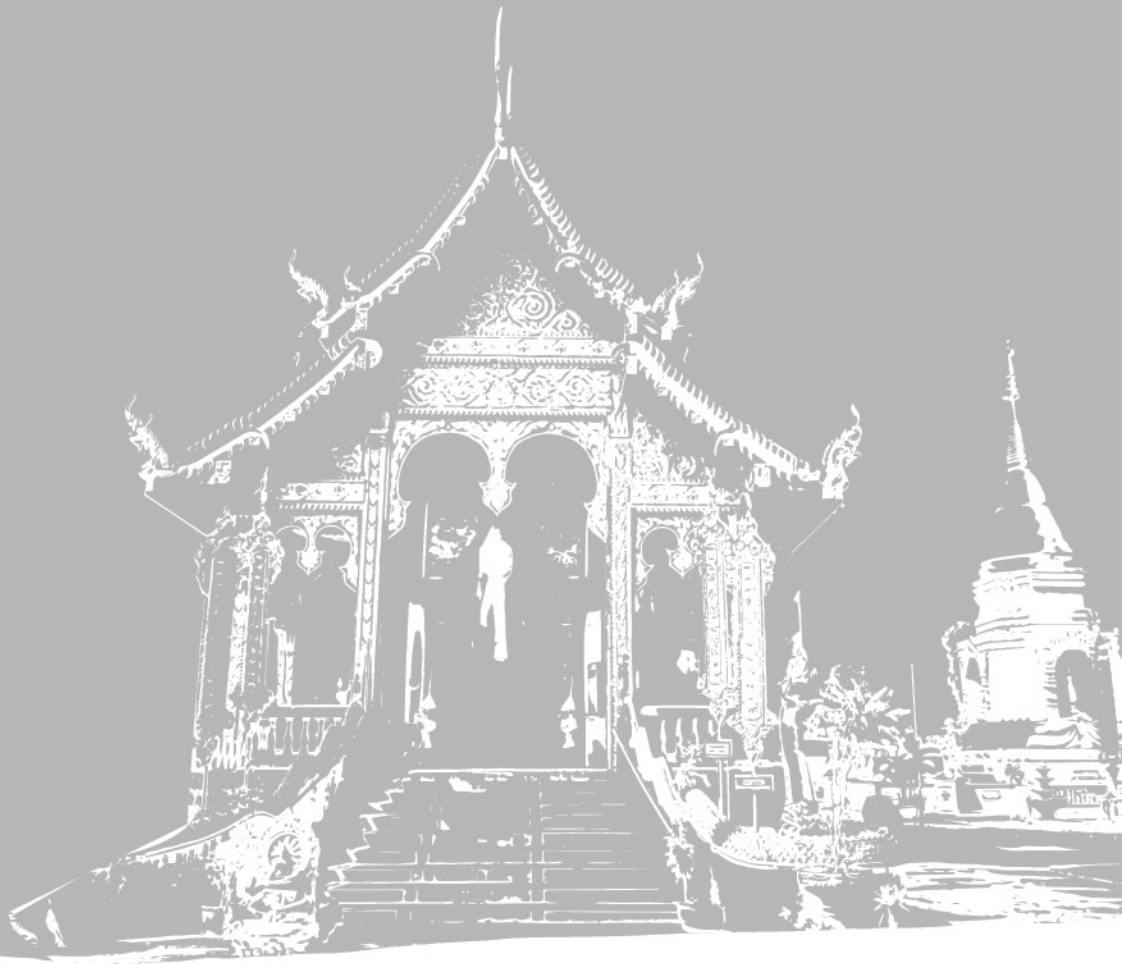




A GUIDE TO THE TAI YUAN PEOPLE

The Tai Yuan have their roots from the ancient Tai race from Southern China. The Tai Yuan were once the proud Lanna Kingdom and at the height of power, they overthrew kingdoms and built a Buddhist kingdom.

Their native script, the Lanna Script or also know as “Kham Mueng” is very similar to that used by the Tai Lue and the Tai Khun. In temples, the written language has always been taught to novices in the temples. There is now a renaissance of the language in North Thailand. The written script is believed to have supernatural attributes and tattoos or amulets which use this script are considered to be very powerful.



From northern Thailand and parts of Laos. Approx. 7 million people.



The Tai Yuan are very devout Theravada Buddhists.



The Tai Yuan have a strong attachment to the spirit world, including Animism.



About 0.4% of the Tai Yuan are Christian today.



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The Tai Yuan have been lowland rice farmers for centuries. They have also been skilled craftsmen, producing fine pottery, bronze ware and idols, as well as locally woven silk and cotton materials. Many aspire to positions in the government.