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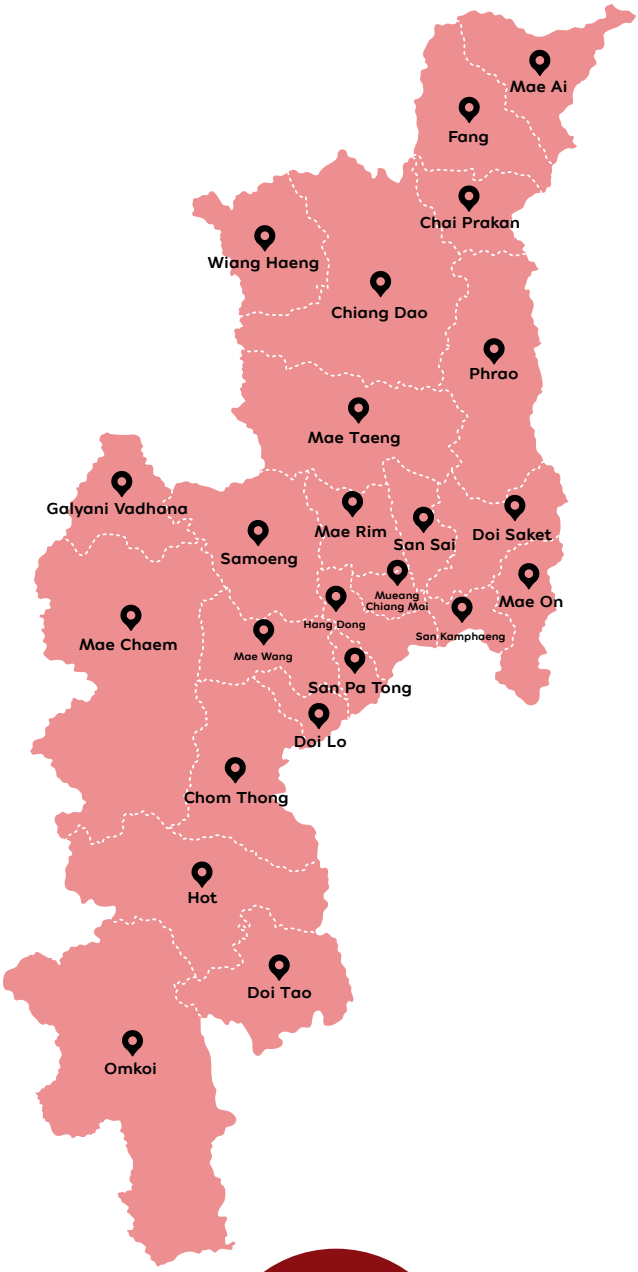
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**"With the majestic Doi Suthep Peak
and a wealth of traditions that exude grace,
The city flourishes with beautiful blossoms,
Fondly known as the prestigious 'Rose of the North,
A haven of cultural and natural wonders."**

Nopburi Si Nakhon Ping Chiang Mai also known as s Wiang Ping, was founded by King Mangrai the Great, the first king of the Mangrai Dynasty in 1296. The dynasty remained independently governed for 200 years before being captured by the invading Burmese army in 1558. It was later liberated and reclaimed as part of the Lanna Kingdom by King Thaksin the Great in 1774. During the reign of King Rama I, Chiang Mai became a vassal state. It wasn't until the reign of King Rama V that Chiang Mai was incorporated as part of the Monthon Phayap (Northern Region), and finally as a province during the reign of King Rama VII.

Chiang Mai is the largest province in the northern region, covering an area of 20,107 square kilometres. The area mostly comprises of expansive mountain ranges and swathes of forest, with a large central plateau flanked by the Ping River. Chiang Mai is the economic heart of Thailand's north and a hotbed for Lanna-style art and culture, giving it the unofficial title of "The Zenith of Cultural Beauty."

Map of Chiang Mai



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Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep Ratchaworawihan

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai



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Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep Ratchaworawihan graces the landscape of Suthep Subdistrict, standing as the revered stupa for those born in the Year of the Goat. Legend tells that this mountain once sheltered a hermit named Sudeva, whose name, resonating as "Suthep," inspired the mountain's title. The temple's origins trace back to the 19th Buddhist century, during the reign of King Kuena Thammikarat the 6th ruler of Chiang Mai, who commissioned its construction to house a sacred relic of the Buddha, transported from Si Satchanalai. Over the centuries, a grand chedi was erected over the relic, adorned with restorations that continue to this day.







The chedi's architectural grandeur is embodied in its twelve-sided bell shape, resting upon a square base with gracefully indented corners, reflecting the exquisite Lanna artistry. Cloaked in gilded gold leaf, the chedi gleams with a radiant golden hue. Surrounding this sacred structure are brass ceremonial umbrellas, and nestled within small, temple-like shrines are Buddha images. At each of the four corners, the Lokapala shrines stand vigilant.

The temple comes alive annually during the Visakha Bucha day with a traditional water-pouring ceremony. Visitors can climb the majestic Naga staircase, which has over 300 steps. A cable car is also available for pilgrims and tourists.

Open daily 05:00-21:00 hrs.

