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10 Eco-Friendly Hotels

in Chiang Mai

PANVIMAN CHIANGMAI



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SYN BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Location : 14/28 Chonlaprathan Road,
Tambon Chang Phueak, Amphoe
Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai
Telephone : 0 5321 5215
Website : www.synhotel.com
Facebook : SYN Boutique Hotel

SYN Boutique Hotel gives out a lively boutique vibe with 'Sofia', a pink-gold Volkswagen, parking and welcoming everyone who walks into the lobby. There is a relaxing area, including a restaurant and a bar at the front, and an art gallery on the left side. On the right side, there is a swimming pool filled with sea-coloured water giving a Miami-like sunbathing feeling, while actually being in Chiang Mai.

General Manager, provided us with a brief history of SYN Boutique Hotel. Here, we want to create a new experience for our guests by being a space of inspiration through tangible arts, thus giving them the freedom to choose the most worthwhile lifestyle and vacation time. Additionally, we try to make this hotel as environmentally friendly as possible; for example, sorting waste, reducing the use of plastic, switching to LED lights, having a good wastewater treatment system, and using AI





technology to help detect the number of people in a certain area to reduce the power used for air conditioners to control the temperature, plus it saves energy as well.

“We aim to be the hotel that inspires creative people by giving them experiences and creative ideas that they can use in every aspect, including work, life, perspective, attitude, and sustainability. We want to be a role model hotel for others in the same business, be helpful, and also save the world together.”

Despite being new, we believe that SYN Boutique Hotel will walk this path firmly and sustainably.



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CROSS VIBE CHIANG MAI DECHEM HOTEL

Location : 10/18 Mu.2 Chiang Mai-Lampang Super Highway Road,
Tambon Chang Phueak, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai,
Chiang Mai

Telephone : 0 5321 4828

Website : www.crosshotelsandresorts.com/crossvibe Chiang Mai

Facebook : Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem Hotel, Nimman

This is a 4-star hotel within the chang puak. The location of Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem Hotel is not far from the famous tourist attraction, Nimman, meanwhile, is still peaceful and able to see the slow lifestyle of the Chiang Mai people.

General Manager, invited us to sit and sip a refreshing welcome drink though what is even more refreshing is when we see the green area inside the hotel with a vertical garden hosting more than 40,000 golden pothos plants on a high wall. In addition to growing green, she told us that the founder of this hotel was fond of not only tourism, but also nature. That is the reason to make this place the place to relax in the midst of nature where the guests can walk in and feel at ease.

If you are a green traveller, Cross Vibe Chiang Mai Decem Hotel would offer you the accommodation credit when you choose not to change sheets or towels during your stay.





This hotel is working towards becoming a green hotel. What they have always been doing well is food waste management, reducing the use of plastic, etc. One interesting idea that happened during the pandemic situation was to have the hotel staff help bring Chiang Mai's handmade products to sell to tourists which, in turn, helped distribute income back to the local community.



THE RAINTREE HOTEL CHIANG MAI

Location : 90/9 Tunghotel Road, Tambon Wat
Ket, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai

Telephone : 09 0565 6560

Website : www.raintreehotelchiangmai.com

Facebook : The Raintree Hotel CNX

Managing Director, explained cheerfully. In his childhood, he and his sister enjoyed being surrounded by nature when they played. They returned to Chiang Mai once again with the reason for being that ‘Chiang Mai’s spirit is still in them,’ with the younger sister’s intention to create a Botanical Hotel.

The siblings were fond of British architecture from the beginning and viewed that Chiang Mai is a city of “Sla” (Northern language for craftsman) and crafting. Furthermore, the location of The Raintree Hotel Chiang Mai is rich in history because Thunghotel Road, where the hotel stood, used to be a prosperous logging area of British merchants. Additionally, the ‘Raintree’ was named after a giant rain tree planted by the British in the past spreading shade for the area for over 150 years.





Interestingly, this hotel was originally conceptualised as an eco-friendly hotel from the start.

“We want to grow with the community and the environment. Therefore, the concept of energy conservation, waste management, reduction of single-use plastics, wastewater treatment, and water condition inspection has been put in place because it is what we believe in and desire to do.”

“The rooms, food, and services are carefully designed and chosen for our customers, so that they will be a part of this contribution towards the conservation of the environment, supporting the community, and helping Chiang Mai, a city which everyone loves and wishes to live in for a long time.”



