



Chiang Mai

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Immersed by spectacular mountains and the northern Thai countryside, Chiang Mai offers spectacular sceneries and beautiful ancient temples. Chiang Mai has become an increasingly popular destination and a favourite with many people. Even though being the second largest city in Thailand, there are only 250,000 people living here. The city is small and intimate, and almost everything is within walking distance. But do not be fooled, in this area there is much to see. Make sure you plan your trip well.



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THE CITY



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Chiang Mai, called "The rose of the north", is a friendly city located about 700 kilometres north of Bangkok that offers a relaxing atmosphere, great shopping and fun activities. This city is a popular holiday destination and many people from Bangkok come here regularly.

Chiang Mai actually means "new city" and was founded in 1296 as the capital of the Lannathai Kingdom. At the time the whole city was walled and surrounded by moats. The same area today is called the Old Town. Slowly the new city was developed around the walls. However, Chiang Mai has not always been a part of Thailand, but also of Burma (Myanmar) and of Siam (the old name for Thailand). It was not until 1949 that Siam officially became Thailand, hence also Chiang Mai.

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DO & SEE



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Rich in both history and culture, Chiang Mai is a city full of things to do and to see. Here you can find over 300 Buddhist temples, great shopping, an abundance of markets, tasty Thai food and numerous outings. Chiang Mai truly has something to offer for everyone!

Tha Phae Gate

Tha Phae Gate is a 700 year old red brick wall located in the centre of Chiang Mai. This is the perfect meeting spot since it is hard to find a real "centre" in this city. It is recommended to take a walk around this magnificent wall, that used to be the only entrance to the city.

Address: Thapae Rd., Chiang Mai

Wat Chet Yot

Wat Chet Yot is one of the many beautiful temples you can find here. This 15th century sacred temple is a must see when in Chiang Mai. Imbibe the fascinating culture and learn about the temple's interesting history.

Address: Wat Chet Yot, Chiang Mai

Wat Chedi Luang

This Buddhist temple dates back to the 14th century but was not completed until the 15th century. You can find this impressive building right in the middle of the city. Enjoy the wonderful carvings and striking architecture of this temple that can be found in Chiang Mai's historic area.

Address: Prapokklao Road, Chiang Mai

Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

On the mountain of Doi Suthep, about 30 minutes from the city, you can find the spiritual temple Wat Phra Doi Suthep. This place is sacred to many people, hence very popular with both Thai people and tourists. Beware of the large amount of steps to get to the top of the temple, but once up, you can enjoy amazing views of the city.

Address: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, Chiang Mai

Patara Elephant Farm

Enjoy the wonderful and sacred elephants at the Patara Elephant Farm. Coming here, you are in for a great experience. Here you can learn about, take care of and interact with these fascinating animals. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Address: 299/22 Siwalee RachapreukMaeHea, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 81 9922 551

Internet: www.pataraelephantfarm.com

Elephant Nature Park

Another great place for visiting the beautiful elephants is at the Elephant Nature Park. This place works on a unique project, focusing on providing a rescue centre and sanctuary for the endangered elephants.

Address: 209/2 Sridom Chai Road, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 53 818 754

Internet: www.elephantnaturepark.org

Chiang Mai Zoo

The Chiang Mai Zoo covers a large area in Chiang Mai. To cover most areas as a visitor of the zoo, it is preferable to go on one of the buses that will take you around to the different exhibits. Here you can find interesting animals and flora all year around.

Address: 100 Huay Kaew Road, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 53 210 374

Internet: www.chiangmaizoo.com

Chiang Mai Night Bazaar

If you like shopping, the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar

downtown is a must. Imbibe the Thai culture while wandering around the streets where vendors sell everything from shoes to statues. This is definitely the place to go for souvenir shopping as you can find real bargains here. Do not forget to negotiate on prices.

Address: 104-1 Chang Klan Road, Chiang Mai

Tiger Kingdom

Being close to a real tiger is a real once-in-a-lifetime experience that could come true at Tiger Kingdom. Here you can pet the big cats, under supervision of course.

Address: Mae Raem, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 53 860 7045

Internet: www.tigerkingdom.com

Tonlamiyai Market

At the bustling Tonlamiyai Market you can find bundles of flowers like roses and orchids. This large flower market is located near the river and you can come here every day, around the clock. It is always open.

Address: Tonlamiyai Market, Chiang Mai

Doi Suthep - Pui National Park

On the mountain of Doi Suthep above Chiang Mai you can find the Doi Suthep-Pui National Park. This park is full of beautiful nature, wilderness and things to do. This is also the place to find the spiritual Wat Phra That Doi Suthep temple.