A cable car fee: 20 baht



Jing Jai Market

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Jing Jai Market, nestled along Atsadathorn Road in Chang Phueak Subdistrict, is a sanctuary for organic produce and a haven for the health-conscious. As Chiang Mai's pioneering safe vegetable and organic agricultural market, it unfolds across two distinct zones: the Jing Jai Farmers Market and the Rustic Market. The Farmers Market is a vibrant showcase of chemical-free vegetables and fruits,

lovingly cultivated by local farmers from Chiang Mai and neighbouring provinces. Alongside fresh produce, the market offers an array of processed foods, ready-to-eat delicacies, homemade snacks, and artisanal baked goods. It is a celebration of wholesome eating, supporting the livelihoods of farmers and nurturing sustainable community development.

The Rustic Market, situated beneath the majestic canopy of a giant raintree, is the largest handmade market in Chiang Mai. It brings together an eclectic collection of handmade crafts, collectables, home décor, clothing, and jewellery, creating a delightful shopping experience. Coffee, beverages, and live music complement this artisanal atmosphere, making it a beloved destination for both locals and visitors.

Open Saturday-Sunday 06:30-15:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5323 1520





Royal Park Rajapruek

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai



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Nestled in the Mae Hia Subdistrict, Royal Park Ratchapruek is an exquisite botanical garden that first opened its gates for the International Horticultural Exposition in honour of King Rama IX in 2006. Originally established at the Chiang Mai Royal Agricultural Research Center, this verdant haven has since blossomed into a hub of horticultural education and a cherished destination for agro-tourism and cultural exploration in Chiang Mai and throughout Thailand.

Key Attractions:

• *Ho Kham Luang Pavilion:* A resplendent two-storey pavilion, the Ho Kham Luang is a masterwork of traditional Lanna architecture, rendered in rich shades of red and brown. The upper floor is home to the Royal Hall of Honor, where exquisite Lanna murals pay tribute to His Majesty the King by depicting his numerous royal duties and accomplishments. The lower floor features a fascinating exhibition of photographs from His Majesty's coronation ceremony on 5 May 1950, alongside his inaugural royal command: "We shall reign with righteousness, for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people." Visitors can also immerse themselves in a 3D exhibit showcasing various royal projects.



buildings, each dedicated to different plant types, from desert flora to tropical, cold-climate plants, and hydroponics. The Four Regions Village showcases traditional Thai ways of life, harmoniously integrated with their respective regional environments. Other must-see attractions include the New Theory Agriculture Garden, the Rose Dome, the Flower Pavilion, the Shade House, the World of Insects, and the Orchid Pavilion.

• *International Gardens:* A celebration of global horticulture, the International Gardens section features garden displays from 22 countries. These gardens were established as part of the festivities commemorating the 60th anniversary of His Majesty King Rama IX's accession to the throne in 2006.

• *Corporate Gardens:* This area features garden designs from various public and private organizations, all inspired by His Majesty the King's royal initiatives, particularly those related to agriculture and sustainable development. The gardens also emphasise the philosophy of Sufficiency Economy.

Open daily 08:00-18:00 hrs.

Entrance fee: Adult 200 baht, Children 150 baht

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5311 4110
or visit www.royalparkrajapruek.org



Ban Kang Wat Project

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There are tucked away on Ban Ram Paeng Road in Suthep Subdistrict, near Wat Umong. Ban Kang Wat Project is a delightful community of shops that harks back to a simpler time. Here, the spirit of camaraderie and cooperation flourishes, much like in the days of old. The architecture reflects this ethos, blending traditional and modern styles to create a village-like ambience surrounded by nature's embrace. The houses, part wood and part concrete evoke a sense of nostalgia, each adorned with vintage décor and lush greenery.

Each charming house in Ban Kang Wat has been transformed into a unique shop, offering an array of handmade goods, home decorations, delightful eateries, coffee shops, and creative studios. At the heart of this community lies a central activity area, where various events and communal activities breathe life into this cultural sanctuary.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 10:00-18:00 hrs.
Closed Monday

For further details, contact Tel. (66)9 3423 2308

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Lanna Folklife Museum

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Located in the former Kwaeng Court building across from the Three Kings Monument, the Lanna Folklife Museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting the traditional way of life of the Lanna people. The museum's exhibitions showcase various aspects of Lanna's art and culture, including Buddhist art, rituals, architecture, painting, and sculpture.

Open Wednesday-Sunday 08:30-16:30 hrs.
Closed Monday-Tuesday

Entrance fee: Adult 90 baht, Children 40 baht

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5321 7793

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Wat Phra Sing Woramahawihan

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Located on Sam Lan Road, Phra Sing Subdistrict, this temple has a history which stretches back 655 years and was formerly named 'Wat Li Chiang Phra' meaning 'The temple is close to the central city market'. During the reign of the 8th ruler of the Mengrai dynasty, Phra Phutta Sihing Buddha's image was enshrined here, leading to the temple being known as 'Wat Phra Sing'.

The temple has since been declared a first-class royal monastery and contains important archaeological sites like the ordination hall, Wihan Lai Kham, Wihan Luang, the Tripitaka Hall, and the exquisite murals inside Wihan Lai Kham, all of which are prime examples of Lanna art and architecture. According to Lanna tradition, it is also considered the auspicious temple for those born in the Year of the Dragon.

