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# Chiang Mai Attractions <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chiang Mai At A Glance

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Surrounded by a ring of mountains, Chiang Mai has a rich and ancient seven hundred year history. You will never be bored in Chiang Mai as there are a plethora of things to do and see! You can tour the old city, visit historic temples, go elephant riding, go nature trekking or visit a hill tribe village. Chiang Mai has a very distinctive culture, arts, festivals, and traditions as well as a thrilling mix of local, ethnic and expatriate communities from all over the world.

Chiang Mai has never been more exciting. In fact, the city has been voted as one of the top destinations to live in Asia and is a modern and cosmopolitan city, but still maintains its traditional old charm. The city is home to over 300 temples dating as far back as the 13th century.

You can drive in any direction for thirty minutes and find many unique and stunning cultural attractions such as museums, ancient ruins, national parks, waterfalls, and mountain trails to name a few. You will never tire of the multitude of diverse delights as Chiang Mai offers something for everyone! Nature lovers, culture aficionados, sports enthusiasts and those who just wish to lie back and be pampered in a luxurious spa will love what Chiang Mai has to offer.

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## San Kampaeng Market

A popular tourist spot where one can observe the traditional craft of parasols making and silver wares.

- Opening hours: 09:00 pm - 05:00 pm
- Distance from hotel: 20 minutes.



## Chiang Mai Zoo

Pay a visit to the star attraction there - pandas Zhuang Zhuang & Lin Hui plus numerous other wild animals. Perfect for an afternoon family excursion.

- Opening hours: 08:30 am - 05:00 pm
  - Distance from hotel: 15 minutes.
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## Khum Khantok

Lanna-style setting offering Lanna Khantok meals of Northern specialties and traditional performances.

- Opening hours: 06:30 pm - 09:30 pm
  - Distance from hotel: 20 minutes
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## Mae Sa Elephant Camp

Go crazy over elephants playing football, painting and music. Go for a ride on them as well.

- Opening hours: 07:00 am - 03:00 pm
  - Distance from hotel: 40 minutes
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## Elephant Nature Park

Located about 60km north of the city or about one hour drive, the Elephant Nature Park is home to approximately 30 rescued elephants. You can visit the park with options ranging from a day trip to volunteering.

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## Night Bazaar

Located about 60km north of the city or about one hour drive, the Elephant Nature Park is home to approximately 30 rescued elephants. You can visit the park with options ranging from a day trip to volunteering.

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## Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep

Famous holy place with 300+ steps that leads to the sacred temple. Cable cars also available.

- Distance from hotel: 45 minutes.
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## Wiang Kum Kam

Excavated underground city with history dating back to the 11th century. Hop on a horse carriage or tram with local guide explaining the history and architectural remains.

- Opening hours: 08:30 am – 05:00 pm
  - Distance from hotel: 25 minutes.
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## Wualai Walking Street & Sunday Walking Street

Weekend walking streets with food vendors and a galore of bargain items.

- Opening hours: 04:00 pm onwards.
  - Distance from hotel: 5 minutes walking time.
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## Suan Bua Mae Sa Orchid & Butterfly Farm

With more than 25,000 species of orchids to be seen as well as a plethora of butterflies of various colors. Also close by, one may visit the snake farm.

- Opening hours: 08:00 am – 06:00 pm
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## Chiang Mai Aquarium

The largest aquarium in Southeast Asia with the world's longest acrylic walk-through tunnel that houses more than 8,000 aquatic animals.

- Distance from hotel: 20 minutes
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## Activities and Attractions

### Shop 'til You Drop

Fabulous shops await you in Chiang Mai. You will find everything from inexpensive goods, amazing handmade products and art, to brand name designers. If you are searching for souvenirs or knickknacks you must visit the lively Night Bazaar.

They say that trends and products change with the wind and at the Night Bazaar things are constantly changing! It is always an adventure for locals and tourists alike to drop by and see what's available. The market is open daily between sunset and midnight.

### Get Crafty

Located 13 kilometers east of Chiang Mai, Sankampaeng has literally dozens of craft industries and showrooms along the road. You will find an abundance of crafts, but Sankampaeng is not a tourist trap. The crafts here are quality traditional crafts such as silks, weaving, wood carving, silverware and lacquer ware.

For over 200 years the villagers of Bo Sang have been producing traditional umbrellas made from local materials such as silk, cotton, a paper from mulberry trees and bamboo. These beautifully crafted umbrellas come in all sorts of sizes and make wonderful keepsakes.

Be sure to stop by the Lanna Arts Fair and Craftsmen Walking Street. This market showcases art from 21 villages, including the Yong, a popular group from the north. The Yong are known for their unique handicraft techniques. They are famous for their elephant wood carvings, bamboo products, souvenirs, for drawing pictures on cloth, creating dolls made from cloth, and more. This fair opens every Saturday from 4 p.m.-11 p.m.

## Culture

Thailand Culture There are many cultural festivals including Loi Kratong which is held on the first full-moon night in November. Every year thousands of people assemble floating banana-leaf containers (krathong)

decorated with flowers and candles onto the waterways of the city to worship the Goddess of Water. Lanna-style hot-air lanterns (khom fai) are also launched into the air. These are believed to help rid the locals of troubles and are also taken to decorate houses and streets.

Songkran is a favorite Thai holiday and is held in mid-April to celebrate the traditional Thai New Year. Chiang Mai has become one of the most popular locations to visit for this festival. A variety of religious and fun-related activities (notably the good-natured city-wide water-fight) take place each year, along with parades and a Miss Songkran beauty competition. Of course Chiang Mai is famous for the Flower Festival. This is a three-day festival held during the first weekend in February each year, this event occurs during the period when Chiang Mai's temperate and tropical flowers are in full bloom. The festivities include floral floats, parades, traditional dancing shows and a beauty contest.

Chiang Mai is a regional centre for many activities, including Hill-tribe tourism and nature trekking. There are tour companies that offer organized treks among the local hills and forests on foot and on elephant back. Most also involve visits to the various local hill tribes. These include representatives from the Akha, Hmong, Karen, and Lisu tribes. The Karen tribes are those fascinating 'giraffe-necked' women who have their necks adorned with row upon row of jewelry.

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