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Chiang Mai Attractions - Arts and Cultural Centre and Museum by [Lek Boonlert](#)

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As anyone who has ever stayed in one of the various Chiang Mai hotels or Chiang Mai resorts scattered throughout the city can tell you, this is one of the most unique places in Thailand. It's defined not only by a 600 year old moat that surrounds the fractured walls making up the boundaries of the old city, but also by the restrictions which dictate that no structure, (regardless if it is Chiang Mai hotels, Chiang Mai resorts or office buildings or otherwise), is allowed to be built within 93 metres of any of the temples, or the Ping River and the old city walls. As a result, Chiang Mai is a unique combination of modern technology and infrastructure, interspersed with ancient history and architecture. This is most evident in the Arts and Cultural Centre and Museum.

An ultra-modern museum and cultural education centre offering visitors a first-hand look at the history of the people surrounding the city over the years, the Arts and Cultural Centre and Museum is one of the best choices, when choosing to explore beyond the boundaries of the various Chiang Mai hotels. Not only are there a number of interactive exhibits, featuring music and historical displays, but there are also a range of videos, photos, and ancient murals and texts in both Thai and English. Initially built in 1924, the museum it is the perfect example of post-colonial Thai architecture, and was awarded the Royal Association of Siamese Architects, for the restoration project which took place in 1999.

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