



MANUAL FOR RESIDENTS @ ComPeung

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Thailand

The ComPeung Team is pleased to welcome you at ComPeung in Doi Saket, Chiang Mai Province. We have put together this manual to make your stay as comfortable, productive and safe as possible. Please feel free to contact us any time with questions or difficulties you may have before and during your stay.

BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL...

Our small library is always in need for more books. It would be very helpful if you could bring catalogues or books of your work and/or books of general interest to help us fill the empty spaces in our bookshelf.

Visas

Entry to Thailand requires a passport valid for at least 6 months from the time of entry. Citizens of Brazil, Korea, New Zealand and Peru may enter Thailand without a visa for a maximum stay of 90 days for purposes of tourism or temporary business only. Whichever type of visa you have, be sure to check your passport immediately after stamping. Overworked officials sometimes stamp 30 days on arrival even when you hold a longer visa. If you don't notice this until you've left the port of entry, go to Bangkok and plead your case at the central immigration office.

We always recommend to get a **tourist visa** as this visa is much less hassle to obtain than a non-immigrant visa.

For more information about visas for Thailand, please visit The Thai Department of Foreign Affairs website: www.mfa.go.th <<http://www.mfa.go.th/>

Travel insurance

A travel insurance policy to cover theft, loss and medical problems is absolutely essential. Some policies offer lower and higher medical-expense options. Some exclude 'dangerous activities', which can include scuba diving, motorcycling or even trekking. You may prefer a policy that pays doctors or hospitals directly rather than you having to pay on the spot and claim later. If you have to claim later, make sure you keep all documentation. Some policies ask you to call back to a center in your home country where immediate assessment of your problem is made. Check that the policy covers ambulances or an emergency flight home.

Clothes

Make sure that while packing your clothes you consider the respective seasons in Thailand (hot season, cold season, rainy season). If in doubt, please contact us.

IN DOI SAKET

Transportation

We will pick you up at Chiang Mai International Airport, bus or train station upon your arrival and transport you to the site for the first time. Please inform us about your arrival details in advance. We will also drop you off at the airport, train or bus station when you depart.

Local Bus

The yellow pick-up taxi (sawng-thaew) runs between Doi Saket market and Wararot market in Chiang Mai city and departs every 10-15 mins. It is the most economical way of travelling between Doi Saket and Chiang Mai. The first taxi leaves around 5am and the last one leaves from Doi Saket at 7pm. The last taxi from Chiang Mai leaves at 10pm.

Motorbike Taxi

Motorbike taxidrivers are easy to recognise. They wear a dark red short jacket with a number on their backs and can be found at Doi Saket market from around 7am - 6pm. The cost from the market to ComPeung (locally known as 'baan din, Nong Baow' or mud houses at Nong Baow) is low. For longer distances the fare needs to be negotiated. If you have any problems of getting to ComPeung, please contact us, but please keep in mind that the ComPeung Team doesn't see itself as chauffeurs.

Vehicle Renting

Motorbikes and/or cars can be rented in Chiang Mai city. You will need a valid international driving licence to do so. There are no vehicle rental agencies in Doi Saket.

Banks

There are a number of banks in Doi Saket. The Bangkok Bank at the market offers ATM and currency exchange. Working hours are 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Mondays - Fridays. Banks are closed on weekends and national holidays.

Post Office

Doi Saket Post Office opens weekdays from 8.30 am - 4.30 pm and 9am to noon on Saturdays. You can use our temporary mailbox to receive your mail. Please contact us for the key.

Hospital

There is a public hospital and a few private clinics in Doi Saket.

Pharmacy

A pharmacy at the only traffic light in Doi Saket offers some useful medication if needed.

Restaurants

Restaurants in Doi Saket serve mostly local Thai food. There is one restaurant that serves basic Muslim food. It opens only for lunch time.

Markets

Doi Saket market opens very early in the morning (4-5 am) and closes around 7 pm. You can find fresh vegetables, fruit and local food there. There is a Saturday market at the motorbike parking, selling seafood and cheap clothes.

Art Supplies

The hardware store at the traffic light sells some useful materials for sculpture and painting. Imported paints, canvas or more elaborate material and tools can be purchased in several big department stores in Chiang Mai city. We can assist you to buy those supplies.

AT COMPEUNG

Water

Please help us save water as we are using water from an underground spring on our land. The tap water inside our houses is filtered. Outdoor taps are for cleaning tools and watering plants as it is not filtered. For drinking we use bottled water.

Tools & Art Material

We are happy for you to borrow and use ComPeung tools but expect you to return them in good condition once you have finished with them. Previous resident artists sometimes leave some art materials such as paint or plaster behind for coming artist to use. Please show your appreciation for such generosity by donating something back in return.

If you need specific art materials, tools or equipment for realising your project, such expenses must be covered by you as they are not included in the residency fee.

