community and gather some food before joining the locals in the streets of Chiang Mai for Tak Bat - the important ritual of giving alms. This essential practice of Buddhist monks and novices comes from one of the cornerstone principles of Buddhism which is to only eat what is offered each morning. We give alms to the monks and pray for good luck, good health, and a blessed day.

Afterwards, we enjoy a scenic ride to the majestic Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. It is a sacred site for many Thai people, located 15 km from the city center and at an elevation of 1,073 meters. From the temple, we can see spectacular views of the surrounding landscape and downtown Chiang Mai.

Climbing to the terrace and entering this ornate temple in the early hours is an evocative experience and gives one of the most beautiful vantage points for watching the sunrise on the grounds of this holy place.

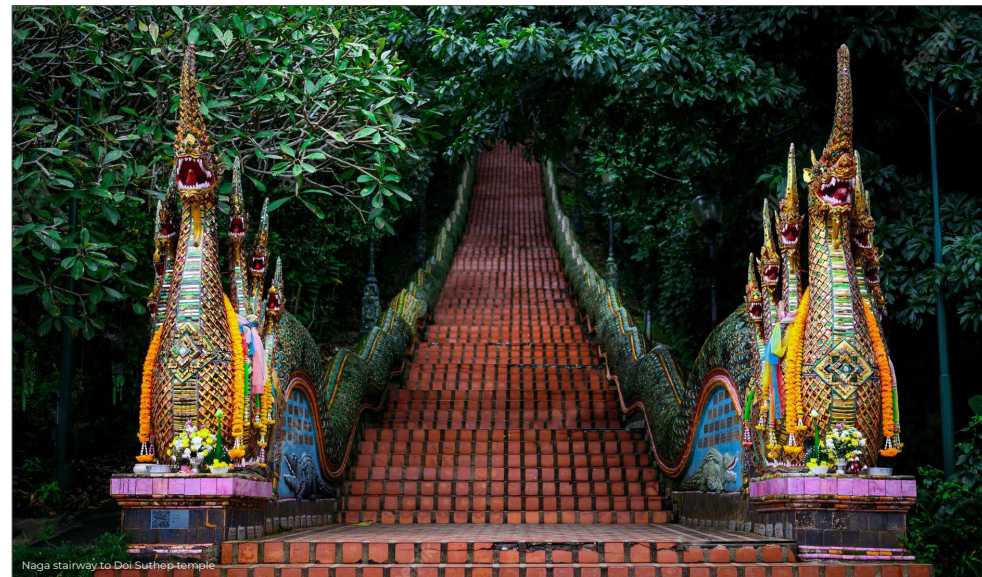
The serene bustle of monks chanting and performing their morning rituals is a calming start to the day.

After we've taken in all the impressive views of Chiang Mai, we drive back down the mountain and visit the small forest temple of Wat Palad, a hidden gem in the middle of the jungle. Wat Palad temple was initially used as a resting place for people on pilgrimage up to worship at Wat Phra That Doi Suthep and later developed into a meditation retreat and a monk residence.

Inclusions :

- Return transport by air-condition mini-vans (max 6ppl each)
- Alms procession offerings
- Escorted visit to Doc Suthep temple

Note : As this excursion requires an early start a boxed breakfast for guest can be arranged or, alternatively, a private breakfast can be set up at a local cafe after the visit.



Naga stairway to Doi Suthep temple



Monk in prayer



Morning prayers



WOO CAFE ART GALLERY LUNCHEON
LUNCH 12.30 - 14.00

Woo Café with its overflowing flowers and lush plants offers the perfect place to relax and enjoy great food. The cafe serves a varied menu of both Thai and Western dishes that use locally sourced organic ingredients.

Take in kaleidoscopic bouquets in eclectic vases, and cake stands housing too-pretty-to-eat pastries, and more.

The Art Gallery is located above the ground floor cafe. The gallery comprises of a mixture of abstract art sculptures with figurative and abstract expressionism paintings. All of the impressive creations demonstrate the imagery and symbolic intent of the artists. Whether you're an art enthusiast or not, the portrayal of the artist's imagination can be admired by everyone.



The unique display of artwork found within the gallery are on sale, and guests may purchase the items by contacting the staff within the downstairs cafe.

Inclusions :

- Return transportation
- Private section of restaurant
- Set menu dining options
- Free flow drinks package



THAI AKHA KITCHEN
DEPART : 10.00 / RETURN 14.00

Thai Akha Kitchen is one of the finest culinary schools in Chiang Mai, located inside the old city wall of the city. Part of the rich culture of Thailand is ingrained in all its delicious traditional dishes. In this activity, join a fun and informative tour that will take you on a local market trip where you'll source all the ingredients for the scheduled cooking class! Embark on a journey that will introduce you to the Akha people - a community that immigrated to Thailand in the 1900's - as well as their traditions with a combination of both Thai and Akha cuisine.

