

DOI SUTHEP TEMPLE, HMONG VILLAGE, AND HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY VILLAGE



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8:30 am: Pick up from the hotel and travel up the winding mountain road through **Doi Suthep - Pui National Park** to the **Doi Suthep Temple** the most important temple in Chiang Mai at an altitude of 1,100 meters above sea level. Get some exercise by walking up 306 steps to the temple (those who do not want to do this can take the funicular to the temple). See the Northern Thai style dented corner golden pagoda which contains a relic of the Lord Buddha in a hall surrounded by murals that relate the story of Lord Buddha's life. Here you can also get a chance to get a holy blessing from a Buddhist monk. From the terrace enjoy a panoramic view of Chiang Mai City as you watch the birds and feel the cool breezes.

From the temple, continue up the mountain and choose to visit **Bhuping Palace** (temporary closed during the royal family visit in January - March) or **Hmong Village**, home to the Hmong Tribe who lives in this park for almost half century.

After lunch, continue your visit to the small village of **San Kamphaeng** where local people earn their

income from farming and making many local products. There are many different products as the village is famous for its silk weaving, silver making, lacquerware, wood carving, Saa paper and umbrella making, cotton weaving, jade and jewelry products and more. Witness the production process and enjoy shopping for good quality products before returning to Chiang Mai.

Alternatives for the afternoon: Instead of San Kamphaeng handicraft village, you may choose to visit **Baan Tawai**, the other handicraft village to the south of the city, where is most known for wood carvings. Everything from antique wooden Buddha statues to hand carved wardrobes can be purchased here, both as a single item and in large quantities.

The other alternative for your afternoon is a few tourist famous city temples in Chiang Mai - Wat Chedi Luang, Wat Phra Singh, Wat Umong, Wat Chiang Man, Wat Lok Moli, Wat Sri Suphan, ... freely pick some of them to your itinerary!

5:00 pm: Return to the hotel

Full-day tour. The tour is private basis. Minimum of 2 persons required.

Remarks: Please dress appropriately in temples and palace.

Includes: Entrance fee to Doi Suthep temple, entrance fee to Hmong village OR Bhuping palace, entrance fee to Wat Chedi Luang, Lunch, English speaking guide, Accident insurance (for age 1-75 yrs.)

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.