

Samoeng Loop

The **Samoeng Loop** is a loop that is about 100km long in the Northern parts of Thailand. The loop takes you through many interesting sites and places and ends in the city of Chiang Mai. The route is home to many exotic animal farms, orchards, and temples.

The Samoeng Loop takes you around Doi Suthep and through the Samoeng forest. It is very rich in green and is a loop that showcases the best that Thailand has to offer. This loop too, like most loops in Northern Thailand, is in the Chiang Mai province.

The traveler of this loop will be left with an authentic taste of Thailand's nature, animal kingdom, and cultural heritage. Travelers tend to use motorcycles for this journey as it is under 200km and is the easiest way to get around. Typically travelers take about a day to finish the **Samoeng Loop** and the Mae Sa Valley route.

Tiger Kingdom

The Tiger Kingdom is in Chiang Mai. The one in Chiang Mai is the first branch of the Tiger Kingdom, the second branch is in Phuket. The Tiger Kingdom was started in 2008 when an Australian traveler asked to go closer to the big cats. Since then, Tiger Kingdom has become a place where travelers can go and interact with the big cats of the animal kingdom.

Depending on how brave the traveler is, there are different ticket prices decided on the size of the cat that the traveler would like to interact with. It is a safe space for people to interact with these big cats and understand their lives more closely.

The Tiger Kingdom is not just a place for people to go and take pictures with the king of the animal kingdom. But also a place of learning. The people at the Tiger Kingdom run a couple of courses for interested people in how to deal with cats and how to look after them.

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[Tiger Kingdom – Big Cats](#) on the Samoeng Loop

Mae Sa Valley

The Mae Sa Valley is, as the name suggests, a valley. The valley has one main road that goes through it connecting Chiang Mai to the town of Samoeng. The valley area is heavily forested and has spectacular views.

The valley is a heaven for anybody who loves to be one with nature and enjoys the little joys of being among the green. The Mae Sa Valley is home to a lot of interesting birds and animals. A lot of nature enthusiasts camp out there in wait of them.

The valley is especially popular among tourists that are interested in adventure camps and activities. The valley is equipped with many options for family and group activities including bungee jumping, zip lining, ATV driving, etc. The Mae Sa Valley is very popular among the Thai as well as tourists, be sure to make bookings and payments before going as it can get crowded during the season.

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[Gift of the Nature on the Samoeng loop](#)

Mae Sa Waterfalls

Mae Sa Waterfall is one of Northern Thailand's treasures. It is an impressive seven-step waterfall that covers a very large area. The waterfall is set in the rainforest and is a little walk away from the main roads of Mae Sa Valley.

The Mae Sa Waterfall is about a twenty-minute drive from Chiang Mai. The Mae Sa Waterfall is not visible from the main road, but there are many sign posts that show you the way to the waterfall. There is a well laid out path that takes travellers right up to the top of the waterfall.

At the foot of the waterfall there are some pools that you can swim in, but be warned that this waterfall is very popular in the area and can get crowded during the season. To get away from the crowd, however, you can trek up the seven steps of the waterfall. The entrance fee to the waterfall is 200 baht and is open from sunrise to sunset.

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[Stop for Relax](#) on the Samoeng Loop

Queen Sirikit Botanical garden

Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden or as known previously as Mae Sa Botanical Garden, is Thailand's first international standard botanical garden. The botanical garden is a collection of all plant species that are indigenous to Thailand. The collection of flora and fauna there has a scientific purpose.

Anyone who appreciates horticulture and enjoys flora and fauna must make a visit to this botanical garden. It is home to a lot of unique trees and plants that are not available anywhere else in the world. Another attraction in the botanical garden is a large number of birds that come flocking there.

The Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden is home to many indigenous species that belong to Thailand. And all of them there are there for scientific experiment and conservation. There is an entry fee for the botanical garden.

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[Nature Island on the Samoeng loop](#)

Mon Cham Camp + Viewpoint

Mon Cham is a hilly ridge in the lesser discovered areas of Mae Rim on the Samoeng loop. The hill ridge has a great view on both sides and is home to a very famous camping resort that goes by the name Mon Cham Camping Resort.

The Mon Cham Camping Resort is a popular camping and trekking destination in this of Northern Thailand. The Mon Cham Camping Resort is in one of the most undiscovered locations of Thailand and one of their main aims is to attract more tourists to these parts.

The resort is known for its food and authentic camping experience. For travelers who do not wish to camp, this is a nice spot to stop on the way to enjoy the view and maybe grab a bite.

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[Gorgeous View on the Samoeng Loop](#)

Samoeng Loop Forest Viewpoint

The entire Samoeng Loop is a loop around Doi Suthep. It takes you through heavily forested areas of Northern Thailand and shows you the best the undiscovered parts of Thailand has to offer. The forest that everybody on this route goes through is called the Samoeng Forest.

The Samoeng Forest viewpoint is a high point in between two mountains. From the viewpoint, there is a beautiful view of the forest cascading off the mountain sides. At the viewpoint, there is a bench for travellers to sit and take the entirety of the place in. The viewpoint provides a vantage above the forest and is an amazing place to take envy-worthy pictures.

The viewpoint itself is a stop on the way and there are many small eateries that are sold at the top along with steaming hot cups of tea and coffee. The viewpoint provides a beautiful vantage over the Samoeng Rainforest and is definitely a recommended stop.

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[Amazing Viewpoint Another One](#)

Mae Sap Cave

Thailand, especially in its Northern parts, is known for its large number of caves and caverns. The Mae Sap Caves are just another on the long list of caves that Thailand has to offer. This unique network of caves is inside the Khun Khan National Park.

The caves have a large number of stalactites and stalagmite formations inside. The stalagmite and stalactite formations reflect the light that into the caves during daylight hours and the entire cave is colored in a pristine blue hue. These formations make for many very interesting pictures.

Keep in mind that it is very easy to get lost in cave networks and it is always a good idea to go in groups. Preferably with a guide as well. Make sure that you are wearing appropriate footwear while venturing into parts of the cave.

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[Mae Sap Cave – Research It](#)

Wat Phra That Doi Kham

The temple is more popularly known as Doi Suthep, which is also the name of the mountain that the temple is built on. In English, its name roughly translates to the Temple of the Golden Mountain.

The temple is one of the few Theravada temples in the country. Theravada is the oldest, most ancient branch of Buddhism. Which makes Wat Phra That Doi Kham a very important and sacred pilgrim site for many Thai people.

The temple has a central stupa that is made of gold. The stupa has a large number of intricate carvings on it. The central stupa is surrounded by a couple of brown roofed structures which are meditation halls.

The temple is located less than 20km away from the city of Chiang Mai and as the name suggests is built atop the mountain. From the hilltop, there are many breathtaking views of downtown Chiang Mai.

While making a trip to the Wat Phra That Doi Kham make sure that you are modestly dressed and covered as this is a place of pilgrimage and is one of Thailand's most sacred sites for Buddhism.

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[Ancient Relic – Peace and Tranquility](#)

Video report from Cat Motors customers

<https://youtu.be/ftYdoqkxPo>

Thanks for our customers [Danager and Stacey](#) for this amazing video about Samoeng loop

This route is one of the most beautiful routes in northern Thailand, and you can go round it in just one day. If one day seems a little to you, then, in this case, you can turn aside [Mae Hong Son loop](#), and continue your motorbike trip for another 3-4 days. Our motorbikes for rent - [here](#). Enjoy!