

**Motorcycle Southeast Asia  
Mae Hong Son Loop Off-Road  
March 2 to 8, 2019**

Come ride the beautiful trails of the North Thailand countryside in March of 2019! The route will take us north toward the border with Myanmar and through the charming town of Mae Hong Son. This is a 7 day and 7 night tour, on Honda CRF 250s and riding primarily off-road. Limited to 6 riders + myself and tour guide from TBB Tours, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Cost is about \$1,700 per rider and includes the motorcycle, guide, accommodations, fuel, breakfast/lunch and a support vehicle. Hotels are resort-style, in good locations and with a swimming pool (no pool the last in Wieng Haeng.) Here's the itinerary for this tour!

**Day 1 – Chiang Mai to Mae Chaem 150 KM and 250 KM**

Meeting at the hotel at 8.30 AM for a riders meeting. The bikes will be parked at the hotel for departure at 9.30 am. Following the riders meeting we depart the Chiang Mai traffic and head west, hitting some good fun single trails through dense woodland before dropping down the mountains and following a double track beside and through the river. After lunch we'll have a short ride into Mae Chaem finishing the day on some incredible tight twisty tarmac. Most of the day will be spent in the Doi Inthanon national park. Tonight's hotel, whilst reasonably basic is in a fantastic location with great views across the mountains from the swimming pool area.

**Day 2 – Mae Chaem to Mae Sariang 130 KM and 250 KM**

Departure at 8:30 AM. Our second day starts with a nice trail departing Mae Chaem before we embark on a challenging single track climb up the mountain, which will leave you with weary limbs but immense satisfaction. The rest of the day will be spent on double trail winding through great mountain scenery and the Mae Tho national park. Arriving at our hotel you will be able to relax by the pool situated on the edge of the Salaween national park.

**Day 3 – Mae Sariang Loop 100 KM and 250 KM**

Departure at 9:00 AM. The amazing Salaween national park loop considered by most of our visitors to be trail riding at its very best. Mountains, jungle, remote hill tribe villages and river crossings galore.

**Day 4 – Mae Sariang to Mae Hong Son 200 KM and 250 KM**

Departure at 7:00 and 8:30 AM depending on option A or option B. Two alternatives are offered for today's ride with a tough option and easier option. The former starts with some exhilarating double track which offers some spectacular views as we head down the mountain and then pass through a number of villages with plenty of river crossings along the way, before starting a steep climb with no shortage of ruts to keep you on the ball. This is by far the longest distance and time covered in one day and we hope to arrive at the hotel with at least an hour of daylight to relax by the pool. The latter option will start with a one hundred KM blast up some awesome tarmac before starting on the off road section. This option has some really nice single trail, jungle covered tracks and tranquil river trails, creating a unique feeling of being miles from civilization and should see us relaxing by the pool around 3pm.

### **Day 5 – Mae Hong Son to Pai 130 KM and 170 KM**

Departure at 8:30. Today's ride will take us up high into the mountains along the Myanmar border, as we sample some of the best road riding of the famous “Mae Hong Son Loop” coupled with the customary fantastic views. We then move on to the “real stuff” which will be mostly double trail enclosed by a stunningly picturesque tunnel of jungle with a section of about twenty KM of challenging single trail running through a jungle ravine. Arrival at the hotel in Pai should be expected for about 4 pm where you'll have a lovely pool area with bar service.

### **Day 6 – Pai to Wieng Haeng 120 KM and 300 KM**

Departure 8:30 AM. This is our Myanmar day where we'll run along the border and cross over taking lunch in Myanmar which will be a basic, but totally authentic affair of noodles prepared on an open fire by one of the hill tribe ladies of the area; an incredible insight into the daily lifestyles of the local highland people. This is a day of some varied terrain but mainly on double trail with stunning views across Myanmar and Thailand. At the end of the day a gnarly downhill option will be offered over an easier alternative. The group can be split in two for those choosing either of the two options. I don't often have the opportunity to ride the gnarly option as usually most riders are quite tired at this stage of the trip. Tonight we will be lodged far away from any whisper of tourism, close to the Myanmar border. There is no pool but is still one of my favorite hotel options due to its location.

### **Day 7 – Wieng Haeng to Chiang Mai 130 KM 230 KM**

Departure 9:30 AM. Some of the nicest flowing jungle double trail of our entire trip to kick the morning off followed by one of the most popular parts of the tour; a very precarious rope bridge to cross which will definitely keep the adrenaline flowing. The afternoon sees us take on what is definitely the most challenging decent, a really gnarly section before we start our return to Chiang Mai where we expect to arrive at about 3.30 pm and hopefully we can all join up for a last supper together.

If you have questions, contact John Vashon at [jevashon@gmail.com](mailto:jevashon@gmail.com) or (925) 698-6360. A deposit of \$150 will reserve your space until December 15, 2018 and it's fully refundable. Here's a link to register or find additional information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/420774318391534/>