

## Must Sees

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*Bangkok City & Temples Tour*

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*Burma Death Railway – built by POWs under the occupation of the Japanese in 1942.*

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*River Kwai Resotel., nestled on the banks of the world's historic river, River Kwai.*

4.



*Mae Fah Luang Gardens*

5.



*Chiang Mai Shopping Mecca*

## Chiang Mai Rose of the North

Every year on the first weekend of February, the Chiang Mai Flower Festival takes place featuring a parade, flower exhibition and the Miss Chiang Mai Flower Festival competition.

The hills and valleys of Chiang Mai are ideal natural habitats for a vast variety of tropical as well as temperate flowers. Most bloom early in the year from January to February. This is the best time to enjoy the spectacular floral tapestry that blankets the land with colourful flowers such as the African marigold, globe amaranth, orchids, chrysanthemum, celosia, and assorted roses such as the 'Fa Mui' and thin 'Uang Dok Lek'.

Chiang Mai takes great pride in having maintained its tradition of hosting the Festival for the past 38 years. The ancient Lanna Thai kingdom — 'land of a million rice fields' — was also famous for its tradition of artistic excellence. The northern province of Chiang Mai has since been known as the 'home' of the legendary Lanna Thai artisans. Long recognized for their exquisite craftsmanship, the northern region is also noted for its elaborate traditional floral art installations. The Festival features an impressive showcase of traditional and contemporary floral art and Lanna cultural splendour.

The festival also supports the province's horticultural industry which has steadily grown in importance as one of Thailand's major exporters of fresh cut flowers, ornamental plants and a range of other horticultural products. A total of 222 varieties of flowering and ornamental plants will be on display during the three-day event.

### Canterbury Horticultural Society

This quality tour is organised by Canterbury Horticultural Society in conjunction with GoSee Touring and escorted by Gail Scrivener.

For further information & bookings contact  
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## Garden TOURS Thailand Chiang Mai Flower Festival

13 Days of Colour & Culture  
28 January - 10 February 2016





## What's Included

Be part of our inaugural tour to Thailand! This fabulous trip takes in Hellfire Pass and the iconic River Kwai before heading to Northern Thailand where we visit the beautiful Mae Fah Luang gardens and the Golden Triangle. Once in Chiang Mai we shop, ride elephants, take in a cooking school or relaxing Thai massage and enjoy prime reserved seating for the Chiang Mai Flower Festival. Fully escorted, packed with inclusions and excellent value for money.

**\$5,999\***

*\$550 Single supplement per person*

A deposit of **\$600** is required for registration and to confirm your place. Please complete the enclosed booking form. Limited numbers, early registration recommended. Final payment due **20 November 2015**.

*\*subject to currency fluctuations*

**Return Economy Airfares ex Christchurch**  
Emirates Airlines

**3 Nights Bangkok – City & Temples Tour**

**2 Nights River Kwai – Bridge on River Kwai**

Death Railway  
Kanchanaburi War Cemetery  
Hellfire Pass

**2 Nights Chiang Rai – Golden Triangle**

Mae Fah Luang Gardens  
White Temple

**5 Nights Chiang Mai – Handicraft Tour**

Maesa Elephant Camp  
Reserved Seating at the Chiang Mai Flower Festival and so much more!

## Itinerary - 13 Day Fully Escorted Tour

**DAY 1 THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016 CHC - BKK**

**Depart 4.55pm Christchurch International Airport**

On arrival in Bangkok you will be met by our local tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

**DAY 2 FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2016 (Breakfast\*) BANGKOK**

Day at leisure in Bangkok

**DAY 3 SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2016 (B, L, D\*) BANGKOK**

Half day Bangkok City Tour followed by lunch. Dinner tonight is on the rooftop of your hotel.

**DAY 4 SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2016 (B, L, D)**

**BANGKOK - KANCHANABURI/RIVER KWAI**

Thailand-Burma Railway Centre, Allied War Cemetery and Tiger Temple. Dinner at hotel, followed by a presentation of Mon Dance.

**DAY 5 MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, L, D) HELLFIRE PASS/TIGER TEMPLE**

Hell Fire Pass Memorial followed by a visit to the world famous Bridge over the River Kwai before taking a trip by train on the historic Death Railway. Dinner at hotel.

**DAY 6 TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, D) KANCHANABURI – BANGKOK – CHIANG RAI**

Today we fly to Chiang Rai where you will be met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel. Dinner at hotel.

**DAY 7 WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, L, D) DOI TUNG/MAE SAI/GOLDEN TRIANGLE**

Northern Highlands to Doi Tung and the Mae Fah Luang Gardens. From here the coach continues to Mae Sai which is Thailand's most northern border town. Board the bus again for the trip to the Golden Triangle – about an hour away. Dinner at hotel.

**DAY 8 THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, L, D) CHIANG RAI – CHIANG MAI**

After breakfast we depart for Chiang Mai. This morning we'll stop at the White Temple which is different to any other temple in Thailand. Once in Chiang Mai check into our hotel. Dinner at hotel.

*\* B, L, D: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner*

**DAY 9 FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, L, D)**

**HANDICRAFTS & SHOPPING TOUR/KHANTOKE**

Tour to Sankampaeng Road on the North side of Chiang Mai city. This is the largest and most popular local handicraft factory area. Dinner is a traditional Thai dinner in Northern style, followed by a Thai dancing show.

**DAY 10 SATURDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, D) CHIANG MAI FLOWER FESTIVAL**

Depart early this morning to get to your viewing platform for the Flower Festival parade. Our group has reserved seating on a prominent bridge to give an optimum view of the parade. Afternoon at Suan Park then on to Haad City Park to view displays of flowers and floats close up. Dinner tonight at hotel.

**DAY 11 SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, D) Choice of Activities – Cooking Class or Day Spa followed by a visit to the Royal Flora Gardens. Dinner at a local restaurant.**

**DAY 12 MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016 (B, L, D) MAESA ELEPHANT CAMP/IMPERIAL HOTEL**

Maesa Elephant Camp. This is one of Chiang Mai's most famous attractions where visitors interact with elephants. After a short transfer lunch will be at the plantation style Orchid Garden. Tonight is a farewell dinner for the group.

**DAY 13 TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016 (B) CHIANG MAI - BKK - CHC**

**Depart Chiang Mai Airport 2.10pm**

**Depart Bangkok International Airport 7.30pm**

Late checkout available as well as transfers to the Central Airport Plaza Shopping Centre for a range of retail and dining experiences.

**Arrive Christchurch International Airport**  
**Wednesday 10 February at 3.20pm**

**THAILAND Chiang Mai Flower Festival**  
*Booking Form*

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Last Name: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	
Home Tel: _____	Mob: _____
Email: _____	
Home Address: _____	
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Double <input type="checkbox"/> Share Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Single Supplement <input type="checkbox"/>
If you indicated a double room but would like two single beds please tick box <input type="checkbox"/>
If you indicated share twin and have someone to share with please name them below: .....

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Please note: <i>travel insurance to be organised by yourself</i>

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