Address: Huai Kaew Road, Chiang Mai

The Museum of World Insects and Natural Wonders

The popular Museum of World Insects and Natural Wonders has several exhibitions including oddities, insects and a lot of interesting facts. This is the perfect place to bring the children for exploring and learning.

Address: Siri Mankalajarn Road Soi 13, Muang Chiangmai, Chiang Mai

Opening hours: Every day 9am-5pm

Phone: +66 53 211 891

Internet: www.thailandinsect.com

Chiang Mai Art & Cultural Centre

The Chiang Mai Art & Cultural Centre is located in a building from 1924. At this museum you can find several exhibits including cultural activities. You can also visit the museum shop if you want to bring home one or two souvenirs.

Address: Prapokkiao Rd., T.Sriphum, A.Muang, Chiang Mai

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8.30am-5pm. Closed on Mondays

Phone: +66 53 217 793

Songkran Festival

One festival that Chiang Mai is particularly famous for is the Songkran. This old tradition is celebrated in connection with the Thai New Year. Why not take part of the huge water fight that takes place all over the town.

Address: Chiang Mai

Cooking Classes

Chiang Mai is famous for its cooking classes, so seize the opportunity to learn how to cook real Thai food from the experts while you are here. There are numerous companies offering cooking classes, one of them being "A lot of Thai" that was established in 2001.

Address: 165, Soi 9, Chiang Mai-Lampoon Rd, Nonghoi, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 89 9544 930 / +66 89 8539 680

Internet: www.alotofthai.com

Email: alotofthai@gmail.com

DINING



Photo: xiquinhosilva

You will find hundreds of dining options in Chiang Mai. Walking in the streets you will come across great street food, romantic diners, chic bars and traditional restaurants. Finding somewhere to eat in Chiang Mai will be your least problem.

Chiang Mai is especially known for having great vegetarian restaurants. You will need a lot of time to try them all. The diversity of the vegetarian food is hard to find someplace else in the world. Go crazy trying everything from falafels, Thai curry to salads.

When in Chiang Mai you will probably get yourself familiar with the so called "cooking schools". Do not miss this opportunity if you like cooking. The cooking schools are very popular and involve teaching foreigners how to cook great, simple Thai food. One class normally goes on for a half or a full day, sometimes even longer.

Giorgio Italian Restaurant

Giorgio Italian Restaurant is claimed to be one of the best Italian restaurants in Chiang Mai. The restaurant opened in 2001 and offers various Italian dishes made from fresh ingredients.

Address: 2/6 Prachasamphan Rd, Changklan Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 271 866
Internet: www.giorgiochiangmai.com

Anchan Vegetarian Restaurant

At Anchan Vegetarian Restaurant you can enjoy various types of vegetarian meals. This is a very popular place and well worth a visit even if you are not vegetarian.

Address: Nimmana Haeminda Between Lane 6- Lane 10, Suthep, Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-9pm
Phone: +66 83 581 1689
Email: naphatnatalang@gmail.com

Dash! Restaurant and Bar

This gourmet Thai style restaurant is claimed to be a great find. Dash! Restaurant and Bar offers a wide range of dishes in a cosy atmosphere. If you are interested, this place also offers cooking classes.

Address: Moon Muang Road Soi 3, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 85 347 7445
Internet: www.dashchiangmai.com
Email: noitevis@comcast.net

The Mexican Grill

The Mexican Grill is a great place if you feel like having some genuine Mexican food. Choose between scrumptious nachos, tacos, fajitas, burritos and much more. If you feel like a drink, the frozen Margaritas are especially recommended.

Address: 93/4 Moo 10, Canal Road, Suthep, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm
Phone: +66 53 020 161

Paak Dang

Paak Dang is a small, romantic restaurant near the river. Here you can savour authentic Thai food served by the guest friendly staff. From 8pm to 9pm you can enjoy live music.

Address: 46/1 WangSim Khum Road A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Every day 4pm-11pm
Phone: +66 53 232 356
Internet: www.caferimnam.com

La Fourchette

In the middle of Chiang Mai you can find a little piece of France. This French restaurant is very popular among its guests and offers fine cuisine accompanied by an extensive wine list.

