


## CHIANG MAI CITY TEMPLES


**D**RIVE AROUND THE OLD CITY TO SEE CITY'S MOAT AND RUINED WALLS. VISIT MUST-SEE TEMPLES IN THE CITY AREA.

 **Morning departure:** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.  
**Afternoon departure:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.


Chiang Mai hosts over 300 Buddhist temples ("wat" in Thai). Most of the temples are of the 'Lanna' style, dating between the 13th and 18th centuries and characterized by curved wooden roofs pointing up at the top. Besides the most famous temple 'Wat Phra That Doi Suthep' other must-see temples are in the old city and surrounded area. (Check out our Doi Suthep tours if you wish to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep.)


Here's our 5 must-see city temples that we will visit (as many as time allows):


 **Wat Chedi Luang "The temple of the Great Stupa"**. Construction began in 1391 and lasted almost a century. When the chedi was finally finished in 1475 it had reached a height of about 85 meters and a width of 44 meters, which made it by far the largest structure of Chiang Mai. In 1545, it was partially destroyed in an earthquake.

 **Wat Phra Singh**. Dates back to the 14th century when Chiang Mai was the capital of the Lanna Kingdom, Wat Phra Singh is one of the finest

examples of classic Lanna style temple architecture in Northern Thailand. A grand monastery contains an important Buddhist statue called PhraPhutthaSihing.

 **Wat Chiang Man**. The oldest temple in Chiang Mai town, built in 1296 by King Mengrai of Lanna kingdom. The temple is famous for its Lanna-style chedi supported by rows of elephant-shaped buttresses.

 **Wat Sri Suphan**. The architecture is built in Lanna style of masonry and the aluminum-and-silver decoration over delicate carving. This three-dimension art portrays stories of Buddhism, dharma puzzles, and the history of the temple with purposes not only to preserve the religion, conserve the local wisdom of silverware, but also to boast the pride of Lanna kingdom for generations to come.

 **Wat Umong**. A 700-year-old temple with the tunnels (umong) below the pagoda. The ruined mural paintings inside the tunnels are believed to be the oldest Lanna period paintings that can be found. Visit here to enjoy reading Buddhist adages written in English and Thai, leading to a small lake where you can feed fish and turtles, or visit its open zoo amid the forest behind the temple.

**Half-day Tour. The tour is private basis. Minimum of 2 persons required.**

**Includes:** English speaking guide, Accident insurance (for age 1-75 yrs.)

**Excludes:** Lunch

**Cancellation Policy:**

- Changes/cancellation can be made free of charge up to 24 hours before departure.
- 100%charge is applied if no show or cancelled within 24 hours before departure.
- Timetable or itinerary may be changed under certain circumstances.