Telephones

Mobile phone reception is available. You can purchase a pre-paid Thai Sim card for your mobile phone at local stores. For international phone calls, you can alternatively use the service at the post office. Currently we have no land line. We will be able to provide land line phone access once a phone line becomes available for ComPeung (awarded by the Telecom company). We are at their mercy so the timing is out of our hands.

Internet

Internet access at the ComPeung site is available through mobile phone service. The flat rate is either 40 THB per day or 1 Baht per minute. We recommend to purchase a re-chargeable Sim Card, which currently costs around 200 THB.

There are also several Internet cafés around the market area providing PCs and Internet access. The rate is BTH 10 - 15 /hour.

Computers

Currently there is no computer equipment available at ComPeung other than the ones we use ourselves.

Bicycles/Vehicles

There are 2 bicycles at ComPeung. The bicycles are free for residents to use.

If you need to use one of the ComPeung vehicles (pick-up truck or motorbike), please check with us first. We expect you to put back in the fuel tank what you have used. For trips we do together, we highly appreciate if everyone shares the cost for petrol. So please be mindful and help us to keep ComPeung sustainable.

Animals

There are a few dogs at ComPeung, belonging to neighbors. Please do not feed them as they will make it a habit to come around to your house begging for food. The ComPeung pet dog's name is Red X, who is very friendly and always loves to hang out with us or to go for a walk around the lake. Cows and buffaloes don't belong to us. They just wander in to enjoy the grass and the weeds. The farmers always bring them in the morning and take them back before sunset.

Cleaning

We ask that you keep your accommodation clean and neat since we have no cleaning staff. If you need assistance or something needs fixing, there is always someone available to change a light bulb or attend to other matters upon your request.

Damage

We expect visiting artists to cover the cost of repairs if they are responsible for any damage to ComPeung property (houses, cars, motorbikes, equipment) during their stay.

Linen/Towels

ComPeung provides clean towels and sheets. It is the responsibility of the artist to get them washed.

Laundry

There are several places in Doi Saket that wash clothes. We are happy to recommend one and take you there for the first time.

Trash

Please help us keep ComPeung clean. Use the rubbish bag in front of your house. The staff will change the bags on a regular basis.

Residency Fees

Our residency fee covers arrival/departure transportation to/from ComPeung, accommodation, work/studio space and 3 meals/day.

1. Our current residency fee for individual artists is 30,000 THB/month. Once the residency is confirmed, please pay your ½ fee as deposit either in advance by bank transfer or upon arrival. The rest of the residency fee must be paid latest before leaving the residency site.
2. For artist teams of 2 people, we charge 50,000 THB and for any additional artist/team member 20,000 THB.
3. Artists who are accompanied by their life partner, we charge for the partner 15,000 THB/month to cover additional costs for accommodation & meals. For periods less than a month, the charge is 500 THB/day.
4. Artists accompanied by their children, we charge per child 10,000 THB/month to cover additional costs for accommodation & meals. For periods less than a month, the charge is 330 THB/day.

Overnight/Short Stays by Friends

If you have friends or family members planning to stay with you during your residency at ComPeung, as a courtesy we request that you seek permission from us prior to their arrival. Since ComPeung is a non-profit organisation we need to charge an accommodation fee and expenses for meals of 1000 THB/day.

Meals

Residents at ComPeung eat at the main house. For us having meals together enhances the communal spirit and provides a good relaxed atmosphere to talk. We provide three main meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) for you, which for ComPeung AiRs are included in the residency fee. Breakfast is at about 8.30am, lunch at noon and dinner around 7.30pm.

For guests (family members or friends of ComPeung AiRs) wishing to stay at ComPeung, we appreciate a donation of 100 THB per meal.

As the meals are prepared fresh, please inform us in advance if you wish to eat outside and/or are not available for a meal.

We are always happy if you to help fill up our cookie jar that is used for additional food, fruit, non-alcoholic drinks.

For budget reasons alcoholic drinks are not included in the meals, but you can bring your own. For the same reason ComPeung does not provide alcoholic drinks for free, but we have a fridge in the back of our kitchen area in which we stock beer and ice. You can either pay as you go or put your own purchased alcohol in there.

UPON DEPARTURE...

On the day of your departure we will take you to Chiang Mai International Airport, the bus or train station.

Donations

ComPeung gratefully accepts donations from alumni. We would highly appreciate if you decide at the end of your residency to leave us an example of your work for our collection, which over time will become the ComPeung AiR permanent collection. Since ComPeung is a non-profit organisation, financial contributions also help us to continuously provide for future artists.

Credits

We ask that you credit ComPeung for any work that you have developed during your residency at ComPeung or as a result of your experience in Chiang Mai. We also request that you include our logo in all printed matter, film credits or electronic media. We will gladly provide you with the image of our logo via e-mail.

FEEDBACK

We do need your assistance in helping us to constantly improve our AiR program so please provide us with feedback. After your ComPeung residency we would very much appreciate your written feedback regarding your ComPeung residency. Approx. one month after your residency we will contact you by email for your comments, recommendations and constructive criticism.

The ComPeung Team is looking forward to your residency @ ComPeung!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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