

HOLIDAY HACKS – THE THAI EDITION

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Nothing beats winter doldrums better than dreaming of your next Vitamin D fix. And 2018's top Holiday Hack? You could be spending a nearly a month globetrotting using only two weeks of annual leave. That's 24 glorious, desk-free days (when you bookend both May bank holidays) for just 14 days leave. Jet off from May 5 to May 28 gain two extra weeks off.

With such a long break – nowhere is better to explore than Thailand. Offering new getaways that offer a level of style that feels very new for a place that's been a tourist attraction for a very long time – Thailand's gap year backpackers are returning looking for a bit of luxury mingled with adventure.

From Chiang Mai, the city of culture in the north, down to the famous white beaches across the south; here are five reasons why Thailand's best destinations will make the most of your May days, giving you the best of cuisines, cultures and changing landscapes.

X2 [CROSSTO] CHIANG MAI RIVERSIDE RESORT – CONTEMPORARY STYLE MEETS THAI HERITAGE



Also brand new to Thailand this picturesque hotel is a salute to Chiang Mai's traditional Lanna heritage whilst celebrating the best of modern luxury. X2 [CrossTo] Chiang Mai Riverside Resort offers elevated comfort, style and service in Thailand's cultural capital. Distinctively blending the old with the new, the 30-room hotel stands out from its peers with a prime waterfront location, spacious, stylish accommodation, a stunning rooftop pool and constantly evolving menus of world-class, Michelin cuisine. Drawing upon Chiang Mai's iconic Wat Umong as inspiration: a forest temple known for its unique tunnels and meditation spaces, while also referencing Chiang Mai's ancient walled city; guests have a choice of chic and well-appointed rooms and suites each boasting subtle Thai décor touches and red brick walls to reflect the Lanna architectural influence.

After relaxing on their furnished balcony, guests can stroll along a peaceful riverside path, kayak along the river or head up to the resort's rooftop which offers a fully equipped gym, generous lap pool complete with sunken loungers overlooking the property's grand tamarind trees and river frontage. The resort's Oxygen Dining Room is the first restaurant in Chiang Mai to boast consultation from a Michelin-starred chef. Nestled beneath the leafy tamarind trees and facing the Mae Ping River, the contemporary glass-house restaurant offers a completely fresh concept for in-house guests and outside diners. French-born chef Nicolas Isnard's creative interpretations of Thai and International dishes lean heavily on fresh local, seasonal ingredients with dishes created to meet the highest French culinary standards. Known for his Michelin-starred restaurant L'Auberge de la Charme in Dijon, France; Chef Nicolas' inventive menu is expertly prepared and exquisitely plated by the restaurant's Executive Chef Alexandre Demard and his team.

Room rates at X2 Chiang Mai Riverside Resort start at £150, based on two people sharing a Riverfront Suite. For more information or to book [X2 Chiang Mai](#)