Address: 162/2 Thanon Phrapokkiao, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-10pm
Phone: +66 89 851 8292 / +66 89 758 5604 (English, French and Japanese)
Internet: www.restaurant-la-fourchette.com

La Terrasse Restaurant

Another great French restaurant in Chiang Mai is La Terrasse. This restaurant offers affordable dishes and is located on one of the most popular streets in Chiang Mai.

Address: 59/5 Loi Kroh Rd., T.Chang Klan, A.Muang, Su Thep, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Every day from 5pm-late. Closed on Wednesdays
Phone: +66 83 762 6065
Internet: www.laterrassechiangmai.com
Email: laterrassechiangmai@gmail.com

Huan Soontaree Vechanont

The popular Huan Soontaree in Chiang Mai is claimed to be one of the most recognised Northern Thai restaurants. Here you can experience the traditional Thai cuisine in a friendly atmosphere.

Address: 208 Patan Road T. Patan A. Muang Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 4pm-12am
Phone: +66 53 872 707
Internet: www.saochiangmai.com
Email: sao_chiangmai@yahoo.com

Jagajee

At this fun tapas bar you can choose between various interesting dishes to tickle your taste buds. Jagajee is claimed to be a "must-eat" when you are going out dining in Chiang Mai.

Address: 1/1, Soi 15, Nimmanhaemin Road, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 80 127 7477
Internet: www.jagajee.com
Email: jagajeeecx@yahoo.com

Pizza e Vino

Pizza e Vino is the place to go if you are craving Italian pizza. This restaurant is located in the heart of Chiang Mai and offers excellent wine and Italian food like salads, pastas and of course pizzas.

Address: 27 Kotchasarn Road, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6pm-11.30pm
Phone: +66 53 273 928

Street Pizza

This little pizza place is located in the perfect spot on Thapae Rd. If you are in the neighbourhood, you should not miss to stop by here for a snack. The popular Street Pizza will definitely not disappoint you.

Address: 86-88 Thapae Rd., Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm and 6pm-11pm
Phone: +66 85 073 5746
Email: streetpizza@live.com

The Salad Concept

If you like salads and healthier alternatives when it comes to dining out you should head to The Salad Concept. This restaurant is run by two sisters who believe in the power of healthy food.

Address: Nimmarnhemim Road Soi 13., Su Thep, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Every day 11am-10pm
Phone: +66 53 894 455
Internet: www.thesaladconcept.com
Email: thesaladconcept@gmail.com

River Terrace Restaurant

Overlooking the river, River Terrace Restaurant offers both international and Thai dishes. Here you can choose between indoor and outdoor seating, both offering stunning views to accompany your dinner.

Address: Chiangmai-Lamphun Rd, Nong Hoi, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: 7 days a week
Phone: +66 53 275 300
Internet: www.ihg.com

Spoon de Best

Spoon de Best offers colourful and fun dishes from the authentic Thai cuisine. The guest friendly staff will give you a warm welcome to this cosy restaurant that can be found in the heart of the city.

Address: Ratpakinai Road, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm
Phone: +66 81 724 0774

Favola

Inside the Le Meridien hotel you can find the Italian restaurant Favola, a stylish place with modern décor. Here you can choose from a wide range of wines and tasty Italian dishes.

Address: 108 Chang Klan Road, Tambol Chang Klan, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: 5pm-11pm
Phone: +66 53 253 666
Internet: www.lemeridien.com

CAFES



Photo: Evo Flash

Cafés and Chiang Mai is a match made in heaven. Everywhere you go you will find coffee shops; quirky, fun, small, large, you name it. If you like coffee, this could be your heaven on earth. In most cafés you can use free WiFi, great for getting in touch with everyone at home while sipping on a good cup of coffee.

Dada Kafe

The friendly staff will give you a warm welcome at this popular café located on Ratmakka Road. Dada Kafe offers healthy, well-priced food as well as sinful desserts like a

peanut butter smoothie or German cheesecake.

Address: Ratmakka Road, Phra Sing, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: 9am-9pm. Close at 4pm on Sundays
Phone: +66 53 449 718

Dhara Dhevi Cake Shop

Dhara Dhevi Cake Shop is a Victorian style tea-salon located in the fascinating Dhara Devi Chaing Mai Resort. This is the perfect place to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea accompanied by a delicious macaroon or one of the other tasty sweets from the menu.

Address: 51/4 Chiang Mai, Sankampaeng Road Moo 1 T. Tasala A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 888 888
Internet: www.dharadhevi.com

The Cat House

The Cat House is a café located in the city centre and has a wide range of healthy good food. This quirky, small place offers great service, good-value dishes and refreshing drinks.