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IMM HOTEL THAPHAЕ

Location : 17/1 Kotchasan Road, Tambon Chang
Khlan, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai

Telephone : 0 5328 3999

Website : www.immhotel.com

Facebook : Imm Hotel Thaphae

Imm Hotel Thaphae, a familiar orange hotel along Tha Phae Road, has been opened as a recreational place for Thai and foreign guests for 13 years. After owner took over, he improved and designed the hotel based on energy saving. When you walk into the lobby, the hall in the middle is airy and has a high ceiling. This is to allow natural light to pass through with the advantages that the Hotel Manager would tell us.

“There is enough natural light during the day making it possible to turn just half of the lights on to save energy. Here, we train and encourage our employees to be aware of the environment and take that responsibility in their duties. For instance, a housekeeper would care about not using chemicals to avoid toxication of the environment, and the hotel handymen are, also, mindful that their work must not pollute the world.





“While we focus on developing an eco-friendly hotel, it must be done appropriately, though not exceedingly, at the same time. More importantly, sustainability is about cultivating the value of it, and having commitment in doing it. Today, we are slowly starting and developing until it is proven, practical, and that sustainability is long-lasting.”



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AKYRA MANOR CHIANG MAI

Location : 22/2 Nimman Hemin Road Soi 9,
Tambon Su Thep, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai,
Chiang Mai

Telephone : 0 5321 6219

Website : www.theakyra.com/chiang-mai

Facebook : akyra Manors Chiang Mai

If you fall in love with Nimman, Christophe Gestin, General Manager, would like to introduce you to 'Akyra Manor Chiang Mai,' a compact luxury hotel, which is the first hotel in Nimman Hemin. It has been opened for 7 years as an accommodation under the Akaryn Hotel Group, joining hands with the Manor Group, in the name Akyra Manor Chiang Mai.

The Akaryn Hotel Group has a policy to refrain from using single-use plastics. The policy includes switching from plastic straws to plant-made ones, and changing bathroom packaging from plastic to ceramic refillable bottles. Furthermore, the waste is sorted and managed properly, even the garbage bags in the rooms have been switched to linen bags. Moreover, the hotel kitchen prefers cooking ingredients and material produced in Chiang Mai to imported from abroad. This is to support local shops and small businesses.





When you come to relax here, you must not miss the charm of the Nimman area, which is full of variety, including cafés, international restaurants, bookstores, and small galleries filled with creative people. Whether by walking or cycling around the area, you can explore and get to know the district equally enjoyable.



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U CHIANG MAI

Location : 70 Ratchadamnoen Road, Tambon
Si Phum, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang
Mai Telephone : 0 5332 7000
Website : www.uhotelsresorts.com/th/uchiangmai
Facebook : U Chiang Mai

“We want everyone to know and remember U Chiang Mai as the first U hotel in Chiang Mai in the heart of Wiang district, close to Wat Chedi Luang and, also, as a hotel that has a full ‘U’ service culture.”

Hotel Manager, tells us with a smile, whole-heartly determined for people to truly get to know U Chiang Mai Hotel. At the front area, there was the old Chiang Mai Governor’s Mansion building of the Dhipayamonthon Family. Inside the house, there were many old pictures and stories of the Family. At present, it has been converted into a library and a spa room. This building received the Outstanding Architectural Conservation Award in 2009 from the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage.

“U Chiang Mai is now the first hotel in the chain to use glass bottles instead of plastic ones. Gradually, the light bulbs are being replaced





with LEDs. We also switch to paper straws, and plant a small vegetable garden to be served in our dining room.”

“Of course, we are constantly evolving in order to move towards sustainability because we view hotels as a resource-intensive 24/7 place. In the future, hospitality executives and investors will turn to new technologies, which save or reduce the use of energy. It is imperative that sustainability is achieved in the hospitality business.”

The path to sustainability is endless, and he is taking U Chiang Mai onto this field.



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LE MÉRIDIEN CHIANG MAI

Location : 108 Chang Khlan Road, Amphoe
Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai
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Facebook : Le Méridien Chiang Mai

“If we use less energy and resources, it means that we help organisations reduce costs, and help communities, at the same time, because we do not pollute the households, making our local and country a step forward towards sustainability. Of course, the consumer trend has come. We, therefore, want to be a green hotel that responds to and supports customers in this matter.” Boonchuay Kiatbhatkul, Head of the Engineering Department, tells us about the good outcome that will happen if the adaption and revolution to the concept of sustainability starts.