Open daily 09:00-18:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)8 1883 8752, (66)8 7175 5739, (66)8 5037 8376





Wat Phan Tao

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Located on Phra Pok Klao Road in Phra Sing Subdistrict, close to Wat Chedi Luang, Wat Phan Tao is a historic and central city temple that carries a unique charm. Once called "Wat Pan Tao" (Meaning "Thousandfold"), one act of merit can return blessings a thousandfold. Later, the name gradually evolved into "Wat Phan Tao." Another interpretation of the temple's name is that it was once a site for casting hundreds of Buddha statues, thus earning the name "Wat Phan Tao."

Key Attractions:

• *Wihan Ho Kham Luang:* A magnificent structure entirely made of teakwood, the Wihan Ho Kham Luang was originally the royal residence of King Mahotratiprathet, the 5th ruler of Chiang



Mai. During the reign of King Inthawichayanon (the 7th ruler), the royal residence was dismantled and reassembled as an image hall of Wat Phan Tao. This teakwood building reflects Chiang Saen style architecture, with its entrance adorned with intricately carved peacocks-a symbol of northern royalty. Inside, the principal Buddha image in the Subduing Mara posture, Phra Chao Phan Tao (meaning "a thousandfold success"), crafted in the 19th Buddhist century during King Saen Mueang Ma's reign, embodies Lanna artistry. The wihan also houses a traditional elevated preaching pulpit that is over a century old.

• *Main Chedi:* Located behind the Wihan Ho Kham Luang, this principal chedi is designed in the shape of a bell, resting on an octagonal base and surrounded by smaller chedis.

Open daily 08:00-17:00 hrs.

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Wat Phrathat Doi Kham

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Perched in the Mae Hia Subdistrict, Wat Phrathat Doi Kham is an ancient temple with a history that spans over 1,300 years. It is believed to have been constructed during the reign of Queen Chamadevi of Hariphunchai in 687. Initially known as Wat Suwannabanphot, or "Wat Doi Kham" by locals, the temple gained prominence when several ancient artefacts, including the large gilded sandstone Buddha image, Phra Rod Luang, and terracotta Buddha images known as Phra Sam Mo, were discovered after a treasure trove was unearthed. These artifacts are now enshrined within the temple.

The temple is also home to the revered Phrathat Doi Kham, an ancient chedi housing sacred relics of the Buddha, and Luang Pho Than Chai, a highly venerated Buddha image. Additionally, visitors can enjoy panoramic views of Chiang Mai from the temple's scenic viewpoint.

Open daily 07:30-18:00 hrs.



Wat Umong (Suan Buddha Dhamma)

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Located at the foot of Doi Suthep, Wat Umong is a temple known for its tranquil atmosphere and expansive grounds, making it a significant spiritual retreat in Chiang Mai. Reflecting Sri Lankan Buddhist influence, the temple was originally built during the reign of King Mengrai in an area known as the Bamboo Grove. Later, during King Kuena's reign, tunnels were constructed within the temple grounds to serve as a meditation space for the revered monk Phra Maha Thera Chan, who was well-versed in the Tripitaka. This led to the temple being known as "Wat Umong Thera Chan." Key features of the temple include the 700-year-old chedi, the Dhamma Library, the Puzzles of Dhamma Hall, the Open-air Museum, the Bodhisattva images, and the replica of Ashoka's pillar. The temple also serves as a retreat for those interested in meditation practice.

Open daily 05:00-20:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5327 3905, (66)9 3278 7733

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Wat Suan Dok

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Located in the Suthep Subdistrict, just about 1 kilometre from the Pratu Suan Dok Gateway, Wat Suan Dok was founded by King Kuena, the 6th monarch of the Mengrai dynasty. The temple holds significant historical value from that era. Legend has it that King Kuena gifted a garden lush with White Meranti trees, as the site for the temple. He named it Wat Buppharam, which means "Temple of the Flower Garden," though it is more commonly referred to as Wat Suan Dok.



Highlights of the temple include:

• *Phra Borommathat Chedi,* which enshrines relics brought from Sukhothai by Phra Sumana Thera. This chedi showcases a fusion of Lankan and Lanna artistic styles.

• *Phra Chao Kha Khing,* a bronze Buddha image in meditation posture is enshrined in the main image hall.

• *Phra Chao Kao Tue,* a bronze Buddha statue in the Subduing Mara Posture, created by Lanna and Sukhothai artisans, is displayed in the ordination hall.

• *Ku Kru Ba Siwichai,* which holds the remains of Kru Ba Siwichai, a much-revered monk was constructed in 1947.

• *Ku Chao Luang Chiang Mai,* where the remains of northern royalty from the Na Chiang Mai family and descendants of the Chao Chet Ton clan are housed.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5380 8563

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Chiang Mai Zoo

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Situated on Huai Kaeo Road, 5 kilometres from the city centre and near the arboretum, Chiang Mai Zoo is a large facility housing both native and exotic animals. Attractions include giant pandas (Symbols of Thai-Chinese Friendship), koalas from Australia, penguins, and finches.



Additionally, the Chiang Mai Zoo Aquarium spans two floors, featuring an upper level with exhibits on aquatic ecosystems and endangered insects, and a lower level with a 133-metre underwater tunnel showcasing both freshwater and marine species.

Open daily 08:00-17:00 hrs.

Entrance fee:
Zoo: Adult 350 baht, Children 120 baht
Chiang Mai Zoo Aquarium: Adult 450 baht, Children 350 baht
Snow Buddy Winter Land: Adult 500 baht, Children 450 baht

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5322 1179 or visit www.chiangmaizoo.com



Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan

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On Phra Pok Klao Road in Phra Sing Subdistrict, this temple is home to Chiang Mai's largest stupa which was built during the reign of Phra Chao Saen Mueang Ma, the 7th ruler of the Mengrai dynasty (1370 -1411). The Emerald Buddha image was enshrined in Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan for 80 years between 1468 and 1548. The entrance to the temple also boasts the northern region's most impressive Naga staircase.