In the kitchen, we'll create 10 delicious dishes that we will get to eat after the session. During your meal, stuff yourself silly with the soup, spring rolls, stir fry dishes, and more, straight from your kitchen station.

Inclusions :

- Return transportation
- Private cooking class and market visit
- Lunch at Akha Kitchen
- Wine, Beer, Soft drinks during class and lunch





Elephant roaming free in the forest

CARE FOR AN ELEPHANT FOR THE DAY

DEPART 08.30 - RETURN 14.00

Patara Elephant Farm provides a hands-on experience to participate in and share the responsibilities of "Elephant Owner for a Day". Here we will learn and interact with elephants as what an owner would do daily, during which time you will be trained to approach your elephant correctly, know the elephant's temperament, check its health, learn how to care for our own elephant; bathe and brush it in the river, learn how to communicate through different spoken commands.

We will learn about elephant farm management and about the breeding program in place so that the local collective can thrive. At the end of our visit we will have learnt every aspect of an elephant's daily life in this protected zone.

Prepare for a long uphill trip to visit a waterfall for a picnic lunch and refresh in the cool water with your own assigned elephant.

After enjoying the meal with your elephant, we will return to the farm to feed the animals once more before bidding farewell with a newfound respect for these gentle creatures.

Inclusions :

- Return transport by air-condition mini-vans
- Private visit to Patara Elephant Farm
- Full morning with the elephants
- Picnic lunch provided



Up close and personal



Elephant carer



Elephant feeding



Maiiam Contemporary Art Museum

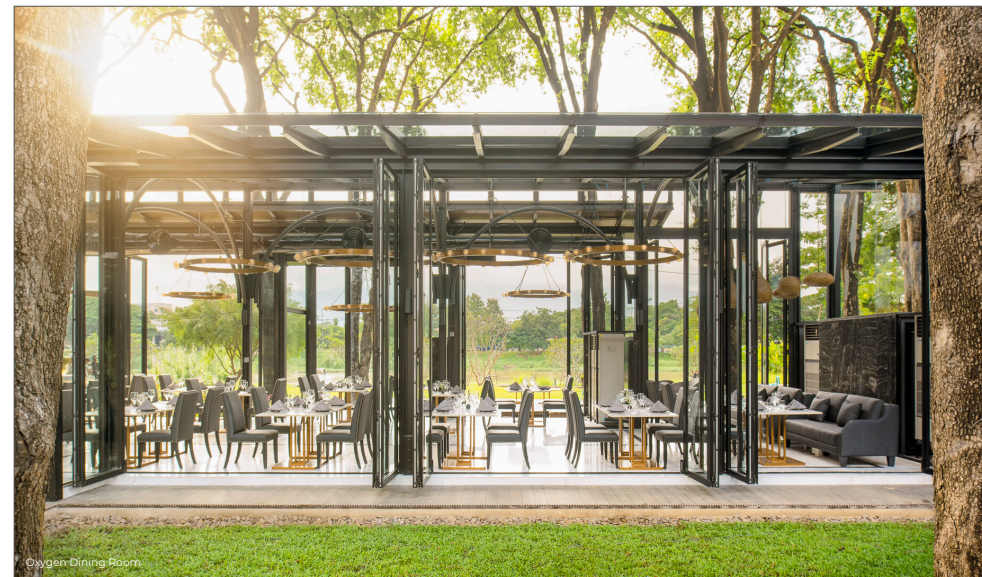
Evening event
MODERN ART & DINING



Exhibit



Exhibit



Oxygen Dining Room

MAIIAM CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM
CHIANG MAI

Upon arrival at the Maiiam Contemporary Art Museum guests are immediately drawn to its main façade, clad with thousands of small, decorative mirror tiles that reflect light, a decorative technique inspired by traditional Thai temple architecture. However, here new techniques of installation have been applied to create tile patterns that explore contemporary art expressions.

Inside this thriving art and cultural center has been created to house an important private collection of Thai and regional art. To present the collection, an old warehouse was dramatically transformed into a dynamic space that provides a well-facilitated platform for a wide range of activities.

We are met on arrival by the museum's curator who will escort us through to the main hall where local artists, whose artwork features as part of the current exhibit, will guide and explain more about the pieces we see here.

All the while champagne and canapés are served to enhance the enjoyment of exploring new boundaries of Thailand's contemporary art space.

