



EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANT POY SANG LONG FESTIVAL IN CHIANG MAI

If you’re looking for a unique and colorful cultural experience in northern Thailand, don’t miss **Poy Sang Long**, a traditional Shan (Tai Yai) ordination ceremony celebrated with grandeur and deep spiritual significance. Held annually in **March or April**, this festival sees young boys dressed as princes, paraded through the streets in a lively procession before ordaining as novice monks in Buddhist temples.

The event is a fascinating blend of **Buddhist devotion, Shan heritage, and vibrant local traditions**, making it a must-see for visitors. Chiang Mai, home to a large Shan community, is one of the best places to witness this spectacular festival, particularly at **Wat Ku Tao**. **Expect colorful costumes, traditional music, lively parades, and a heartwarming display of faith and community spirit.**

Whether you’re a cultural enthusiast or a curious traveler, Poy Sang Long offers an unforgettable glimpse into northern Thailand’s rich traditions. Join the celebrations and immerse yourself in this one-of-a-kind experience!

HOW TO ENGAGE RESPECTFULLY

- DRESS MODESTLY**
- Wear **long pants or skirts and covered shoulders**, especially when inside temples.
- OBSERVE AND FOLLOW LOCAL CUSTOMS**
- If you want to participate in offerings, follow what locals do and be **mindful of Buddhist etiquette**.
 - Remove shoes before entering temple areas.
- KEEP A RESPECTFUL DISTANCE**
- During the **ordination ceremony (Day 3)**, avoid disrupting monks and families with flash photography or loud noises.
- BE FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE**
- The local community welcomes visitors with smiles—return the kindness by engaging **politely and appreciatively**.
 - Buying food or small items from vendors helps support the local Shan community.
 - **Duration:** The ceremony spans **three days**, each filled with distinct rituals and vibrant processions.

LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Wat Ku Tao:** The Festival will be held on 28 – 30 March 2025
- **Morning parade :** 08:00 onward
- **Afternoon parade :** 14:00 onward

SHUTTLE TIMEABLE

THE RESORT OFFERS COMPLIMENTARY
SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE OLD CITY

Drop point at **Tamarind Village Chiang Mai Hotel**

DEPARTURE	RETURN
11.00 hrs.	12.00 hrs.
13.00 hrs.	14.00 hrs.
16.00 hrs.	18.00 hrs.
19.00 hrs.	22.00 hrs.

* *Advance booking is required before your departure time 1 hour before please contact Tonhong service dial number "1"


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