In the temple's small pavilion stands the wooden 'Sao Inthakil', or city pillar, which was erected when King Mengrai first established the city in 1296 and has remained until this day. There's an annual celebration on the 12th night of the 8th lunar month, usually around May, known as 'Khao Inthakil', which celebrates the erection of the city pillar.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)6 4483 3963

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Chiang Mai Night Safari

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Set within the grounds of Doi Suthep-Pui National Park in the Mae Hia and Suthep Subdistricts in Mueang Chiang Mai and Nong Kwai Subdistrict in Hang Dong District, this expansive nighttime zoo offers visitors the chance to view Elephants, Giraffes, Zebras, Lions, Bears, Tigers, Hyenas and Crocodiles from an open-sided tour vehicle. There's also a lakeside trail amid some incredible flora.

Open daily 11:00-22:00 hrs. (Tickets on sale until 21:00 hrs.)

Entrance fee:
Safari Tram: Adult 1,200 baht and Children 600 baht
Jaguar Trail: Adult 400 baht and Children 200 baht

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5399 9000
or visit www.chiangmainightsafari.com

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Wat Photharam Maha Wihan or Wat Chedi Chet Yot

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai







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It was situated on Superhighway Road (Chiang Mai-Lampang) in the Chang Phueak Subdistrict, approximately 4 kilometres from Chiang Mai city centre. Wat Chedi Chet Yot is a revered temple commissioned by King Tilokarat of the Mengrai dynasty in 1445. The king appointed Phra Uttamapanya Mahathera as the first abbot and established a Bodhi tree to mirror the sacred site where the Buddha once conquered Mara. Due to the presence of this Bodhi tree and a



grand image hall (Wihan), the temple was named "Photharam Maha Wihan" but is more commonly known as "Wat Chedi Chet Yot" due to its seven-tiered chedi. The wihan was constructed from sandstone and adorned with intricate stucco, the temple's architecture bears resemblance to the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya, India. The chedi base is beautifully embellished with stucco figures of celestial beings in various postures.

Additionally, this temple was the site of the 8th World Buddhist Council and the Si Maha Bodhi Chedi of Bodh Gaya is also of great significance for those born under the snake zodiac according to Lanna beliefs.

Open daily 06:00-20:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)8 1783 8567, (66)8 9553 8491



Wat Si Suphan

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai







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Located on Wualai Road in Haiya Subdistrict, Wat Si Suphan is a historic temple established in 1500 during the reign of King Mueang Kaeo of the Mengrai dynasty. The king commissioned the enshrinement of Phra Chao Chet Tue or the Buddha of Miracles and the construction of a wihan, chedi, and ubosot, naming the temple "Wat Si Suphan Aram," which is now commonly referred to as "Wat Si Suphan."

Key Attractions:

Silver Ordination Hall is renowned for its world-first silver ordination hall, featuring an ancient Lanna architectural style with a brick and mortar structure and decorated entirely with aluminium and silver.



Intricate three-dimensional carvings depict Buddhist art and teachings, reflecting the community's rich history as a centre for silver craftsmanship. Inside the ubosot, Phra Chao Chet Tue, the principal Buddha image, is enshrined.

Lanna Silver Craft Museum is a learning centre for local wisdom and silver craftsmanship.

Open daily 06:00-18:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5320 0332, (66)6 1403 2815

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Warorot Market (Kat Luang)

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai



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As Chiang Mai's largest and oldest market, Warorot Market boasts a history stretching over a century. Originally a royal crematorium and columbarium for the region's past rulers, it was transformed into a market following an order by Chao Dararasami, who relocated the royal ashes to Wat Suan Dok and funded the market's construction with contributions from local leaders. Named "Warorot" after the ruling prince, the market is now affectionately known as "Kat Luang," (meaning both 'royal' and 'large' market depending on interpretation).

The market features a diverse array of local foods, including spicy chilli paste, pork rinds, pork sausage, fermented pork, pickled garlic, Chinese plums, shiitake mushrooms, carrots, purple cabbage, sweet gourd, pears, persimmons, apples, golden oranges, strawberries, lychees, and peaches. It also offers seasonal flowers such as roses, carnations, and lilies.

Open daily Morning Market 04:00-18:00 hrs.
Evening Market 18:00-24:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5323 5688
or visit www.warorosmarket.com

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Nimmanhaemin Area

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai







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The vibrant Nimmanhaemin Road in the Suthep Subdistrict is a cornerstone of Chiang Mai's commercial scene. Lined with an eclectic mix of dining establishments, coffee shops, bakeries, and boutique stores, this bustling area is lively both day and night. Visitors, both local and international, flock to Nimmanhaemin to explore its colourful array of shops and cafes, each uniquely styled, making it a popular destination for strolls and photo opportunities.



One Nimman

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai







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Situated at the Rinkham Intersection next to Nimmanhaemin Soi 1, One Nimman is a distinguished venue blending art, culture, and modernity. This shopping complex combines traditional Lanna aesthetics with contemporary European flair, featuring a diverse collection of shops, restaurants, galleries, handmade goods, workshops, street food, cafes, and bars - all in one dynamic location.

