

Post conference tour program

Phabat Huaytom, a Karen village in Li, Lamphun



Note: Sources of Photos, Online search from google

This tour is exclusively for the delegates of RC50 In-between Chiang Mai conference in April 2020. Highlights today includes a visit to a unique cultural heritage site (e.g. Karen settlements) in Lamphun. The Karen, whose homeland is between eastern Myanmar and northern Thailand migrated to this area more than 200 years ago. There are about 20,000 Karen people living in the Phabat Huaytom. People are vegetarian and it is not allowed to bring any meat-based product to their village. This specific Karen village is the only one where still traditional silversmith is practiced. Karen silver has a higher silver content than Sterling silver and all silver items are handmade produced by Karen craftsmen. Most of the Karen women keep their traditional backstrap loom alive and preserve weaving clothes in a traditional way of life. They preserve the traditional Karen ways of living at the Nam Bor Noi village as the authentic Karen ways of life without electricity and building house with bamboo as the traditional Karen house. For Thai people Lamphun is also synonymous with longan fruit which has a reputation as a health-boosting superfruit in the traditional Chinese medicine.

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7.00 am. Leave from the hotel Empress

9.30 am. Arrive the village (meet the local guide at the serene Phra Bat Huay Tom Temple- walking around the village and pay respect to Kruba Wong, a great monk who is the heart of Karen people in the community)

- 10.00 am.** Visit a woman group and learn how to weave Karen handwoven
- 11.00 am.** Visit the community handicraft center
- 11.30 am.** Lunch at the vegetarian shop in the village that run by a local community
- 12.30 pm.** Visit the silver group and participate how to make silver
- 13.30 pm.** Visit the Chedi Sriweingchai temple, a sacred temple in the village
- 14.00 pm.** Visit the Nam Bor Noi village, the authentic Karen village ways of life and learn how to make a traditional roof with leaves (In the village, villagers might have Karen handicraft that weaving by villagers)----It is great if participants can donate to support this village.
- 15.00 pm.** Leave from the village
- 17.30 pm.** Arrive the hotel

Special price: Only valid for the conference delegates: **600 Baht/pp (i.e. appr. 20 USD)**
(including transportation, local guides, activities, and a tour guide; excluding food and beverage, all other individual donations and purchases)

You can book the tour and do payment during the registration of conference.