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o most, Thailand sounds like a loud splash of sun, surf and sea. But head up north along the picturesque Mae Ping River and you'll find a touch of Zen within the gentle bustle of historical Chiang Mai.

The peaceful nature of the property immediately sinks in the moment you step into Anantara Chiang Mai, where you'll notice remnants of English colonial architecture from when the resort was once a British Consulate site. The original consulate building has been restored and now houses high tea sessions.

Guests have a choice of 84 rooms, ranging

from 50sqm to the generously sized Kasara River View Suite at 105sqm. All rooms and suites come with balconies and are supplemented with comfortable day beds.

For those who prefer to head out, a multitude of cuisine and cultural sites are mere minutes away, such as the night bazaar, the Old City (complete with a moat) and weekend street markets.

If heading out seems far too strenuous, indulge in the resort's bespoke dining experience, Dining by Design; or partake in a local culinary journey with its Spice Spoons Cooking Class. chiang-mai anantaro.com



Start your day with a dip in the 34m swimming pool, followed by a mouthwatering breakfast buffet at The Restaurant.