



## Tour Name

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Made In Chiang Mai: Artisan Village & Handicraft Tour

## Tour City

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Chiang Mai

## Tour Snapshot

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Overwhelmed trying to shop in Thailand's markets? Let a local guide show you where to buy authentic souvenirs instead of the mass-produced knock-offs littering many market stalls. Visit an artisan's village where you'll have a chance to make your own souvenir. We'll also enjoy a mouth-watering lunch together, visit a historic temple, and check out Chiang Mai's hidden natural springs.

### Highlights

- Meet local artisans at the Baan On-Tai Sustainable Village and learn how to make a souvenir to take home with you
- Wander around a 600-year old temple
- Visit hidden natural springs that have a unique, local backstory
- Enjoy an authentic healthy Thai lunch from organic farm

## **Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:**

- This tour supports the conservation of old Thai craft-making traditions that are particular to this part of Thailand, by visiting local artisans who still use traditional methods.
- All the stores and foodie spots we visit are 100% owned and run by locals, ensuring that local people benefit from tourism to their city. So any inclusions on the tour and additional purchases you make will directly benefit the local community.
- You will pick up some responsible travel tips from your guide that will help you to be a greener traveller while you're in the city.

Shopping tour supports local traditions that are in danger of dying out and supports local artisan craftspeople

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, Transportation, Lunch (Thai food), bamboo-weaving and clay work workshop.

Exclusions: Tips/gratuities for your local guides and drivers.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration:6 hours
- Meeting point:  
We will meet you at the main entrance to the Imperial Maeping Hotel near the Brahma shrine.

View on [Google Maps](#)

The Imperial Maeping is closed for renovations from July 2019-December 2020. The meeting point is outside the main entrance near the street.

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- Starting time: 8.00 AM
- Ending point:  
Drop-off at the central Imperial Maeping Hotel.

## Full Itinerary

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We'll kick off your Chiang Mai handicraft tour the most local way that we know; by riding on local transport! In Chiang Mai, the public transit system is a collection of red flatbed trucks (called Songthaew) that ride around town. We'll ride for 45 minutes to Baan Ontai Village, a close-knit community in the Sankhamphaeng district

Your artisan experience begins at Fah Mai Handloom, where you'll meet friendly local artisans and learn the basics of bamboo weaving. You will also have an opportunity to have a go at making something yourself under the expert guidance of one of the weavers.

Next, we'll check out the processes behind cotton weaving from a local expert and admire their finished products before making our way to Wat Chiang Saen, a Chinese Pottery workshop that showcases the work of local artists.

It's time for an injection of culture and history! We will stop at the historic temple of Wat Chiang Saen which originated from the Lanna kingdom, dating back 600 years. The area is surrounded by ancient kiln sites and lush forest.

Holy water is next with a visit to the natural springs that locals believe can heal the sick.

Then we're off to an organic farm where we will enjoy a delicious Thai lunch using ingredients sourced from the surrounding area.

After that, we'll say goodbye to some of the lovely people we have met today and return to our trusty car or Songthaew for the 45-minute return journey to Chiangmai City where your tour will end. Before you go, don't forget to ask your local guide for tips on what else to see, do and eat during your stay.

### **Additional information**

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Dress standard: Dress standards are conservative throughout Asia, especially outside major cities. To respect this and for your own comfort, we strongly recommend modest clothing. This means clothing that covers your shoulders and knees. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot Asian climate. This trip visits religious sites, please ensure your knees and shoulders are covered

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you

have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: Transportation will be customized to the group size - car or Songthaew (local taxi with two long flat seats, open air).

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

### **Dietary Notes**

This tour can be customized to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary needs. You can do so in the 'Additional requests' box at checkout, or by emailing us at [info@chiangmaiurbanadventures.com](mailto:info@chiangmaiurbanadventures.com). Please also notify your guide at the start of your tour.

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