A European-style luxury hotel that is reaching its 14th year has begun taking part in saving the world. They started with turning plastic water bottles into glass ones, changing soap and shampoo bottles to portable size which are refillable at any time, and replacing fluorescent bulbs with energy-saving LED lights. Moreover, vegetable





gardens are planted in various areas of the hotel, and food waste is controlled and handled from the beginning.

This project includes collaboration with the local community to develop and clean public places; such as, temples, communities, and roads. Le Méridien Chiang Mai cooperates with the local municipality to make Khlong Mae Kha clean by making sure that wastewater is handled properly and releasing only good quality clear water into the canal. The hotel also supports the locals and handicrafts with the Bo Sang Umbrella Group, San Kamphaeng district in promoting travel programmes.



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PANVIMAN CHIANG MAI SPA RESORT

Location : 197/2 Mu 1, Tambon Pong Yaeng,
Amphoe Mae Rim, Chiang Mai
Telephone : 0 5387 9540

Website : www.panvimanresortchiangmai.com/th

Facebook : Panviman Chiang Mai Spa Resort

General Manager of Panviman Chiang Mai Spa Resort, which is surrounded by tropical forests, various trees, flower gardens, and fruit orchards, told us that Mr. Chakarin Chantarawisoot, the founder of the Panviman Resort Business Group, loved and was fond of nature so he looked for a place where their guests could fully retreat their body and mind. Here, every tree is well preserved and more are being planted to add lush colour as well.

Panviman intends to be a Health and Wellness place that heals guests from around the world with fresh air, peacefulness, and beauty of nature. This place values and cares for the environment through joining the Green Road project installing outdoor solar panels for illumination at night. There is an organic farm for green peas, Chiang Da vegetables, avocados, dragon fruit, and garden vegetables for cooking.





“Nowadays, participation is important for tourists. Therefore, we have activities that connect them with the local communities and other shops for guests to gain new experiences. I hope that the nature here will revitalise the body and mind of all our guests with positive energy gained from the nature of Panviman Chiang Mai Spa Resort.”



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Chiang Mai Phucome Hotel

Location: 2 Khan Khlong Chonlaprathan Road,
Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai

Telephone: 0 5321 1026

Website: www.phucome.com/thai

Facebook : โรงแรมเชียงใหม่ภูคำ : Phucome Hotel

Chiang Mai Phucome Hotel has been in business for over 30 years. It was founded by Somsak Pattanachai who was the father of Panwadee Pattanachai, the second-generation heir to the position of Managing Director of Chiang Mai Phucome Hotel. She is in charge of taking us around to explore this Lanna-style hotel, which is decorated with teak wood and a variety of her father's collectibles.

Chiang Mai Phucome has seen many changes in the city of Chiang Mai through different periods. From when there were only strawberry gardens on the opposite side to when many buildings popped up taking over the site with prosperity. Moving forward to this day, when the world needs to be taken care of, this Lanna hotel starts from a small, feasible starting point, beginning with a proper waste separation management and changing ordinary light bulbs to LED bulbs. These are





definitely beneficial not only for the hotel in terms of cost savings and energy saving, but also for the world.

“Even though it was a bit difficult to begin, we started from a small adjustment where we were capable of doing to make it in line with environmental conservation. We also want our guests to be comfortable as well as being impressed with our service.”



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Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai

Location : 132 Loi Khro Road, Tambon Chang
Khlan, Amphoe Mueang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai

Telephone : 0 5390 5000

Website : duangtawanhotelchiangmai.com

Facebook : Duangtawan Hotel, Chiang Mai

General manager, determines to lead Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai towards sustainable hotel management environmentally, socially, and economically. She started with the most essential part, which was to make the executives truly understand sustainability. Then she formulated policies and work plans and, finally, real practice.

Duangtawan Hotel has been doing for 10 years is to reduce carbon emissions by turning to LED lights, using recyclable items; such as, using both sides of paper then make it into a paper bag with some portion donated to schools for the blind. They can reduce the use of foam and plastic by 100 percent. The wastewater is recycled into the hotel and used once more before being released. This project includes separating waste mindfully from the source. In terms of food waste management, they try to minimise the amount of waste as much as possible. They also support local businesses in Chiang Mai.





“We want to see tourists become more environmentally aware and to see that hotels in Chiang Mai are a green hotel. We want our home environment to return to how it was in the past. We want everyone to understand their role that is to preserve and live with the environment. We really want to see sustainability which everyone realises, recognises, and actually works together towards it.”