Address: 25 Chaiyapoom Rd, Lane 1, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 83 481 1359
Internet: www.cathouse-cm.com

Butter is Better Bakery & Restaurant

If you fancy a genuine, traditional treat you should visit Butter is Better. This place serves pastries, soups, bread and much more to all guests delight. You can come here for both a tasty breakfast or lunch.

Address: 189 Chang Klan Rd, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm. Sun 8am-4pm
Phone: +66 53 820 761
Internet: www.butterisbetterbakery.com

Love at First Bite

This cute little café is located in a garden just off the street. Sit down in the lush garden and enjoy a good piece of cheese cake, a scrumptious quiche or tasty pie.

Address: 28 Chiangmai-Lamphun Rd., Soi 1 T.Watgate A.Muang, Chiang

Mai
Phone: +66 53 242 731
Internet: www.loveatfirstbite-cm.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Madeleine Holland

Chiang Mai is not as "out of control" as Bangkok, or some of the islands, when it comes to partying. Here you will experience more of a laid-back atmosphere when going out. The riverside is especially great for having drinks while listening to live music.

The city is full of students and tourists, so if you do want to hit the town there are several great places for a good night out. Note that clubs close early because of city law. Many of the hotel bars offer great places for kicking back while having drinks.

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Gossip Gallery & Bar

At the intimate Gossip Gallery & Bar you can enjoy mingling and some drinks while listening to live music and jams. This retro-style bar also offers a wide collection of vintage findings and a local art exhibition upstairs.

Address: 32 Intawarorot Rd, Si Phum, A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Every day 6pm-1.30am
Phone: +66 86 191 1207
Internet: www.gossipgallerybar.wordpress.com

Zoe in Yellow

Zoe in Yellow is one of the trendiest clubs in town and a good place to chill out with friends. You can start your evening here with a tasty meal in the restaurant or bar. Later during the evening this place turns into a lively party scene. This is definitely the place for a great night out, from beginning to end.

Address: 40/12 Ratvithi Rd T. Sripnum, Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 84 222 9388
Internet: www.zoeinyellowchiangmai.com

The Playhouse Bar

If you are looking for a place to play beer pong, have a nice cocktail and listen to music you should come to The Playhouse Bar. This popular place is located just outside the old city and is famous for its fun activities.

Address: 66/2 Loi Kroh Rd., Chiang Mai
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 2pm-2am
Phone: +66 81 255 4989
Internet: www.playhousebarthailand.com

Boy Blues Bar

Enjoy some live blues while having a drink at the Boy Blues Bar. This relaxed place will bring you great drinks and great music and can be found just off Changklan Road.

Address: Soi 6, Changklan Rd, Kalare Night Bazaar, Chiang Mai
Opening hours: 7pm-1am
Internet: www.boybluesbar.com

Mix Restaurant & Bar

At Mix Restaurant & Bar you can choose various dishes from a bold menu consisting of food from all over the world. Sit in the cosy garden, have a drink and imbibe the romantic atmosphere.

Address: Soi 1 Nimanhem rd. A.Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 216 878

Internet: www.mixrestaurantandbar.com

SHOPPING



Photo: ckmck

Shopping in Chiang Mai is a true delight. If you like a bargain you must visit one of the many markets found around town selling handicrafts and art. Chiang Mai is also full of technology and computers, hence a great town for both the technology geek and the art freak.

The Chiang Mai Night Bazaar is the most famous market that stretches along the Ping River downtown. Here you will find many vendors selling just about everything. This place is great for people watching and for doing your souvenir shopping. It is hard not to buy something here. Another famous market is the crowded Sunday Walking Street starting at The Phae Gate running down the Ratchadamnoen Road. Vendors line up to sell a great variety of products like ethnic accessories. A selection of other markets includes the Kalare Night Bazaar, the charming Anusarn market and the Warorot Market.

Two of the largest shopping centres are the Kad Suan Kaew on Huay Kaew Road and the Central Airport Plaza. The old and charming Kad Suan Kaew is located near the airport and offers everything from chemists to clothes and shoes. On the weekends you can come here for a popular night market. Central Airport Plaza is located at the airport and is a modern 5-floor shopping centre offering modern shops, handicrafts, cinemas and entertainment.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: Evo Flash

Northern Thailand is the cheapest part of the country. No matter what type of accommodation you are looking for, you will most surely get great value for your money. You can find friendly guesthouses, luxury resorts and boutique hotels scattered all over town. If you are staying for a short period it is recommended to stay somewhere in the city centre, where you will have everything you need within walking distance.