Open daily 11:00-22:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5208 0900
or visit www.onenimman.com

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Khlong Mae Ka

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai







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Just 2 kilometres from Tha Pae Gate, Mae Ka Canal is a historic waterway in central Chiang Mai. Now, a charming destination blending Japanese and Lanna influences. Spanning approximately 750 metres, it features brick block decor reminiscent of Otaru City in Hokkaido, Japan. The canal offers a variety of shops and eateries along both sides, providing a delightful experience for visitors.

Open daily 15:00-22:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)9 3790 8058

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Wat Pa Daet

Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai



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Situated in Pa Daet Subdistrict, Wat Pa Daet is a historic temple originally known as Wat Don Kaeo. Within its grounds, you'll find the revered Luang Pho Ta Wan, the principal Buddha image enshrined in the Phra Wihan Luang Lai Kham, and the esteemed Ganesh deity, who symbolizes success and removes obstacles, housed in the Maha Thep Burapha Chao Hall. The Ganesh statue, named Uttara Si Kanapathi, was established in 2007 as a spiritual anchor for devotees.

Visitors seeking blessings are guided through specific procedures by the temple. Additionally, for those interested in participating in an Aarti ceremony and receiving a forehead blessing from a Brahmin, prior booking is required, as these ceremonies are held only on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays extending into weekends. The ritual requires a ceremonial fruit set and is conducted in 09:00-11:30 hrs. and 13:00-16:00 hrs.



Open Thursday-Tuesday 08:30-17:00 hrs.
Closed Wednesday

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5344 7319

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Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden

Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai



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Located in Mae Raem Subdistrict, the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden stands as one of Thailand's most comprehensive botanical gardens with international standards. It focuses on collecting and preserving a variety of plant species, particularly those that are endangered or local, for cultivation, propagation, and research.

Highlights include:

Canopy Walkway: The longest canopy walkway in Thailand, offering 360-degree views. Spanning 400 metres and standing 20 metres above the ground, it provides breathtaking views of the



surrounding forest and mountains. The structure, blending seamlessly with nature, is situated over 800 metres above sea level.

Additionally, the garden offers an Eco-Tourism Camping Area from December to February, where visitors must bring their own tents and sleeping gear.

Open daily 08:30-16:30 hrs.

Entrance fee: Adult 150 baht, Children 100 baht (Vehicle with driver 100 baht)

Shuttle services within the garden: Adult 40 baht, Children 20 baht

Camping Fee: Adult 200 baht, Children 100 baht

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5384 1234 or visit www.qsbg.org.



Lhong Him Khao Community

San Kamphaeng District, Chiang Mai



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Nestled in the picturesque Ban Mon of San Klang Subdistrict, the Lhong Him Khao Community is a haven where art and nature blend seamlessly along the serene banks of the Khao River. The term "Lhong Him Khao," derived from the local dialect, translates to "community by the Khao River," reflecting its tranquil riverside setting. This charming enclave boasts quaint Lanna-style wooden Thai houses, each transformed into unique boutiques offering exquisite local cuisine, artisanal coffee, and traditional garments. These inviting homes open their doors to visitors, showcasing their distinctive products.

The community also hosts the delightful Chum Cha Market, a quaint bazaar shaded by ancient rain trees, where visitors can explore a treasure trove of handcrafted goods, artisanal creations, and delectable treats. Annually, the community celebrates "Kat Ton Yon", a vibrant festival featuring cultural performances and an array of local handicrafts.

Open daily 10:00-17:00 hrs.

Chum Cha Market Open Saturday-Sunday 09:00-14:00 hrs.

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Bo Sang Umbrella Making Center

San Kamphaeng District, Chiang Mai







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Situated in Bo Sang Subdistrict, just 9 kilometres from Chiang Mai along the scenic Chiang Mai-San Kamphaeng Road, the Bo Sang Umbrella Making Center is a celebrated destination for traditional craftsmanship. Visitors are invited to witness the intricate process of umbrella creation, from crafting mulberry paper to assembling and painting these charming accessories in vivid hues. The centre is renowned for its artisanal umbrellas, crafted from silk, cotton, and mulberry paper, each adorned with colourful, eye-catching designs.

Open daily 08:30-17:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5333 8195, (66) 5333 8324 or visit www.handmade-umbrella.com.

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Wat Intharawat or Wat Ton Kwen

Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai







Wat Intharawat or Wat Ton Kwen

Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai

Nestled in Ban Ton Kwen, Nong Kwai Subdistrict, Wat Intharawat is a revered temple of great historical and architectural significance. This ancient temple is celebrated for its unique four-faced pavilion, an architectural rarity in northern Thailand. The temple's traditional Lanna art and architecture are exemplary, earning it recognition as a Conservation Building of Excellence by the Association of Siamese Architects in 1989.

Open daily 06:00-17:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)8 1884 9566

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Ban Rai Kong Khing Community

Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai







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In Nong Kwai Subdistrict, the Ban Rai Kong Khing Community is an enriching destination for health tourism, celebrated for its herbal remedies and traditional practices. This tranquil community embraces a simple lifestyle and leverages local wisdom to create wellness products. Visitors can immerse themselves in Lanna culture through workshops on herbal compresses, pandan flower folding, traditional desserts, and the traditional "Yam Khang" healing method. Enjoy a traditional Lanna meal from an organic farm and experience the soulful melodies of the "Salo So Seung" performance.

