

## **Dave's 10 day + Golden Triangle Tour January 2011 (you'll need two weeks off work...ok?)**

**THIS TRIP WILL FILL FAST – SO BOOK NOW!!!!!!**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oawjgptJHEY>

Depart Sunday 16 Jan 2011

Perth 6.35  
Arrive KL 12.40

Depart KL 15.35  
Arrive BKK 16.50

Depart BKK 18.35  
Arrive CMX 19.40

RETURN Sunday 30 January 2011

Depart CMX 14.35  
Arrive BKK 15.45

Depart BKK 17.50  
Arrive KL 20.50

Depart KL 23.50  
Arrive Perth 5.20 Monday 31 January



## **Includes:**

\* Bike Kawasaki D-Tracker

- <http://www.kawasaki.co.uk/D-TRACKER125>
- - \* Fuel and Spares
  - \* Lodging for the duration, including first night and day to chill out
  - \* 3 Meals daily
  - \* Beverages on break stops
  - \* All Park fees, taxes, entry fees for activities, etc
  - \* Transfers
- Includes extra days in CM before (3 meals) & after ride (on a bed & breakfast only basis), as the time is free to use at your leisure, so you can eat wherever you like (at the end....clear?).

**EVERYTHING BUT THE BOOZE!!!**



**Day 1- Chiang Mai Explore Loop-** Spend a day getting acclimated to the roads and the bikes as we explore the surrounding areas and sights. We will also visit a Tiger Sanctuary and interact with live tigers. Funds from this are used to promote breeding programs and public awareness campaigns about wild tigers. Return to CM early evening to have dinner etc before the departure.

**Day 2 Chiang Mai-Khun Yuan-** Ride into the mountains as we ride to the highest point in Thailand, Doi Inthanon. Ride a section with over 150 switchbacks in just 21KM. Pack a fleece too, because it may be COLD!!!

SECTION A: 122KM

LUNCH

SECTION B: 100KM

**Day 3 Khun Yuan-Mae Hong Son-** The main staging area for touring the Mae Hong Son Loop. Beautiful, small town with a nice mix of ethnic hill tribe people and Thai. A lot of aid money has seen it was into these areas, so the towns and villages are quite nice and roads are like new. After lunch we will visit the long Neck Karen tribe villages before heading back for beers on the lake at sunset.

SECTION A: 90 KM

LUNCH

SECTION B: LESS THAN 50KM

**Day 4 Mae Hong Son Loop-** Visit surrounding villages and attractions while riding some of Thailand's most scenic roads. We will ride to the Burmese border at Rak Thai, visit coffee and tea plantations in the "Switzerland of SE Asia", Haui Pu Ling gardens, and Fish Cave.

SECTION A: 75KM

LUNCH  
SECTION B: 100 KM



**Day 5 MHS-Pai-** Continue on these amazing roads to end in the artsy-village of Pai. This riverside town has seen a ton of farangs moving here to be part of the expanding art scene. It makes for an interesting flavour and character in town, as well as a beautiful setting on the Pai River. Along the way we will stop in Soppong to visit Lod Cave, the largest in Thailand. In Pai we will ride to the surrounding scenic countryside and end the day at amazing Pai Canyon.

SECTION A: 110KM  
LUNCH  
SECTION B: 100KM

**Day 6 Pai-Thaton-** Still riding on the most incredible roads we will end our day in Thaton, another beautiful town right on the river. Our host is the founder of the local "chopper club" and is a real character, happy to talk bikes to everyone that comes by. He has become quite a known man on the route with the bikers. We will stay in his lodge, the Thaton Chalet. Along the way, we will stop at Doi Ang Khang, one of the Kings gardens in the mountains. Views nonstop!!!

SECTION A: 100KM  
LUNCH  
SECTION B: 110KM



**Day 7 Thaton-Mae Sai-** Ride right up to the Burmese border as it winds through the mountains. We will be at the northernmost point in Thailand. We will drive thru Mae Salong, 3rd highest spot in Thailand, and visit the Queens residence in Chiang Mai province. Spend the evening wandering the bizarre bazaar along the border on the river.

SECTION A: 110KM  
LUNCH  
SECTION B: 100KM

**Day 8 Mae Sai border-Pha Tang-** Wind high into the mountains where the road crosses itself with so many switchbacks. Stay in ethnic Chinese Hmong village high atop the peaks, it's gonna be cold!! We will spend a bit of time during lunch to visit the Golden Triangle and the surrounding sites.

SECTION A: 40KM  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE VISIT AND LUNCH  
SECTION B: 100KM

**Day 9 Pha Tang- Phayao-** Continue along the high mountain roads as we slowly wind back down to the valley. Stops along the way at a few different waterfalls and sites. Arrive in Phayao for beers lakeside. Phayao is a medium sized town with a very nice lakefront and plenty of entertainment.

SECTION A: 71KM  
LUNCH  
SECTION B: 180KM



**Day 10 Phayao-Chiang Mai**-The final leg home.....get your last fix of chicanes and switchbacks as we travel more than 65KM of back to back twists and turns. Distance to CM is 230KM, easily done in about 4 hours as 60% of the roads are straight.

Arrive back to CMX about 4 PM and get ready for a night time celebration!!!!

**COST PER PERSON: \$5,500.00 PER PERSON WITH D-TRACKER \*\*\*\*ADD \$300.00 FOR ERN-6 OR NINJA 650\*\*\*\*\***

Extra's:

- **INSURANCE**, (I will arrange this separately through a local agent, but not expensive....to be confirmed)
- layover hotels based on flight schedule if requested

Also, it is important to note, pricing is based on 1 person, 1 room. Most places have less than 12 rooms and often only have 1 bed as opposed to 2. So basically, everyone gets their own room.



**BASED IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2010**

**(Subject to change if the exchange rate falls dramatically before trip payment).**

**Any questions, give me a call on 9443 2122  
during normal business hours.**