MD House

This hotel is located in the centre of Chiang Mai within walking distance from many attractions. At MD House you can find a pool area, mini-gym and free WiFi.

Address: Ratvithi Road Lane 1, Si Phum, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 53 216 655

Internet: www.thaimdhouse.com

Email: mdhousecm@yahoo.com

Kodchasri Thani Chiangmai Hotel

In Downtown Chiang Mai you will find the Kodchasri Thani Hotel. This boutique hotel offers 39 rooms, which all include a flat-screen TV and minibar. On the premises you can also find a pool and a fitness centre.

Address: Ratpakinai Road, Phra Sing, Chiang Mai

Phone: +66 53 281 950

Internet: www.kodchasri.com

Dhara Dhevi Chiang Mai

Luxury and tradition are two words to describe this excellent accommodation. The property covers a large

area which includes restaurants, pools, a spa, tennis court and much more.

Address: 51/4 Chiang Mai-Sankampaeng Road., Moo 1, T. Tasala, A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 888 888
Internet: www.dharadhevi.com
Email: enquiry@dharadhevi.com

Oriental Siam Resort Chiang Mai

Immersed in greenery, this hotel offers a five star resort with stunning views of the mountain. Enjoy your stay in one of the beautiful villas, each one including a small private garden and terrace. Amenities onsite include a swimming pool, a library and free WiFi.

Address: 40/1 Moo 2, Sankhampaeng Rd. T. Tasala, A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 851 189
Internet: www.orientalsiamresort.net

Rimping Village Hotel

In the historical part of Chiang Mai, this boutique hotel offers 24 comfortable rooms and superb facilities. Amenities at Rimping Village include a swimming pool and free WiFi.

Address: 131 Soi 2 Chiangmai Lamphun, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 243 915
Internet: www.rimpingvillage.com
Email: rimpingvillage@gmail.com

Miami Hotel

Miami Hotel is an affordable accommodation right in the centre of Chiang Mai Old Town. At the hotel you can find 18 comfortable and cosy, yet simple, rooms. On the premises you can also use free WiFi.

Address: Chaiyaphum, Si Phum, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 235 240
Internet: www.miamihotelchiangmai.com
Email: miamihotelinfo@gmail.com

Sirilanna Hotel

At classy Sirilanna Hotel you can relax by the pool in a sun

lounger or have a drink in the bar. Here you can stay in one of the 21 luxury rooms. In each room you can find all necessary facilities you need for a comfortable stay.

Address: 89/3 Ratchapakinai Road, T.Phrasing, Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 279 1078
Internet: www.sirilanna.com
Email: nfo@Sirilanna.com

137 Pillars House

This popular hotel features 30 stylish suites immersed in modern luxury. Nearby you can find many attractions like the Thapae Gate Market. Amenities onsite include a spa and gym and free WiFi.

Address: 2 Soi 1 Nawatgate Road, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 247 788
Internet: www.137pillarshouse.com

U Chiang Mai

The fashionable U Chiang Mai is a modern resort combining traditional style and modern design. This accommodation offers 41 rooms as well as an infinity pool, fitness centre and breakfast.

Address: 70 Rachadamnoen Road, Sri-Poom, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 327 000
Internet: www.uhotelsresorts.com
Email: host@uchiangmai.com

Baan Boo Loo

This traditional Thai style accommodation offers a relaxing retreat right in the middle of Chiang Mai Old Town. Here you can find different types of rooms depending on the purpose of your stay. All rooms are individually designed and amenities onsite include free WiFi and free parking.

Address: Soi 3Kor, Intawaroraj3 Road, Sriphum, Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 87 936 8268
Internet: www.baanboooloo.com
Email: baanboooloo@gmail.com

Eco Resort Chiang Mai

If you are a backpacker or a lover of nature you will definitely like this hip hostel. Eco Resort Chiang Mai offers

an affordable accommodation with an environmental awareness. Onsite you can find an outdoor pool and a common room.

Address: 109 Bumrungrad Road, Tombon Watkate, Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 247 111
Internet: www.ecoresortchiangmai.com
Email: rsvn@ecoresortchiangmai.com

De Naga Chiang Mai

With warm teakwood interior, the De Naga Hotel Chiang Mai hotel offers a cosy and stylish accommodation in Chiang Mai Old City. Amenities onsite include a spa pool, restaurant and a bakery.