For further details, contact Tel. (66)9 2515 5652, (66)6 1195 9551

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Ban Mae Kampong

Mae On District, Chiang Mai







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Perched in Mae On District, Ban Mae Kampong is a picturesque village set amidst high mountains and lush greenery, marking the watershed between Lampang and Chiang Mai. Known for its perpetually cool climate, this village offers charming eco-friendly homestays. With a history of over 100 years in tea cultivation, Ban Mae Kampong



invites visitors to explore its tea gardens, partake in sustainable practices, and experience the stunning Mae Kampong Waterfall with its seven tiers. Hiking enthusiasts can scale Doi Mon Lan, and those seeking relaxation can enjoy traditional herbal massages. For further details contact, Mae Kampong Royal Project Cooperative Tel. (66) 5322 9526.

Open daily 06:00-18:00 hrs.

For further details, contact Tel. (66) 5393 9439, (66)8 5675 4598

Directions: Located 51 kilometres from Chiang Mai City, accessible via Highway No. 1317 (50 kilometres) or Highway No. 118, with a right turn at the Pong Din intersection (51 kilometres).



Wat Luang Khun Win

Mae Wang District, Chiang Mai







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Mae Wang District, Chiang Mai

Nestled in Don Pao Subdistrict, Luang Khun Win Temple is a venerable site, over 700 years old, set amid a lush forest on a mountain. The temple was rejuvenated in 1954 by Khruba Oun Ruean Suppatto of Wat Kuan Nimit. Showcasing traditional Lanna architecture, Wat Luang Khun Win offers a serene environment ideal for meditation, spiritual practice, and reflection. It regularly attracts international visitors who come to marvel at its historical and architectural beauty.



Highlights:

Standing Buddha's Ubosot: This striking structure enshrines a 9-metre tall standing Buddha, carved from the world's largest Magnolia baillonii Pierre. The statue, depicted in the walking meditation pose, rests on a 2-metre wide base.

Reclining Buddha's Ubosot: This ordination hall features a reclining Buddha in the parinirvana posture, and several other intricately carved wooden Buddha statues.

Phrathat Mon Pia: A white, five-tiered stupa that enshrines relics of the Buddha's hair. According to legend, the Buddha visited this area and granted a relic to two Lawa people, Khun Sap and Khun Samoeng, who then built this stupa atop a mountain in his honour.

Naga Staircase: This staircase, adorned with naga motifs, reflectsthe elegance of traditional Lanna art. The temple is 10 kilometres from Khun Win village. The first 5 kilometres are on a gravel road with steep sections leading to the Karen village of Huai Yuak. A standard vehicle can handle this portion, but the remaining distance requires a 4x4 vehicle, which can be arranged locally.

Open daily 06:00-17:00 hrs.

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Wat Den Sa Li Si Mueang Kan

Mae Taeng District, Chiang Mai







Wat Den Sa Li Si Mueang Kan or Wat Ban Den

Mae Taeng District, Chiang Mai

Located in Inthakhin Subdistrict, this temple was established in 1894 as a repository for ancient Indranil posts from the Lawa era. Later, Kruba Chao Tueang Natsilo took residence and a Bodhi tree, known locally as "Ton Sa Li," grew. This led to the temple being named "Wat Ban Den Sa Li Si Mueang Kan," reflecting its auspicious nature and its location in the ancient city of Mueang Kan. The temple underwent renovation in 1894 to enhance its beauty.

Highlights:

• *Phra Chao Than Chai Wihan:* A large teak building featuring Naga-themed stairways surround the image hall. Inside, the white Phra Chao Than Chai Buddha image is enshrined within a Naga-carved alcove for worship and blessings.



• *Phra Chao Pan Ton Wihan:* A smaller image hall with astaircase adorned with stucco sculptures of the mystical bird "Hatsadiling". Inside, the Phra Chao Ngern Than Chai, a Buddha statue made entirely of silver, is enshrined on a beautifully gilded base, surrounded by lifelike images of renowned monks and numerous small Buddha statues on the walls.

• *Ma Tam Wihan:* Houses the Phra Kaeo Klao Chao Bun Rueang, the principal Buddha image.

• *Phrathat of the Zodiac:* A representation of the 12 zodiac pagodas, allowing worshippers to pay respects to their corresponding year's relic.

• *Phra Chao Nirvana Wihan:* Enshrines a white Buddha image in the parinirvana posture, draped in a gold-embroidered robe, with murals depicting the Buddha's life story.

Additionally, the temple features a statue of Phra Kruba Chao Tueang Natsilo, a stupa containing the monk's ashes, a pavilion housing Phra Sethi Nawa Khothi, and a Dharma Hall.

Open daily 07:00-18:00 hrs.

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Luang Mae Sap Cave

Samoeng District, Chiang Mai







Luang Mae Sap Cave

Samoeng District, Chiang Mai

Located in Ban Mae Sap, Samoeng Tai Subdistrict, Luang Mae Sap Cave falls under the jurisdiction of the Park Ranger Unit 1 of Khun Khan National Park. This limestone cave features two levels: the upper cave, a spacious chamber with a large opening and a deep alcove extending approximately 10 metres, and the lower cave, with an entrance about 2 metres wide and a depth of approximately 144 metres. The cave is renowned for its stunning stalactites and stalagmites. The main chamber is adorned with "inverted pothole" formations,



resembling overlapping domes, extending across both the walls and ceiling. The cave walls display colourful bands in yellow, orange, red, brown, blue, white, grey, and black, created by varying chemical compositions in the rock. These natural patterns and hues resemble a rainbow, earning the cave its nickname “Rainbow Cave.” The cave is also home to thousands of bats.

