

## Arrival information

### 1. Flying to Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai is located about one hour away by plane from Bangkok.

There are several airlines with frequent daily flights to Chiang Mai from Suvarnabhumi and Don Mueang airports in Bangkok.

Chiang Mai airport has its own immigration check point. However, for guests who are flying through Suvarnabhumi airport in Bangkok, they should do the immigration process in Bangkok.

If you are flying with Thai Airways all the way to Chiang Mai, the airline provides special transfer line for immigration and security checks. When you get out of the plane in Suvarnabhumi, please follow the signs for the transfer to several local destinations in Thailand, including Chiang Mai. For those who are flying with other airlines, please take the normal immigration line, collect your luggage, and proceed to departure floor for your connecting flight.

### 2. Upon your arrival at Chiang Mai airport

For guests taking special transfer line in Suvarnabhumi, please take the international arrival (to your right) after you get off from the plane. Your baggage will be transferred directly to Chiang Mai and you can collect your luggage in the international arrival terminal.

Otherwise, please follow the ground staffs to collect your luggage in the domestic terminal.

#### - Taxi

If you do not have someone to pick you up at the airport, then the best way to reach town is by using taxi. The taxi service is not expensive, starting from about THB 180 or more, depends on your destination address in the city.

There are two taxi companies, both have counters at the international and domestic terminals. You can also ask for receipt at the counter.

#### - ATM and money exchange

Chiang Mai airport has money exchange services which are located in front of the arrival gate at the international terminal.

If you prefer to withdraw cash in local currency, there are several ATM machines in the airport which accept international debit card or credit card. There is one machine located in the international terminal and several more in the domestic terminal.

You can also easily find ATMs everywhere in town.

- Sim-card

If you need a local sim-card during your stay, you can get it from the sales staffs of TRUE MOVE or AIS before getting out from the baggage claim area. They usually distribute the sim-card for free (for the one without credit), or with 50/100 Baht credit which will cost the same amount.

### **3. Weather in Chiang Mai**

The month of May is the beginning of the rainy season in Thailand, therefore you might want to bring an umbrella with you before going out of your hotel.

The temperature is quite pleasant with the average minimum of 24-26 deg C and average maximum of 34-36 deg C.

<http://www.tmd.go.th/en/province.php?id=2>

### **4. Electrical outlet and Voltage**

Thailand uses 220V AC, and 3-pin sockets similar to those used in Japan. However many hotels will have sockets which can accept also European and Schuko plugs.

Please refer to the page below if you need more detailed information.

<http://www.thailandguru.com/electricity-220volts-thailand.html>

### **5. Medical services**

Chiang Mai has a wide range of pharmacies and medical stores, where it is easy to find most common medicines. Sometimes, when the western brands are not available, local equivalents can be found. For more serious situations, there is also a large number of hospitals many of which have international standards. The Chiang Mai Ram is centrally located (<http://www.chiangmairam.com/NEW%20CMR/HOME%20Eng/home%20Eng.html>)

and close to NARIT. It has standards certified by American and Japanese associations, with English-speaking staff and a wide range of in- and out-patient care.