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# Chiang Mai, Loy Krathong and the amazing mountains around Chiang Mai Thailand

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## Mon Cham

On our way to Mon Cham the mountains just outside the city we past Huay Tueng Thao lake for lunch. Huay Tueng Thao lake is a big lake just outside the city with floating huts on the water where you can eat swimming chilling these kinds of places you come across a lot in Thailand and the food is great. Huay Tung Tao is a freshwater reservoir at the foot of Doi Suthep mountain, just a few kilometers north-west of the Chiang Mai city center. The lake is used for swimming and is a well-known picnic area.



Huay Tueng Thao lake Chiang Mai



Loi Krathong Chiang Mai Thailand

Mon Cham, or 'Mon Jam' as it is often spelled, is only a half-hour drive from downtown Chiang Mai yet is worlds away with its cooler climate and chilled out atmosphere.

Nong Hoi Royal Project is the focal point of Mon Cham. The project's nicely maintained gardens and restaurant together with beautiful views and an escape from the hotter weather in the city are the keys draws of a day or weekend trip to Mon Cham. Visitors wishing to stay overnight have a choice of camping or staying at the mountain resorts in the locality.

Mon Cham was formerly known for his great heroin harvest after the king started a program for the people with an alternative to the poppy cultivation. Now you can find all kinds of vegetables, fruit and lots of strawberries. The population lives from tourism and the produce of fruit and vegetables.



Onsen at Moncham Chiang Mai

In Mon Cham we stayed in an Onsen resort, a spacious resort in Japanese style the guests walk around in a Kimon so you don't have to worry about your clothes. The resort consists of 16 rooms from lux to super lux and regular rooms.



Onsen Spa Mon Cham



Onsen Spa Mon Cham Chiang Mai



Watching the sunset by the lake

We enjoyed the afternoon in the Onsen Spa. The hotel Onsen at Moncham is located at 1200 meters above sea level in a green landscape in the middle of the mountains, jungle and between the farms of Mon Cham. In the evening we enjoyed the Japanese cuisine at the open-air restaurant, a spacious restaurant with Thai and Japanese cuisine, the food was so great and definitely recommended if you are in the area and want to eat Japanese, it deserves 5 stars the tuna melted in our mouth so fresh.



Fresh fish in the restaurant

A must do in the mountains is watching a Sunrise a magical sight with the mist rolling through the mountains. After Sunrise we picked some fresh strawberries and drove back to the hotel. The breakfast was great a lot of choices and all prepared by a chef.



Sunrise Mon Cham Chiang Mai





Breakfast all prepared by a chef

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