Open daily 08:00-16:30 hrs.

For further details contact, Khun Khan National Park Tel. (66) 5200 0410, Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation Tel. (66) 2562 0760, (66) 2561 0777 or visit www.dnp.go.th

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Doi Inthanon National Park

Chom Thong District, Chiang Mai







Doi Inthanon National Park

Chom Thong District, Chiang Mai

Doi Inthanon National Park, located in Ban Luang Subdistrict, Chom Thong District, was once known as “Doi Luang” or “Doi Ang Ka.” Doi Luang refers to the large size of the mountain, while Doi Ang Ka is named after a nearby pond that resembled a water basin and was frequented by crows. Part of the Himalayan range extending from Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar, Doi Inthanon is the highest peak in Thailand. The park features diverse landscapes, a cool climate year-round, and frequent fog, with frost occurring in winter.



Key Attractions:

• *Mae Ya Waterfall:* A majestic and large waterfall, Mae Ya cascades in a series of tiers from the Mae Ya stream, with a height of about 260 metres. The waterfall forms a stunning curtain of water, and the clear, cool pool below is perfect for relaxation.

• *Mae Klang Waterfall:* A single-tiered waterfall, approximately 100 metres high, originating on Doi Inthanon. It flows year-round and features a large pool for swimming, showcasing natural beauty.

• *Wachirathan Waterfall:* Formerly known as "Tat Kong Yong," this impressive waterfall, about 70-80 metres high, is fed by the Mae Klang stream. Water cascades year-round, with spray creating a misty ambience. Opposite the waterfall is a cliff Called "Pha Mon Kaeo" or "Pha Waen Kaeo."

• *Siri Phum Waterfall:* Located at km 31 on Highway No. 1009, Siri Phum consists of twin waterfalls flowing side by side. Originally named "Lauli" after the nearby Hmong village chief, the twin streams from the high cliffs offer a spectacular sight. Access requires a walk from the park headquarters, as vehicles cannot get close.



• *Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri:* Situated at kilometre 41.5, these pagodas were built by the Royal Thai Air Force and Thai people. Phra Mahathat Naphamethanidol was dedicated to King Rama IX in 1987 for his 60th birthday, and Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was constructed for Queen Sirikit's 60th birthday in 1992. The area offers stunning views of Doi Inthanon. Open daily 08:00-17:00 hrs.

• *Doi Inthanon Summit:* The highest point in Thailand, standingat 2,565 metres above sea level, is known for its cold weather year-round. It houses a Thai Air Force radar station and the Inthawichayanon stupa, which contains a portion of the late King Inthawichayanon's ashes.

• *Tourist Information Center:* Near the summit, this centre presents exhibits on Doi Inthanon's history, geography, biodiversity, and unique species found only in Thailand.

• *Huai Sai Luang Waterfall:* Located about 16 kilometres from the Mae Chaem District Office, this medium-sized waterfall flows robustly year-round, cascading in tiered steps. Named after the yellow sand on the streambed, the area is surrounded by large trees and ferns. The access road is rough, especially during the rainy season, requiring a four-wheel-drive vehicle.





• *Mae Pan Waterfall:* The longest waterfall in Chiang Mai, Mae Pan cascades over 100 metres from a cliff into a pool below. Visitors can swim in the pool. It is accessed via the same route as Huai Sai Luang Waterfall, continuing 500 metres further. A 10-minute walk of 800 metres from the parking area leads to the waterfall.

• *Lan Sedet Waterfall:* Located along the Kiu Mae Pan nature trail, this small yet charming waterfall is surrounded by hill evergreen forest forest. Green moss covers the tree bases and stream banks, creating a serene and shaded environment.





Nature Trail on Doi Inthanon

• *Kiu Mae Pan:* The trailhead is located at Km 42 and is a short circular nature trail approximately 3 kilometres long. It is ideal for those seeking an authentic nature experience. Along the trail, you will encounter hill evergreen forests. The path winds along a cliff, where mist continually sweeps by. You will see the Rhododendron, a shrub or small tree found in high-altitude forests. It has white and red flowers that resemble banana blossoms before blooming fully between December and February. This plant is common in the Himalayas and is also Nepal's national flower. Looking down from the trail offers stunning views of Mae Chaem District. Informational signs along the path educate visitors.

• *Best Visiting Time:* December to January. During the rainy season, the trail is closed to allow nature to recover, from 1 June to 30 October each year. Access requires registering for a permit at the park's information centre and should be organised in groups of no more than 15 people. Food is not allowed on the trail. Tourists can arrange for a guide at the Kiu Mae Pan Visitor Center, with a guiding fee of 200 baht.

Open daily 06:00-16:00 hrs.

• *Ang Ka:* This trail was surveyed and designed by Michael MacMillan Walsh, a Canadian zoologist and volunteer at Doi Inthanon National Park, known for his dedication to Doi Inthanon. The circular nature trail is approximately 360 metres long and takes about 30 minutes to walk.

