

GOLF N GOLF — COURSE PAGE

Chiangmai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort

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1. Hero Section

Golf Course Name

Chiangmai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort

Tagline

Three nines carved into the foothills, with a view worth stopping for on every single hole.

Golf N Golf Rating ★★★★★

Quick Facts Strip

Best For	Golfers who want genuine elevation, mountain views, and a course with real award history
Travel Time from Downtown	About 30–45 minutes from central Chiang Mai (Mae On District)
Difficulty	Challenging
Course Condition	Excellent — Paspalum fairways, TifEagle greens
Value for Money	★★★★★

CTA Lines

- "Check Tee Times" – contact us
- "Ask James" —logo Whats app, Line, WeChat logo

2. Golf N Golf Quick Verdict

Yes — this is the course that put Chiang Mai golf on the map internationally. Built into elevated foothills with mountain and valley views from every hole, Chiangmai Highlands has picked up more than a decade of awards, including Top 3 Course in Thailand and a spot among Asia's best resort courses. Three distinct nines give real variety, and the 130-plus bunkers make sure the scenery never distracts you from the golf.

3. At a Glance — Quick Data Table

Designer	Schmidt-Curley Design (Lee Schmidt & Brian Curley)
Holes / Par / Yardage	27 holes par 72/36 (7003/3601 yards)
Opened (Year)	December 2005
Location + Drive Time	Ban Sahakorn, Onnuea, Mae On District, Chiang Mai 50130 (near Sankampheng) — approx.45 minutes from central Chiang Mai
Closed On	Open every day
Driving Range	Yes — 300-yard grass-tee practice range with multiple putting greens and a bunkered short-game area
Max Golfers / Group (Weekday/Weekend)	Weekday 5 / Weekend 5
Golf Cart	Compulsory
Caddies	Caddy fee is compulsory & separate tip for caddy

4. Overview

Chiangmai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort opened in December 2005, designed by Schmidt-Curley Design — the same American firm behind some of Asia’s most decorated modern layouts. Built on elevated “power spot” foothills in Mae On District, the course uses genuine mountain and valley terrain to create a layout that feels closer to a highland retreat than a typical Thailand golf resort.

The course is arranged as three nine-hole loops — Valley, Highlands, and Mountain — each combining into a different par-72, 18-hole round. More than 130 bunkers, Paspalum fairways, and TifEagle greens run throughout, and water hazards come into play on a number of holes. What sets Chiangmai Highlands apart is the view: every hole offers a look at the surrounding mountains, a rare consistency even among Thailand’s scenic courses.

That combination of design and setting has earned real recognition — Top 3 New Course in Asia (2005/2007), Top 3 Course in Thailand and Top 10 Resort Course in Asia (2009), Best Value for Money Golf Course in Asia (2012–13), and a Best Golf Resort in Asia nomination at the 2015 Asian Golf Awards. It currently ranks 13th in Thailand and 2nd in Northern Thailand on Top100GolfCourses.

5. Why Play This Course?

- Convenience: about 30–45 minutes from central Chiang Mai, a manageable half-day trip into the foothills.
- Reputation: one of the most award-decorated courses in Northern Thailand, ranked 2nd in the region.

- Experience: genuine elevation change and mountain views on every hole — a rare combination even by Thailand's scenic standards.
- Unique selling point: three distinct nines (Valley, Highlands, Mountain) give real variety across repeat visits.

6. Course Highlights

- Championship Design: Schmidt-Curley's routing across three nines uses the foothill terrain to create a genuine shot-maker's course.
- Course Conditioning: Excellent — Paspalum fairways and TifEagle greens, backed by a Best Value for Money Golf Course in Asia award.
- Greens: TifEagle surfaces across all three nines, with 130-plus bunkers guarding approach shots throughout.
- Clubhouse & Facilities:
 - 300 yard grass tee practice range, three practice putting greens and short game practice area with bunkers
 - Pro shop
 - Spa
 - 19 Private Resort Villas - 5 Star Resort Rooms
 - Open air restaurant overlooking the golf course and 18th green or air conditioned restaurant with big screen TV
 - Locker room including showers and over 300 lockers
 - Private banquet room for smaller groups on the main floor and large function room accommodating up to 200 people located on the second floor overlooking the golf course
 - Swimming pool and changing facilities
 - Fitness room
- Caddies & Service: Compulsory

7. Green Fee

Green Fee (Weekday / Weekend / High Season) [Contact us for current rates / Get a Quote](#)

8. Who Should Play This Course?

- First-time visitors to Thailand: Yes — the mountain scenery makes a strong first impression, though the 130+ bunkers reward some experience.
- Luxury golf holidays: Yes — award-winning conditioning and a genuine resort setting suit a premium itinerary.
- Couples: Moderate fit — a longer, more demanding round better suited to golfers who enjoy a real test together.
- Corporate groups: Yes — three nines give flexibility for splitting larger groups.

- Mid-handicap golfers: Yes, with sensible course management around the extensive bunkering.
- Low-handicap golfers: Yes — genuinely one of Northern Thailand's toughest, most decorated tests.

9. James' Recommendation

"Highlands is the course I send people to when they want to see why Chiang Mai golf has such a good reputation now. You come around a corner and there's a mountain sitting right behind the green — happens on every hole, not just one or two for the photos. Three nines means I can build you a different round every day if you're staying a few days up here. Just don't let the view distract you on your approach shots — 130-odd bunkers are waiting for exactly that mistake." — James

10. Golf N Golf Recommendation

- Who it suits best: golfers who want Northern Thailand's most decorated course, and anyone chasing genuine mountain scenery in their round.
- Courses to pair with: Gassan Legacy — both courses carry a Schmidt-Curley design pedigree (Highlands as original design, Legacy via a full Schmidt-Curley renovation), making a natural "Schmidt-Curley Trail" for golfers who want to compare the firm's work in the same region.
- Suggested itinerary: Day 1 arrival and rest; Day 2 Chiangmai Highlands; Day 3 Gassan Legacy (second leg of the Schmidt-Curley Trail); Day 4 a more relaxed Chiang Mai course or a city/culture day before departure.

11. Guest Reviews

[No guest reviews yet — ฟลุค เขียน Review ให้หน่อย.]

12. Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: How far is Chiangmai Highlands from central Chiang Mai? — A: About 30–45 minutes by car, in Mae On District near Sankampheng.
- Q: Is Chiangmai Highlands suitable for beginners? — A: It can be demanding given the bunkering and elevation change — often enjoyed more as a second or third round once golfers have found their rhythm.
- Q: What's the best season to play? — A: The cooler, drier months from roughly November through February offer the most comfortable conditions, though the course is open every day of the year.
- Q: Is transport to the course included? — A: Golf N Golf arranges private transfers to and from your Chiang Mai hotel as part of every booking — just ask James when you get your quote.

- Q: What can non-golfers do while their group plays? — A: We can recommend, please contact us for get information

13. Planning Your Golf Holiday

3-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Chiang Mai, settle in. Day 2: Chiangmai Highlands — the region's most decorated course, played fresh. Day 3: Gassan Legacy, second leg of the Schmidt-Curley Trail, then departure or extension.

5-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Chiang Mai. Day 2: Chiangmai Highlands. Day 3: Gassan Legacy. Day 4: Gassan Panorama or Gassan Khuntan — extend the Gassan Trail. Day 5: City/culture day or departure.

Sightseeing

The course sits near Sankampheng, within reach of the Sankampheng hot springs and the San Kamphaeng handicraft villages (umbrella and silk workshops).

14. SEO Package (Internal Use)

SEO Title	Chiangmai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort Golf N Golf Course Guide
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