

GLOBAL PARADISE

FREE DESTINATION FIELD GUIDE

THAILAND / NORTHERN HIGHLANDS

Chiang Mai

Old City temples, northern food, and optional mountain days without hurry.

PLAN FOR

01

Check air quality

02

Plan seasonal markets

03

Choose wildlife visits carefully

Independent travel ideas / No purchase or sign-up required

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01 / FIND YOUR BASE

Start with the shape of your days.

01 Old City

Temple walks and local food within the historic moat area.

02 Nimmanhaemin

A cafe and contemporary-city base; compare transport needs.

03 Ping Riverside

A quieter-feeling option with different evening routines.

04 Doi Suthep area

A mountain day trip, subject to weather and site access.

02 / ARRIVAL AND MOVEMENT

Chiang Mai Airport lists several ground-transport options. Confirm the current official pickup location and fare before leaving the terminal; do not assume a fixed journey time.

03 / ENTRY REMINDER

Thailand's entry permission varies by passport. Non-Thai entrants must use the free TDAC within three days before arrival; it does not replace a visa. Check current embassy and government advice before departing.

04 / FLEXIBLE FOUR-DAY OUTLINE

An itinerary with breathing room.

DAY 01**Old City arrival****MORNING**

Settle in and take a short orientation walk.

AFTERNOON

Choose one nearby temple and respect posted customs.

EVENING

Try northern Thai food at a comfortable pace.

DAY 02**Mountain perspective****MORNING**

Check weather and visit Doi Suthep if conditions suit.

AFTERNOON

Return without stacking a distant second excursion.

EVENING

Leave the evening free for rest or a local meal.

DAY 03**Craft and culture****MORNING**

Choose a museum, craft area or botanical visit.

AFTERNOON

Explore a different neighborhood or cooking experience.

EVENING

Check local market opening days before going.

DAY 04**Nature with care****MORNING**

Choose a forest walk or responsible wildlife experience.

AFTERNOON

Ask about animal welfare practices; avoid riding or performances.

EVENING

Prepare your next transfer and review air quality.

Use this as a starting point, not a promise of openings, weather, access or availability. Confirm every reservation and route directly.

05 / A PRACTICAL FINAL CHECK

Go informed. Stay flexible.

- Check visa and TDAC rules for your passport before travel.
- Monitor current air quality, especially in northern dry season.
- Confirm opening day before planning the Sunday Walking Street.
- Assess wildlife operators' welfare practices, not marketing labels.
- Check site access and road conditions for mountain excursions.

OFFICIAL RESOURCES - CHECKED 14 OCTOBER 2026

Thailand Immigration: TDAC FAQ

OPEN >

Tourism Authority: Chiang Mai

OPEN >

Chiang Mai Airport: transport

OPEN >

Canada: Thailand entry and safety

OPEN >

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