

## Chiangmai general information



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### How to Get to Chiang Mai from Bangkok

- **By Air** (1 hr from Bangkok)

Domestic airlines (Thai Airways International, Bangkok Airways, Air Asia, Orient Thai Airlines and Nok Air ) operate several daily flights between Bangkok and Chiang Mai. A one-way flight takes about one hour. There are also regular domestic flights between Chiang Mai and other major cities in Thailand and international flights to and from some major Asian destinations

- **By Bus** (10-11 hrs from Bangkok)

Several ordinary and air-conditioned buses leaving daily from Bangkok's Northern Bus Terminal (also known as Mo Chit) on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road.

- **By Rail**

Express and rapid trains leave for Chiang Mai from Hualamphong Station several times daily and the trip takes about 11-12 hours for express trains.

### Chiangmai average temperature in September



	(°F)	(°C)
High	90°	32°
Low	70°	21°

### Suggested attire outside of Meeting

Lightweight, breathable clothes as it will be warm and humid during the day. Please bring a light jacket for evenings, and umbrella/raincoat in case of rain.



Thai Currency = Baht

### Currency exchange rate

1.00 USD = 35.00 THB

### Money changer

- Chiang Mai airport

Banking Currency Exchange counters are opposite the international arrival lounge

- Chiangmai city

ATMs and exchange bureaux in most tourist places





Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand lives up to its nickname “The Rose of the North”. The city is packed full of natural wonder, adventure, intrigue, romance, and history; making it a must-visit location in Asia. There are only a few locations on Earth that can match the magnificence of this ancient city.

Here are the top reasons why you should visit Chiang Mai Thailand.

- **Historical City**

Chiang Mai was once the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom. What makes the city so unique is that it is a walled city. Meaning to say, the entire historical center is surrounded by a wall, some of which still remains to this day. Although a lot of the wall has deteriorated over the years, the moat surrounding the wall is still fully intact. Chiang Mai is also located on the Ping River which has made it a historically important location for trade and commerce for many years.

- **Beautiful Landscapes**

One of the most loved aspects of Chiang Mai is the abundance of nature beauty. Imagine an ancient Thai city located deep within a lush rainforest teeming with spectacular waterfalls, exotic animals, and rich ecosystems. Within a matter of minutes, visitors can venture out of the ancient city and into the fertile rural countryside where they can become one with Mother Nature, and admire the immensely beautiful backdrop of Northern Thailand.

- **Magnificent temples**

Thailand is a predominately Buddhist country so it may come as no surprise to find out that the city is home to over 300 Buddhist temples, or wats.

- **Shopper’s Paradise**

For those looking to find a great bargain on some locally crafted items in Thailand, the Night Bazaar is the place to be. This nocturnal marketplace is filled with stalls selling everything from souvenirs, textiles, food, and plenty of other interesting items.

- **Relaxing Getaways**

Aside from all of the adventure to be found, the city is also a great place to relax. Spend the day in a botanical garden watching butterflies dance through the air, melt away your stress while getting a traditional Thai massage, or even take a peaceful trip down the Mae Tang River on a bamboo raft.

- **Animal Encounters**

One really amazing feature of Chiang Mai is the diverse number of animal species that are native to the region. And the best part of it all is the fact that visitors can get up close and personal with these special creatures. Looking to join a night safari, ride an elephant, or even hug a tiger? Chiang Mai has all of that, and a whole lot more.

- **Ethnic Tribes**

Take a step back in time by visiting one of the many diverse ethnic hill tribes in Northern Thailand. These tribes have held on to their traditional ways for many generations and they can be visiting at one of the many tourist-friendly villages around the city.

- **Delicious Thai food**

Perhaps one of the most outstanding aspects of the city is the food. Everyone has to eat, so you might as do it right. The food in Thailand has consistently proven that it can deliver mouth-watering exotic dishes in ways that you’ve probably never tried before. Just be careful, Thai food can be a bit on the spicy side.

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## Chiangmai local attraction



### Wat Chedi Luang

Wat Chedi Luang temple is home to Chiang Mai's largest Buddhist chedi built featuring 98 meters tall and 54 meters in diameter.



### Wat Phra Singh

(Temple of the Lion Buddha) is an important Buddhist monastery. Founded in the 14th century, it houses two medieval Buddha statues.



### Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

Perhaps the most famous and important temple in Chiang Mai every visitor must pay a visit. On top of Doi Suthep Hill, at 3,520 feet above sea level



### Hmong Ethnic Village

The village itself is overlooked by forested hills, and there's an open area surrounded by eateries and bars which is kept for sports and festivals. The village streets are lined with little stores selling mostly tourist souvenirs and Hmong traditional clothing with its distinctive colours and intricate geometric embroidery. Traditional ethnic jewellery can also be purchased. An original souvenir of your visit involves dressing in a Hmong outfit and having your photograph taken.



### Lanna Folklife Museum and Three Kings Monument

- The Lanna Heritage Centre, set inside the Thai-colonial-style former Provincial Court, recreates Lanna village life in a series of life-size dioramas
- The Three Kings Monument was erected to immortalize the 3 Kings who together were responsible for the founding of Chiang Mai in 1296.

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**Baan Celadon** maintaining the handmade procedures, emphasizing on the importance of painting, carving lively designs characterizing Thai arts and cultural life in order to preserve Thai traditional wisdom



### **Wat Chai Mongkol**

Wat Chaimongkol is one of the oldest community monasteries in Chiang Mai. It was founded around 600 years ago, as the power and influence of the Lanna kingdom was emerging at the time of strong King Tilokkaraj.



### **Boat Trip on Mae Ping river**

Leave the city behind and relax awhile, carried along the cool waters of the River Oing. Enjoy the ever-changing river scene, rural greenery and sunny.



### **Thai Farmer's house**

At Thai Farmer's house it down and relax over a fresh fruit or herb juice, together with a plate of newly prepared mixed fruit, which is included in the price of your two-hour excursion. But you may also wish to experience the cooking class.



### **Vieng Joom On**

is a beautiful teahouse on the banks of the Mae Ping river, famous for unusual blends of teas and delicious Thai cakes and desserts.

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