Address: 21 Soi 2 Ratchamanka, Moon Muang Road, T. Pra Sing, A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 209 030
Internet: www.denagahotel.com
Email: info@denagahotel.com

The Grand Napat

The Grand Napat offers great accommodation suitable for both business and leisure. A selection of the rooms include a kitchenette and bathtub, which is convenient for longer stays. Amenities onsite also include a gym, free parking and a restaurant serving breakfast each morning.

Address: 70/1 Muendamprakot Road, Changphuak, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 231 777
Internet: www.thegrandnapat.com

DusitD2 Chiang Mai

This stylish five star design hotel can be found right in the heart of Chiang Mai, just off Chang Klan Road. On the premises you can enjoy a swim in the outdoor pool or a much needed massage. Amenities include free WiFi and parking.

Address: 100 Chang Klan Road Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 999 999
Internet: www.dusit.com
Email: d2cmrsvn@dusit.com

Rawee Waree Luxury Hotel

About 10 minutes from the city centre you can find Rawee Waree Luxury Hotel in a really cosy location. The 32 modern rooms feature a balcony and minibar. Amenities on the premises include a restaurant, free parking and free WiFi throughout the premises.

Address: 211 Moo. 6 T. San Phi Suea, Mueang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 110 555 / +66 53 110 833
Internet: www.raweewareehotel.com
Email: info@raweewareehotel.com

Royal Bella Vista Country Club

The Royal Bella Vista Country Club is located in the hills southwest of Chiang Mai. This timeshare accommodation is perfect for a tranquil holiday in the beautiful surroundings of nature, flowers and cobbled streets. Amenities at this hotel include restaurants and a lounge area.

Address: 135 Moo 5, Hangdong-Samoong Road Baanpong, Hangdong District, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 5336 5318 / 011 66 5336 5318
Internet: www.diamondresorts.com
More Info: Diamond Resorts Timeshare

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

Chiang Mai Airport is located near the city. At the airport you can find restaurants, shops and currency exchange.

The easiest way to reach the city is by taxi or a tuk-tuk. These can be found right outside the airport terminal. A taxi to the city centre costs approximately 120B.

At the airport there are car and limousine rental services available as well as parking. Note that some hotels offer airport transfer.

On the upper floor you will find a transportation counter if you have any questions or need help.

Address: Chiang Mai Airport, Chiang Mai

Internet: www.airportthai.co.th / www.chiangmaiairportonline.com

More Info: Prices updated September 2013

Public Transport

Chiang Mai is a small city, hence very easy to walk around. The main means of transportation around the city are the tuk-tuks (motorbikes), songthaews (small buses) and trishaws (bicycles). The tuk-tuk will take you almost anywhere for 80-150B. A ride on a songthaew will cost you 8-10B and a trishaw 20-30B per journey.

The main bus station is located approximately 15 minutes from the old town. Here you will find an information desk if you need help. It is preferable to book your bus ticket in advance.

There are regular departures to Bangkok from the train station. The train station is located 2-3 kilometres east of the city.

You can rent your own car or bicycle for discovering the area.

More Info: Prices updated September 2013

Taxi

The main means of transportation around the city are the tuk-tuks (motorbikes), songthaews (small buses) and trishaws (bicycles) which all function as taxis. The tuk-tuk will drive you almost anywhere for 80-150B. A ride on a songthaew will cost you 8-10B and a trishaw 20-30B per journey.

You will come across regular taxis in busy places like the airport.

More Info: Prices updated September 2013

Post

Look for the red post boxes to send a letter. The post offices around town offer many different services and are generally open from 8am-4.30pm.

Main Post Office:

Address: 402 Charoen Muang Rd., T. Wat Ket, A. Muang, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 241 070 / +66 53 248 719
Internet: www.thailandpost.com

Pharmacy

There are numerous pharmacies scattered around Chiang Mai.

Peera Pharmacy:

Address: Rachadamnoen Road, Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai
Phone: +66 53 273 303

Telephone

Country code: +66

Area code: 53

Electricity

220 V, 50 Hz

Population

Approximately 250,000

Currency

Thai Baht (THB) 1 = 100 Satang

Opening hours

From Mondays to Saturdays shops are open between 8am-9pm. Shopping malls are generally open from 10am-9pm. Banking hours are from 9.30am-5pm and from 10am-7pm, seven days a week, in the larger shopping malls.

Newspapers

Chiang Mai Trader News
Chiangmai Mail
Citylife Chiang Mai

Emergency numbers

Police, Ambulance: 191
Tourist Police: 1155
Fire Brigade: 199

Tourist information

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