It features a wooden walkway blending with nature and informational signs throughout. The area is covered with constantly drifting clouds, making the atmosphere humid with mist. The dense forest features moss-covered trees and ferns, giving the impression of a prehistoric forest. The Ang Ka marshland is a peat bog with tropical evergreen forest vegetation mixed with temperate species. Prominent plants include the Sphagnum Moss, Rhododendrons, and it is a habitat for rare endemic species and numerous birds like the Chestnut-tailed Minla, Yellow-bellied fantail, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, and Snowy-browed Flycatcher. Migratory birds also visit during the winter.

Visitor Center: Located at Km 9 on Route 1009, providing guidance and exhibitions about nature and wildlife.

Entrance Gates: Gate 1 is open 24 hours. Gate 2, at the summit and viewpoint, is open from 05:00-18:00 hrs.

Entrance fee: Adult 300 baht, Children 150 baht, Vehicle fee: 30 baht.

Accommodation and Facilities: The park offers lodgings and camping sites.

For further details, contact Doi Inthanon National Park Tel. (66) 5328 6729, (66) 5328 6728, Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation Tel. (66) 2562 0760 or visit www.dnp.go.th



Wat Phrathat Si Chom Thong

Chom Thong District, Chiang Mai







Wat Phrathat Si Chom Thong

Chom Thong District, Chiang Mai

Located on Chiang Mai-Hot Road in Ban Luang Subdistrict, formerly known as "Wat Phrathat Chao Si Chom Thong," this important temple is a revered site in northern Thailand.

It is believed to have been established around the 20th Buddhist century, but its architecture reflects styles from the late 24th Buddhist century during the Chiang Mai Renaissance.



Notable Features:

• *Temple Traditions:* The "Haemai Kham Pho" festival is a Lanna tradition which involves placing wooden supports under a Bodhi tree that signifies the perpetuation of Buddhism.

• *Religious Significance:* The temple houses a relic of Buddha, specifically the right cranial relic. It is especially important for those born in the Year of the Rat as it is the zodiac relic for this year.

• *Other Attractions:* Includes the ordination hall, a two-storey Tripitaka Hall (a blend of concrete and wood), the satellite chedi (Phrathat Noi), built to accompany the main chedi for balance, and the Phra wihan Chaturamuk.

Open daily 08:00–17:00 hrs.

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Pa Pong Piang Rice Terraces

Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai







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Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai

Situated in Ban Pa Pong Piang, Mae Chaem District, these terraces are a mesmerizing spectacle amidst a rugged mountain landscape. The scenery transforms with the seasons, particularly during the rice harvest from July to November. The golden hue of the rice from late September to October creates a captivating visual symphony. Local homestays offer an opportunity to immerse oneself in nature and the traditional lifestyle of the area.



Chiang Dao Cave

Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai



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Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai

Nestled at the base of Doi Luang Chiang Dao, this large cave features striking natural formations such as stalactites and stalagmites. The formations are named according to their shapes, including “Angel’s Lamp,” “Blooming Lotus,” “Giant Hand,” and “Multi-layered Lotus.”

The cave entrance is accessible via stairs, and the main chamber is illuminated. A stream with various fish runs in front of the cave, where visitors can feed the fish.

Walking Routes: There are three paths to explore the cave:

1. Phra Non cave: 360 metres long.

2. Kaeo Tham Nam cave: 934 metres long.

3. Muet Tham Ma cave: 735 metres long. A guide is required for this route, and can be arranged at the cave entrance for a fee of 200 baht per group.

Additional Attraction: At the cave’s entrance is Wat Tham Chiang Dao, an ancient temple housing the “Than Chai Buddha Image,” believed to fulfil wishes quickly.



Open daily 07:00-17:00 hrs.
Entrance fee: 40 baht
For further details, contact Tel. (66)8 8788 8926



Royal Agricultural Station Angkhang

Fang District, Chiang Mai







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The Royal Agricultural Station Ang Khang is located in Ban Khum, Mae Ngon Subdistrict. It is the most significant highland fruit research station in Thailand. His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great (Rama IX) initiated the Royal Project as a personal project in 1969. The station serves as a research and experimentation centre for cultivating various temperate crops, providing a model for hill tribe farmers to grow these crops as an alternative to opium cultivation. The station was named “Royal Agricultural Station Ang Khang”.



Within the station, there are many attractions, including 80 Garden, Doi Kham Garden, Hom Garden, Somdej Garden, English Rose Garden, Sakura Garden, Bonsai Garden, Tea Plantation 2000, Bamboo Garden, Plum Plantation, Flower Greenhouses, Fruit Orchards, and Winter Vegetable Plots. Visitors can explore the experimental plots of temperate fruits and purchase seasonal produce.

• *Ban No Lae Strawberry Farm* is an area where villagers cultivate Royal Project Strawberry No. 80. The strawberries are grown in terraces along the mountain slopes, creating a stunning view stretching as far as the eye can see. During the harvest season, visitors can pick strawberries directly from the plants.

• *Mon Son Viewpoint* is in Mae Soon Subdistrict, within the Doi Pha Hom Pok National Park. It is one of the most beautiful spots to watch the sunrise and enjoy the sea of mist on Ang Khang Mountain. The view offers panoramic views with a balcony extending from the cliff, perfect for relaxation and enjoying the breathtaking scenery. Visitors can camp at the designated camping area to experience the cool weather and morning mist.

Open daily 07:00–17:00 hrs.

Entrance fee: 50 baht

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