# Mae Sa - History, Flowers and Nature

1 Day

## Morning

## **Daraphirom Palace**

The former home of Princess Dara Rasmi, a consort of King Rama V, shows how Western influences were penetrating the lifestyles of Thai aristocracy in the early 20th century.

Time to spend here:

45 min

#### Suan Bua Mae Sa Orchid

One of two surviving old orchid farms where you can admire the delicate blooms in a relatively commercially peaceful atmosphere. You can still buy seedlings to take home (make sure you have a CITES certificate) and orchid jewelry.

Time to spend here:

60 min

#### Mae Sa Waterfall (Nam Tok Mae Sa)

A 500 meter trail follows the Mae Sa up through a series of cascades in a lovely woody setting that has many places to sit and listen to tumbling waters.

Time to spend here:

60 min

## Lunch

#### Mon Jam / Baan Mon Muan

Drive up to Ban Nong Hoi, a Hmong village in the uplands and choose between Mon Jam, where a kitchen serves Thai food to a rustic open-air dining area with great views to the north, or Baan Mon Muan, a high-end resort with a very pleasant balcony restaurant with views toward the hills to the south.

### Afternoon

#### Mon Long Viewpoint

A short detour on a graded unsealed road takes you to the Mon Long Viewpoint, where a statue of Viranga depicts him casting his javelin from a promontory overlooking the Mae Sa Valley.

Time to spend here:

45 min

## Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden

With its treetop walk, glasshouses, woody and flower zones, the gardens are worth an afternoon.

Time to spend here:

120 min

#### Wat Pa Daraphirom

A showcase of late 20th century northern temple architecture, the temple is a center for local health initiatives.

Time to spend here:

30 min

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