

Pui and Josh's Guide to Eating Out in Chiang Mai

For each restaurant I've included the type of food, the average cost and the neighborhood. The cost is a ballpark figure of what you'll pay for a single entre. Brief descriptions of what to expect are listed.

Each list is roughly sorted from my most favorite to least favorite.

Breakfast

Libernard Cafe

American : 100THB : Just north of Thapae gate
Best banana pancakes, best bacon, best coffee. Relaxing setting. No wifi.

Blue Diamond

International/Thai : 70-120THB : NE Corner of Old City
Except for the bitchy owner, this place is perfect. Delicious food. A menu with everything you could want: juices, salads, omelettes, and a great bakery.

Smoothy Blues

American : 100-140THB : Nimmanhaemin
A huge selection of smoothies. Also really good bagels, pies, etc.

3 Kings Kao Man Gai

Thai : 30THB : Three Kings Monument (SW Corner)
Why this hasn't made it to the states I have no idea. Simple, delicious and cheap. This restaurant only sells two things. Kow man gai and Kow Soi. Both are excellent.

Bake 'n Bite

American : 100-140THB : Nimmanhaemin and near Pantip Plaza
About as American as you can get. Bacon, eggs, bagels and apple pie.

Jok Som Pet

Thai : 30THB : NE Corner of Old City
Great Thai version of Cream of Wheat. Clean fast, tasty and cheap.

Art Cafe

International/Thai : 120-160THB : Just east of Thapae gate
Their breakfast burrito is one of my favorites. Huge menu with everything from Mexican to Italian to Thai. Good salads. Not the best for Thai food and expensive for what you get.

Chiang Mai Gate

Thai : 40-60THB : Chiang Mai Gate
No different than any other market except for we find ourselves here on a regular basis.

Dada Cafe/Juicy 4 U

Health Food : 70-120THB : SE Corner of Old City
Great juice bar, good healthy Thai food. These are two restaurants across from each other, but they are so similar there is no use in putting in two entries.

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Lunch

Bird's Nest

Health Food : 80-120THB : East part of Old City (down from the old Siam TV)
Great sandwiches and salads. Food is sloooow, but worth it. Great smoothies too.

Huen Pen

Northern Thai : 60-80THB : Middle of Old City
I can't say enough good things about this place. Helps to know what you are ordering. Cheap, authentic, and tasty.

Jerusalem Fallafel

Mediterranean : 80-200THB : Just south of Thaepae Gate
Pretty good Mediterranean. Best cheese plate in Chiang Mai. Good salads.

Pho

Vietnamese : 45THB : Middle of Old City (next to Wawee)
I love this place. I eat here 3 times a week. Everything on the menu is stellar.

Salad Concept

Salads : 80-100THB : Nimmanhaemin
This place does it right. Organic lettuce, 5 ingredients, awesome dressings. Fast and cheap.

Som Tom So Lao

Isan/Thai : 40-80THB : Sirimangkalajan (down from MacZone)
This is Pui's favorite place for Papaya Salad. The moo dadio is also great (as is everything else I've ever had here)

Diablo Burrito Shop

Mexican : 100-160THB : Just north of Thaepae Gate
Delicious burritos. They are huge.

Dr. Noodle (Kun Maw)

Thai : 40-80THB : Nimmanhaemin
My favorite pad Thai (and other misc. Thai food)

Girisolet

Italian : 200-400THB : Middle of Old City (next to Wawee)
Good italian. I get pizzas about 1/2 the time and some random italian dish the other half.

La Villa

Italian : 200-400THB : Middle of Old City (south one block from Wawee)
I've only had pizza here. Wood fired oven. I love it.

LeeLaa Noddle Shop

Noodles : 50THB : 1 block off of Chang Puek
Solid noodle shop. It's all they serve. Popular with the college crowd.

Wee's

Thai : 45-65THB : Just south of CMRCA (in the Old City)
Simple, great, authentic Thai food. Don't come here in a hurry though. Her lemon lassi's are awesome.

Baan Suan Pak

Healthy Thai : 40THB : Across from Fabrique
Some of the best, healthiest Pad Thai. Also a great health food store.

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Dinner

Country Kitchen (Krua Ban Nok)

Thai : 100-150THB : Along the Ping River, North of Super Highway
Thai food as good as it gets. Inconvenient (however scenic) location.

Dtong Northern Thai Food

Northern Thai : 80-120THB : Nimmanhaemin
Pui's favorite Northern Thai restaurant. Helps to know what to order.

Miguels

Mexican : 100-120THB : NE Corner of Old City and Nimmanhaemin
Great comfort food. This is our standby when I'm missing Mexican.

Palad Dta Wa Rorn

Thai : 120-180THB : Behind the Chiang Mai Zoo
Beautiful restaurant overlooking the city. Sits above a lake. Tough to get to, but worth it. Huge menu.

Prego

Italian/Thai : 50-80THB : NE Corner of Old City
Our standby for take home Thai. Great healthy food. Their Italian is really good too. Convenient location.

Salsa Kitchen

Mexican : 100-150THB : Huey Gaew Road, across from the mall
Probably the best Mexican food in Chiang Mai. We often take people from out of town here who are sick of Thai food.

Chinese Dumplings by Night Bazaar

Chinese : 70-100THB : South of Night Bazaar
I could easily eat 5000 calories of the Gyoza and Chinese dumplings here. The restaurant has no ambiance, but the food completely makes up for it.

Dukes

American : 200-300THB : Along the Ping River, South of Narawat Bridge
I know this sounds unbelievable, but the best burger I ever had in my life was here. From upscale American dishes to American bar food. Great place to get a fix. Also the deserts are awesome here.

Hanging Legs

Thai : 80-120THB : Samlan Road, South of Wat Prasing
Great Thai restaurant in the Old City. Authentic dishes and kind of a cool vibe.

Khun Chern

Thai Vegetarian : 80-100THB : Nimmanhaemin
The food here is soo good. Huge menu. We go here atleast once a month.

Sushi next to Salsa Kitchen

Sushi : 80-120THB : Huey Gaew Road, across from the mall
Great sushi. Super inexpensive, but tastes fresher than what we get in the states. Not as cool as Tsunami, but more accessible.

8 Inch

Italian (Pizza) : 120-240THB : On Huey Gaew, just past Canal on the right
Very eclectic pizza place. They have super interesting recipes that are really good.

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Riverside

Thai : 100-170THB : Along the Ping River, North of Narawat Bridge
Scenic seating on the river.

Rustic

Italian (Pizza) : 200-300THB : Nimmanhaemin
New pizza restaurant on Nimman. Pretty good pizza if you're in the neighborhood.

Su Casa

Tapas : 150-400THB : Nimmanhaemin
Never had a bad meal here. Eclectic food, just a bit pricey.

Tsunami

Sushi : 120-160THB : On Huey Gaew, just past Canal on the right
Our favorite Sushi spot. Hopping with college students. Expect a short wait. Inexpensive and trendy.

Casa Antonio

Italian : 300-600THB : South of Empress Hotel
The entire staff has spent time in Italy. Best Italian in the city. Little out of the way.

Chinese Dumplings next to Lemon Tree

Chinese : 50-80THB : Huey Gaew Road, across from the mall
Almost as good as the one by the night bazaar, but easier to get to.

Fondue House

Fondue : 400-600THB : North of Central Airport Plaza
We've only been a few times but the chocolate fondue and strawberries is great. Enormous restaurant however we are usually the only ones in there.

The House

Asian Fusion : 500-1000THB : NE Corner of Old City
We only go here on special occasions. Atmosphere and food makes it one of the nicer restaurants in the city.