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Thailand



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## Kaomai Lanna Resort, Chiang Mai

### A Nature Lovers' Retreat

The Kaomai Lanna Resort in Chiang Mai is one of the most unique resorts in the north of Thailand. This cluster of beautifully restored tobacco curing barns is located south of the provincial capital of Chiang Mai on the road to Thailand's highest peak, Doi Inthanon.

Fifty years ago the tobacco industry in northern Thailand was at its peak. There were many tobacco farms and curing barns in the region. In recent years, however, the business has been in decline. Many of the old tobacco farms have been replaced by orchards. The curing barns at Kaomai Lanna Resort are some of the few remaining. Carefully restored, the exterior of the barns retains the original character. The rustic red brick buildings covered with creeping ivy are set within an area of outstanding natural beauty. The rough and ready exterior of the barns, however, belies the luxury inside. The two storey guestrooms have been remodeled to the highest standards and have been decorated with care and creativity. Equipped with modern facilities, including a television, a refrigerator and a bath tub, the spacious accommodation offers luxury and style.

Each of the 36 charming guestrooms in the 18 tobacco curing barns has been individually designed and features different interior decoration. The contemporary Thai style has created a relaxing ambience perfect for a weekend break or long holiday in the cultural rich north of the country. The



Rooms are furnished in two unique ways. Guests on upper floors can experience the Thai tradition of sleeping on a mattress set on a raised teakwood floor while guests staying in the ground floor enjoy a night in an antique wood bed.

Each of the Deluxe and Superior rooms features individual décor and colonial style elegance to create a romantic atmosphere. The upper floor guest rooms are cooled by shady green corridors and passion fruits and flowers hang from the balconies.

The resort is set in over 20 acres of lush tropical gardens. Butterflies are attracted to the many flowers, and birds find refuge in the mature trees. There are many varieties of palm, wild orchids, bamboo and other tropical plants.

Kaomai Lanna Resort is also home to a restaurant serving delicious cuisine. Decorated in a traditional rural style, the restaurant is a great place to enjoy local northern



Thai dishes as well and Thai food from other region and international health food. The open air setting is relaxing and atmospheric; the perfect place for a memorable evening meal.

The resort also provides an idyllic setting for meetings and conferences. The facilities are able to accommodate up to 100 guests for private parties and meetings. During their leisure time, guests can enjoy the beautiful natural surrounding, swim in the pool or relax with home style spa and a massage from professionally trained masseurs. We offer yoga and meditation classes.

#### Local Attractions

The area around the resort is one of outstanding natural serenity and there are many sites of interest nearby soft trekking at Mae Wang with Bamboo rafting and Elephant training program. Guests can experience a fascinating holiday exploring the countryside and historical sites by bicycle. Places of interest include Viang Tha Karn. Just three kilometres from the resort, these 800-year-old ruins of a town features ancient pagodas and Buddha images dating from the Hariphunchai and Lanna kingdoms in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Ob Luang National Park is also close to the resort. It covers a total area of 553 square kilometres of forested hills. A river rushes through the dramatic Ob Luang Gorge, the National Park's central feature. During the rainy season the gorge is particularly beautiful as the water causes a raging torrent through the narrow ravine.

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