After our private visit we journey back into the old town for dinner at the Oxygen Dining Room. The tranquil Ping River views from this glass-walled Thai and French fine-dining restaurant are matched by the well-presented dishes of Chefs Nicolas Isnard and Alexandre Demanard's fusion cuisine created by high-quality organic produce from both the Royal Project and France to produce the best of both northern Thai and French flavours.

Inclusions :

- Private viewing of Maiiam Art Museum
- Meet and greet with artists
- Champagne and canapés during visit
- Fine dining menu at Oxygen dining room
- Free flow drinks package
- Return transfers



Exterior and gardens

Evening event
HOWIE'S HOMESTAY



Interior room



Modern Thai Dance



Contemporary Thai dance performance

HOWIE'S HOMESTAY
CHIANG MAI

Howie's Homestay, an exclusive boutique venue nestled in the rolling hills of Chiang Mai, provides a serene oasis for hosting your event. Renowned for its architectural elegance and lush surroundings, this venue creates a perfect harmony between luxury and nature.

Every corner of Howie's Homestay offers a breathtaking view, be it the vibrant tropical gardens, the tranquil lily ponds, or the inviting infinity pool, making the venue a visual spectacle. The venue's aesthetic, inspired by traditional Thai design and complemented by modern luxury elements, ensures a unique setting for your event.

The Homestay consists of several intimate spaces, including the magnificent main pavilion and the luxurious private villas. These areas, exuding warmth and comfort, provide flexibility in accommodating various event configurations. The outdoor areas provide a picturesque backdrop, ideal for al fresco functions.

Poolside is the ideal location for a Thai performance spectacle of colour and style. Long gone are the more traditional routines now replaced with contemporary dances that are a cross between burlesque and old style elegance that enhances Thai culture in the modern age.

After our performance, retreat into one of the villas for a Thai banquet surrounded by antiques, art work and an atmosphere that is quintessentially Chiang Mai at its most evocative.

Inclusions :

- Private use of venue space
- Cocktails and canapés served poolside
- Contemporary dance performances and staging
- Fine dining menu
- Other entertainment options during dinner
- Free flow drinks package
- Return transfers





Asia Concierge

Why us?

Ever evolving, ever changing ... that's Asia in general. But no where is the pace of development as fast as found in the city of Bangkok.

Asia Concierge may be a new operator to market, however, it is managed at all levels by veterans and pioneer of the events industry in Asia.

Its Thailand team have always been proud to lead the industry with the development of creative content and the sourcing of new venues.

The company's Co Founding Partner, Nicholas Mulley has lived and breathed the travel industry in Bangkok for 20 years, bringing with him a wealth of institutional knowledge of the events world. Working alongside Addie Samerton (Director), known as the Queen of the Events industry and Board Director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Asia Concierge are spearheading a renewed and refreshed portfolio of event spaces to bring Thailand into the future.

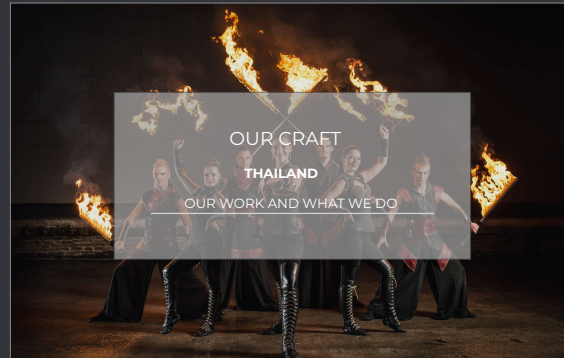
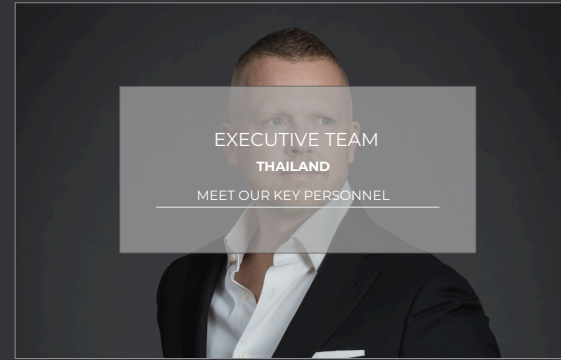
Venues that have been tried and tested are now looked at with fresh eyes, taking concepts, theming and creative content beyond previous boundaries. New venue sourcing is ongoing, constantly on the look out for locations that are authentic and representative of Thailand's rich culture.

This approach to our business extends to our excursion offerings. Not content with regular tour activities, a destination's highlights are brought to life with fine touches and elements that bring a sense of fun, exploration and further cultural understanding to the guest, leaving behind an indelible memory on ones time in Thailand.

"Our legacy may have been created by the past, but we want to be remembered for what we are creating today and tomorrow."

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