

DOI SUTHEP-PUI NATIONAL PARK

DOI SUTHEP TEMPLE, HMONG VILLAGE OR BHUPING PALACE OR OTHER TOURIST-FAVORITE CITY TEMPLES

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.

An alternative to Bhuping Palace and Hmong Village: After Doi Suthep Temple, you may choose

to visit a few other famous temples in the city. Check in at some of temples we suggested below as much as your time allows.

- Wat Chedi Luang.** Located Chiang Mai's largest Buddhist chedi built featuring 98 meters tall and 54 meters in diameter.
- Wat Phra Singh.** A home to Phra Phutthasihing, Chiang Mai's most sacred, Chiang sean-style Buddha image.
- Wat Umong.** The 'Tunnel Temple', famous for its ancient tunnels and large stupa. There are tunnels with Buddhist images below the chedi which can be easily explored.
- 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.

12:30 pm: Return to the hotel

Half-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, English speaking guide, Accident insurance (for age 1-75 yrs.)

Options (on your own expense):

- Extra trip hours: 500THB/hour/car.

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.

