

**Half Day Trip at Chiang Rai  
Wat Rong Khun – Singha Park  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 & February 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**



**(Minimum 6 persons)**

08:00 hrs. Depart from the official hotels for **Wat Rong Khun (White Temple)**.

08:30 hrs. Arrive **Wat Rong Khun**. Visiting this amazing, unique white temple constructed with fragments of reflective glass. The temple was designed by Chalermchai Kositpipat, a famous Chiang Rai artist.  
Wat Rong Khun ( White Temple), the must-visited temple of Chiang Rai is located about 13 km south of Chiang Rai is the unusual and popular Wat Rong Khun . Whereas most temples have centuries of history, this one's construction began in 1997 by noted Thai painter-turned-architect Chalermchai Kositpipat.

Seen from a distance, the temple appears to be made of glittering porcelain; a closer look reveals that the look is due to a combination of whitewash and clear-mirrored chips. Walk over a bridge and sculpture of reaching arms (symbolising desire) to enter the sanctity of the wát where instead of the traditional Buddha life scenarios, the artist has painted contemporary scenes representing samsara (the realm of rebirth and delusion). Images such as a plane smashing into the Twin Towers and, oddly enough, Keanu Reeves as Neo from The Matrix, dominate the one finished wall of this work in progress. If you like what you see, an adjacent gallery sells reproductions of Chalermchai Kositpipat's rather New Age-looking works.

This project began in 1997 and is still under construction. Most of the funds for the project comes from Khun Chalermchai himself. Although the temple accepts donations, to maintain artistic integrity, nothing more than 10,000 baht is accepted.

The main building is painted white to symbolise the Buddha's purity, and is covered in mosaics of mirrors, sparkling in the sun, representing the Buddha's teaching to look back on ourselves and observe the mind. Actually, there seem to be meanings to every detail in the temple. In order to go to the main hall (heaven), you'll have to cross the pit of hell.

The main hall is finished, although the mural in the hall is only partially completed. This mural is quite interesting, combining traditional Buddhist motifs with modern themes complete with monsters and images like the Å burning twin towers of September 11, Keanu Reeves from The Matrix, figures from Star Wars and spaceships. Amongst the chaos on the walls, the Buddha sits serenely in the middle of the hall

10:00 hrs. Depart from Wat Rong Khun for **Singha Park (Boon Rawd Farm)**

10:30 hrs. **Choose one of the following options:**

1. Tour the park by tram and visit the tea plantation, fields of hemp and cosmos flowers before stopping to feed the giraffes.
2. Take a leisurely bicycle ride around the tea plantation.



**Singha Park** Chiang Rai is an Agro-tourism destination focusing on the development of sustainable tourism in Chiang Rai, situated 450m above sea level and spans over 12.8km<sup>2</sup> of fertile land. Great weather with rich soil exhibits blooming flora throughout the year. Singha Park provides a large variety of fun activities and has numerous beautiful sceneries for the most memorable photos.

Enjoy breathtaking 360° panoramic views of the Oolong tea plantations on the longest Zipline in Thailand. The Zipline spans over 2km long, for the most beautiful, thrilling, and the most memorable Zipline adventure in Thailand. Routes and all safety equipment have received international safety standards and are regularly inspected and maintained.



12:00 hrs. Lunch at **Phupirom restaurant**.



13:00 hrs. Depart for Chiang Rai.

**Services included:**

- Tours and transfers by air-conditioned minibus.
- Lunch
- English-speaking guide during tour and transfers
- Admission fees
- Travel Accident Insurance

**Services not included:**

- Drinks & meals not mentioned in the above itinerary.
- Tips for guide & drivers.
- Personal expenses

**Remark:** \*\* Please note the dress code for religious attractions, temples and palaces: Ladies must wear full length skirts or dresses and cover the shoulders. Gentlemen must wear long trousers and also cover shoulders. No vests or shorts.

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